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FOREWORD

In John 19:30, Jesus uttered His last words on the cross – “It is done!” In Greek, it is only one word, namely, “Tetelestai”, which means victory over sin and death, the fulfilment of prophecies and ushering in new life through Christ’s ultimate sacrifice, often likened to a debt paid in full.

This part of our journey involves both sides of the same coin. The one side focuses on our spiritual battles, while the other side focuses on the completeness of “Testelestai”. Paul summarised this concept.

Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you”. ¹¹ Put on God’s complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! ¹² Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage. Ephesians 6:10-12 TPT

Unless we understand these two sides of this coin, the believer cannot possibly be fully freed and living a life on earth that God intended to be.



PART 3:

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THE BATTLE

Many believe that the spiritual battle we are in started in the Garden of Eden after the fall of man. This is partially true. The battle had already started in heaven before the Adamic age. That is why the Lord told Jehoshaphat that the battle was not his, but God's (2 Chronicles 20:15). Satan rebelled against God when he was still the number one and most beautiful cherub. He was known as Heylel, the light bearer (Isaiah 14:12), or son of the morning. Unfortunately, he traded with the life essence of man. That means he interfered with the "light".

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shine in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:1-5 KJV

That life was the light in man (the life essence), and satan interfered with that light by trading with souls (Revelation 18:13).

When God's judgment came upon Heylel and the angels that rebelled against God with him, they were cast out of Heaven unto Tartarus. Jesus remarked, "Behold Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Heylel lost his position and, in his fallen state, he reappeared in the Garden of Eden as the old serpent (satan) who deceived Adam and Eve to eat from the Tree of Good and Evil. No longer was he the light bearer, but a snake sailing on his belly.

Genesis says that the earth had become empty and void. We do not know how long it was since then until Elohim restored the earth and announced, "Let there be light", and He separated the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:3-4). After the fall, Elohim declared war against these fallen angels!

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:16 KJV

Since then, humanity has been exposed to this invisible realm of warfare. This pre-adamic age has already been discussed in Part 1 of our Manual, “Healing of the Nations”.

The Armour

The unseen forces from the spiritual realm are out to kill, steal and destroy because of their hatred towards Elohim. Christ came to overcome death. He took back the keys of life and returned them to humanity with a powerful declaration.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20 KJV

Just after Jesus had spoken these words, He saw satan falling as lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18). Then He declared:

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. Luke 10:19 KJV

Notice that all power has been given to the Son because He overcame death. The keys of life, stolen by satan from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, have

been taken by the Son of Man and given back to us to restore the power and authority. Now comes the great commission – GO!

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8 KJV

It is for this task that Paul gave us the full armour to stand against the wiles (methods and strategies) of satan.

Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. ¹¹ *Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!* ¹² *Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.*

Ephesians 6:10-12 TPT

Unless we understand the spiritual realm, we cannot possibly engage successfully in this battle.

Tactics

The King James Version speaks of “wiles”, which is the Greek word “*methodeia*”, referring to methods or strategies. Let’s discern a few of the main tactics satan is using in warfare against us.

Accusation

Satan constantly accuses us in the Courts of Heaven by presenting evidence and claiming his legal rights against our lives. Let us discuss one example.

When we participate in abortion, satan receives legal rights to take another life in our bloodlines. This can take up many different forms, e.g., miscarriage, vehicle accidents, shooting accidents, and many others.

He is also a master at convincing us to accuse ourselves. He magnifies all our bad points and overlooks our good ones, whispering to us everything bad in an effort to make us feel guilty, shameful or unworthy. Accusation is his greatest single tactic. If he can keep us stuck in guilt, we can never be a match for him. We will never rise up and defeat him.

In Revelation 12, the accuser of the brethren, who accused us before our God day and night, will be cast down (Revelation 12:10).

Deception

The Book of Revelation also reveals that this old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, is deceiving the entire world (Revelation 12:9). He is the master of deception. He cunningly deceived Eve and is still deceiving people with huge success. Few are even aware of this tactic. There is no truth in him, and when he speaks, he lies, for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). He is the author of confusion by twisting God's words and the true meaning of scriptures. "Did God really say?"

God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), but of truth. The nature of satan is to bring destruction by deceiving and contradicting God's nature of abundant life and peace. Whenever there is confusion, notice that it comes through Jezebel, a high-ranking principality we will discuss later on.

Temptation

Satan even tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness by using the same tactic he used to deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden - “If You are the Son of God...” (Matthew 4:3). He placed before Eve something wrong and evil (the Tree of Good and Evil), presenting it very subtly as desirable and attractive. When Eve saw it was “GOOD”, she ate.

Satan used the same tactic to tempt Jesus to change stones into bread. He will always present both evil and good. Believers cannot resist temptations and are captured in the snare of the devil. Before you can tell the demons behind temptation to GO, you first have to tell the flesh NO!

Hindrance

Paul desired to visit the people in Thessalonica, but satan hindered him from doing so (1 Thessalonians 2:18). Satan always tries to thwart, resist and oppose our intentions by putting obstacles in our way and bringing opposition and confusion.

Defeated

The best news a believer could ever hear is that Christ has stripped and dismantled the principalities in the air.

He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation. ¹⁵ Then Jesus

made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his! Colossians 2:14-15 TPT

They are all POWERLESS. Few believe this deep, profound Biblical truth. Since Christ's resurrection, the only way satan can exercise power on earth is when a human body participates. This can take many forms, but the most common way is by coming into agreement with deceptions and lies.

There are three main principles foundational to setting the captives free.

Many Voices

Paul wrote that there are many voices in the world and none of them are without significance (1 Corinthians 14:10). Some translations say none of the voices are without meaning. Our spiritual battle is in the mind as we struggle with the "law of God" vs the "law of sin" (Romans 7). Satan is constantly bombarding our minds regarding our inabilities and human fleshly nature. Most believers struggle with unlovingness, rejection, abandonment, hatred, resentment, guilt and many such things. These are all lies from satan, accusing us of never being good enough. Over time, these voices not only form strongholds in our minds but also become part of our personality. We are then stuck in the snare of the devil and are doing his will. In the next verse, Paul says that he does not understand the meaning of those voices, and they are like a foreign language to him.

If I don't know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker will be a foreigner to me.

1 Corinthians 14:11 ISV

Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 1 Corinthians 14:11 KJV

Strongholds

Paul addresses this issue by giving us the weapons to break free from these voices. Although we live in the world, we do not wage war according to the flesh. That means we do not fight from worldly motives.

It is true that we live in the world, but we do not fight from worldly motives. It is true that we live in the world, but we do not fight from worldly motives. 2 Corinthians 10:3 GNB

The weapons we use are not worldly but God's powerful weapons to destroy strongholds and false arguments (2 Corinthians 10:4 GNB).

What are these false arguments? They are the many voices that are constantly accusing us of never being good enough. People under the influence of these voices use manipulation to achieve their aims, as the Passion Translation says.

For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 TPT

It is our job to dismantle these defences by demolishing fortresses and tearing down arguments (voices) that come against us.

For the weapons of our warfare are not those of the world. Instead, they have the power of God to demolish fortresses. We tear down arguments. 2 Corinthians 10:4 ISV

The KJV says we must pull down these strongholds by pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV).

Two very important aspects are revealed in the above verse. First, we need to pull down the false, distorted imaginations we have. We easily fall into a trap by imagining our own inabilities, destruction and fears of the future. Second, our thoughts produce these imaginations, and therefore, we need to bring them into captivity under the obedience of the Lord. Let me explain how it works by using a brick wall as an example. Bricks on their own cannot stand, needs cement and reinforcement to hold everything together. We can say that the cement and reinforcement used to build the wall represent the stronghold, and the bricks in the wall are our thoughts.

How is a brick wall destroyed? Brick by brick. That is what Paul means when he says that we must demolish these strongholds by taking into captivity every thought that exalts itself above the knowledge of God. We must literally and in an audible voice take each thought in captivity and give it to the Lord. Guaranteed that the thought will leave, and, over time, there will be fewer voices speaking to us and accusing us.

The stronghold (the reinforced wall), e.g., pornography, addiction, overeating, not feeling good enough, control, and manipulation, will leave and will no longer be part of our thought processes or of our personalities.

Caught in a Snare

Paul warned Timothy to stay away from foolish arguments with the immature. We easily fall into this trap. The immature have not yet discovered the Biblical truths, and when we argue with them, it only generates more conflict (2 Timothy 2:23 TPT). Instead, we must have great patience towards them and lead them to the truth.

*For a true servant of our Lord Jesus will not be argumentative but gentle toward all and skilled in helping others **see the truth**, having great patience toward the immature.* 2 Timothy 2:24 TPT

Believing that you are unloved, useless, stupid, guilty, and hating yourself only puts you further in the snare of satan. The truth is that God loves you so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for you when you were still His enemy. He has a calling on your life and ordained you to love yourself before you can love your neighbour.

Then with meekness you'll be able to carefully enlighten those who argue with you so they can see God's gracious gift of repentance and be brought to the truth. ²⁶ This will cause them to rediscover themselves and escape from the snare of Satan who caught them in his trap so that they would carry out his purposes. 2 Timothy 2:25-26 TPT

Once we discover the TRUTH, repentance follows. Repentance is not to say sorry, but rather a process of renewing the mind (Romans 12:2). Our thoughts

and imagination change. Now you can no longer see yourselves as rejected, stupid or unloved. You are FREED from the snare of the devil.

Because of this perfect love of the Son for us while we were still enemies, He reconciled us to Himself, delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood - the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:12-14).

So if while we were still enemies, God fully reconciled us to himself through the death of his Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in his resurrection life, how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion! Romans 5:10 TPT

Authority

Now that we know we are not in a physical battle, it can change the way we respond to people saying bad things to us. Satan is always behind these arguments and using people as an in route to come against us or to criticise us. It is mostly close relatives who speak against us. Jesus illustrated this principle when He addressed Peter, who was trying to hinder Jesus from being crucified. Jesus said to Peter, “*Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men*” (Matthew 16:23 KJV). Notice that Jesus spoke to Satan and not to Peter. Just a few minutes earlier, Peter was under the influence of the Holy Spirit when he revealed that Jesus was indeed the Son of the Living God.

We need to discern whose voice is speaking to us – satan, the accuser, or Jesus, the Truth. We need to take authority over these voices in the name of Jesus. The aim of this book is not a complete discussion on authority, but rather to share enough information so you can execute the believer's authority.

Testimony:

As an illustration of how satan is using people to speak against us or to speak words of death instead of life, Andrew Wommack told of an incident that happened once when his son was sick. His mother was constantly telling him how sick his son was. Andrew refused to come into agreement with those words and spoke life and healing over his son. When his mother said, "Admit it, Andy, he is sick!", he stuck his finger in her face and said, "Satan, in the name of Jesus, I command you to shut up! I will not receive any of your criticism or any of your curses. My son is blessed and not cursed!" For the next two days, his mother did not speak a word, and finally, when she did speak, she cried, "Well, I'm sorry you think I'm the devil", and felt very sorry for herself. He explained to her that he was not mad at her, but was standing against the devil, because satan was trying to steal his faith for healing.

Believer's Authority: What you didn't learn in Church. Andrew Wommack Kindle version, Page 6

Restored Sevenfold

The institutional church neglected, or deliberately failed, to equip the members of the Body of Christ for spiritual warfare. Basic principles are not taught to believers, and few know how to use them. Even those who have received the knowledge are warring without success and believe that it is not working. When I ask such people to demonstrate to me how they pray, it is obvious that something is missing. It is like firing a gun without bullets, while Satan is coming against us with nuclear weapons. The forces of darkness are not playing fair, and neither should we. This has been my strategy for ten years in this healing ministry it has been working for me. Do not let your religious mind stand in the way of escaping the snare of the devil.

When believers are losing their finances, health or whatever, they immediately blame God. “How could God allow this!” But if God is then the One who is killing, stealing and destroying, what is satan doing? The Scripture is very clear that *“if a thief be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house”* (Proverbs 6:31 KJV). The GNB says that if he is caught, he must pay back seven times more. He must give up everything he has. Here is the point: even if we get a restraining order against him, the strongman of the house may still delay paying out.

Second Summon

Darkness knows how to keep the pressure on believers following their strategies and plans in the occult. Most of the time, believers think that the Lord will sort it out for us. This is far from the truth. We must not allow any delays. We have to realise and come to a deep understanding through revelation knowledge, not to fight demons anymore. These forces of darkness have already been

dismantled and judged, and are powerless. Based on the Blood of the Lamb we have the legal right to ask our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Advocate to open a Court Case for us and to issue a second summon to satan that in case of a DELAY in our seven-fold payback claim, we claim the immediate release of one or more billion souls (depending on what has been stolen), coming from the darkness to the light without any further announcement. Based on scripture, we then claim righteousness and justice because YHWH is the righteous judge.

END OF THE STORY! IT WORKS EVERY TIME!

I also apply this method to my health. I do not claim my healing anymore, because it was already provided 2 000 years ago on the cross. Therefore, if I do not experience health, I use the above procedure. Since applying this strategy against the forces of darkness, my physical body has been in a better condition than 30 years ago, and this is no exaggeration.

The Body of Christ needs to wake up!

We are in a spiritual battle against nuclear spiritual weapons. We need to put down our water guns and start executing our God-given authority. When someone owes you money, don't fight the person, but instead, fight satan who is using the person to steal from you. Apply these principles, sit back, and see how God is moving on your behalf.

Beware

Satan is setting a trap for you. He wants you to blame God and to walk in resentment, unforgiveness, bitterness, hatred, frustration, and to complain and grumble. The above strategy against him will not work when you harbour such attitudes. There is a spiritual battle raging right now for your heart and mind.

As you think in your heart is the way that you'll be (Proverbs 23:7). Your thoughts become your words, and actions follow as the expression of your authority. Therefore, you will be influenced, dominated, and ruled by whomever you yield yourself to – God or satan.

Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness. Romans 6:16 TPT

Spiritual Aroma

Many years ago, while I was still breeding and training horses, the Lord showed me a deep Biblical truth about secreting the right or the wrong aroma in our daily lives. Taming young horses is often accompanied by many frustrations, and I lived them out by kicking stones. One day, the Holy Spirit prompted me kindly to stop doing it. Since my actions did not harm anybody around me, I could not see what was wrong with it, so the Holy Spirit explained that when we live out such negative emotions, we release a spiritual aroma which attracts Beelzebub. As horse manure attracts flies, likewise, we attract the “lord of the flies” - Beelzebub. Living in union with the Spirit of Christ, we release His sweet savour (smell).

We have become the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed One to God—a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:15 TPT

Living out negative emotions opens a door to satan to kill, steal and destroy.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
James 3:16 KJV

Our rotten attitudes of losing our tempers in traffic, being bitter and criticising everyone are releasing an aroma that is attracting every demon into our houses. We often wonder why we are having so many problems and why things are not going right. We need to recognise that our thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions are either releasing the power of God in our lives or the power of Beelzebub. We easily blame God for all the wrongs in our lives. Instead, we should blame satan or ourselves. The enemy is always looking for an open door to come in and devour us.

Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 TPT

However, the devil cannot devour us unless we cooperate with him. You may think that it doesn't matter if you get mad or gossip about someone, but the truth is, once we start venting these things, the enemy takes advantage of it. Put a watch before your mouth (Psalms 141:3), take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5) and control your actions (Galatians 5:22-24).

Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness. Romans 6:16 TPT

When we yield to Christ, His power and blessings are released in our lives. Likewise, when we yield to the enemy, destruction and death are released. Every time we act, we release spiritual power – either God's or the devil's.

Case Study:

In one of our sessions, the Lord showed us how the enemy binds us because of trauma. In this case, the person was severely abused during childhood and couldn't repent in the Courts of Heaven because of the spirit of DENIAL. It is common for the devil to hide his actions in darkness. Later, I was sitting with this person during an informal conversation when the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the spirit of denial was operating. I addressed the spirit with authority, and it clearly manifested. The enemy was caught, and the person could be delivered.

The Lord showed us during one session that because of this abuse, denial sneaks in, which then opens the door for unforgiveness, resentment and bitterness. Denial leads to rebellion and rebellion to strife. Where there is rebellion, pride is present and gives legal right for Leviathan to enter the scene. When rebellion and pride operate in our lives, Jezebel enters and puts us further in bondage with her tentacles of witchcraft, religion, perversity, homosexuality and many other things.

To go even deeper, this person's abuse had a legal right because of a bloodline curse. The principalities responsible were Baal and Belial. Baal enters a bloodline when Adonai is not present in that generation anymore. Because of this, rituals such as witchcraft follow, and eventually, satanic ritual abuse (SRA).

Fully Matured Sins

So, evil desires give birth to evil actions and when sin is fully mature it can murder you. James 1:15 TPT

When we walk in the flesh (the soul realm, which is the mind, will and emotions), we conceive sin. Every time we have a negative emotion, whether it is sadness, anger, fear, strife or one of many others, we conceive something. The opposite is also true. When we walk in spiritual maturity and not after the flesh, it brings liberty. We are then free to live (Romans 8:1-4).

For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. Romans 8:6 TPT

Notice how walking in the spirit eventually leads us to realise that we are FULLY ACCEPTED by the Father. Without this profound Biblical truth, many believers live in rejection and abandonment that keep them in the snare of the devil.

In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! ⁸ *For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh.* ⁹ *But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him.* ¹⁰ *Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God.* Romans 8:7-10 TPT

Only Christ can bring us life and life in abundance (John 10:10). No wonder Adonai has “set before you life and death, blessing and curse”. He invites us to “choose life so that you and your children will live (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

These two opposites of life vs death become a reality largely due to our thoughts, choices and actions.

Confusion

Many believers are walking in confusion. Explaining the root of confusion makes them angry and upset. The truth is, where there is confusion, the author of it is Jezebel. Paul explained that some people bring confusion and try to pervert the gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:7 NIV). It is the work of Jezebel to pervert the gospel. Where perversion of the Gospel is, double-mindedness enters, and we are not single-mindedly focused on Christ Jesus any longer.

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

Double-mindedness brings doubt, doubt brings hesitation, and hesitation tosses you back and forth. When double-mindedness has fully matured, we cannot expect to receive anything from the Lord!

Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, ⁸ [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].

James 1:6-8 AMPC

Whenever there is envy and strife, there is confusion (disorder) and every evil work (practice), according to James 3:16.

Stop your envy and strife!

Neglecting Biblical truths opens the door for confusion. Paul explained to the Romans that God had embedded within the human race (DNA) His nature for us to know the truth, and there will be no excuses based on ignorance (Romans 1:20). Double-mindedness eventually ends up with worthless things and a darkened, stony heart.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him. Instead, their thoughts turned to worthless things, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Romans 1:21 ISV

Let us make up our minds to live a very restricted life, refraining from things that many other people do.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. Psalms 101:3 KJV

Many believers think that going to a church gathering once a week is sufficient, and for the rest of the week they participate in normal pagan practices, e.g., watching horror movies, smoking, drinking and partying. Participating in such entertainment practices opens spiritual doors for satan to enter your life.

Andrew Wommack Testimony

In his book, “The Believer’s Authority”, Andrew tells a true story of a person who grew up in a house with much strife. There was a tremendous amount of anger and resentment inside of him. After this man was born again, he joined Andrew’s church, but he criticised everything. One day, he approached Andrew to tell him he was leaving because there was too much strife in the church. Andrew explained to him that the source of that strife was he himself.

“You don’t realize that when you criticize people over everything they do, they aren’t going to like that”, Andrew said.

The person started to share his childhood life with Andrew, and they discovered that because of the strife in their house, he never experienced love and did not know love!

Many believers come from similar backgrounds where screaming, yelling, and violence were normal. God understands it and, therefore, said to the Church of Ephesus that they had left (abandoned, departed) their first love (Revelation 2:4). Through sin and trauma, the enemy's main aim is to hinder our relationship with Abba Father. When love for yourself, others and God perishes, we are captive in the snare of the devil. The truth will set us free (John 8:31-32) and will lead us to repentance so we can escape the snare of the devil.

Then with meekness you'll be able to carefully enlighten those who argue with you so they can see God's gracious gift of repentance and be brought to the truth. ²⁶ This will cause them to rediscover themselves and escape from the snare of Satan who caught them in his trap so that they would carry out his purposes. 2 Timothy 2:25-26 TPT

Guarding the Tongue

Scriptures are very clear that death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits (Proverbs 18:21). Modern society is so bound that people are not even aware of how much they are cursing and speaking death over each other. We are so used to being bombarded by negativity by the radio, TV and social media that few speak life over others and themselves. Our words are creative power and can therefore either bring good things or destruction (1 Peter 3:10).

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit. Proverbs 15:4

One of the most poignant scriptures about our tongues is James 3:11 (MKJV), “*Does a fountain send forth at the same hole the sweet and the bitter?*” The GNB puts it more directly that “no spring of water pours out sweet water and bitter water from the same opening”. Jesus explains that it is not what goes into our mouths that defiles us, but rather what comes out of our mouths (Matthew 15:11). So, we can keep ourselves from calamity when we guard our mouths and our tongues (Proverbs 21:23).

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.
Proverbs 26:20

The well-known Proverbs 31 speaks of the wife of noble character who brings her husband good, not harm, all the days of her life (verse 12). She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue (verse 26). Our mouths are a doorway, as David explains. “*Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips*” (Psalms 141:3). Let’s be careful not to compromise our principles or be swayed by evil influences, as it can contaminate or pollute our fountain of life.

When a lover of God gives in and compromises with wickedness, it can be compared to contaminating a stream with sewage or polluting a fountain. Proverbs 25:26

Reckless words pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18-19

The old Adam nature (the flesh) struggles and cannot keep guard over the tongue.

We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet if we're able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and fully developed. James 3:2 TPT

James used the typology of a horse that can be controlled with a bit, and mighty ships that can be steered with a tiny rudder. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body that carries great power to create or destroy, to bring forth life or death.

Horses have bits and bridles in their mouths so that we can control and guide their large body. ⁴ And the same with mighty ships, though they are massive and driven by fierce winds, yet they are steered by a tiny rudder at the direction of the person at the helm. ⁵ And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power! Just think of how a small flame can set a huge forest ablaze. James 3:3-5 TPT

We will bring forth a harvest of our lips!

From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied. ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:20-21

Let us use our lips for praising, our tongues for singing, and our hands for helping.

May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees. ¹⁷² May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous. ¹⁷³ May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. Psalms 119:171-173 TPT

I wait for your deliverance, O Lord, for your words thrill me like nothing else! Invigorate (to strengthen, to give life and energy to) my life so that

I can praise you even more, and may your truth be my strength! I never forget what you've taught me, Lord, but when I wander off and lose my way, come after me, for I am your beloved! Psalms 119:174-176 TPT

Let us STAND!

Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you".¹¹ Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! ¹² Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

Ephesians 6:10-12 TPT

LET US NOT HANG OURSELVES BY OUR OWN TONGUES!

Power versus Authority

As Bible translators have been translating the Hebrew and Greek translations into English, many words were substituted, and lost not only the deeper meaning of the original text, but also sometimes led to the incorrect context of a verse. One such example is the English Translation substituting the word “power” for authority and vice versa. In Luke 4, Jesus healed a man with an unclean demon. The people were astonished at the doctrine Christ preached (Luke 4:32 KJV). Notice that the King James Version is using the word “power”, with a Greek reference in the Strong Dictionary - G1849. In Greek, it is the word “**exousia**”, which means authority.

Exousia (Strong's)

ex-oo-see'-ah

From G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, that is, (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: - **authority**, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

In verse 36, we find both “power” and “authority”, but notice the inconsistency of translation.

*And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with **authority** ^{G1849} and **power** ^{G1411} he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.* Luke 4:36 KJV

The Greek word “**exousia**” (G1849) in verse 36 is correctly used as authority, and the Greek for “**power**” (G1411) is translated as “dunamis”.

Dunamis (Strong's)

doo'-nam-is

From G1410; force (literally or figuratively); **specifically** miraculous **power** (usually by implication a miracle itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Now, dunamis refers to that miraculous power, strength, might, and implies violence. When Jesus drove out demons, He was using the word “ekballo”, which means to cast out, drive out, to send forth, often with urgency or force. That was the kind of force or violence that took place in the spirit.

Why were the people so astonished? Because none of their spiritual leaders talked like this. They did not carry such authority or power to deliver people.

So, Christ was introducing a new **doctrine of power and authority to set the captives free** to his people.

In other words, for us to set the captives free, we first must understand when to use our heavenly authority and when to release the dunamis resurrection power.

The finished work on Calvary (“Tetelestai”) put that dunamis resurrection power within us, the saints of the most High God, after we receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

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

As sons and daughters of the most High God, we must learn to use our authority and resurrection power to live a life of freedom, victory and abundance.

Let's go back to the problem of the scriptures that were wrongly translated. Matthew 10 mentions that Jesus gave his disciples “**power**” against unclean spirits, but the Greek clearly uses the word “**authority**” (G1849). Jesus also mentioned in Matthew 28 that all “**authority**” was given unto Him in heaven, which was also wrongly translated as “**power**”. Authority was given to the Son to forgive sin, and not power to forgive (Luke 5:24).

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power^{G1849} against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Matthew 10:1 KJV

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power**^{G1849} is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* Matthew 28:18 KJV

*But that ye may know that the Son of man hath **power**^{G1849} upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.* Luke 5:24 KJV

In Luke 9, power and authority are correctly translated.

*Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them **power**^{G1411} and **authority**^{G1849} over all devils, and to cure diseases.* Luke 9:11 KJV

Through the teachings and actions of the Messiah, the people realised that there was something different about this Rabbi. They noticed a different level of authority. Nicodemus came to Jesus late at night and acknowledged His authority when he confirmed that Jesus had indeed come from God (John 3:2). Nicodemus was after this authority when Jesus introduced to him the concept that a man must first be born again before he can walk in such authority. Even the centurion understood authority when he asked Jesus to heal his child by only speaking words of healing. This was not an acknowledgement of power but of authority, as this soldier clearly indicated that he too was a man of authority, having soldiers under him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. ⁹ For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. Matthew 8:8-9 KJV

So, these people wanted to know by whose authority Jesus did all these things.

And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? Mark 11:28

In Matthew 21:23-24, Jesus was answering the people with a question, and when they could not tell him the answer, He refused to tell them who gave Him that authority. New Testament believers know very well that the Messiah is the Son of God who said in His own words that ALL authority and power had been given to Him by the Father (Matthew 28:18). Notice that all the above scriptures regarding authority have been correctly translated as “exousia” (G1849).

Why is this so important to know? Because if you do not know the difference between authority and power, you will never set the captives free, nor will you yourself be freed. Many wrongly believe that the Dunamis Power removes demons, but it does not. It is also not how loud you can yell at demons that make them leave. It is only by the authority given to you that demons can be cast out. This authority is a supernatural force with the highest judicial control man can ever receive. We can explain this principle by using a law enforcement officer as an example. A traffic officer does not stop a 30-ton truck by his power, but by his authority. His authority is visible in the clothes he is wearing. Without that uniform, not a single truck will stop at his command. Likewise, when we are not clothed with Christ Jesus, no demon will ever obey our commands. The authority of the traffic officer is backed up by the Provincial Government that issued the traffic officer’s uniform. Similarly, our authority as sons and daughters of the most-high God is also backed up by Heaven’s judicial system. Citizens of Earth must obey the traffic law enforcement officers, and, likewise, must demons obey heaven’s law enforcement officers.

A prerequisite to be a law enforcement officer is to know the laws and statutes of a country. Unfortunately, many law enforcement officers of heaven do not know heaven's laws. The result is a life of constant struggles and being ensnared by the devil. The Dunamis Power is given to the saints to change things. Power is therefore to regenerate, e.g., the removal of cancer, the regeneration of a body part, and the renewal of a kidney. We receive our healing through the removal of something. We receive deliverance as a result of healing. A renewed body part is a miracle as a result of the release of Dunamis Power, which makes us whole. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, all of them received their healing, but only one returned to be made whole!

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? ¹⁸ There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 17:15-19 KJV

Jesus exercised His authority over the storm on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples were astonished when they saw it and reasoned among themselves. “*What sort of person is this that even the winds and the sea obey him?*” (Matthew 8:27). The question is now, why do we not see this happening today? Did the church lose its power? Only when we fully understand the difference between power and authority can we answer the question.

- Power is creative. It creates a miracle and is explosive.
- A barren woman conceives by the Dunamis Power.
- This Dunamis Power is a gift from the Holy Spirit.

And here is the crux of it all, that authority is not a gift and only comes through a relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

- Relationship with God is not a gift, but comes with many sacrifices to obey. It takes time and effort, and it requires the laying down of your own life and ambitions.
- Authority is as deep as your relationship with GOD.
- Authority is the result of oneness with Him. It comes with a completely surrendered life.
- Authority is greater than power.

Authority is thus the ability to rule and is the basis of the Kingdom. If we do not see this authority on earth anymore, then it must be because of a lack of relationship with our triune God.

I always refer to the reason for sickness and diseases as the absence of peace. A disease puts a person at unease, but when the Prince of Peace returns, diseases flee, and you will be at peace without any disease!

The Greek word “**shalom**” has a way deeper meaning than peace. It is the removal of chaos and the anarchy surrounding you that results in calmness. That is what happened when Jesus spoke to the storm!

*And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.* Mark 4:39 KJV

In verse 41, the disciples asked what kind of man Jesus was that even the wind and the sea obeyed him? Notice that obedience is attached to authority.

Believers today try using Dunamis Power to stop the storm.

When Jesus sent out the 72 people by two's, He gave them both authority and power (Luke 10:19). Unfortunately, we can easily be misled and confused by the wrong translation used in the King James Bible. It says, "**Behold, I give unto you power (G1849) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (G1411) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you**". Notice that both "exousia" and "dunamis" are translated as power.

What Jesus was saying to his disciples was that He had given them authority over all the power of the enemy. He did not give them power against unclean spirits to cast them out, as Matthew 10:1 says in the KJV Bible. The word power here again refers to "authority" (exousia).

The saints are trying to remove unclean spirits with power instead of authority. Could this perhaps be one of the reasons the church is powerless today?

From the beginning of mankind, God intended to give all power and authority to man (Genesis 1:26-28) to rule and reign over creation. Lucifer, the light bearer (Heylel), received power as a gift in heaven. After the fall, satan lost his authority, but he still has power. On Earth, he has zero authority. All the authority was given to man – to ADAM! God entrusted Adam with the authority to name all the animals on earth. It is then safe to say that the serpent received his name from Adam. Now, we also know that the serpent worked cunningly to

receive authority from Adam. Satan's intention was not so much for Adam and Eve to eat the "apple", but rather to mislead them into giving back the authority he had lost in heaven. He succeeded in deceiving them into believing him instead of God.

That is why satan later took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world that belonged to him (Matthew 4:8). He tried the same strategy with Christ as with Adam and Eve, but without success, as Jesus merely replied, "*Thou shall worship the Lord thy God and him only shall thou serve*" (Matthew 4:10 KJV).

The Crucifixion

We are currently working our way towards the healing of the broken souls of individuals, and eventually towards the healing of the nations. This can only be fully accomplished through and by the Blood of Jesus. Nothing less and nothing more! The shedding of the BLOOD came through the crucifixion on Calvary. This is a mystery, and the church must understand the entirety that came through the cross. Our redemption came through the Blood of Christ, not by the blood of goats and calves. It came by His own blood as He entered into the holy place once, having obtained eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:12).

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: ¹⁴ How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:13-14 KJV

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Hebrews 10:4 KJV

It is extremely important to understand what really happened on Calvary, or the believer will always be kept in bondage. The entire SYSTEM of animal sacrifices has been replaced with the New Covenant (Hebrews 10:9 TPT).

*By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah! ¹¹ Yet every day priests still serve, ritually offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sin's guilt. ¹² But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God, ¹³ **waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn into his footstool.** ¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time! 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 10:10-18 TPT*

We now have the full assurance of faith to approach God with an open heart, for our hearts have been sprinkled with the Blood to remove our impurities.

And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation. ²⁰ For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just

as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him! ²¹ And since we now have a magnificent King-Priest to welcome us into God's house, ²² we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out! Hebrews 10:19-22 TPT

So, when Christ was crucified, He took away the keys of death and fully restored us through our reconciliation with Him. Hebrews 10:13 says that God is waiting until His enemies have been made a footstool for His feet. Why is God waiting for this? As Christ conquered the enemy in full on Calvary, likewise, He is now expecting the believer to do the same. God took away satan's authority and gave it back to His disciples, and, by implication, to all born-again believers. The crux of the matter is that our authority increases as our relationship with the Messiah deepens. We can explain it by referring to a salesperson who doesn't have any authority to give a discount. He does not even have a password for the system that allows him to do so. If you ask for the manager, who has the authority to override the system, he may allow a certain amount of discount. But, if you know the owner of the business very well, say for instance he is your own father, you can even get the product for free. Likewise, it is also with us as citizens of heaven. Unfortunately, there cannot be a relationship without obedience. The deepest form of relationship is submission, and submission is obedience. That is exactly what the Lord our God did when He announced to the Father, "*Here I am, to do your will, o God, just as it is written of me in the book of the Law*" (Hebrews 10:7 GNB). It was not reluctant obedience or obedience with a bad attitude. It was total and joyful submission! It is one thing to obey with a bad

attitude just because God asks something, but it is a completely different thing to obey whatever He asks us to do with joy. Let us now consider the example that Christ, the Anointed One, has set before us.

And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation. ⁶ He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. ⁷ Instead he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human! ⁸ He humbled himself and became vulnerable, choosing to be revealed as a man and was obedient. He was a perfect example, even in his death—a criminal's death by crucifixion! ⁹ Because of that obedience, God exalted him and multiplied his greatness! He has now been given the greatest of all names! ¹⁰ The authority of the name of Jesus causes every knee to bow in reverence! Everything and everyone will one day submit to this name—in the heavenly realm, in the earthly realm, and in the demonic realm. Philippians 2:5b-10 TPT

Christ's total surrender and submission to the Father to the point of a criminal death after laying down His divinity, gave Him ALL AUTHORITY, which now causes every knee to bow in reverence before Him. Glory to God! Many miss out on this kind of authority because it takes time and effort to build a relationship with Him. The Word of God is not being read in houses anymore. Few are taking Communion with the Lord. The institutional church has hijacked communion to be a mere ritual performed once in three to four months, and only by a so-called worldly qualified "priest". In the Acts 2-church, the unqualified disciples daily broke bread and went from house to house having fellowship with one another. Today, this true fellowship is very rare.

“Greater is he who lives in me than he who lives in the world” (1 John 4:4) is the key for the believer to overcome the worldly evil, temptations and opposition of darkness. When the sons of Sceva tried to cast out demons from a certain man, the demons said, “Jesus we know, Paul we know, but who are you?” The man who had the evil spirits jumped on them and overpowered them. (Acts 19:14-17). Clearly, there was no relationship between the sons of Sceva and God.

Only when we fully understand the cross and the Blood in their fullness, complete healing, deliverance and salvation (sozō) can manifest in our lives. A burden and hunger for Christ must be alive in our hearts because of what He did for us. Our faith in Jesus transfers God’s righteousness to us, and He declares us flawless in His eyes (Romans 5:1 TPT).

Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God’s glory! Romans 5:2 TPT

Not surprising that Paul made this bold statement at the end of his life.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Choose your own master

Here is a quick reminder that Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us (Colossians 2:15). By the power of the cross, Jesus led all the forces of darkness around as prisoners in a procession

of triumph. Does this mean that satan isn't a factor any longer? Of course not, but we need to put everything in perspective, or we will be confused by Colossians 2:14-15. We must realise that we become slaves to the one we obey.

Don't you realize that grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant—bound to the one you choose to obey. If you choose to love sin, it will become your master, and it will own you and reward you with death. But if you choose to love and obey God, he will lead you into perfect righteousness. Romans 6:16 TPT

Satan and his demons are powerless and completely depend on physical human beings to yield to them and thus empower them. How can a born-again believer yield to satan? We find the answer in Matthew 16, when Jesus asked His disciples who they believed He was. Peter responded that He was indeed the Anointed One, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16). Jesus clearly indicated to Peter that his revelation was not from human understanding, but the Father in heaven had supernaturally revealed it to him (Matthew 16:17).

Then, Jesus foretold His death and resurrection to His disciples, but Peter responded, ***"God forbid, Master! Spare yourself. You must never let this happen to you!"*** (Matthew 16:22 TPT). Without even mentioning Peter's name, Jesus replied, ***"Get behind me, Satan!"*** (Matthew 16:23).

Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature." Matthew 16:23 GNB

The answer to our question is in the second part of verse 23. Peter's thoughts on the crucifixion and resurrection were from human nature and not from

heaven's perspective. Think about it - had the Anointed One listened to the voice of Peter, all humanity would still be in captivity.

The bottom line is that believers can operate under the influence of the Spirit and, within minutes or even seconds, operate under the influence of their human nature (the flesh).

We give power to satan and his demons to operate on earth. All his authority comes from us. One day, God made this remark that if demons (Nephilim) did not clone themselves in human bodies, they could never take over the world. All authority of darkness comes from man. The only reason satan exists and still functions on earth is because people cooperate with him and empower him. He is absolutely powerless to do anything unless he can get a physical body to cooperate with him.

God is the author of all power and authority. Adam and Eve received that power and authority to have dominion over the earth. They handed this authority over to satan in the Garden of Eden, but God sent his Son to restore it. That was why Christ remarked, just before He ascended into heaven, "***All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me***" (Matthew 28:18 ISV). Even the KJV has been wrongly translated and speaks of "power". This verse in reality speaks of "***exousia***" (authority) and NOT POWER. We now have that authority to resist the devil. Unfortunately, many believers live in fear, stress, anxiety, anger, unforgiveness, resentment, envy, jealousy, bitterness, hatred, immoralities, idolatry, adultery, backstabbing and many more sins, empowering darkness to operate on earth. Paul made it clear that we must never allow evil to defeat us, but should defeat evil with good (Romans 12:21). Satan cannot do anything

unless we yield to him. This is why he's constantly vying for your heart, trying to get you to yield to him through anger, fear, hurt, pain and depression. Every time you move away from what God's word says and act in union with what the devil is trying to do, you yield authority to him. Every time you quit believing and stop receiving God's supernatural power and ability, and sin instead, you empower the enemy. Satan can only function when people are submitted to him through lies and deception.

In our healing sessions, God constantly reminds us that we are believing the lies of satan, which keep us in bondage. The truth shall make us free! It is time to start believing the truth and get rid of the deceptions and lies of satan and his puppets!

This does not mean that satan is not a factor. He comes to us using many voices (1 Corinthians 14:10). These voices are out to deceive us and lie to us, but, instead of standing in truth, we believe them. The most common deception is that you will not survive tomorrow, which, on its own, creates only fear, stress and anxiety. This is how we yield to him and fall into deep depression, ending up in the snare of the devil to carry out his purposes (2 Timothy 2:23-26).

Derek Prince wrote in his book, "Spiritual Warfare for the End Times", that our access to the throne comes through our crucifixion, burial and resurrection with Christ Jesus. Those who are not willing to be crucified and buried with Christ have no right of access to the throne. The old man, the old Adamic nature, has no place on the throne. And that is exactly the point.

Therefore, saints, when we command a demon to go in the name of Jesus, it has to go. The only time it can stay is when it has a legal right. A legal right is set in place when a person submits to satan's deceptions and lies. It can also happen because of iniquity in the bloodline, as when David asked God what the reason for the drought was.

This is because there is blood on Saul and his house, from the time he massacred the Gibeonites. 2 Samuel 21:1b MSG

Similarly, in the healing and deliverance ministry, we have to deal with these iniquities in the bloodlines. The Holy Spirit bears witness, and Christ, our mediator and advocate, represents us before the Righteous Judge, our heavenly Father. The Blood of Christ speaks of the finished works on the cross ("Telelestai"). Based on the finished work of the Blood of His Son, the Father always brings a verdict in our favour. All darkness, principalities, and satan himself must go! Take note that, even after healing and deliverance, these demons will always try to come back. We must learn to stand in our authority to say NO! We have received weapons of warfare that are not carnal but mighty for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).



THE BLOOD

Few believers have received the deep revelation knowledge of what the Blood of the Messiah truly implies. While writing about the two sides of the same coin in the previous section, the Holy Spirit revealed to me a mystery of the BLOOD – our single and biggest weapon in spiritual warfare!

Victory

The Blood, and only the BLOOD, brings us to victory. The following section will lay down a broad overview of the Blood, which will be discussed in much more detail. It is highly recommended to read my book, “Violation of the Blood”, which is available for free on our website.

Through the blood:

- We are protected – Exodus 12:13
- We are cleansed from all sin – 1 John 1:7
- We have redemption – Ephesians 1:7
- We are purified, even our consciences – Hebrews 9:14
- We are justified – Romans 5:9

Unless we understand these basic principles of the fullness of the Blood, we will easily violate the Blood, leaving us in constant and endless battles.

Redemption

Only by and through the grace of the Blood have all our sins been cancelled.

Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation of our sins—all because of the cascading riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7 TPT

Too many believers still live in self-condemnation because they do not believe that all their sins are forgiven. To “redeem” means “to buy back, to pay a ransom price”. Peter explained this principle when he wrote that we are not redeemed with corruptible things like silver or gold, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (1 Peter 1:19). We were rescued from the grip of satan, from the condemnation of sin, and from the attacks of the devourer and the destroyer. By implication, we have received a gift of eternal life, and no power can ever snatch us out of the hands of our Redeemer.

I give to them the gift of eternal life and they will never be lost and no one has the power to snatch them out of my hands. John 10:28 TPT

What an amazing example in the book of Ruth, when her mother-in-law, Naomi, sent her off to the threshing floor of the barley fields of Boaz. She encouraged Ruth to take a bath, put on perfume, get dressed and lie down at his feet. By implication, she was at Boaz’s feet to show that she was available for marrying him (Ruth 3:3-4 MSG). When Boaz woke up in the middle of the night, he saw this woman at his feet. Embarrassed, he asked, “And who are you?” She answered, “*I am Ruth, your maiden; take me under your protecting wing. You’re my close relative, you know, in the circle of covenant redeemers – you have the right to marry me*” (Ruth 3:8-9 MSG). This passage has recently blessed me so much, as I had a deeper understanding of our “Covenant Redeemer”.

Are you making yourself available at the feet of your Covenant Redeemer for marriage? Ruth’s preparation could point to the purification process Esther had

to go through before appearing before the King. All New Testament believers have received this as a gift. We are indeed redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lamb, our Covenant Redeemer.

Forgiveness

There is also a second part of Ephesians 1:7, namely, the forgiveness of sins. Jesus announced this deep truth at the last supper before His crucifixion when he said, *“This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission (forgiveness) of sins* (Matthew 26:28). When Adam and Eve tried to cover up their sins with fig leaves, Adonai made it clear that no human hands or any human work could ever make atonement, but only the Blood.

Actually, nearly everything under the law was purified with blood, since forgiveness only comes through an outpouring of blood.

Hebrews 9:22 TPT

If our sins are forgiven, we have the total right of redemption. In his book, “Spiritual Warfare for the End Times”, Derek Prince wrote:

“If, however, there is unconfessed and unforgiven sin in our lives, we do not have the full legal rights of redemption in that area. In effect, satan still has a legal claim over that part of our lives. I have seen the truth of this principle many times in the ministry of deliverance. If satan has a legal claim, he will not give it up. You can shout in his face, fast for a week and pray all you like. None of that will move him because he knows he has a legal claim that still has not been settled in that area through forgiveness. Another common reason why believers give satan a legal claim in their lives is their failure to forgive others. Jesus taught us that we are forgiven by God to the same degree we

forgive others: “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” (Matthew 6:12). We are not entitled to claim forgiveness from God beyond the measure to which we forgive others.”

This statement confirms what we experience during our healing and deliverance sessions. Only when we have dealt with the legal right in the Courts of Heaven by confessing our sins and applying the Blood of the Lamb, can we truly testify that through the Blood of Jesus, all sins are forgiven. When we testify to it with our own lips, it is like when the hyssop was used to apply the blood of the lamb on the doorposts in the days of Moses. The hyssop transferred the blood from the basin to where it was needed. Likewise, we apply it to our own hearts so we can live.

Personal Testimony:

The last court case I had with Jesus in 2025 was very intense. It was the first time I experienced the Father sitting on the throne. Jesus appeared on the scene with the crown of thorns on His head, and His Blood was constantly flowing through the Courtroom. He did not say anything. The accuser brought to the courts a legal case of murder in my bloodline, and the Holy Spirit, as the witness, made it clear that I needed to confess to the sin as if I had done it myself and not only on behalf of the murderer. Tears were flowing in an intensity I have never felt before. Christ made me understand what it took from Him to stand before the Father, pleading guilty to all the sins of the world - every abuse, rape, molestation, murder, adultery, idolatry, and all the rest. Only the BLOOD could set me FREE that day. It was not only a day of victory, but also of promotion.

(See Zacharia 3, where Joshua appeared in the Courts, accused by the accuser of wearing filthy garments and having a sin-conscious mind when he was appointed as High Priest and promoted as judge in Jerusalem).

This part of spiritual warfare is crucial to understand, as the Holy Spirit revealed another mystery in this regard to me. According to 1 Corinthians 1:9, we are called into fellowship with Christ Jesus our Lord. Our fellowship with Him can only go to the level of what we believe we are forgiven for. In other words, without a true confession that you are forgiven and believing it wholeheartedly, your fellowship with Christ will always be hindered. Paul urges us to be tolerant of one another and to forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, you also should forgive (Colossians 3:13). By implication, we can only have fellowship with one another when complete forgiveness between people has taken place.

But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 TPT

On a lighter note –when we invite one another for a cup of coffee, remember that Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere.
(C.O.F.F.E.E)

Cleansing

The Blood tore the veil to give us free and fresh access to Him for fellowship (Hebrews 10:20). That paved the way for unbroken fellowship with one another because the Blood of the Son cleanses us from all our sins. In 1 John 1:7, we find the two very important words, namely “BUT” and “IF”. They state a condition to

be met! IF we walk in the light as He is in the light, the believer can expect two results: fellowship with one another and the Blood of the Son cleanses us from all sin. Is it possible that, if we are out of fellowship with one another, we are out of the light? Additionally, if we are out of the light, the Blood no longer cleanses us. The Blood of Jesus cleanses only in the light.

“Fellowship is the place of light, which is why fellowship is the place of testing. The closer we walk in fellowship, the brighter the light grows – until there are no hidden corners, no shadows, nothing swept under the rug and nothing covered up. That is a frightening place. But it is the only place where the blood of Jesus fully fulfills its function of cleansing. If you desire full cleansing from sin, it is in the light. If you are in any way wrongly aligned with God or with your neighbor, then you are not fully in the light.”

Derek Prince. Spiritual Warfare for the End Times, p 179-180.

In the healing and deliverance sessions, we always ask that all things still hidden in darkness be brought to the light. Putting it another way, we permit the Holy Spirit to shine His light into the dark places in the soul dimension so that sin can be exposed and confessed. Setting the captives free and escaping the snare of the devil are deep Biblical truths. When sin gets into the light, it disappears, because the Blood cleanses it. If we do not bring it to the light, then we harbour it. The Blood operates only in the light. Let us decide to meet the condition.

As I walk in the light,
the Blood of Jesus is cleansing me
now and continually
from all sin.

Justification

The Bible uses the words “justification” and “righteousness” interchangeably, as they mean more or less the same with different nuances, depending on the context. When it is a legal process, the word “justify” is used, and in practical living, the word “righteous” is used. In Greek, it is the word “*dikaioō*”, which means *to render* (that is, *show or regard as*), *just*, or *innocent*: - free, justify (-ier), be righteous. By His blood we are now right with God (Romans 5:9), as if we have never sinned.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:8-9 KJV

Religion teaches us to do more. We tend to do just a little bit more in the hope of being made righteous. But, in effect, we are justified through the Blood, “just-as-if-we” have never sinned. We have been made righteous with a righteousness that is not our own but of Jesus Christ. It is a gift!

Yet through his powerful declaration of acquittal, God freely gives away his righteousness. His gift of love and favor now cascades over us, all because Jesus, the Anointed One, has liberated us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin! Romans 3:24 TPT

Religion always makes us try to earn the favour of God, ending up with us never feeling good enough. If you experience such feelings or **consciousness**, it confirms a subtle violation of the Blood.

The role the Blood plays in our mind is:

- **Cleansing us from Guilt:** The Blood of Jesus is described as a powerful force that washes away the guilt of past sins, which causes a "*plague of a guilty conscience*".
- **Silencing Accusations:** In the spiritual realm, the Blood of Jesus silences the accuser of the brethren (Satan), negating demonic, judgmental voices that accuse us of sin.
- **A Shift from Dead Works:** The Blood cleanses the mind from dead works or "lifeless observances"—the legalistic or futile attempts to earn salvation or justify oneself.
- **Enabling Service:** By clearing the conscience, the Blood empowers believers to serve the Living God without the hindrance of condemnation.

In Part 2, we laid down the doctrinal stones in our foundation. One of them is repentance of dead works, which is possible because of the Blood.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14 TPT

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22 KJV

Even when we still have evil minds, the Blood is always available to silence the evil thoughts.

I asked the Lord why His Blood cried out forgiveness and not vengeance, as the blood of Abel did? He immediately said,

**“If my Blood cries out vengeance, it will put humanity into eternal
damnation.”**

Here is one of the most significant scriptures in this regard.

And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “forgiveness,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “justice.” And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “forgiveness,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “justice.”

Hebrews 12:24 TPT

While Abel’s blood cried out for vengeance, Jesus’ Blood speaks for mercy and forgiveness, silencing the demand for retribution. Indeed, now we can overcome Satan, the accuser, by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:11).

We have to understand that the first step we must take to obtain righteousness is to stop doing anything. Stop trying to make yourself righteous. Stop trying to be a little better. Call a halt to it all! ONLY BELIEF!

So that I may win Christ and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness, which is of the Law, but through the faith of Christ, the righteousness of God by faith. Hebrews 3:8c-9 MKJV

We must understand that a complete exchange happened on Calvary.

For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the

righteousness of God through our union with him.

2Corinthians 5:21 TPT

This happened 2 000 years ago and is still valid today! You are already righteous by His Blood! Now, have faith and believe it. No surprise that Paul urges us to repent from our dead works.

Isaiah highlighted three major results of the work of righteousness, namely, peace, quietness, and confidence!

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence for ever. Isaiah 32:17 ASV

Unless having faith that we are right with God, our peace and quietness will be stolen, and we will not be confident to serve in the Kingdom of God.

For the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, Paul is saying, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

Christians often try to express joy and peace just because they know they should, but joy and peace are not in their hearts. When the truth of the forgiveness of sin and righteousness by faith breaks through in the believer's heart, joy will flow naturally, peace will be without effort, and assurance and boldness will express themselves!

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

Religion puts our focus on failure and sin. Most praise and worship songs declare such a viewpoint.

The following are excerpts from Derek Prince's book, "Spiritual Warfare for the End Times".

"Pardon us, miserable offenders. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have **done those sins which we ought not to have done**; and we have **left undone those things which we ought to have done**. And there is no health in us."

"This type of language completely undermines the basis of my faith, and yet it sounds so good."

If we truly believe that we are justified, made righteous, "just-as-if-I'd" never sinned, through the Blood of Jesus, then there is no room for guilt or shame in such a statement. This is, saints, why the Blood is our highest authority and most important piece of armour in spiritual warfare.

"The kind of righteousness I have received through faith in the blood of Jesus does not admit guilt. I can stand before God without shame, without spot, and I can answer Satan with total boldness:

'Satan, it's in vain for you to accuse me because I am not meeting you in my own righteousness; I am meeting you in the righteousness I've received by faith in the blood of Jesus, the righteousness of God that is without spot, without sin and without stain.' That is our testimony!"

"Thus far, we have four testimonies by which we may overcome evil in our lives."

- "Through the blood of Jesus, I am **redeemed** out of the hand of the devil."
- "Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are **forgiven**."

- “As I walk in the light, the blood of Jesus is **cleansing** me now—and continually—from all sin”
- Through the blood of Jesus, I am **justified**, made righteous, “just-as-if-I’d” never sinned.”

Derek Prince: Spiritual Warfare for the end times: How to defeat the enemy.

Kindle p187- 189

Sanctification

Adonai had ordained since the beginning that only blood could purify and sanctify. When Adam and Eve sinned, fig leaves could not cover their sins. So, Elohim offered an animal and used its blood to cover their sins.

Moses sprinkled the tabernacle with blood and every utensil and item used in their service of worship (Hebrews 9:21).

Under this old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities.
Hebrews 9:13 TPT

These rituals happened year after year because it was only an outward and temporal removal of uncleanness.

But now the Anointed One has become the King-Priest of every wonderful thing that has come. For he serves in a greater, more perfect heavenly tabernacle not made by men. And he has entered once and forever into the Holiest Sanctuary of All, not with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the sacred blood of his own sacrifice. And he alone has made our salvation secure forever! Hebrews 9:11-12 TPT

This act of the Anointed One on Calvary was complete and made us holy in every way, as Paul explained.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV

The Passion Translation uses “set you apart, making you completely holy.” The Blood did not pay for your spirit only, but also for the soul and body. Isn’t it profound that His Blood paved the way for the believer to become whole in all three parts of his being? That is what we call “full salvation”. Peter explained that we now reap the harvest of our faith – the full salvation promised to us – our souls’ victory (1 Peter 1:9 TPT). And now above all, Peter urges us to be holy, because our Lord, Jesus Christ, is holy (1 Peter 1:16 TPT).

We see this picture in the book of Exodus when Moses commanded the people to put upon Aaron the holy garments, and they anointed him, and sanctified him; that he may minister unto God in the priest’s office (Exodus 40:13 KJV). God made it clear that they had to do that because “I AM GOD – FOR I AM HOLY”.

For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
Exodus 11:44 KJV

The Old Testament is full of this Biblical truth of sanctification, or being set apart for the Lord. The Passover Lamb in Egypt made a separation between Israel and Egypt by the blood of a lamb, pointing them to the ultimate Blood of the true Lamb that would come and make atonement once and for all. No one could enter, not even the death angel, because the Lord made a distinction between

His people and those who were not His people through the applied blood of the lamb.

Through the Blood of Jesus,
I am sanctified, made holy,
Set apart to God.

Reading the above out loud and believing it, we will realise that true holiness never comes by keeping rules, controlling ourselves or trying harder. Holiness comes only through the Blood of Jesus on our behalf. Take the hyssop of your testimony, dip it in the Blood, and it will do its work.

Meditate on these Biblical truths to understand that the Blood is our true weapon and armour to stand against the wiles (strategies and tactics) of the devil. We can truly say that the devil has no place in us, no power over us, no unsettled claims against us, because all has been settled by the Blood of Jesus.

Then, John wrote:

Sanctify them through the truth; thy word is truth. John 17:17 KJV

This is deemed necessary, for Christ will return for a pure and holy Bride.

...to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. ²⁷ *All that he does in us is designed to make us a mature church for his pleasure, until we become a source of praise to him—glorious and radiant, beautiful and holy, without fault or flaw.* Ephesians 5:26-27 TPT

Let us remind ourselves that our bodies are a temple of God, also sanctified and set apart for the Holy Spirit to dwell in. Let us not defile our bodies by putting poison into our mouths and thus quenching the Holy Spirit.

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 KJV



VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

Violation means breaking or failing to comply with a rule or formal agreement. It is the failure to respect someone's peace, privacy, or rights. It treats something sacred with irreverence or disrespect. Paul is very clear that many are weak and sick because they take part in the Lord's Supper unworthily.

For continually eating and drinking with a wrong spirit will bring judgment upon yourself by not recognizing the body. ³⁰ This insensitivity is why many of you are weak, chronically ill, and some even dying.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30 TPT

We often accuse one another of unworthy participation without realising what it means. One side of the coin is to apply the Blood, and the other side of the coin is to unconsciously violate the Blood of the Lamb. Studying this subject throughout the Bible will take us into deeper dimensions of the Blood, and we will move into a more intimate relationship with our First Love – Yashuah HaMashiach, the Anointed One! Let us allow the Holy Ghost to do deep surgery, to divide the marrow and the bone, and to divide the thoughts and the heart for us to evaluate our attitude before participating in the Lord's Supper.

Self-Righteousness

Many years ago, I read a book by Andrew Murray in which he asked, “**Who is to be blamed when there is no fruit in our lives?**” I have asked this question many times to audiences. Almost without exception, the answer is, “**Only myself!**” This is the wrong answer! The correct answer is, “**Christ alone is to be blamed**”, however confusing it may seem to you right now! I meditated on this for many years until the Holy Spirit opened up my understanding when I fully grasped

what had happened in the Garden of Eden, and years later, in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden was the original Paradise where Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect fellowship with God the Father. They received all power and authority to have dominion over the earth and to rule and reign over everything. However, Satan deceived them into making the wrong decision. Unknowingly, they handed over their authority to the devil. Thus, sin came into the world through the first Adam. He was the first gardener who had to care for and look after God's creation on Earth. Since then, the whole human race has been born in sin, having corruptible seed and polluted blood. The moment sin entered, it broke the perfect fellowship between Adam and Eve and the Father. They immediately realised they were naked and covered their nakedness using fig leaves.

Filthy Rags

Eden represents the blessed life we can enjoy when we are in the right standing with God. When Adam and Eve lost their fellowship with God and were removed from the Garden, all humanity lost that right standing. All have sinned and are unclean. It is man's nature to cover up sin and uncleanness with self-righteous deeds, but it was never meant for us to make atonement for our own sin. We will never succeed. God's design is that we need a Saviour.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6 KJV

Adam and Eve covered their sin and uncleanness with fig leaves (**self-righteous deeds**), which are filthy rags before God. We can never reverse the condition of our polluted blood. Since the fall, man has been trying very hard to produce his own righteousness. We try to pray more, fast longer, give more, or do more to convince God to respond to us. Everything man does creates a false sense of righteousness, and we believe our efforts are pleasing God. This is far from the truth. Whenever we do things to earn something from God, He calls them dead works. There is no covering or protection for man in his self-righteous deeds.

New Life

When Adam and Eve hid under the fig tree (symbolic of unbelief) and covered themselves with fig leaves (self-righteous deeds), God came to them in love, mercy, and grace to give them a new life. He covered their nakedness with blood, a foreshadowing of the Blood of the Lamb.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 KJV

Notice that Adam and Eve did nothing, but God did it all. Let us deeply meditate on this, as we are always prepared to do and to perform. This means we are covering ourselves with fig leaves, rather than “letting go” of the old self-life!

If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus! ²²And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self-life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. ²³Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. Ephesians 4:21-23 TPT

Our new life begins in Christ, and to be alive to God, we need to be dead to sin.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:6-7 KJV

We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. ⁷ For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men]. Romans 6:6-7 AMPC

In contrast to man's self-righteous deeds, God stepped in and clothed them in the skins of goats (Genesis 3:21). This was the very first blood sacrifice. These animal skins were dripping in blood, a demonstration of the BLOOD COVENANT that was required for our redemption. This is a powerful picture of the Lamb who would one day be slain to cover all our sins and give us new life.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14 KJV

The Blood of the Lamb silences man's dead works! Therefore, whenever man tries to add self-righteous deeds to the Blood of the Lamb, he violates the Blood. By the Blood of the Lamb, God's covenant provides more than just covering. He changes us into new creations and forgives our shame and sin! We are covered and also made righteous.

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. 2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living Old Testament God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. Romans 6:10 AMPC

Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Romans 6:12 AMPC

For sin shall not [any longer] exert dominion over you, since now you are not under Law [as slaves], but under grace [as subjects of God's favor and mercy]. Romans 6:14 AMPC

Based on what Christ did for sinners on the cross, we can celebrate our freedom from our former master – sin!

And now you celebrate your freedom from your former master—sin. You've left its bondage, and now God's perfect righteousness holds power over you as his loving servants.¹⁹ I've used the familiar terms of a "servant" and a "master" to compensate for your weakness to understand. For just as you surrendered your bodies and souls to impurity and lawlessness, which only brought more lawlessness into your lives, so now surrender yourselves as servants of righteousness, which brings you deeper into true holiness. Romans 6:18-19 TPT

We are no longer slaves of sin but of Adonai, who brings us eternal life.

But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life.²³ For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:22-23 AMPC

Staying in the mindset of the flesh (impurity and lawlessness) leads to death. Life and peace can only come when we are controlled by the Spirit.

Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.⁶ For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace.⁷ In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! Romans 8:5-7 TPT

Let us not fight God's plan by rejecting what He did for us on the cross, or else we are violating the Blood of Christ Jesus.

Live as one who has died to every form of sexual sin and impurity. Live as one who died to diseases, and desires for forbidden things, including the desire for wealth, which is the essence of idol worship.⁶ When you live in these vices you ignite the anger of God against these acts of disobedience.⁽⁷⁻⁸⁾ That's how you once behaved, characterized by your evil deeds. But now it's time to eliminate them from your lives once and for all—anger, fits of rage, all forms of hatred, cursing, filthy speech,⁹ and lying. Lay aside your old Adam-self with its masquerade and disguise. Colossians 3:5-9 TPT

We have to get stripped of the old Adam-nature to be enabled to walk the new life in Christ Jesus. Jesus explained to Nicodemus:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again.
John 3:6-7 KJV

Many believers are not yet born from above. Being born from above means to be members of the new Jerusalem, born from a free woman, Sarah. In contrast, many are born from the slave woman, Hagar, and are descendants of Ishmael. (In my book, “Isaac & Ishmael: Born from Free- and Slave Woman”, this topic is discussed in detail. It is available on our website: www.berashithministry.co.za).

A Gift

The Blood of the Lamb cancelled the crime committed by Adam and Eve.

Now, there is no comparison between Adam's transgression and the gracious gift that we experience. For the magnitude of the gift far outweighs the crime. It's true that many died because of one man's transgression, but how much greater will God's grace and his gracious gift of acceptance overflow to many because of what one Man, Jesus, the Messiah, did for us! ¹⁶ And this free-flowing gift imparts to us much more than what was given to us through the one who sinned. For because of one transgression, we are all facing a death sentence with a verdict of "Guilty!" But this gracious gift leaves us free from our many failures and brings us into the perfect righteousness of God—acquitted with the words "Not guilty!" ¹⁷ Death once held us in its grip, and by the blunder of one man, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace and continue reigning as kings in life, enjoying our regal freedom through the gift of perfect righteousness in the one and only Jesus, the Messiah!

Romans 5:15-17 TPT

Let this sink deeply into your innermost being. Christ fulfilled all the requirements of the law so that He could declare us innocent (**"Not guilty!"**). Just like Adam and Eve, we can do nothing to earn salvation.

For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him.

Nothing we did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the gracious gift from God that brought us to Christ! ⁹So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.

Ephesians 2:8-9 TPT

So then they who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8 MKJV

We cannot please God by trying to cover our nakedness with fig leaves. Through His Blood, we are united into the very life of Christ and saved by His wonderful grace.

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Ephesians 2:13a TPT

And since you've been united to Jesus the Messiah, you are now Abraham's "child" and inherit all the promises of the kingdom realm!

Galatians 3:29 TPT

Through our union with him we have experienced circumcision of heart.

All of the guilt and power of sin has been cut away and is now extinct because of what Christ, the Anointed One, has accomplished for us.

¹²For we've been buried with him into his death. Our "baptism into death" also means we were raised with him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised him from death's realm.

¹³This "realm of death" describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that "realm of death" never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and

nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.

Colossians 2:11-14 TPT

Christ did all the above, so no man can ever boast, for salvation is from Him alone. Let us not violate the Blood by adding anything to His completed work! In Christ, we are dominated by the power of the Spirit.

Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. Romans 8:10 TPT

It is a mystery among us, the non-Jews (Gentiles), that Christ is IN us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27 KJV).

“Put” and “Rest”

God “**put**” man in the Garden of Eden to “**dress**” and “**keep**” it, according to Genesis 2:15. In Hebrews, the word “**put**” is “**nûach**”, which means to set down, rest, comfort, and cease. “*It was evening and morning the next day*” when God created everything mentioned in Genesis, but after He had created man, the Word does not state that it was morning again. Adam opened His eyes in the evening, just as the seventh day (the Sabbath) started.

On the seventh day, God ended His work which he had made and **rested**.

(Genesis 2:2-3)

Here we find the word “**rested**”. In Hebrew, it is “**shâbath**”, which means to desist from exertion, to cease, celebrate and to take away. When God created man and “**put**” him in the Garden of Eden, He placed him in the Garden to rest. Paul explained that there remains therefore a rest to the people of God

(Hebrews 4:9 KJV). The word “**rest**” here in Greek is “***katapausis***” (G4520). It is the same word in Genesis when God “**put**” man in the Garden of Eden - a place of rest. In the next verse, Paul says that we need to enter into His rest, just as He ceased from His own works (Hebrews 4:10 KJV). In the latter case, the word “**rest**” is a different Greek word, namely “***sabbatismos***” (G2263). “***Katapausis***” is our **place of rest**, and “***sabbatismos***” is our **time of rest**.

Let us examine the similarities between Genesis 2 and Hebrews 4.

- The Hebrew word “***nâach***” and the Greek word “***katapausis***” both mean our **place of rest**, as God ordained from the beginning of creation.
- In Hebrew, the word “***shâbath***” is the same as the Greek word “***sabbatismos***”, meaning our **time of rest**.

Let us labour therefore to enter that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:11 KJV

We need to release faith, which means acknowledging what God did for us. But there remains something for us to do. We have to “labour to enter into that rest!” Harden not your hearts when you hear this message from the Lord today, “*as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.*” (Hebrews 3:8-9 KJV). Listen to the Word of God!

This is why the Holy Spirit says, “If only you would listen to his voice this day! ⁸Don’t make him angry by hardening your hearts, like your ancestors did during the days of their rebellion, when they were tested

in the wilderness. ⁹ There your fathers tested me and tried my patience even though they saw my miracles for forty years they still doubted me!

Hebrews 3:7-9 TPT

This is a serious message from the Lord.

This ignited my anger with that generation and I said about them, 'They wander in their hearts just like they do with their feet, and they refuse to learn my ways'. Hebrews 3:10 TPT

Israel physically wandered from one place to another, but Paul speaks about the wandering of the heart. Let us not be like waves of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

But he must ask in faith, without any doubts, for the one who has doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6 ISV

When our hearts wander, we not only violate the Blood of the Lamb, but we provoke God to anger and wrath, and we will never enter our rest.

So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

Hebrews 3:11 KJV

My heart grieved over them so I decreed: 'They will never enter into the calming rest of my Spirit!' Hebrews 3:11 TPT

The result of their unbelief was that their carcases fell in the wilderness, and they could not enter into His rest (Hebrews 3:17-19). Likewise, because of our unbelief and unwillingness to acknowledge what Jesus did for us on the cross, we will also not enter His rest. Let us learn from Israel not to be moved by unbelief as they were, but to listen to His voice and not harden our hearts so that we can enter our rest.

Now God has offered to us the same promise of entering into his realm of resting in confident faith. So we must be extremely careful to ensure that we all embrace the fullness of that promise and not fail to experience it.² For we have heard the good news of deliverance just as they did, yet they didn't join their faith with the Word. Instead, what they heard didn't affect them deeply, for they doubted.

Hebrews 4:1-2 TPT

So search your hearts every day, my brothers and sisters, and make sure that none of you has evil or unbelief hiding within you. For it will lead you astray, and make you unresponsive to the living God.¹³ This is the time to encourage each other to never be stubborn or hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:12-13 TPT

There is not one person who can hide their thoughts from God, for nothing that we do remains a secret, and nothing created is concealed, but everything is exposed and defenceless before his eyes, to whom we must render an account. Hebrews 4:13 TPT

We have the living Word of God, which is full of energy like a two-edged sword. God speaks His Word, and we, in agreement, also speak His Word, and it becomes a “two-mouthed sword”.

“The Word of God that is full of energy speaks of the spinning sword of fire, held by the angel guarding the way to the Tree of Life. To come to eat its fruit, you must pass through the mighty sword of fire. The context implies we pass through this “fire-sword” on our way into the Holy of Holies. When the veil was split in two, the cherubim embroidered on the veil parted to allow every worshiper to enter into

the unveiled presence of God" [Footnote: Passion Translation Hebrews 4:14].

So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty.¹⁵ He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin.¹⁶ So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness. Hebrews 4:14-16 TPT

Because of our King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, who sympathises with us in all our distresses, it is possible to cease from our own works! Paul clearly shows in Hebrews 3 and 4 that there is still a complete "rest" waiting for believers to experience.

As we enter into God's faith-rest life, we cease from our own works, just as God celebrates His finished works and rests in them (Hebrews 4:9-10). Christ expects us to cease also from our own works, just as He ceased from His works on the seventh day. It was God's intention for Adam and Eve to stay in His rest forever and to **dress** and **keep** His garden.

When Adam and Eve had sinned, God protected them by removing them from the Garden of Eden so they could not have access to the Tree of Life. Man was thus separated from God.

“Dress” and “Keep”

In the second part of Genesis 2:15, God commanded Adam and Eve to “dress” and “keep” the Garden.

And the Lord God took the man, and “put” him into the Garden of Eden to “dress” it and to “keep” it. Genesis 2:15 KJV

The Hebrew word for “dress” is “*abad*”. It means to labour, to serve (God), to serve (with Levitical service), and to make oneself a servant. “Keep” in Hebrew is “*shamar*”, which means to keep, have charge of, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, to save a life.

Adam was given the task of being a gardener in Eden. He was to keep the garden, protect it, and watch over it, but he failed to do it. Jesus, the second Adam, came to be our perfect Gardener. When Jesus appeared to Mary at the Garden Tomb, she believed Him to be the gardener.

*Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing *Him to be the gardener*, she said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have put Him, and I will take Him away.”* John 20:15 MEV

Jesus was, in fact, the Gardener—the One who made Himself a servant (“*abad*”). He was the One who kept watch and provided protection (“*shamar*”). He kept the garden secure and His fellowship with God was never broken. Jesus offered that same perfect fellowship He had with God to Mary.

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”
John 20:17 NKJV

Jesus offered Mary a place of restored fellowship. Pay close attention to His words. He mentioned God first as her Father and then referred to His deity as God. He told her that fellowship with God the Father was being brought back to the personal level Adam had enjoyed before he sinned. Our covenant is first with Him as our **Father**, and then with Him as our **God**.

This place of perfect fellowship is in the “Eden” that Jesus had restored!

The Garden of Gethsemane

In the New Testament, the Garden of Gethsemane was a place of intense pain, darkness, and agony for Jesus. It represents the suffering of humanity that came with our broken fellowship with God – a result of the first sin.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44 KJV

Here in the second Garden, the Garden of Gethsemane in the New Testament, the first drops of the Blood of the Lamb washed away the suffering, stress, and pain we all experience under the curse to work in the sweat of our faces to earn a living, and made the entryway for us back into Paradise, our Eden of a perfect relationship with the Father.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Genesis 3:19 KJV

Our Lamb took this curse upon Himself. Man was FREED from this curse. He now has free access to enter Eden to cease from his own works. This means he

has been fully restored to union and relationship with the Father. Through the Blood of Christ, man has been “**put**” back into Eden. The Garden of Gethsemane shows us the pain and toil that required His Blood for redemption, and that redemption was completed by the time Jesus appeared to Mary at the Garden Tomb.

Cursed is the ground on account of you; in hard labor you will eat of it all the days of your life.¹⁸ Thorns and thistles it will bring forth for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground. Genesis 3:17b-19a MEV

The results of sin included the soil being cursed and man having to labour and sweat to cause the land to produce. Jesus performed a redemptive act as He prayed in Gethsemane.

And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44 MEV

Jesus laboured in anguish as He prayed. The sweat on His face became His Blood falling to the ground. When this happened, it represented the sweat of man’s brow, or his hard toil of life being broken.

The Fig Tree and Fig Leaves

After Adam and Eve had sinned, they hid by covering themselves with fig leaves. Bearing in mind that fig leaves represent man’s feeble efforts to cover himself, let’s read about Nathanael under the fig tree.

Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. John 1:48 KJV

Since the fall, every generation has been trying to hide under fig leaves because all of humanity has fallen under the curse of sin. Jesus “**saw**” Nathanael under the fig tree. The Greek word is “*eido*”, meaning to perceive by any of the senses, to ascertain what must be done about it, to have regard for one, to cherish and pay attention to. Jesus has seen every generation hiding under the fig leaves. He knew the remedy for our condition, and He loved us enough to pour out His own Blood to rescue us from sin and death. Just as Adam and Eve hid and covered their sin with fig leaves, so did Nathanael. This is a picture of us trying to hide our sins and needing to come to Jesus, as Nathanael did. We cannot hide from Jesus. He knows every secret we are trying to hide. He even knows the hidden generational secrets. The wonderful news is that Christ had already paid for it all.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8b KJV

We have to stop violating the Blood by covering ourselves with fig leaves and hiding under the fig tree of self-righteous deeds. These deeds are filthy rags. We need not hide anymore or try to add self-righteous deeds. Hiding and adding things to His work violates the Blood.

This part of the Manual aims to bring revelation knowledge that will free you from guilt and sin-consciousness.

The Cursed Fig Tree

There is another dimension to the fig tree in the New Testament, apart from the above example. There are two sides of the same coin.

And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee

henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

Matthew 21:19 KJV

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. Matthew 21:21 KJV

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?

The fig tree is also a representation of Israel, and in this example, Jesus was pointing to faith and authority. This fig tree symbolised Israel's unbelief and fruitlessness. Jesus was indeed cursing the unbelief and consequent dead works the nation of Israel was then displaying. Years earlier, it was because of their unbelief in the wilderness that they could not enter the Promised Land.

Where there is unbelief, there can be no fruit. When we put our faith in Jesus, we are no longer under the curse of our feeble efforts of self-righteousness. The fruitless tree of our dead works will immediately wither away. Jesus also speaks of our new authority in Him. When we are born again, we are new creations and we are the righteousness of God. When we speak to our mountains (sicknesses, diseases, oppression, depression, hatred, etc.) from our position of FAITH as new creations under the Blood, they will move!

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 KJV

Jesus cursed the fig tree because it did not bear any fruit. Unbelief cannot produce fruit. Israel could not bear fruit because they were not grafted into Him.

Notice this very important verse.

*“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing
Him to be the gardener.* John 20:15 MEV

Jesus is the second Adam, our “**second gardener**”, who does not fail to keep and protect the garden or fall out of fellowship with the Father. Paul wrote that Israel would one day be grafted back into the original olive tree. Israel’s current stumbling is only temporary to bring salvation to the non-Jewish people.

So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? Certainly not! Rather, it was because of their stumble that salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them.

Romans 11:11 TPT

Paul mentioned Abraham was set apart for God, and so will his descendants also be set apart. If the roots are holy, so too will the branches be.

Since Abraham and the patriarchs are consecrated and set apart for God, so also will their descendants be set apart. If the roots of a tree are holy and set apart for God, so too will be the branches.

Romans 11:16 TPT

Bearing Fruit

Now, against this background, we can conclude the statement.

Who is to be blamed when there is no fruit?

Christ alone!

If we want to see fruit, we need a good tree. If we care for the health of the tree, the tree will produce good fruit. If our life with Christ is right, the result will be good.

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 KJV

The Gentiles, who were not born as Jews, were uncircumcised, kept none of the Jewish covenants and laws and were all foreigners with no inheritance or covenant.

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.

Ephesians 2:11-12 TPT

It is a mystery that the Blood opened the way for us Gentiles to release faith towards the finished work on the cross, so that by only acknowledging what Christ did for us, everything is now new.

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ! Ephesians 2:13 TPT

How the Father longs for you and me to come into this covenant! This covenant is His promise to give back everything that had been stolen from Adam and Eve and to destroy the works of the devil.

The Son of God appeared for this very reason, to destroy what the Devil had done. 1 John 3:8b GNB

Paul explained to the Romans that the temporary blindness of Israel was **to graft in the non-Jews**. It is a mystery that Christ lives now within us, the non-Jews. **As Gentiles, we did nothing to earn this.** Why do we then add self-righteous deeds to silence our consciences?

The Father is the husbandman. Jesus in the Garden Tomb is the Gardener and they both prune the branches to bear fruit.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

John 15:1 KJV

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. John 15:4-6 KJV

The branch grows from the vine or the tree. In due time, it bears fruit. It has no responsibility but to receive the sap (Holy Spirit) and nourishment from the root and stem. If we could realise the depth of our relationship with Jesus, it would change our works into the brightest and most heavenly thing on Earth. Instead of being soul-wearied or exhausted, our works would be like a fresh experience linking us closely to Jesus. Is it not true that our works often come between us

and Jesus? Let us not mistake bearing spiritual fruit with our own works. May the Lord deliver us from every false thought about the Christian life.

Absolute Dependence

Our relationship with Jesus is a life of absolute dependence. The branch has nothing in itself. It simply depends on the vine. Absolute dependence is one of the most solemn and precious attitudes.

Every vine you ever see, or every bunch of grapes that come to your table, let it remind you that the branch is absolutely dependent on the vine. The vine has to do the work, and the branch enjoys the fruit of it. What has the vine to do? It has to do a great work. It has to send its roots out into the soil and hunt under the ground—the roots often extend a long way out for nourishment, and to drink in the moisture. Put certain elements of manure in certain directions, and the vine sends its roots there. Then, its roots or stems turn the moisture and manure into that special sap which makes the fruit that is borne. The vine does the work, and the branch has just to receive the sap from the vine. The sap is then changed into grapes. The roots had drawn the sap all that distance up and up into the vine. As a result, there was the abundant, rich harvest. The vine had the work to do, and the branches had just to depend on the vine and receive what it gave."

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"Bow quietly before God, just remember and realize who He is, how near He is, how certainly He can and will help. Just be still before Him, and allow His Holy Spirit to waken and stir up in your soul the child-like disposition of absolute dependence and confident expectation. Wait upon God as a living

being, as the living God, who notices you, and is just longing to fill you with His salvation. Wait on God till you know you have met Him."

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Wearing "leaves only" like Adam and Eve is a picture of our lives not bearing any fruit. Nathanael, under the fig tree, speaks of our life that is unfruitful. Sometimes we believe we are bearing fruit, but in fact, we are not. We still need to surrender to Jesus, as He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. A life apart from Him is a cursed life, like the fig tree that produces little or no fruit without the Lord.

A life apart from Him is a cursed life, and there can be NO FRUIT!

It would mean we need a deeper conviction that God must and will do all. It would require a more humble and abiding entrance into our deep helplessness, and the need for entire and unceasing dependence upon Him. We need a living consciousness that the essential thing is to give God His place of honour and power. Living an independent life is very dangerous. It takes man into the captivity of dead works of self-righteousness, with no fruit to show. Let us exchange our self-righteous efforts for total dependency on God to bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit.

Much Fruit

God ordained us not only to bear fruit but more fruit and much fruit. Only when we bear much fruit can the Father be glorified and we be considered HIS DISCIPLES!

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8 KJV

John 15 starts with the phrase, ***I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman***. This means that God will watch over the connection between Christ and the branches. It is by the power of God through Christ that we can bear fruit.

We missed the revelation that only Christ would be to blame when there is no fruit. We think we can fix everything with our self-righteous fig-leaf deeds while hiding under the fig tree.

When sicknesses and diseases manifest, they are proof of broken fellowship with Christ, as we are not at ease because the Prince of Peace is absent in our lives. But when the Prince of Peace returns, our fellowship will be restored, we will be at ease, and all diseases will disappear. Heavenly grapes of the Heavenly Vine can only be produced when the child of God bears them out of inner fellowship with Christ. Except we are filled with the sap of the Heavenly Vine and with the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus, we cannot bear many real heavenly grapes. “Ye are the branches.” We cannot bear heavenly fruit unless we are in close connection with Jesus Christ.

“Stand in close connection with the heavenly Vine and say: ‘Lord Jesus, nothing less than the sap that flows through You, nothing less than the Spirit of Your divine life is what we ask. Lord Jesus, I pray, let Your Spirit flow through me in all my work for You.’ I tell you again that the sap of the heavenly Vine is nothing but the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life of the

heavenly Vine. What you must get from Christ is nothing less than a strong inflow of the Holy Spirit. You need it exceedingly, and you want nothing more than that."

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Close Communion

Bearing fruit can only be accomplished when we live a life of close communion with Christ. It is a 24/7 uninterrupted communion with Him by abiding in communion with the heavenly Vine. Many of us are so occupied with and distracted by other things during the day. Communion with the Heavenly Vine is the work of the heart and not of the human brain. It is the heart clinging to and resting in Jesus when the Holy Spirit links us to Christ Jesus. Believe today that deep down in your inner life, you can abide in Christ so that you will freely live every moment, conscious of the fact that you are in Him!

Many of us are sadly caught up in the burdens of our daily lives. This is a great hindrance in our Christian life. We need more quiet fellowship with God. The only way to be heavenly branches is for the branches to receive the flowing heavenly sap. The sap cannot flow unless we spend plenty of time in communion with God. Let us surrender to Him and allow the heavenly sap of the Holy Ghost to flow through us to bear fruit. All of man's work is filthy rags. Our hiding places are fig trees without fruit.

Glory to God that Jesus cursed the unfruitful fig tree and paid for unfruitfulness with His Blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. Glory to God that He paid the full price for a restored relationship of peace with Him in the Garden Tomb. When

we fully understand that “without **ME** (Christ) you can do nothing” (John 15:5), when we lay down our own self-righteousness (filthy rags) and allow Him to abide in us and we in Him, then, and **ONLY** then can we **ASK** Him anything and it shall be done!

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



A NEW COVENANT

The crucifixion of our Messiah separates the Old and the New Testaments. It is the transition from an old system to a new system.

This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me. 1 Corinthians 11:25b GNB

**THIS CUP, filled with THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB,
is a NEW COVENANT!**

The first covenant had specific rules for worship, including a sanctuary on Earth. The Outer Court of this sanctuary was where the animal sacrifices were made. The bronze basin for the washing of hands and feet was in the outer court.

Only the priests could enter the Holy Place where the Table of Shewbread, the Menorah (Lamp Stand) and the Altar of Incense were.

Behind the curtain was the innermost chamber, called the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant, covered with the Mercy Seat, was kept. On the Mercy Seat were two cherubim, angels of splendour, with outstretched wings overshadowing the throne of mercy. (All these aspects are fully discussed in the book, “The Mystery of the Tabernacle”).

The Holy Spirit uses the symbols of this pattern of worship to reveal that the perfect way of holiness had not yet been unveiled. For as long as the tabernacle stood ⁹it was an illustration that pointed to our present time of fulfilment demonstrating that offerings and animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰For this old pattern of worship was a matter of external rules and rituals concerning food and drink and ceremonial washings which was

imposed upon us until the appointed time of heart-restoration had arrived. Hebrews 9:8-10 TPT

Let this well-known truth sink deep into the mind and understanding of the believer.

*The priests on earth serve in a temple that is but a copy⁵ modeled after the heavenly sanctuary; a shadow of the reality. For when Moses began to construct the tabernacle God warned him and said, “You must precisely follow the pattern I revealed to you on Mt. Sinai.”⁶ But now Jesus the Messiah has accepted a priestly ministry which far surpasses theirs, since he is the catalyst of a **better covenant** which contains far more wonderful promises!* Hebrews 8:5-6 TPT

But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, “Look! The day will come declares the Lord, when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a new covenant.⁹ It will be an entirely different covenant than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt.” Hebrews 8:8-9 TPT

Let us not mingle the old system with the new system! In the old system, priests were appointed to serve in the holy sanctuary, the earthly Tabernacle made by man according to God's precise instructions. As these priests offered both gifts and sacrifices, the Messiah also had to bring some sacrifice.

But since he didn't qualify to be an earthly priest, and there are already priests who offer sacrifices prescribed by the law, he offered in heaven a perfect sacrifice. Hebrews 8:4 TPT

Sacrifices made by the Old Testament priests were only a shadow of something better to come. It points to the coming of the Messiah, our High Priest, not according to the Levitical priesthood, but according to the order of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek

The Jewish believers were having difficulty with Jesus being our High Priest since he was not of Aaron's lineage from the tribe of Levi. The Holy Spirit is showing us that His priesthood is not based on lineage but on the supernatural calling of God, much like Melchizedek.

Melchizedek's name means "king of righteousness." He was the King of Peace, because the name of the city he ruled as king was Salem, which means "peace." And he was also a priest of the Most High God. Now when Abraham was returning from defeating many kings in battle, Melchizedek went out to meet him and blessed him. Then Abraham took a tenth of everything he had won in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. Hebrews 7:1-2 TPT

This King of Melchizedek was a picture of the Son of God.

This Melchizedek has no father or mother, and no record of any of his ancestors. He was never born and he never died, but his life is like a picture of the Son of God, a King-Priest forever!⁴ Now let me show you proof of how great this Melchizedek is: — Even though Abraham was the most honored and favored patriarch of all God's chosen ones, he gave a tithe of the spoils of battle to Melchizedek. Hebrews 7:3-4 TPT

Paul made a point:

But Melchizedek was not Abraham's Jewish relative, and yet Abraham still paid him a tithe. - Melchizedek imparted a blessing on mighty Abraham, who had received the promises of God. ⁷And no one could deny the fact that the one who has the power to impart a blessing is superior to the one who receives it. Hebrews 7:6-7 TPT

The Levitical priests who served under the law did not have the power to bring us to perfection. God sent Christ as Priest after the likeness of Melchizedek and not after the likeness of Aaron, clearly showing that Adonai sent a new and different rank of priest, meaning a new law had to be instituted to allow it (Hebrews 7:11-12).

Even the high priests were clothed in weakness and had to present a sin offering also for themselves.

For every High Priest was chosen from among the people and appointed to represent them before God by presenting their gifts to God and offering sacrifices on their behalf. ²Since the High Priest is also one who is clothed in weakness, he humbles himself by showing compassion to those who are ignorant of God's ways and stray from them. ³And for this reason, he has to not only present the sin offerings of others, but also to bring a sin offering for himself. Hebrews 5:1-3 TPT

Christ humbled Himself to show compassion to us by making the final sin offering for humanity. He did not appoint Himself but was appointed by the Father. Today, there are too many self-appointed spiritual leaders.

A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged

and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him. John 10:11-13 MSG

But Christ said that “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself in necessary” (John 10:14 MSG). Notice that even Jesus was not self-appointed, but was called and appointed by the Father to lay down His life for His sheep, just as Jesus announced in John 10.

*And no one takes this honor upon himself by being **self-appointed**, but God is the one who calls each one, just as Aaron was called.⁵ So also, Christ was not **self-appointed** and did not glorify himself by becoming a high priest, but God called and glorified him! For the Father said to him, “You are my favored Son. Today I have fathered you.” Hebrews 5:4-5*

TPT

The Father answered His Son’s prayers not to die a premature death in Gethsemane. Jesus was very much concerned about not dying before He could be the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He prayed to be spared from death that night, to die on the cross and not prematurely in the garden (see Hebrews 5:6-7 TPT). Most expositors believe this was the “**cup**” of God’s wrath that was the sin payment. Yet, it is possible that the “**cup**” He was asking God to pass from Him was the cup of premature death, not the death on the cross. He had already sweat drops of Blood, but the prophecies had to be fulfilled of Him being pierced on a cross for our transgressions. God answered His cry so He could be our sacrifice for sin on Calvary.

Jesus did not waver in the garden. We have a brave Saviour!

But even though he was a wonderful Son, he learned to listen and obey through all his sufferings. ⁹ And after being proven perfect in this way he has now become the source of eternal salvation to all those who listen to him and obey. ¹⁰ For God has designated him as the King-Priest who is over the priestly order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 5:8-10 TPT

We have a magnificent King-Priest who ministers for us at the right hand of God. He is enthroned with honor next to the throne of the Majesty on high. ² He serves in the holy sanctuary in the true heavenly tabernacle set up by God, and not by men. Hebrews 8:1-2 TPT

The Promise

Now when Adonai made a promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater than himself, he swore an oath on his own integrity to keep the promise as sure as God exists! Hebrews 6:13 TPT

We have an unbreakable promise from our Heavenly Father, who swore by Himself to restore us to Him through His only begotten Son. Because God cannot lie, we can now hide ourselves in His faithfulness on the Mercy Seat (that is, on His lap of grace) where He, as our King-Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek, has gone in before us to prepare this way.

We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold, ²⁰ and where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:19-20 TPT

Set Aside

*The old order of priesthood has been **set aside** as weak and powerless.*

¹⁹For the law has never made anyone perfect, but in its place is a far better hope which gives us confidence to experience intimacy with God!

²⁰For the former priests took their office without an oath, ²¹but with Jesus, God affirmed his royal-priesthood with his promise, saying, The Lord has made a solemn oath and will never change his mind, “You are a King-Priest forever!” Hebrews 7:18-21 TPT

The Purpose of the Law

It was this ultimate sacrifice that fulfilled all the requirements of the old covenant, the Levitical law. Now, because of its fulfilment, an entirely different and new covenant was established.

*For if that first covenant had been faultless no one would have needed a second one to replace it. ⁸But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, “Look! The day will come, declares the Lord, when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a **new covenant**. ⁹It will be an **entirely different covenant** than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt. For they did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I rejected them, says the Lord God. Hebrews 8:7-9 TPT*

Unlike the former high priests (from the Levitical order), he is not compelled to offer daily sacrifices. They (the Levi priests) had to bring a sacrifice first for their own sins, then for the sins of the people, but he finished the sacrificial system, once and for all, when he offered Himself.

²⁸*The law appointed flawed men as high priests, but God's promise, sealed with his oath, which succeeded the law, appoints a perfect SON who is complete forever!* Hebrews 7:27-28 TPT

So, what then was the main purpose of the law, the old covenant? Despite God's grace and mercy after the fall in the Garden of Eden, sins and iniquity abounded so much on earth that Adonai had to show man heaven's standard. Consider these words that Paul wrote to Timothy.

We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended,⁹ but actually, the law was not established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous. The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are vicious and perverse, and to those who strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers,¹⁰ rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who break their oaths, and all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for.¹¹ I have been commissioned to preach the wonderful news of the glory of the exalted God. 1 Timothy 1:8-11 TPT

The Messiah was very clear that there would come a day when He would embed HIS LAWS within His people's thoughts and hearts. That day, the written Law will be fulfilled. No Old Testament saint could be converted because the Holy Spirit was not yet outpoured. Therefore, the necessity for the law to be written in stone.

For here is the covenant I will one day establish with the people of Israel: I will embed my laws within their thoughts and fasten them onto their

hearts. I will be their loyal God and they will be my loyal people.

Hebrews 8:10 TPT

The moment Yashuah ascended into the heavens, our High Priest asked the Father for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as Joel had prophesied. Since the Holy Ghost fell on the first 120 men in the upper room, He has been within us to lead us to salvation. For the first time, people could be converted. Why?

Because of the BLOOD OF THE LAMB!

“I can testify that the Word is true and deserves to be received by all, for Jesus Christ came into the world to **bring sinners back to life**—even me, the worst sinner of all! ¹⁶ Yet I was captured by **grace**, so that Jesus Christ could display through me the outpouring of his Spirit as a pattern to be seen for all **those who would believe in him for eternal life** (1 Timothy 1:15-16 TPT). His grace, His resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost bring us into the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit now lives within us, and we will know him inwardly.

The first covenant, that is the Old Covenant, disappeared because our Messiah introduced a New Covenant when He said, **“For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”** (Matthew 26:28 KJV).

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. John 6:54-56 KJV

...this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. 1 Corinthians 11:25b KJV

Since the Blood of the Messiah was the ultimate offer for the remission of sin, the old offering system ceased to exist. Now, when we drink the Blood and eat the flesh of our Messiah, the Anointed One, HE DWELLS within us and replaces the law written on stone with these laws now written in the convert's heart.

This proves that by establishing this new covenant the first is now obsolete, ready to expire, and about to disappear. Hebrews 8:13 TPT

A Fake Gospel

Paul warned us not to mingle the law with grace. When we do so, we are preaching a fake gospel.

*I am shocked by how quickly you have strayed away from the Anointed One who called you to himself by his loving mercy. I'm frankly astounded that you now embrace a distorted gospel! ⁷ That is a **fake "gospel" that is simply not true.** There is only one gospel—the gospel of the Messiah! Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you with lies. ⁸ Anyone who comes to you with a different message than the grace gospel that you have received will have the curse of God come upon them! For even if we or an angel appeared before you, to give you a different gospel than what we have already proclaimed, God's curse will be upon them. ⁹ I will make it clear: Anyone, no matter who they are, that brings you a different gospel than the grace gospel that you have received, let them be condemned and cursed! ¹⁰ I'm obviously not trying to flatter you or water down my message to be popular with men, but my supreme passion is to please God. For if all I attempt to do is please people, I would not be the true servant of the Messiah.* Galatians 1:6-10 TPT

Following false doctrines inspired by spirits of deception leads people astray and ends up in departure from “the faith” (1 Timothy 4:1).

Some believers have been led astray by teachings and speculations that emphasize nothing more than the empty words of men.

1 Timothy 1:6 TPT

Even today there are so-called experts in the law who deliberately twist scriptures, confusing the members of the body with their human reasoning mind, debates, and arguments that the law cannot be broken. Yet another group claims freedom under grace, believing that they can do whatever they want. Both extremes are right! Nowhere in scripture did Paul discredit the law. He emphasised that the law was good, sacred and perfect IF used legitimately!

They presume to be expert teachers of the law, but they don't have the slightest idea of what they're talking about and they simply love to argue! 1 Timothy 1:7 TPT

We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended. 1 Timothy 1:8 TPT

Few receive the deep revelation knowledge of what the real meaning and purpose of the law is. The law came only after Moses, therefore, from Adam up to Moses, no one was exposed to the consequences of the law. Sin increased after the fall, and Elohim had to teach the inhabitants of the earth the difference between right and wrong. During the Old Testament, people misused and misunderstood God's grace. Therefore, the law was given to expose sin.

But actually, the law was NOT established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous. The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are vicious and perverse, and to those who

strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers, ¹⁰rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who break their oaths, and all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for. ¹¹I have been commissioned to preach the wonderful news of the glory of the exalted God. 1 Timothy 1:9-11 TPT

There is only ONE TRUE GOSPEL, and that is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ who was crucified, buried, raised from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

Because of that obedience, God exalted him and multiplied his greatness! He has now been given the greatest of all names! ¹⁰The authority of the name of Jesus causes every knee to bow in reverence! Everything and everyone will one day submit to this name—in the heavenly realm, in the earthly realm, and in the demonic realm. ¹¹And every tongue will proclaim in every language: “Jesus Christ is Lord Yahweh,” bringing glory and honor to God, his Father!

Philippians 2:9-11 TPT

The ultimate goal for New Testament believers is to fulfil the commandments. When we **love** one another with a pure heart, we bear witness to the one and only Gospel of Jesus Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection!

Only through the BLOOD OF CHRIST can we declare our righteousness before our Heavenly Father! As Gentiles, we were not part of the Jewish covenants. We were lost! But now we are united with Christ into a new life!

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the

Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.¹³ Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!

Ephesians 2:11-13 TPT



THE INVITATION

The first and old covenant was a typology of the new and perfect way of holiness, not yet revealed.

With the prescribed pattern of worship the priests would routinely go in and out of the first chamber to perform their religious duties.⁷ And the high priest was permitted to enter into the Holiest Sanctuary of All only once a year and he could never enter without first offering sacrificial blood for both his own sins and for the sins of the people.⁸ Now the Holy Spirit uses the symbols of this pattern of worship to reveal that the perfect way of holiness had not yet been unveiled. For as long as the tabernacle stood⁹ it was an illustration that pointed to our present time of fulfillment, demonstrating that offerings and animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse the conscience of the worshiper.¹⁰ For this old pattern of worship was a matter of external rules and rituals concerning food and drink and ceremonial washings which was imposed upon us until the appointed time of heart-restoration had arrived. Hebrews 9:6-10 TPT

That the old system of worship and praise failed to perfectly cleanse us cannot be clearer than this. It was a temporary arrangement pointing to the coming Messiah – a shadow of a better covenant to come. Heart-restoration was not yet possible because the Holy Ghost was not yet outpoured. From the beginning, God ordained that these written laws would one day be put in the hearts of His people.

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts,

and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 KJV

It was the act on the cross that still releases the Holy Ghost to bring the sinner under the conviction of what is right and wrong.

When people who have never been exposed to the laws of Moses commit sin, they will still perish for what they do. And those who are under the law of Moses and fail to obey it are condemned by the law.

¹³*For it's not merely knowing the law that makes you right with God, but doing all that the law says that will cause God to pronounce you innocent.* ¹⁴*For example, whenever people who don't possess the law as their birthright commit sin, it still confirms that a "law" is present in their conscience. For when they instinctively do what the law requires, that becomes a "law" to govern them, even though they don't have Mosaic law.* Romans 2:12-14 TPT

This is the purpose of the Holy Ghost - a privilege the Old Testament saints did not have. But now, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we instinctively know right from wrong.

It demonstrates that the requirements of the law are woven into their hearts. They know what is right and wrong, for their conscience validates this "law" in their heart. Their thoughts correct them in one instance and commend them in another. Romans 2:15 TPT

It is the work of the Holy Ghost to draw us unto repentance so that we can acknowledge the truth, believe unto righteousness and confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour indeed. Only those who accept this invitation to believe will receive eternal life!

*So Jesus is the One who has enacted a new covenant with a new relationship with God so that those who **accept the invitation** will receive the eternal inheritance he has promised to his heirs. For he died to release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant.* Hebrews 9:15 TPT

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

By grace through faith, we are saved (Ephesians 2:8). Faith is the prerequisite to believing. The BLOOD OF CHRIST purged our conscience.

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*** Hebrews 9:14 KJV

The Blood of Christ silences the consciences that accuse us of being “**unworthy**”. We ARE worthy because of the Blood of the Lamb. We are not worthy because of what we do right in our own eyes, and we are also not unworthy because of what we do wrong.

*This was a prophetic picture of the immersion that now saves you—not a bathing of the physical body **but rather the response of a good conscience before God** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 3:21 TPT

Those who accept the invitation must release faith and believe. Believing is an act and not merely a verbal confession. Therefore, we must respond to the fact that the blood of Christ freed us from any guilt. Only then can we confess, “I am saved!”

God saw our condition and came to our rescue! Without the Blood, there could be no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). From the beginning, blood was the

substance of life. Even in the Old Testament, everything was purified by blood. By blood only can there be forgiveness.

Indeed, according to the Law almost everything is purified by blood, and sins are forgiven only if blood is poured out. Hebrews 9:22 GNB

Accept the invitation to apply the Blood through faith to live a life of abundance!

Note the amazing fact that the Blood of the Lamb was available even before the earth was formed! Glory to GOD!

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8 KJV

Through the life-giving Blood of Jesus, the Father made provision for every detail of redemption for every generation throughout history. Let us not forget that He desires for us to become His children. As His children, we can look forward to being visibly transformed into His image! This is the power of His Blood for those who accept His invitation!

Beloved, we are God's children right now; however, it is not yet apparent what we will become. But we do know that when it is finally made visible, we will be just like him, for we will see him as he truly is.

1 John 3:2 TPT

We are running a race towards the victor's crown that is awaiting us. No athlete can win while looking behind him. Likewise, Paul says to forget the past, detach yourself from it and stretch yourself out towards the future. Only after we let go of the wounds that pierced our souls will we be able to run this marathon race.

Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us.

Hebrews 12:1b TPT

Atonement

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

The Hebrew word for atonement is “**kaphar**”, and it means to cover over, to atone for sin and persons by legal rights (Strong’s H3722). That was what the blood of animals did for the Old Testament believers - it covered their sins. But when Jesus offered Himself as the sacrifice for our sins, it obliterated all sin. Unlike the former high priests, Jesus was not compelled to offer daily sacrifices. The priests had to bring sacrifices first for their own sins, then for the sins of the people, but Jesus finished the sacrificial system **once and for all** when he offered Himself (Hebrews 7:27). The phrase “once and for all” clearly shows the final removal of shakeable things, that is, the old order so that only what is unshakeable will remain (Hebrews 12:27). Christ introduced a new order the night before His crucifixion. He entered into a new covenant with us. It was the ultimate sacrifice, and there can be no other sacrifice for sin.

For if we continue to persist in deliberate sin after we have known and received the truth, there is not another sacrifice for sin to be made for us. Hebrews 10:26 TPT

Just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus’ body was torn to give us free and fresh access to Him. He welcomed us into God’s house (Hebrews 10:20-21). We can

now come close to our Heavenly Father with an open heart because our hearts have been sprinkled with the blood of Christ!

We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out! Hebrews 10:22 TPT

Judgment

For those who continually and deliberately sin after receiving the truth, there is no other sacrifice to be made (Hebrews 10:26). Those who do not accept the invitation must expect judgment.

*But this would qualify one for the certain, terrifying expectation of judgment and the raging fire ready to burn up his enemies!*²⁸ Anyone who disobeyed Moses' law died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses.²⁹ *How much more severely do you suppose a person deserves to be judged who has contempt for God's Son, and who scorns the blood of the new covenant that made him holy, and who mocks the Spirit who gives him grace?* Hebrews 10:27-29 TPT

Notice Paul's warning that we can violate the Blood of the Lamb when we add anything to the new covenant to make ourselves holy. It is by His mercy and grace that we have free access to the Father through the Blood of Christ, so let us not mock the Spirit who gave us that grace!

For we know him who said, "I have the right to take revenge and pay them back for their evil!" And also, "The Lord God will judge his own

people!" ³¹It is the most terrifying thing of all to come under the judgment of the Living God! Hebrews 10:30-31 TPT

Let us have great patience and endurance, even in times of persecution. Let our faith stand strong, and let us hold our ground! Paul was convinced that we possess a treasure growing in Heaven that could never be taken from us. (Hebrews 10:34)

For soon and very soon, "The One who is appearing will come without delay!" ³⁸And he also says, "My righteous ones will live from my faith. But if fear holds them back, my soul is not content with them!" ³⁹But we are certainly not those who are held back by fear and perish; we are among those who have faith and experience true life!

Hebrews 10:37-39 TPT

Redemption by the Blood

We were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and spot (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The Blood is to:

- Reconcile
- Cleanse
- Sanctify
- Bring union with God
- Bring victory over the enemy
- Give Life

We can merge these six blessings into one sentence:

Redemption by the Blood!

It is only when the believer understands what these blessings are and by what means they may become his, that we can experience the full power of redemption. Although we are well aware that Leviticus 17:11 states life is in the Blood, there is a deeper meaning to this verse.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

According to Leviticus 4, the life of a sheep or goat is of less value than the life of an ox. How much more valuable would the life of man be than that of many sheep or oxen! According to Leviticus 17:11, the soul dwells in the blood. No wonder God forbade Israel to drink the blood of any living creature. This is a mystery few are aware of.

The Blood of Christ has power because the eternal life of the Godhead is carried in the Blood. The soul of the holy Son of God dwells in the Blood!

The Shed Blood

In his book, “The Power of the Blood of Jesus”, Andrew Murray wrote:

“On the altar blood sacrifices of animals had to be offered on a daily basis for the atonement or covering for sin. That means the sins of the transgressor were laid upon the victim, and its death was reckoned as the death or punishment for the sins laid upon it. The blood was thus the life

given up to death for the satisfaction of the law of God, and in obedience to His command. Sin was so entirely covered and atoned for, it was no longer reckoned as that of the transgressor. He was forgiven."

Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 28). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.

We often overlook the following important fact:

Where the Blood is, God always responds with fire. One of many examples in the Bible was when Elijah faced the Baal prophets on Mount Carmel. He slaughtered oxen and put the sacrifices on the altar. The altar was sprinkled with blood. He also poured water on the altar. **God answered to the shed blood with fire.** The fire (Holy Ghost) came down and consumed everything, even though it was drenched. 1 John 5:6-8 mentions that there are three witnesses on Earth, namely the blood, the water and the spirit. Elijah supplied the blood and water, and God supplied the fire.

All the Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were only types and shadows of something better to come.

The reason the Holy Ghost could not be outpoured on people in the Old Testament is that the Blood of Christ had not yet been shed for the final remission of the sins of the world. But after the Blood and the water flowed from the side of Christ on the cross, God's fire answered the Blood of His son with fire on Pentecost, fifty days after He had ascended into Heaven. The fire of the Holy Ghost caused 120 people in the upper room in Jerusalem to testify and bear witness to this precious Blood.

**How can we as New Testament saints be silent and not bear witness to
the Blood?**

How marvellous that the act of obedience of Christ towards our Father removed sin! It opened the heaven for sinners, whom Jesus cleanses, sanctifies, and makes whole and holy so that we can enter. Only because the Messiah's Blood was shed! His Blood has such wonderful power not to be wasted, or to be taken in vain.

Faith

Now we come to the most important part. There is a significant difference between the “shed” Blood and the “sprinkled” Blood. The shed Blood on the cross points us to the blood of the animals that were sacrificed on the altar. Once a year, the Levite priests had to take blood into the Holy of Holies and apply it on the Mercy Seat with hyssop. Likewise, the Blood of Christ must be applied. Hyssop in the Old Testament referred to faith, and today we apply the Blood by declaring words of faith.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11 KJV

Faith largely depends on knowledge.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 KJV

Without hearing the Word of God, faith cannot come! The more we hear the Word of God, the more revelation knowledge we receive through the Holy Ghost. Now, if your knowledge of what the Blood can accomplish is imperfect,

your faith will expect little, and the more powerful effects of the Blood will not manifest. Many of us have only the knowledge that the Blood of Christ is for the total cancellation of our sins. But the Blood of Christ opens up an inexhaustible wealth of blessings for the believer, which we hardly experience because of a lack of knowledge. Let us dig deep and discover the ultimate meaning of cleansing through the Blood of Christ, to reveal its heavenly life-giving power to the soul. Our faith may be strengthened by realising what the Blood has already accomplished. Remember that **the Blood, the water, and the spirit bear witness** on Earth. First, we accept the invitation of the Blood of Christ. Then, through bathing (immersion), we enter into the most intimate relationship with the water, giving ourselves up to its cleansing effects.

Zechariah described the Blood as “a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness”.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zechariah 13:1 KJV

Let us bathe ourselves in this fountain with the assurance that it will manifest its blessed power in us. This requires faith!

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 KJV

When the Spirit works, the power of the Blood will manifest.

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are

one⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 1 John 5:6-8 KJV

The Blood refers to the redemption in Christ, and the water to baptism (immersion) unto repentance and the laying aside of sin. Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father to pour out His Spirit.

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. Acts 1:8 KJV

The Spirit supplies power to the water and the blood.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience.

Hebrews 9:14 KJV

It was by the eternal Spirit in our Lord that His Blood had its value and power. Take note of this very important fact that when the Blood is honoured in faith or preaching, there the Spirit works and where He works, He always leads souls to the Blood. It is difficult to comprehend that the Holy Ghost was not yet present on Earth during the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit is the witness of the Blood. Hence, the Holy Ghost could not be poured out until the Blood of our Passover Lamb was shed.

Only when we place ourselves under the guidance and teaching of the Holy Spirit is it possible for the full power of the Blood to manifest in our souls. The living bond between the Spirit and the Blood cannot be broken. John 15 clearly shows that, without Christ, fruit bearing is simply impossible.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:1-5 KJV

“Without Him, we can do nothing! We cannot even bear a single fruit! Hence, we must firmly believe that He is in us, performing His work in our hearts. We must live as those who know that the Spirit of God dwells within as a seed of life, and He will bring to perfection the hidden, powerful effects of the Blood. Let us allow Him to lead us. Through the Spirit, the Blood will cleanse, sanctify and unite us to God”.

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Need and Desire

If we want to have a deeper understanding of the Blood, there must be a deeper sense of need. The Blood was shed to take away sin and its power brought to nought the power of sin. But the divine meaning of the Blood lies way deeper.

“Should not the thought that the blood has more power than we know of, and can do for us greater things than we have yet experienced, cause our hearts to go out in strong desire? If there were more desire for deliverance from sin; for holiness and intimate friendship with a Holy God; it would be the first thing that is needful for being led further into the knowledge of what the blood can do.”

Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 39). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.

Expectation

Our desire must become an expectation. Once we discover what the Blood has accomplished, it can manifest its full power in us. When we doubt the full power of the Blood, it is unbelief and sin. This sin contributes to the violation of the Blood. Unworthiness, ignorance, unlovingness, rejection, pride, stubbornness, etc., are often present in our souls and lead to doubt. When we come into agreement with these voices, we nullify the Blood. This mindset puts Christ on the cross repeatedly. The Throne of Grace in Heaven is founded on the BLOOD! Fix the eyes of your heart on that Blood! Surrender yourself today to Elohim and the Holy Spirit. Open your whole innermost being to the power of the Blood.



THE BLOOD COVENANT

God had consecrated that His covenants and atonement for sin would be through blood. We find this principle throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. God knew man would eventually sin, yet He created man to have free choice. Man chose against God, but through His love for humanity, He knew the only way to get us back would be to redeem us through the Blood of Christ. How would He do this? By entering into a Blood Covenant with man. Our Lord is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. No man can cut a covenant with Christ. We see this clearly when sin entered the world through one man, the first Adam. Adam and Eve believed that fig tree leaves (self-righteous deeds) were the answer to their nakedness. But God forbids self-righteous deeds and shows man that nakedness can only be covered with blood.

Before God changed Abram's name to Abraham, he prepared animals to cut a covenant with YHWH. God put him to sleep with the same sleep He put Adam to sleep to create Eve. Then He cut a covenant with him.

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him. Genesis 15:12 NASB

As soon as Abraham went to sleep, YHWH came down with a smoking oven and flaming torch. Once again, the fire answered the blood.

It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. ¹⁸*On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:* ¹⁹*the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite* ²⁰*and the Hittite and the Perizzite*

and the Rephaim ²¹and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Gergashite and the Jebusite. Genesis 15:17-21 NASB

God cannot break His covenant.

Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV

Because man easily breaks covenants, God said He would cut a covenant with us and not us with Him. He will be faithful not to break it to eternity! It is His nature to be faithful and keep His promises. The Hebrew word for covenant, which means “to cut”, is “**berith**”. It refers to cutting a piece of flesh into two parts and walking between those pieces. In Greek, the word is “**diathéké**”, which refers to a will or a legal testament.

Cutting of the Flesh

This covenant that YHWH made with Abram was a foreshadowing of Jesus’ Blood Covenant that would destroy every work of the enemy, including sickness, death, disease, torment and every affliction. It involves a complete restoration to the Father. The purpose of the first Blood Covenant made with Abram was to bring restoration to everything Adam had lost in the fall.

Circumcision

Long before Adonai required circumcision, God cut a covenant with him. Abraham asked Adonai how he would know that what God said was true. Adonai told Abraham to take various animals and cut them into pieces. **This action was part of God’s covenant.**

And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he no. Genesis 15:8-10 KJV

Dividing the carcasses was required of Abraham to uphold his end of the covenant. The cutting of the flesh into two pieces is prophetically revealed in the bloody crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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After this action, Adonai came down and cut a covenant with Abraham. God said to Abraham, *“And you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations”* (Genesis 17:9). The next few verses are profound in understanding the Blood Covenant with YHWH.

He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your silver, must be circumcised. And My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ And the uncircumcised male child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant. Genesis 17:13-14 MKJV

Not only those born in Israel’s household but also those bought as slaves with silver had to be circumcised. From the beginning of the Blood Covenant, God included even those outside of the Abrahamic genealogy. It points to the Gentiles who were purchased, not by silver and gold, but by the precious Blood of Christ Jesus.

For you know what was paid to set you free from the worthless manner of life handed down by your ancestors. It was not something that can be destroyed, such as silver or gold; it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw. 1 Peter 1:18 GNB

God declared that those who were not circumcised would be cut off from His people because they broke His covenant. This was the law, and it has never since changed.

Important Note:

Let us not be confused about circumcision in the Old Testament versus in the New Testament. Circumcision is a doctrinal stone, and I will later show you the better circumcision of the New Testament. Both the Old and New Testaments require a “cutting of flesh”.

Abraham could not ignore God’s commandment and was circumcised at ninety-nine years.

Israel could not enter the Promised Land because of their unbelief, and they had to turn back into the wilderness. Only Caleb and Joshua had faith to enter Canaan. The children of Israel, however, neglected to be circumcised. As a result, all the males of Israel died after 40 years in the wilderness. God started over with a new generation and took them over the Jordan. He commanded Joshua to circumcise the males of this new generation (Joshua 5:4 MKJV).

When the Amorites and Canaanites heard that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan in front of the sons of Israel so they could pass through, their hearts melted from fear (Joshua 5:1).

At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make sharp knives for yourselves and circumcise the sons of Israel again, the second time. And Joshua made sharp knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. Joshua 5:2-3 MKJV

The message is clear! We will not enter the Promised Land unless we are circumcised. God is so serious about this principle that He sought to kill Moses because his son was not circumcised.

And it happened by the way, in the inn, that Jehovah met him (Moses) and sought to kill him. ²⁵ And Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and threw it at his feet, and said, ***Surely a bloody husband you are to me.*** ²⁶ So He let him go. Then she said, You are a bloody husband, because of the circumcision.

Exodus 4:24-26 MKJV
(emphasis is mine)

Moses might have been bedridden because of illness since Zipporah performed the circumcision and not Moses. This illness was perhaps because he disobeyed God's Blood Covenant requirements.

This insensitivity is why many of you are weak, chronically ill, and some even dying. 1 Corinthians 11:30 TPT

Why are some weak, sick, and dying a premature death? Because of the violation of God's Blood Covenant! It is interesting that Moses's Gentile wife, Zipporah, realised the cause of Moses' illness. The moment she circumcised their uncircumcised son and let the blood of the foreskin touch Moses' feet, he immediately recovered from his illness.

Let this be a serious warning to the Body of Christ not to violate the requirements of God's Blood Covenant!

Circumcision of the Heart

Jehovah requires not only physical circumcision but also circumcision of the heart. Circumcision is not only a New Testament commandment. Let us look for the proof. In Deuteronomy, Jehovah “**cut**” a second set of two stone tablets after Moses had broken the first set when he saw the people of Israel worshipping the golden calf. God commanded Moses to put the second set of tablets in the Ark of the Covenant. By this command, Jehovah was saying, “Moses, the people will never be able to obey or fulfil the requirements of the law. Do not show it to them, but cover it with the lid of the Mercy Seat within the Ark of the Covenant.

“I, your GOD, will fulfil it for you!”

Then Jehovah required that Israel keep the commandments.

And now, Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you, but to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and His statutes, which I command you today for your good? Deuteronomy 10:12-13 MKJV

In the same chapter, God spoke of heart circumcision.

Only Jehovah had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, you above all people, as it is today. ¹⁶Therefore, circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stiff-necked.

Deuteronomy 10:15-16 MKJV

Jehovah knew that the children of Israel were stubborn, stiff-necked and rebellious people. So are we! The Lord clearly showed that His Blood Covenant is circumcision of the heart, rather than that of the foreskin of man. Both are flesh - the cutting of the foreskin and the cutting of the heart.

*Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the **foreskins of your heart**, men of Judah and people of Jerusalem; lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can put it out; because of the evil of your doings.* Jeremiah 4:4 MKJV

The Blood Covenant of God is a mystery that needs to be explained.

For the mystery of righteousness is truly amazing! He was revealed as a human being, and as our great High Priest in the Spirit! Angels gazed upon him as a man and the glorious message of his kingly rulership is being preached to the nations! Many have believed in him and he has been taken back to heaven, and has ascended into the place of exalted glory in the heavenly realm. Yes, great is this mystery of righteousness!

1 Timothy 3:16 TPT

Let us search for the mysteries hidden in the scriptures!

The glory of God is to hide a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter. Proverbs 25:2 KJV

A mystery is beyond human understanding and knowledge. It must be revealed by the Holy Spirit. Mysteries are hidden from many but revealed to a select few. It baffles the unbelievers, but blesses the believers!

The Mystery of Righteousness

Abraham received only the external sign of circumcision when Jehovah cut a covenant with him. He received righteousness as a “GIFT”! No performance is needed by the receiver.

Now, think about it. Does this happiness come only to the Jews, or is it available to all who believe? Our answer is this: faith was credited to Abraham as God’s righteousness! ¹⁰How did he receive this gift of righteousness? Was he circumcised at the time God accepted him, or was he still uncircumcised? Clearly, he was an uncircumcised gentile when God said this of him! ¹¹It was later that he received the external sign of circumcision as a seal to confirm that God had already transferred his righteousness to him by faith, while he was still uncircumcised. So now this qualifies him to become the father of all who believe among the non-Jewish people. And like their “father of faith,” Abraham, God also transfers his righteousness to them by faith. ¹²Yes, Abraham is obviously the true father of faith for the Jewish people who are not only circumcised but who walk in the way of faith that our father Abraham displayed before his circumcision. Romans 4:9-12 TPT

The New Testament believer comes to salvation when he **believes** in his heart (has faith) unto **righteousness** and confesses with his mouth unto salvation (Romans 10:10). Notice the emphasis on “**faith**”. Just as Abraham had to believe (man’s part) and righteousness was transferred to him (God’s part), so do we also receive righteousness from God.

For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13 AMPC

Glory to GOD! Through our union with Christ JESUS, we can now experience the circumcision of the heart. Through baptism, we take part in His burial (see Colossians 2:11-12 TPT).

Baptism is our burial with Christ Jesus.

When we come out of the water, we participate in His resurrection.

**THIS IS THE CUTTING AWAY OF THE FLESH FOR THE NEW
TESTAMENT BELIEVER.**

This “realm of death” describes our former state, for we were held in sin’s grasp. But now, we’ve been resurrected out of that “realm of death” never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.

Colossians 2:13-14 TPT

It cannot be clearer than this! We are reconciled with Christ Jesus because the pardoning of sin took place. Pardon is not the covering of sin, but the total cancellation thereof. Jesus even deleted the stains from our souls! The fulfilment came when Jehovah told Moses to put the stones (Law) in the Ark of the Covenant and to cover it with the Mercy Seat.

So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:4 TPT

Paul, previously a Pharisee deeply rooted in the Torah, made this profound statement:

(But their thoughts were blinded; for until the present the same veil remains on the reading of the old covenant, not taken away.) But this veil has been done away in Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:14 MKJV

We are all by nature sinners, born from corruptible seed. We need an external power to change us. That power is the Holy Ghost, who constantly draws us unto salvation by grace through faith to accept Jesus Christ. This act is the mystery of righteousness or the mystery of godliness. It includes the mystery of our new birth, but at the same time, it is not limited to it.

Let us briefly look at the following three profound truths:

- The Mystery of Imputed Righteousness.
- The Mystery of Indwelling Righteousness.
- The Mystery of Completed Righteousness.

The Mystery of Imputed Righteousness

To impute is to tribute something to another. Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us. That means His godliness (His likeness) was transferred to us without us doing anything but accepting and acknowledging the complete and finished work on Calvary.

For He has made Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 MKJV

Before the law, sin could not be imputed on the human race. Sin was only revealed when the law came, and man then could know from the law that he had sinned.

For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Romans 5:13 KJV

Everyone broke the law. Man cannot fulfil the requirements of the law. Still, someone must pay for it, and therefore the Father sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to take the sin of the entire world upon Himself. He died in our place and established a New Covenant by His own precious Blood to impute His righteousness to us. This is the GREAT mystery of imputed righteousness!

The Mystery of Indwelling Righteousness

Thank God for Jesus' statement, "*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*" (John 16:7 KJV).

It was the Father's will to send us the indwelling Holy Spirit to help us. Some translations refer to our Comforter, the Holy Ghost, as the "Helper". As the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one, Christ now takes His abode in us through His Spirit.

And if Christ is in you, indeed the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ *But if the Spirit of the One who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make your mortal bodies alive by His Spirit who dwells in you.* Romans 8:10- 11 MKJV

The mystery of indwelling righteousness is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

*This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: **Christ lives in you.** This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.* Colossians 1:26-27 NLT

Because Christ lives in you, heart circumcision can now occur, as God originally intended. This is the mystery of sanctification.

The Mystery of Completed Righteousness

Notice how we now share in Christ's glory. "*Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory*" (Colossians 1:27 NLT).

The imputed and indwelling righteousness is the password to enter His glory! We limit God by our old Adam nature, the natural man. We need complete deliverance from all filthiness. Paul is very clear on this topic.

As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. Hebrews 12:1 TPT

Healing is extremely important to enable us to run the marathon race. This race is not a sprint, but a lifelong marathon. In the end, there is a victor's crown waiting for us! Wounds in the soul hinder us from running this race. Few truly understand this mystery of completed righteousness. This is our final stage of full salvation. Peter enlightened us when he wrote that we will finally reap the harvest of our faith, the salvation of our souls (1 Peter 1:9). This mystery is even

hidden within the baptism of Christ. When Jesus came to John to be baptised, John first lingered. Christ had to convince him that He had to be baptised to fulfil all righteousness.

And answering Jesus said to him, Allow it now, for it is becoming to us to fulfill all righteousness. Matthew 3:15 MKJV

We need to allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to perform heart circumcision to bring us to full salvation. That is the mystery of completed righteousness, paid in full by Christ during His water baptism. Glory to God! Let us put on Christ and immerse ourselves in Him through our baptism. Let us put on our new nature and not fulfil the lusts and desires of the old Adam nature.

Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. ²⁴ And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness. Ephesians 4:23-24 TPT

Let us rejoice and exalt Him and give Him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready (Revelation 19:8). Notice the fine linen of the Bride, which is the righteous deeds of the holy believers, as John saw in the vision on the Isle of Patmos.

Fine linen, shining bright and clear, has been given to her to wear, and the fine linen represents the righteous deeds of his holy believers.
Revelation 19:8 TPT

Now the case is closed! Romans 8:1 TPT

The King James Translation states that for those who walk not after the FLESH, but after the Spirit, those who are JOINED in life-union with Christ Jesus, the Anointed One, there remains no accusing voice of condemnation!

Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.⁶ For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace.⁷ In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot!⁸ For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh.⁹ But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him.¹⁰ Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God.¹¹ Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God's Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you! Romans 8:5-11 TPT

“Thank You for restoring us to You, Lord! We are no longer separated from You!”

Free Will

In the Book of Deuteronomy God confirms the “*free will*”, yet He kindly leads man to choose life! For those who keep YHWH’s covenant, blessings await.

Unfortunately, those who violate the Blood Covenant by not accepting the invitation open a door for the curse to enter and remain in their lives.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

“**Two**” is the number of a covenant, and it also indicates the need to make a choice. God often demonstrates His covenant with His people.

- God made a covenant with Abram by passing between the **two** pieces of flesh.
- Moses instructed the Israelites to stand on **two** mountains to pronounce blessings and curses.
- Moses carried **two** tablets down the mountain after meeting with God.
- The Red Sea parted in **two**.
- God led the Israelites by **two** pillars - the cloud by day and the fire by night.
- Jesus was crucified between **two** thieves.
- There will be **two** types of nations at the end of the age - the sheep and the goats.

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YHWH declared repeatedly that He would never leave us nor forsake us (Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5).

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. Genesis 28:15 NIV

This concept is beautifully embedded in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Our Lord is with us day and night, leading us back into our Promised Land. God provided the sign of the covenant in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. They were more than mere signs of God's faithfulness. They served as a protection for the people while they travelled through the wilderness. Likewise, He still protects us when we, too, go through the wilderness.

Notwithstanding God's promise that He would never leave or forsake Israel, they still rebelled.

For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness. Exodus 14:12b MEV

Our journey under God's covenant can sometimes appear to lead us through the wilderness, and we may cry out just like the children of Israel, fearing that He will let us die in the wilderness. But what looked like abandonment to them was God's protection.

For God said, 'The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt'. Exodus 13:17b NASB

How easily we sometimes wish to return to our old lifestyle when war lurks on the horizon. The wilderness is never the end of our journey when we are in covenant with God! At the Red Sea, Israel thought it was the end. The people told Moses to leave them alone as they wished to return to Egypt to serve them, rather than die in the wilderness (Exodus 14:12). The Lord commanded Moses to take up his staff of authority, hit the water and move forward!

Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so

that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Exodus 14:15-16 NIV

Moses encouraged the people **to stand and see their deliverance!**

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. Exodus 14:13 NIV

Likewise, the Lord commands the New Testament believer to stand his ground against the enemy, with the full armour (Ephesians 6:14-17).

Notice the similarity between “to stand” and “see your deliverance”!

The same happened with Jehoshaphat. God confirmed to him that it was not his battle, but God's! God commanded him to march down the following day and face his enemy! (2 Chronicles 20:15-16)

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. 2 Chronicles 20:17 KJV

My dear friend in Christ, hear and apply! Let this scripture deeply penetrate your understanding! Fear not, for God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. You do not need to fight this battle. Put on the full armour and face your enemy. Stand and hold your ground, and see your deliverance! Do not allow the enemy to steal your faith! Do not doubt that God made a Blood Covenant with you! He will keep it! He will deliver you!

We only need to stand under God's covenant promises, and we will be delivered as a result of His faithfulness to His Word!

Israel's passing through the Red Sea was God's Covenant with Abraham in action. When Israel passed through the sea, they were baptised unto Moses in the cloud and the sea and drank the same spiritual drink of the spiritual Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

Here we find the same pattern again. The Blood, the water and the fire (Holy Ghost) bear witness.

“Red” is a representation of the Blood, the water a representation of the water baptism and the pillar of fire represents the Holy Ghost.

This proves to Israel and us that He is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. He was honouring His own covenant for their benefit. Likewise, God is still doing for you and me. This brings us to the next very important discussion - the Old and New Covenants. Everything in the Old Testament points to New Testament promises. The Israelites' passing through the Red Sea points directly to the promises of Calvary.

“Jesus hung between two thieves on the cross – in the middle was the “Red Sea” – perfectly positioned to shed His own Blood. This “Red Sea” saves us from our enemy in much the same way the children of Israel were saved from Pharaoh’s army. In our day, the enemy chases God’s people with oppression, financial troubles, disease, and a host of other issues, but we

are offered perfect protection when we choose to walk through the “Red Sea” of Jesus’ Blood covenant with us!”

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The Old Covenant

God consecrated blood to be the requirement for the atonement for sin. Without blood, there is no remission of sin (Leviticus 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22). The covering of man’s sin is in the Old Testament blood sacrifice ceremony. When Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord (Genesis 4:2-4), the Lord did not respect his offering. On the other hand, He respected Abel’s offering (Genesis 4:4-5). Why did God accept one offering and reject the other?

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Hebrews 11:4 KJV

Abel offered a blood sacrifice to the Lord in faith. We know that “*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord*” (Romans 10:17). Hence, it is reasonable to assume that the two brothers knew the power of the blood because their parents had most probably shared with them their experience in the garden. God had given Adam and Eve a revelation of the Blood Covenant when He sacrificed animals to atone for their sin and clothed them with skins that may have been dripping with blood (Genesis 3:21). It was a sign of redemption and deliverance that was to come. Therefore, we can assume that Cain knew what was right, but he offered a gift of vegetation, which God refused. Afterwards, God asked Cain:

“Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?” Genesis 4:6-7a NIV

Cain rejected the Blood Covenant God had made with Adam and Eve. This was a crucial mistake and a violation of the blood. Just as Adam and Eve had tried to cover themselves with fig leaves (an act of their own works), so did Cain bring an offering of self-righteousness (not of blood, but of vegetation). Without a blood sacrifice, nobody can approach God. Abel approached God by following the Blood Covenant protocol. This act of obedience was pleasing and acceptable to God.

Let this example of Cain and Abel emphasise the consequences of violating the Blood Covenant of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Respecting and obeying the Covenant as Abel did, demonstrates the importance of right standing before a covenant-making, covenant-keeping God. Abel’s offering was from a heart of love and obedience.

So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.” Genesis 4:5b–7 NIV

Notice how God offered man a free choice. We can choose between right and wrong, life and death, blessing and curse. Beware! If you ignore this warning of God to choose what is right and thus be accepted, the spirit of envy will sneak in, leading to devastating results.

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Genesis 4:8 NIV

Violating the Blood Covenant of YHWH can easily lead us to kill, as Cain killed his brother out of envy because his own works were evil and those of his brother's were righteous (1 John 3:11-12). We easily defend ourselves by claiming that we would never kill anybody, but when we speak against one another in the Body of Christ, we curse each other and speak death over our fellow believers, without realising that we are violating the Blood of the Lamb and partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily.

The Way of Cain

The Cain spirit refers to doing things on your own terms and disrespecting God's requirements. The way of Cain is to treat as optional or unimportant the Blood of Salvation, the water baptism, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. It is not optional to accept the Blood and live a converted life in Christ. Neither is it optional to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues, like on the day of Pentecost.

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We must not think of the Blood, the water and the spirit as optional. All three are one and bear witness on Earth. By violating any of these three, we are walking the way of Cain. Cain mocked or disregarded the importance of the blood and God's witness of His fire. Cain was influenced by the devil to the point of murdering his brother. He rebelled against a blood offering to the Lord. The blood of his brother, Abel, cried out for vengeance and revenge!

What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. Genesis 4:10 NKJV

When we violate the Blood, we put ourselves under the vagabond curse. This means that we will always be on the run as fugitives.

So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth. Genesis 4:11–12 NKJV

The consequences of rejecting the message of the Blood are very serious. It is simply not worth taking the risk. Cain's punishment was not only for the murder of his brother. He refused God's covenant and put himself in jeopardy of becoming a hopeless wanderer and eternally lost, as we also often do.

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁸Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? Hebrews 10:28–29 KJV

Paul's warning to the New Testament believer is serious. When an Old Testament believer violated the blood of animal sacrifices, he was put to physical death, according to the law. We can conclude that when a New Testament believer violates the Blood of the Lamb, a worse punishment can be expected – not only that of physical death but also spiritual death, resulting in being eternally lost!

*And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “**forgiveness**,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “**justice**”. Hebrews 12:24 TPT*

One morning, as my wife and I read this scripture, I asked the Lord why His Blood does not also cry out for justice. He immediately answered:

“Had My Blood cried out for justice, then all of humanity would be destined for the lake of fire. But instead, I paid the price and fulfilled all the requirements of the law. Now My Blood cries out, ‘Forgiveness!’ You are forgiven and thus escape the flames of hell”.

The Promise

The Abrahamic covenant is written down in Genesis 17. God changed Abram’s name to Abraham, meaning “father of a multitude”, to remind him of God’s promise to make him the father of many nations. God promised Abraham that the covenant with him was two-fold, namely to “*multiply him exceedingly*” and also that his descendants would “*receive that land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession*”. Most importantly, this covenant would be marked by the shedding of blood.

This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹ and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Genesis 17:10–11 KJV

What was the sign of the Abrahamic covenant? **Circumcision**. Every male child was to have this rite performed when he was eight days old. As a result, he would not only enter into the covenant but take part in God's promises to Abraham. God honoured the covenant He had made with Abraham. At one hundred years of age, he and his wife, Sarah, who was then ninety years old, conceived and produced a child of promise. They named him Isaac. When the test came to offer his beloved son, Abraham had to believe that YHWH was a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. And he failed not! Abraham passed the test, but the offering of blood still had to be presented!

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:13 KJV

God saved the son of Abraham, Isaac. Yet, He did not spare His own son. How sad that we reject the precious gift of the Father – the Blood of His own Son.

The Exodus

What a joyful thought to know that it was because of this Blood Covenant with Abraham that God brought Israel out of Egypt.

So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. Exodus 2:24 NKJV

When the king of Egypt died, the children of Israel groaned because of their bondage. They cried out, and their cry came up to God (Exodus 2:23 KJV). This Blood Covenant is so important to YHWH that He did not allow Moses to deliver Israel before he too had met the requirements of the Blood Covenant.

Moses had failed to have one of his two sons circumcised, and “*it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him*” (Exodus 4:24). Zipporah, Moses’ wife, took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses’ feet. Then God let him go (Exodus 4:25-26).

God dealt more severely with the Old Testament saints than with us. Because of His mercy and grace, He now deals with the New Testament saints differently. How sad that because of this mercy and grace, we do not respect God’s commandments anymore. This is a violation of the Blood!

**Let us learn this lesson from Moses. God does not honour a man
who has broken His covenant!**

Moses was then ready to deliver God’s people. When the Angel of Death saw the blood on the doorposts of the Israelites, he passed over them, and they learned that life could be obtained only by the death of a substitute. Life was possible for them only through THE BLOOD of a life given in their place and appropriated by the sprinkling of that blood. Fifty days later, Israel reached Sinai. Moses went up the mountain and came down to nearly two million people waiting. The people said, “*All the words which the Lord has said we will do*” (Exodus 24:3). This declaration was a very important step towards a new Blood Covenant between the people and YHWH.

*And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said,
Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you
concerning all these words.* Exodus 24:8 KJV

Even the written covenant itself was consecrated.

Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,** ²⁰ Saying, *This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you* ²¹ Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.** Hebrews 9:18-22 KJV

“It was in that BLOOD the Covenant had its foundation and power. It is by THE BLOOD alone, that God and man can be brought into covenant fellowship. That which had been foreshadowed at the Gate of Eden, on Mount Ararat, on Moriah, and in Egypt was now confirmed at the foot of Sinai, in a most solemn manner. Without BLOOD there could be no access by sinful man to a Holy God.” “However there was a difference between the manner of applying the blood in all of these cases. **On Moriah** the life was **redeemed** by the shedding of the blood. **In Egypt** it was **sprinkled on the door posts** of the houses; but at **Sinai**, it was **sprinkled on the persons themselves**. The contact was closer, the application more powerful. Immediately after the establishment of the covenant the command was givers, “Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them” (Exodus 25:8). They were to enjoy the full blessedness of having the God of the Covenant abiding among them. Through His grace they may find Him, and serve Him in His house.”

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Likewise, we are now His sanctuary, and He is dwelling in us. This means, Saints, that God is transforming each one of us into the Holy of Holies.

This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. ²² This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT

It was the same Holy of Holies that the high priest, once a year, entered into to sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat - the place where YHWH dwelled. The only way to fellowship with God is through THE BLOOD! When we honour our covenant with God, God will honour us. The people were then ready to enter the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. Because of the Blood Covenant sprinkled on all the people, God fed them with manna. Their garments did not wear out, nor did their feet swell during these forty years (Deuteronomy 8:3-4).

Under the Old System

Under the old system, a blood sacrifice was the requirement, but it could only cleanse and purify outwardly. Therefore, it had to be done repeatedly.

Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities.

Hebrews 9:13 TPT

What happened at Mount Sinai was far more than just the sprinkling of blood over Israel. A marriage covenant took place.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, the same principle applies to your relationship with God. For you died to your first husband, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to “marry” another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. Romans 7:4 TPT

We can see in this passage that the Old Testament saints were married to the law. The only way to marry someone else was when one partner from the first marriage covenant died.

We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended,⁹ but actually, the law was not established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous. The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers.

1 Timothy 1:8-9a TPT

It was never God's intention to give the law to righteous people. Because sin abounded on Earth, God had to teach His people righteousness. The law exposed their sin, which would lead them to death. The law brought conviction of sin. The New Testament believer is not married to the law any longer but to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Paul strongly warned the Galatians that they were embracing a distorted gospel.

This is a fake “gospel” that is simply not true. There is only one gospel – the gospel of the Messiah! Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you. Galatians 1:7 TPT

It is impossible to mingle law with grace! We can be married to one husband only. We are either married to the law or grace, but not to both at the same

time. By doing so, we are violating the Blood of Christ. We add the law to the cross, saying that the Blood of Christ is not sufficient. This brings us to the next very important point, and that is that sin was not charged against anyone's account before the law was established.

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

Romans 5:13 NIV

Since Christ had fulfilled all the requirements of the law, when we are married to Him, we are freed from the guilt of sin, and it cannot be imputed unto us anymore. Nobody except the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies. How sad that God met only once a year with the high priest at the Mercy Seat, where the blood of animals was sprinkled. The Gentiles were foreigners and had no covenant with God. Under the Old Covenant, the law cried out for justice and there was no place for mercy. One serious example is the penalty for violating the Sabbath, in Numbers 15:32-36 NKJV. No surprise that the blood of Abel cried out for justice. There was no place for mercy or forgiveness. Therefore, under the law, we are living like slaves and cannot experience sonship.

Now we're no longer living like slaves under the law, but we enjoy being God's very own sons and daughters! And because we're his, we can access everything our Father has—for we are heirs because of what God has done! Galatians 4:7 TPT

Only Christ can set us free. But under the obligation of the law, we put ourselves under the burden of the yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1 NIV). Blood sacrifices continued for 1500 years. It continued at Sinai, in the desert, at Shiloh, and in the Temple on Mount Moriah, until our Lord came to make an end to all shadows

by bringing in the substance, and establishing a fellowship with the Holy One, in spirit and truth.

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The New Covenant

We find the opposite of the above passages in the New Covenant that Christ instituted the night before His crucifixion. When Jesus declared, *“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”* (Matthew 26:28), the scripture was fulfilled as prophesied by Jeremiah.

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.³³
“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:31-33 NASB

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was not yet outpoured because the Blood of the Lamb was not yet shed! Hence, God had to write His laws in stone. Only when the Blood of the real Lamb was shed, could the Holy Ghost witness to the Blood and now, because of the Holy Spirit living in us, His laws are within us. Glory to God!

Christ's Sacrifice Once and for All

The Old Covenant was a shadow of better things to come!

The old system of living under the law presented us with only a faint shadow, a crude outline of the reality of the wonderful blessings to come. Even with its steady stream of sacrifices offered year after year, there still was nothing that could make our hearts perfect before God.

Hebrews 10:1 TPT

No Old Testament rituals can make us perfect before God. Perfection before God can only come through the shedding of Christ's Blood.

For if animal sacrifices could once and for all eliminate sin, they would have ceased to be offered and the worshipers would have clean consciences. Instead, once was not enough so by the repetitive sacrifices year after year, the worshipers were continually reminded of their sins, with their hearts still impure.⁴ For what power does the blood of bulls and goats have to remove sin's guilt? Hebrews 10:2-4 TPT

Notice that the law and all the repetitive sacrifices in the Old Testament were a reminder of Israel's sin and could not purify their hearts! Since the fall, humanity has been guilty of sin and was born under the penalty of sin. No other blood but the Blood of Christ could fulfil these requirements.

So when Jesus the Messiah came into the world he said, "Since your ultimate desire was not another animal sacrifice, you have clothed me with a body that I might offer myself instead!⁶ Multiple burnt offerings and sin-offerings cannot satisfy your justice.⁷ So I said to you, 'God—I will be the One to go and do your will, to fulfill all that is written of me in your Word!'⁸ First he said, "Multiple burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

cannot satisfy your justice" (even though the law required them to be offered). Hebrews 10:5-8 TPT

We often miss the essence of the Word. Christ declared He would come to fulfil the written law! It is simply impossible for any human to fulfil even a "yod" (the smallest requirement) of the law. When Christ came, He abolished the animal sacrifices and replaced them with an entirely new system – the New Covenant.

And then he said, "God, I will be the One to go and do your will." So by being the sacrifice that removes sin, he abolishes animal sacrifices and replaces that entire system with the new covenant.¹⁰ By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah! Hebrews 10:9-10 TPT

In contrast with the Old Testament priests who brought the same offerings repeatedly, our High Priest, Jesus Christ, brought one supreme sacrifice to fulfil every single requirement of the law. The good news is that when Jesus cried out, "Tetelestai!", all was done! It was finished! He ascended to Heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father. He ceased from His own works! He now invites us to cease also from our own works. He does not require any ritual from us anymore. Instead, He longs for fellowship and intimacy.

Yet every day priests still serve, ritually offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sin's guilt.¹² But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn into his footstool.¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time! Hebrews 10:11-14 TPT

When Christ's Blood was shed, Paul referred to it as the fulfilment of the Scripture in Jeremiah 31.

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

The only way Old Testament saints could approach God was once a year through the high priest when he sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat. Since the crucifixion, we have a new way of approaching God.

For the Messiah did not enter into the earthly tabernacle made by men, which was but an echo of the true sanctuary, but he entered into heaven itself to appear before the face of God in our place.

Hebrews 9:24 TPT

Christ beautifully embedded the sprinkling of the blood on the Mercy Seat in prototypes – in shadows of better things to come. He fulfilled it all when He entered the Holy of Holies in the heavenly places. Now we can come closer to God and approach Him with an open heart.

We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out! Hebrews 10:22 TPT

Another Warning

For if we continue to persist in deliberate sin after we have known and received the truth, there is not another sacrifice for sin to be made for us.²⁷ But this would qualify one for the certain, terrifying expectation of judgment and the raging fire ready to burn up his enemies! ²⁸ Anyone who disobeyed Moses' law died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much more severely do you suppose a person deserves to be judged who has contempt for God's Son, and who scorns the blood of the new covenant that made him holy, and who mocks the Spirit who gives him grace? Hebrews 10:26-29 TPT

Many of us violate the Blood by scorning it. Any addition of our own works to approach God is a violation of the Blood. Our sins are forgiven, and there is nothing else we can do to please God. We do, however, need to judge our hearts and motives when participating at the Lord's Table. If we do not do so, then He will!

It is the most terrifying thing of all to come under the judgment of the Living God! Hebrews 10:31 TPT

Paul made it clear in Romans 7 that we are now released from the law. He was writing to those who understood the law. We might conclude that he was writing to the Jewish people still under the obligations of the law. Gentiles were never under those obligations!

I write to you, dear brothers and sisters, who are familiar with the law. Don't you know that when a person dies, it ends his obligation to the law? ² For example, a married couple is bound by the law to remain together until separated by death. But when one spouse dies, the other is released from the law of the marriage. ³ So then if a wife is joined to

another man while still married, she commits adultery. But if her husband dies, she is obviously free from the marriage contract and may marry another man without being charged with adultery.⁴ So, my dear brothers and sisters, the same principle applies to your relationship with God. For you died to your first husband, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to “marry” another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. ⁵ When we were merely living natural lives, the law, through defining sin, actually awakened sinful desires within us, which resulted in bearing the fruit of death. ⁶ But now that we have been fully released from the power of the law, we are dead to what once controlled us. And our lives are no longer motivated by the obsolete way of following the written code, so that now we may serve God by living in the freshness of a new life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans-7:1-6 TPT

*But now God has shown us a different way to heaven—not by “being good enough” and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us “**not guilty**”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. ²³ Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious ideal; ²⁴ yet now God declares us “**not guilty**” of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins. Romans 3:21-24 TLB*

The law reminds us of our sins. Our consciences accuse us of never being good enough. Christ put Himself on the cross in our place and fulfilled all the requirements on our behalf. Rejecting these deep Biblical truths is not only a

violation of the Blood but also a repeated crucifixion of Christ, just like the Old Testament sacrifices.

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!” Romans 8:15

TPT

This is the work of the Son, His greatest treasure and gift.

For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won’t withhold from us anything else he has to give. 33 Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them—“Not guilty!” Romans 8:32-33 TPT

The Blood of the Lamb issued a final verdict over us. We are not guilty anymore!

Why do we then still condemn ourselves and others?”

Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly condemn us since he is continually praying for our triumph? ³⁵ Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God’s Anointed One? Absolutely no one! Romans 8:34-35 TPT

This was an act of love. Do not take it lightly. Nothing can separate us any longer from our beloved Father.

There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God’s passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One! Romans 8:39 TPT

The even better news is that we as Gentiles have never been part of this covenant of Abraham. Its benefits were exclusively ordained for Israel. We were excluded from all the benefits of this covenant! Because of Christ’s crucifixion, burial and resurrection, Paul said:

*Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ! ¹⁴ Our reconciling “**Peace**” is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, he has broken down every wall of prejudice that separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ.* Ephesians 2:13-14 TPT

Through the sacred Blood of Jesus, we are now part of this covenant! We are reconciled with Christ, and heavenly **peace** is now ours!

Peace

Notice the shadow type in the Old Testament, when Israel sacrificed peace offerings in Exodus and Moses sprinkled the BLOOD!

Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read

in the hearing of the people. And they said, All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient. Exodus 24:5-7 KJV

The fulfilment of this shadow type was when Jesus shed His BLOOD on the Cross, and we were sprinkled with His BLOOD to remove our impurity. We have been freed from an accusing conscience, and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God - inside and out! Paul referred to Exodus 24 when he wrote:

*And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “**forgiveness**,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “**justice**.” Hebrews 12:24 TPT*

Peter and the other disciples experienced the outpouring of this PEACE. It was the sprinkling of the BLOOD on their hearts.

You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. The Holy Spirit has set you apart to be God’s holy ones, obedient followers of Jesus Christ who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood. May God’s delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over! 1 Peter 1:2 TPT

Peter fully understood this because Luke recorded the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary (the mother of James) saw the open tomb and reported it to the apostles (Luke 24:10).

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves, and he went away, wondering about and marveling at what had happened.
Luke 24:12 AMPC

In the next verse, two disciples were travelling to a village called Emmaus. Jesus caught up with them and accompanied them. They recognised Him only much later when He broke bread with them. They arose and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven apostles gathered together. The Emmaus disciples told them they had just broken bread with the resurrected Jesus.

Now while they were talking about this, Jesus Himself took His stand among them and said to them, “Peace (freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin) be to you!” Luke 24:36 AMPC

Peace came upon them, but also FREEDOM from the DISTRESS of SIN. “I have sprinkled My BLOOD on the MERCY SEAT IN HEAVEN. The Father accepted this final PEACE SACRIFICE, and there is now PEACE between humanity and My Father because of MY BLOOD!”

COULD THE ABSENCE OF PEACE BE BECAUSE WE VIOLATE THE BLOOD?

Grafted in

The act of Christ Jesus on the Cross, His resurrection and the sprinkling of His BLOOD on the heavenly Mercy Seat, reconciled us to Him.

And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God.
2 Corinthians 5:18 TPT

Paul explained how the Gentiles were grafted into this covenant of Israel.

So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? Certainly not! Rather, it was because of their stumble that

salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them.

Romans 11:11 TPT

The blindness of Israel is only temporary to give opportunity for the non-Jewish people to make it unto salvation.

For if their temporary rejection released the reconciling power of grace into the world, what will happen when Israel is reinstated and reconciled to God? It will unleash resurrection power throughout the whole earth! Romans 11:15 TPT

As the Gentiles are now being reconciled to God, so will Israel eventually be. This will unleash resurrection power throughout the whole earth! We are now **grafted into** the Olive Tree. Glory to God!

And now, because we are united to Christ, we both have equal and direct access in the realm of the Holy Spirit to come before the Father!

¹⁹So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the rights as family members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:18-19 TPT

We have not come to Mount Sinai as with the first marriage ceremony, but we have come to Him at Zion – the New Jerusalem in Heaven. We are family members and citizens of Heaven because of the BLOOD of Christ.

For we are not coming, as Moses did, to a physical mountain with its burning fire, thick clouds of darkness and gloom, and with a raging whirlwind. Hebrews 12:18 TPT

Now we're no longer living like slaves under the law, but we enjoy being God's very own sons and daughters! And because we're his, we can

access everything our Father has—for we are heirs of God through Jesus, the Messiah! Galatians 4:7 TPT

Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to his same Father, so he is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as his brothers and sisters! Hebrews 2:11 TPT

Sonship comes through correction and discipline, and if we do not endure discipline, we are still living as slaves under the law.

We all should welcome God's discipline as the validation of authentic sonship. For if we have never once endured his correction it only proves we are strangers and not sons. Hebrews 12:8 TPT

If you are co-crucified with the Messiah and dead to your first husband, the law, you are free to marry another! Who will your new spouse be?

For you died to your first husband, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to "marry" another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. Romans 7:4b TPT

You cannot be married to both! When you mingle law with grace, you expose yourself to a perverse and fake gospel and commit adultery. Paul received this deep revelation from the Holy Ghost while in the Arabian Desert.

No one taught me this revelation, for it was given to me directly by the unveiling of Jesus the Anointed One. ¹³By now you have heard stories of how severely I harassed and persecuted Christians and did my best to systematically destroy God's church, all because of my radical devotion to the Jewish religion. ¹⁴My zeal and passion for the doctrines of Judaism distinguished me among my people, for I was far more

advanced in my religious instruction than others my age.¹⁵ But then God called me by his grace; and in love, he chose me from my birth to be his. ¹⁶God's grace unveiled his Son in me so that I would proclaim him to the non-Jewish people of the world. After I had this encounter I kept it a secret for some time, sharing it with no one. ¹⁷And I chose not to run to Jerusalem to try to impress those who had become apostles before me. Instead, I went away into the Arabian Desert for a season until I returned to Damascus, where I had first encountered Jesus.

Galatians 1:12-17 TPT

Paul was more advanced in Jewish religious customs than any other person in his class and age. He was a Pharisee of all Pharisees. He was better educated in the Jewish Law than any other person, including us! But after he had an encounter with the Son of God, everything changed. He considered all his accomplishments as dung, a pile of manure (Philippians 3:7-11 TPT).

When we consider our self-righteous deeds as dung and manure, we experience complete oneness with Him in His resurrection. May we have that same deep desire to know Him and experience the overflowing POWER of His resurrection that now works within us.



THE BENEFITS OF THE BLOOD

Most believers are familiar with the terminology that we will discuss in this section. Unfortunately, few have received the true and deeper meaning of it. Hence, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of us to receive revelation knowledge about the benefits of the Blood of Christ for the citizens of Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, for those who are born from above. Carefully read, meditate on and study this chapter until the Holy Ghost has deeply imparted these truths within your innermost being. Only then will you reach that point where all unbelief is replaced by faith to receive these benefits.

Life is in the Blood

We have already discovered that the Lamb was slain even before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). Before man ever had breath in his body, God had determined that the life of the flesh would be in the blood (Leviticus 17:11).

Hank Kunneman remarked in his book, “The Supernatural Power of Jesus’ Blood,” that God was already living inside of Adam and breathed out of Adam’s nostrils, giving him his very first breath and causing blood to flow into every vein of his body (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word for “breathe” in this verse is “**naphach**”, which means “**to cause to breathe out**” (Strong’s #H5301). Blood carries breath (oxygen) throughout the body and sustains life. When God breathed, blood flowed into Adam’s veins and he became alive. Adam was brought into spiritual life and natural life when God breathed that day.

Acknowledgement: Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (pp. 8-9). Destiny Image, Inc. Kindle Edition.

“**Adam**” in Hebrew means “**red man**” or “**blood man**” (Strong’s #H121) and refers to him who was formed from the dust of the earth (reddish). But he was also the first man whose blood carried life throughout his body, as God had ordained that life would be in the blood. Let’s look again at our text in Leviticus 17. The blood is given to us upon the altar to make an atonement for the soul.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

The Hebrew word for “atonement” is “**kaphar**” (Strong’s #H3722). It means “to cover over, to atone for sin and persons by legal rights”. It means that humanity’s sins were covered, but that is not where it stops. How sad that when we confess with our mouths unto righteousness and believe in our hearts unto salvation (Romans 10:10), we think that is the end. As motivation, many quote 2 Corinthians 5:17, which says, “*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*”. Those who quote this scripture without receiving the full revelation of the true gospel are still in captivity because they have not yet discovered the full benefits of the Blood!

When Christ was offered as the sacrifice for our sins, His Blood did more than atone for our sins. It completely removed them! David knew this when he wrote, “*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us*” (Psalms 103:12). Satan accuses and condemns us through our consciences, reminding us of our past. If we are still living in regret over the past, we are violating the Blood of the Lamb. Now is the time to let the past go! Living in the past is to “remind” God of our sins. We bring an accusation against ourselves and come into agreement with the enemy, who is the accuser of our brethren (Revelation 12:10).

This section is to help us come free from the past by having a deeper and better understanding of the significance of the Blood.

*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye **are washed**, but ye **are sanctified**, but ye **are justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.* 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV

As the first Adam came into the world and polluted the blood of humanity with a single act of disobedience, likewise, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, came into the world with unpolluted blood to pay the penalty for man's sin.

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12 MEV

When Jesus came to be baptised by John the Baptist, he declared that Jesus was “*the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world*” (John 1:29) and “*the One who would baptize with the Holy Spirit*” (John 1:33).

The outpouring of the Blood of the Lamb had to take place before the Spirit could be bestowed.

Jesus also taught about the BLOOD. Four times He said, “*Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have NO LIFE in you*” (John 6:53) and “*He that drinketh my BLOOD hath everlasting life and My BLOOD is drink indeed. He that drinketh my BLOOD dwelleth in me and I in him*” (John 6:56). Without Blood, ETERNAL LIFE cannot be ours. The Blood has been shed, and Christ can

do nothing to make us partakers of that eternal life which He has procured for us, unless WE decide to accept the invitation to eat and drink, and believe that eternal life is indeed in the BLOOD. Before Christ completed His great work by giving His life as a ransom for many, He instituted the Holy Supper by saying, *“This cup is the New Testament in MY BLOOD that is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Drink ye all of it”* (Matthew 26:28). Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins and without remission of sins there is no life.

Those who eat and drink unworthily are violating and scorning the Blood and can easily add self-righteous deeds to the Blood in an attempt to seek eternal life.

ETERNAL LIFE IS THE FIRST BENEFIT THE BLOOD ESTABLISHED IN THE BELIEVER’S LIFE.

You will never die! You will live forever!

A Purged Conscience

Now that we know that an important benefit of the Blood is eternal life, we can move on to the second very important aspect of the Blood.

...he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh. ¹⁴ How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your

conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:12b-14 KJV

The word “**purge**” is “**katharizo**” (Strong’s #G2513) in Greek and means to cleanse (literally or figuratively), (make) clean (-se), purge, purify. When the Blood purges our conscience, it gets rid of the enemy’s lies and deception that he speaks to us through many voices.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV

Satan is the accuser of the brethren day and night (Revelation 12:10). Once we come into agreement with these voices, we violate the Blood by giving the enemy the legal right to speak even more lies and deception to us. Although every voice has meaning, Paul says:

But I am like a foreigner if I don’t understand the language, and the speaker will be like a foreigner to me. 1 Corinthians 14:11 TPT

The Blood purged our conscience and, like Paul, we need to declare that the voices are now foreign to us. We do not understand them! This principle is crucial, not only to come free but also to grow into a deeper relationship with Abba Father with a clean conscience. Once we accept that the Blood has already cleansed and purged our consciences, we have the boldness to enter the Throne room of God.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22 KJV

Naked

“So, who told you that you were naked?” Jesus asked Adam this question after they had sinned. When Elohim created Adam and Eve, they were both naked, but not ashamed (Genesis 2:25). After the fall in Genesis 3, they suddenly became aware of their nakedness and hid from God. They were afraid. They had been deceived by satan’s lies that they would surely not die, but their eyes would only be opened.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
Genesis 3:4-5 KJV

When their eyes opened, they suddenly realised they were naked, and fear entered. Self-consciousness and fear make man hide from God. It steals our intimacy with our Lord. This is satan’s plan! He does not care that we attend “church”. This is no threat to him. His primary goal is to hinder intimacy with the Father.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him. Where art thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I am naked, and I hid myself. ¹¹ And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat? Genesis 3:9-11 NKJV

Notice that God did not even mention satan. God knew they hid themselves because they had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, God asked, “Have you eaten?” The moment Adam and Eve sinned, their consciences came alive, and they were aware of their nakedness. They had

moved from God-consciousness to self-consciousness! Their act of disobedience resulted in man being sin-conscious.

Romans 10 verse 10 is our reference to make it unto salvation. In other words, we have to believe and confess. But what do we need to believe to be converted? We must believe that we have right standing before Christ, and through His Blood have been made perfectly acceptable to God. Nothing less and nothing more! This act also includes a purged conscience.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation. Romans 10:10 MKJV

The moment we bring Romans 10:10 (and 1 Peter 3:21) together, the mystery of our freedom unlocks. When this revelation is unveiled, chains will break, prison doors will open, and the full benefits of the Blood will flow through us to receive God's blessings in and over our lives.

Sin-consciousness

Do you believe lies that you are ugly, useless, unloved, abandoned, and rejected? Are you walking in FEAR? If your answer is “yes”, then you are violating the Blood of the Lamb by having a sin-conscious mind. Satan also loves to remind us that we were all once guilty of fornication, idolatry, adultery, covetousness, drunkenness and all such things, but now we are washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV). God did not give us the spirit of FEAR, but of a sound mind, (Dunamis) power, which is the resurrection power, and of love (2 Timothy 1:7)! We have to believe what God did for us on the cross. We have to fully understand all the benefits of the Blood to be set free. When sin entered

the world, our conscious minds opened up to bring us under the conviction of sin in our lives and to distinguish between right and wrong.

The knowledge of who God is has been deeply implanted within the DNA of humanity.

For God in heaven unveils his holy anger breaking forth against every form of sin, both toward ungodliness that lives in hearts and evil actions. For the wickedness of humanity deliberately smothers the truth and keeps people from acknowledging the truth about God. ¹⁹ In reality, the truth of God is known instinctively, for God has embedded this knowledge inside every human heart. Romans 1:18-19 TPT

When the Lord formed man in His image and likeness, He embedded this knowledge inside of humanity, within our DNA and heart, so that we would acknowledge the truth about Elohim. This is what scientists refer to as the VMAT2 gene. According to Wikipedia, the God gene hypothesis proposes that human spirituality is influenced by heredity and that a specific gene, called vesicular monoamine transporter 2 (VMAT2), predisposes humans towards spiritual or mystic experiences. The idea was proposed by geneticist Dean Hamer in the 2004 book, called “The God Gene: How Faith is Hardwired into our Genes”. Even scientists have proven this. The following true story confirms this. An unbeliever once looked over a city from a hill. While staring at all the city lights, he realised that someone had erected the poles and wired every light to enable them to shine at night. He looked up into the sky and realised that, similar to the streetlights, someone must have placed the stars in the sky. Someone had to “wire” each of them. “That someone must have been GOD”, he thought to himself. Right there, he gave his heart to God!

We all possess the VMAT2 gene to know the truth about Him. We simply have to acknowledge the truth, believe unto righteousness and confess unto salvation. Glory to God! One day, my family and I sat next to a river, watching red finches weaving their nests. All the nests looked the same. I asked my children if they had ever seen a bird teaching others to weave a nest. “No”, they replied. “Then how do they know how to weave it?” I answered my own question. “God embedded it into the bird’s genes!” Swallows, again, build their nests out of clay. Not a single species debates how to build a nest. They are not confused about doing it. I have never seen a finch nest mixed with clay or a swallow nest mixed with grass. Likewise, God embedded it within the human body to know the truth about Him so that no one will ever have any excuse!

Spirits of Deception

Why is it then that so many people are unaware of the truth about God? I believe Paul gave us the answer.

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils; ² **Speaking lies in hypocrisy**; having their **conscience seared with a hot iron.** 1 Timothy 4:1-2 KJV*

The detail of 1 Timothy 4:1-2 is a teaching on its own. The doctrines of devils are discussed in the book “**The Doctrine of Demons**”, available on the Berashith Ministry website to be downloaded for free (www.berashithministry.co.za). First, Paul clarified that the Holy Spirit explicitly revealed to him that in the “*latter times*” (age), some will depart from “*the faith*”. “**Latter times**” can be explained by the following example. Around September and October, people often remark that the year is at its end, although three months of the year are still left. If that

was the time frame Paul referred to, he would have used the words “last days”. “Latter times” would refer to the 31st of December, when the year is at its very end, with only 24 hours left. In the “latter times”, or “at the end of this age” (of Pentecost, or church age as many refer to it), many shall depart from “the faith”. Notice that Paul is not saying many shall depart from God, but from “the faith”. “The FAITH” is to believe the truth about God.

False Revival

There is often worldwide excitement about revivals taking place, but we must always be aware of the influence of spirits of deception, which will lead many to depart from “the faith”. This is not a God issue, but a faith issue. Many people living sinful lives still love God, and they might seek more of Him, but they have not yet come to true repentance. True repentance means to turn away from sin with a renewed mind (Romans 12:2).

Beware of these spirits of deception that will lead many into false signs and wonders and also into false praise, worship and revival. Now is the time for discernment! It is a “Trojan Horse” event! Satan and his demonic spirits of deception are currently sneaking into the churches with their doctrine of devils, seeking acceptance. In the Old Testament, God did not allow homosexuality, and the unrepentant heart will be judged by God for such a sin. Like Sodom and Gomorrah, these communities will be destroyed by fire and brimstone.

Charles Spurgeon said, “Revival begins by Christians getting right first and then spills over into the world.”

Billy Graham said, “Now when revival comes, I expect to see two things which we have not seen yet.

- First, a new sense of the holiness of God on the part of Christians; and
- Second, a new sense of the sinfulness of sin on the part of Christians.”

God is holy, and nothing unclean or unholy can approach Him.

DO NOT VIOLATE THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB!

This is where we are in the timeframe just before the Second Coming of the Messiah, as in the days of Noah and Lot’s wife. In the time of Noah, there was mixed seed on Earth. The modern media is full of the new hybrid race, the Luciferian race of half-human, half-artificial intellect (AI). Lot and his family lingered when the angel warned them to come out of Sodom and Gomorrah. The angel had to take Lot and his family by their hands to lead them out of the “LGBTQ” community. However, Lot’s wife couldn’t let go, and because she looked back, she changed into a salt pillar. Please do not be led astray by these spirits of deception. It is demons who mislead a man to believe that he is a woman, and vice versa, even though DNA and gender prove their sex. Paul then addressed speaking lies in hypocrisy. This is deep and very subtle. Hypocrisy in Greek is “*hypokrisis*” (Strong’s #G5271), and it means acting under a feigned part; that is, (figuratively) deceit (“hypocrisy”): - condemnation, dissimulation. It is the practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case (Afrikaans - “skynheilig”). Now, Paul is saying that such people are speaking “*white lies*”. They take the truth and twist it by not telling the whole truth so that they can appear better. This is hypocrisy.

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. 1 Timothy 4:2 KJV

A Seared Conscience

The result is a seared conscience. It is like being burned with a hot iron repeatedly until the skin loses its sensitivity. Likewise, the conscience is seared, insensitive and without the possibility of hearing or understanding the truth any longer. Through the VMAT2 gene, such people know instinctively that it is wrong to live by the rules of the LGBTQ community, yet they embrace the lie.

This is why God lifted off his restraining hand and let them have full expression of their sinful and shameful desires. They were given over to moral depravity, dishonoring their bodies by sexual perversion among themselves—²⁵ all because they traded the truth of God for a lie. They worshiped and served the things God made rather than the God who made all things—glory and praises to him for eternity of eternities!

Amen! Romans 1:24-25 TPT

When we constantly disrespect God's grace and mercy and quench the Holy Spirit's work, God does not have a choice but to step aside so that those who choose so will believe the LIE and have pleasure in unrighteousness. This is the last stage of a seared mind when men and women ignore the natural order God had created!

For this reason God gave them over to their own disgraceful and vile passions. Enflamed with lust for one another, men and women ignored the natural order and exchanged normal sexual relations for homosexuality. Women engaged in lesbian conduct, and men committed shameful acts with men, receiving in themselves the due penalty for their deviation. Romans 1:26-27 TPT

And because they thought it was worthless to embrace the true knowledge of God, God gave them over to a worthless mind-set

(“*reprobate mind*”), to break all rules of proper conduct.

Romans 1:28 TPT

The King James Version uses the words “reprobate mind”. In Greek, it is “**adokimos**” (Strong’s #G96), and it means unapproved, that is, rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): - castaway, rejected, reprobate. It is then impossible to be converted as the mind has become worthless to accept any truth.

Their sinful lives became full of every kind of evil, wicked schemes, greed, and cruelty. Their hearts overflowed with jealous cravings, and with conflict and strife, which drove them into hateful arguments and murder. They are deceitful liars full of hostility. They are gossips³⁰ who love to spread malicious slander. With inflated egos they hurl hateful insults at God, yet they are nothing more than arrogant boasters. They are rebels against their parents and totally immoral.³¹ They are senseless, faithless, ruthless, heartless, and completely merciless.³² Although they are fully aware of God’s laws and proper order, and knowing that those who do all of these things deserve to die, yet they still go headlong into darkness, encouraging others to do the same and applauding them when they do! Romans 1:29-32 TPT

Paul could not have expressed it any clearer. In the latter times, at the end of this age (where we are now, just before the Millennium Reign), many will depart from the faith, giving head to seducing spirits and speaking lies in hypocrisy. An unrepentant heart will lead to a seared conscience. What God uses to bring humanity unto repentance, satan now hijacks for his purpose, and that is to lead you astray and eventually to death!

**A PURGED CONSCIENCE IS THE SECOND BENEFIT OF THE BLOOD
ESTABLISHED IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE.**

It is possible to live without a sin-conscious mind!

VIOLATING THE BLOOD LEADS TO A SEARED MIND.

**Instead of eternal life, eternal death is lined up for the unrepentant
heart.**

The Purpose of the Law

Although we have already addressed the purpose of the law to some extent, it is of cardinal importance to dig deeper into this. The book, "Isaac & Ishmael: Born from Free- and Slave Woman", is available on the Berashith Ministry's website for free. I fully discuss Galatians in this book to bring revelation knowledge to the reader.

Cain and Abel

Out of envy, Cain slew his brother, Abel. When God asked him where his brother was, he pretended not to know.

The LORD asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He answered, "I don't know. Am I supposed to take care of my brother?"

Genesis 4:9 GNB

Many wrongly believe that the God of the Old Testament was unmerciful. This is not true. God was and still is a merciful God. He was so merciful that He protected Cain even though he was a murderer!

And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. Genesis 4:15 KJV

This was mercy to the ultimate extent. But sin abounded and escalated because the inhabitants of the earth wrongly interpreted God's mercy and grace. They misused and scorned His mercy to live in sin. God could not impute sin on the world, because there was not yet a law to direct them. Impute means to put it on a person's account.

For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Romans 5:13 KJV

Sin was in the world before Moses gave the written law, but it was not charged against them where no law existed. Romans 5:13 TPT

Therefore, God gave Moses His laws written on stone. Why was it written on stone? Because it could not yet be written on man's heart. God had already declared through his prophet Jeremiah:

I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts.
Jeremiah 31:33 NKJV

God could not yet write it on the hearts of the Old Testament believers because the Holy Spirit lives within humanity to bring us under conviction of sin through the conscience. Only the Holy Spirit can testify of the Blood. The Blood of Christ was not yet shed, and therefore, the Spirit could not be outpoured. The prophet Joel prophesied the outpouring of the Spirit, and Peter quoted him in Acts 2 when the Spirit was outpoured on those waiting in the upper room.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28 KJV

Through the human conscience, God leads man to reach that point where he can cry out, *“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”* (Romans 7:24). Those who think they are fine are not. The more we walk the road of cleansing and sanctification, the more we realise our filthiness, to such a point that we seek a saviour. Jesus confirmed that without Him, we are nothing!

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:4 KJV

God gave Israel the law on stone. It represented a heart of stone, but God knew that when the Spirit witnessed of the Blood, He would remove the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh.

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:19 NIV

Established for the unrighteous

We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended,⁹ but actually the law was NOT established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous. The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are vicious and perverse, and to those who strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers, ¹⁰rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers,

liars, those who break their oaths, and all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for. 1 Timothy 1:8-10 TPT

Paul used very sharp words when he wrote to the Galatians.

I am shocked over how quickly you have strayed away from the Anointed One who called you to himself by his loving mercy. I'm frankly astounded that you now embrace a distorted gospel! ⁷ That is a fake "gospel" that is simply not true. There is only one gospel—the gospel of the Messiah! Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you with lies. ⁸ Anyone who comes to you with a different message than the grace gospel that you have received will have the curse of God come upon them! For even if we or an angel appeared before you, to give you a different gospel than what we have already proclaimed, God's curse will be upon them. Galatians 1:6-8 TPT

We cannot mingle the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. They are two different methods that God had laid down to approach Him. While the earth was still waiting for the Messiah to come, all the rituals in the Old Testament were symbols and shadows (prototypes) of better things coming.

Only the BLOOD of the Lamb can thoroughly cleanse our consciences.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14 KJV

Under the old agreement (the law), God commanded Moses to build Him a sanctuary (His dwelling place) and laid down specific and very precise rituals to approach Him in the Holy of Holies. But now, as New Testament believers, God

changed these rituals through the BLOOD of His Son, Jesus Christ the Anointed One. We can now come boldly to the Throne through the Blood. He paid the penalty of sin, the death sentence, so we are freed to enter.

Blood and water came out of His side when they pierced Him, and then the veil in the temple tore in two. He cried out, “Tetelestai!” (It is Finished!) Jesus then declared, “There is peace between you and my Father. I PAID THE PRICE! You are fully accepted. You are flawless, because of MY BLOOD! Come in, my Child. You have free access to Me. You can have communion and intimacy with Me!” Don’t add to what Jesus did. Change nothing. Do not go back to the old system, to the old agreement with its customs, rituals and prototypes to approach God. In so doing, we are violating His sacred and precious Blood.

He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin.¹⁶ So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy’s kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness. Hebrews 4:15-16 TPT

Now we are justified! It is as if we have never sinned. This could never be possible under the old system!

*Therefore, since we are now **justified** (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) **by Christ's blood**, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life.¹¹ Not only so, but we also*

rejoice and exultingly glory in God [in His love and perfection] through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received and enjoy [our] reconciliation. Romans 5:9-11 AMPC

Romans 5 is very clear that through the BLOOD of Christ, we are now justified and reconciled to Christ. The phrase “**while we were enemies**” means while we were under the law, so to speak.

But God’s free gift is not at all to be compared to the trespass [His grace is out of all proportion to the fall of man]. For if many died through one man’s falling away (his lapse, his offense), much more profusely did God’s grace and the free gift [that comes] through the undeserved favor of the one Man Jesus Christ abound and overflow to and for [the benefit of] many. ¹⁶ *Nor is the free gift at all to be compared to the effect of that one [man’s] sin. For the sentence [following the trespass] of one [man] brought condemnation, whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification an act of righteousness).* ¹⁷ *For if because of one man’s trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God’s] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

Romans 5:15-17 AMPC

Reconciliation means to be joined to Christ. Let us value this reconciliation, made possible only by the Blood!

Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation of our sins—all because of the cascading riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7 TPT

The total cancellation of our sins could never have taken place under the law. That is why Jesus is very clear that no one could come to the Father except through Him!

Jesus explained, “I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too. John 14:6 TPT

But then Law came in, [only] to expand and increase the trespass [making it more apparent and exciting opposition]. But where sin increased and abounded, grace (God’s unmerited favor) has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded,²¹ So that, [just] as sin has reigned in death, [so] grace (His unearned and undeserved favor) might reign also through righteousness (right standing with God) which issues in eternal life through Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) our Lord. Romans 5:20-21 AMPC

Dear believer, it is not merely about obeying the commandments.

So if you know of an opportunity to do the right thing today, yet you refrain from doing it, you’re guilty of sin. James 4:17

No Sin-Consciousness

The old system of living under the law was only a faint shadow of something better to come in the future. All the sacrifices and rituals offered year after year were still incomplete. It could not cleanse the conscience of man. The law was a reminder of their sins!

For the Messiah did not enter into the earthly tabernacle made by men, which was but an echo of the true sanctuary, but he entered into heaven itself to appear before the face of God in our place.²⁵ Under the

old system year after year the high priest entered the most holy sanctuary with blood that was not his own. But the Messiah did not need to repeatedly offer himself year after year,²⁶ for that would mean he must suffer repeatedly ever since the fall of the world. But now he has appeared at the fulfillment of the ages to abolish sin once and for all by the sacrifice of himself! Hebrews 9:24-26 TPT

Christ paid the price in full! With His own Blood, He purified us, made us completely holy for all time and purged our consciences so that we can walk and live without any sin-consciousness!

By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah!¹¹ Yet every day priests still serve, ritually offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sin's guilt.¹² But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn into his footstool.¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time!

Hebrews 10:10-14 TPT

With this once and for all sacrifice of Christ Jesus, He gave us the power to overcome sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14 KJV

The law enforced the power of sin, but the BLOOD demolished that power. It has been replaced by the power of His resurrection. In the above scriptures, we see the Blood reconciled us to Christ, and we have become one with Him. But

this is not all. The power of His resurrection working within us brings us now in complete oneness with Him!

And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and I will be one with him in his death. ¹¹Only then will I be able to experience complete oneness with him in his resurrection from the realm of death. Philippians 3:10-11 TPT

Cain demonstrated man's inability to love. Our Adam nature is to hate. No man can love his brother! But the Blood of Reconciliation brought love's full expression. We now recognise God's love for us. It drives out the fear of punishment and of the day of judgment.

By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love's perfection. ¹⁹Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.

1 John 4:17-19 TPT

Our Lowest Point

Sometimes God takes us to the lowest point to activate our senses to return to Him. We learn this lesson from the parable of the prodigal son.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have

sinned against heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. ²⁰And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Luke 15:17-20 KJV

In this scripture, there are many lessons to learn. For a Jew to feed pigs is as low as you can get. We often need to reach that low point in our lives before we come to our senses and embrace the truth.

Acknowledging the truth is the first step to recovery. “*When he came to himself*” was the moment of his truth. He recognised and acknowledged that he was perishing! This is the only way to escape the snare of the devil, as Paul explained:

*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; ²⁶And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*

2 Timothy 2:24-26 KJV

How did we end up being captive? By believing the lie! In this Ministry, we set the captives free daily by helping them to identify the lie and acknowledge the truth. Repentance is always a requirement from God. Once we are willing to reject the lie and acknowledge the truth, repentance follows. Yashuah is so easily pleased. Even the smallest sincere repentance prayer puts a smile on His face. But repentance can only take place once we decide to return to the FATHER! We have to return to our First Love (Revelation 2:4). There is no other way to escape the snare of the devil. Merely contemplating our return will not

do any good. We have to put action to the decision and return to the Father as the prodigal son did. Many do not return because of a sin-conscious mind. Instead of approaching the throne with boldness, the shame of our past withholds us. Accepting what our First Love had done for us on the cross and understanding the Father's heart will bring us to the decision to arise!

The son saw himself as a servant and not as a son anymore, but the father proved otherwise by embracing him with no reprimand. He was so happy his lost son had returned that he welcomed him back without hesitation!

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: ²³ And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:22-24 KJV

We see the same picture when Jesus tells about the one lost sheep.

There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight! ⁶ Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, 'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'"⁷ Jesus continued, "In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents,

comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away. Luke 15:4-7 TPT

My dear friend, when one lost sinner repents and comes home, there is a celebration in Heaven! Let us not forget that we are here to obey God's command, "*Go ye unto the world and preach the Gospel*". Let us labour together to bring in this end-time harvest for the Kingdom. Christ had paid for it all. He is waiting to see who will return.

From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. Luke 15:20 TPT

Let us not hesitate any longer! Let us arise and return to our heavenly Father so that a glorious celebration can take place in Heaven!

A New Heart

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

Only then will the Lord cut a New Covenant with us and put His laws in our hearts. Before, it was impossible. He had to write the law in stone.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 ESV

Paul quoted this scripture from Jeremiah when he wrote to the Hebrews.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Hebrews 8:10-12 KJV

God is merciful to the lost. At their lowest point, God declared He would remember their iniquities and sins no more.

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.
Hebrews 10:17-18 KJV

Free from a Sin-Conscious Mind

What a wonderful blessing awaits those who decide to return! If we accept the invitation made by the BLOOD, we have free access to the Holy of Holies, and God welcomes us into His heavenly family.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; Hebrews 10:19-20 KJV

Let us not violate the BLOOD by approaching God according to the old system layout in the Old Covenant! Let us not stumble over the “Stumbling Stone” - the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He is “*a Stone that will make men stumble, a Rock that will make them fall*” (Romans 9:33).

What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness [who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God] have attained it by faith [a righteousness imputed by God, based on and produced by faith],³¹ Whereas Israel, though ever in pursuit of a law [for the securing] of righteousness (right standing with God), actually did not succeed in fulfilling the Law.³² For what reason? Because [they pursued it] not through faith, relying [instead] on the merit of their works [they did not depend on faith but on what they could do]. They have stumbled over the Stumbling Stone. Romans 9:30-32 AMPC

For Christ is the end of the Law [the limit at which it ceases to be, for the Law leads up to Him who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That is, the purpose of the Law is fulfilled in Him] as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in and adheres to and relies on Him. Romans 10:4 AMPC

John wrote, “I remind you, dear children: your sins have been permanently removed because of the power of his name” (1 John 2:12 TPT). This is through faith in who Christ is and what He has done to redeem us through the Blood of His sacrifice. Let this truth deeply penetrate our innermost being! Because Christ died on the cross, our SINS have been permanently removed. We who believe have received a clean conscience to walk with no sin-consciousness.



VICTORY THROUGH THE BLOOD

On the Isle of Patmos, John specified our victory over satan's throne.

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul until death. Revelation 12:11 MKJV

From the fall in the Garden of Eden, there has been a conflict between light and darkness, good and evil, clean and unclean, and between the old serpent, the “seed of the woman”, and the seed of YHWH Elohim. For mankind, it seems that darkness overcame the light as if the unrighteous are prospering and the righteous are enslaved. Even when the Messiah was born, the old serpent tried his best to get rid of Jesus. Israel was waiting for Him to deliver them from the Roman Empire. How terrible the disappointment that the death of Jesus brought to all who had believed in Him. It seemed, indeed, as if the powers of darkness had conquered and established their kingdom forever.

But, behold! Jesus has risen from the dead! Through death, He destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. In that holy moment when He shed His Blood, it seemed as if satan was victorious, but the adversary was robbed of the authority he had possessed.

This “realm of death” describes our former state, for we were held in sin’s grasp. But now, we’ve been resurrected out of that “realm of death” never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins,

our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved!

Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.¹⁵ Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his! Colossians 2:13-15 TPT

She was pregnant and was crying out in labor pains, in the agony of giving birth. Revelation 12:2 TPT

She gave birth to a man-child who is about to rule and shepherd every nation with an iron scepter and her son was caught up to God and to his throne. Revelation 12:5 TPT

Then a terrible war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the great dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back.⁸ But the dragon did not have the power to win and they could not regain their place in heaven.⁹ So the great dragon was thrown down once and for all. He was the serpent, the ancient snake called the devil, and satan, who deceives the whole earth. He was cast down into the earth and his angels along with him. Revelation 12:7-9 TPT

Then I heard a triumphant voice in heaven proclaiming: “Now salvation and power are set in place, and the kingdom reign of our God and the ruling authority of his Anointed One are established. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who relentlessly accused them day and night before our God, has now been defeated—cast out once and for all!

Revelation 12:10 TPT

They conquered him completely through the blood of the Lamb and the powerful word of his testimony. They triumphed because they did not love and cling to their own lives, even when faced with death.

Revelation 12:11 TPT

This victory is ascribed chiefly to THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB. It was the power by which the victory was gained. As the slain Lamb, He gained that position. Satan is still trying his best to lead the church into apostasy. The message is clear, however, that Christ has already overcome the world (John 16:33). He now expects us to follow His example so that we will also overcome! His Blood has already defeated the enemy. Revelation 12:11 clearly states that we also have a part to play, and that is through the word of our testimony and that we would not love our lives to the end.

I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20 AMPC

Not Without Conflict

Since the fall of Lucifer, there has been a conflict between light and darkness. We do not know how much time has passed since he was cast onto the earth and until God restored the earth and gave permission for the light to be separated from the darkness (Genesis 1:3). In the word “**LET**” we find the mystery of creation. “**Let**” is a word of permission and not creation, which settles the whole debate on how old the earth is. This conflict that occurred long before Adam and Eve were created, continued in the Garden of Eden when satan

deceived them. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commandments, and the conflict between light and darkness has been continuing ever since. Satan is full of wrath because he has little time left. He cannot reach the glorified Jesus but seeks to reach Him by attacking His people. The battle is not ours but God's (2 Chronicles 20:15)! We are constantly being watched by this cunning enemy as he tries to bring us under his authority. He is the "god of this world" and attempts to lead the church into unfaithfulness towards the Lord. He gains entrance into our earthly engagements and businesses as we earn our daily bread. He sneaks into our politics, commercial combinations, literature, science and into our knowledge, to make all that is lawful into a tool for his devilish deceptions.

**The believer who desires to share in the victory over satan through the
Blood of the Lamb must be a fighter!**

Dismantled

Many believers do not understand the significance of what happened on the Cross. Jesus cancelled out every legal violation on our records and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased all our sins and deleted the stains on our souls. It can never be retrieved (Colossians 2:14 TPT). The following verse is profound:

Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his! Colossians 2:15 TPT

Victory is through Faith

Without faith, we can never please God. Even our salvation is obtained through faith. So is our healing. It is, therefore, no surprise that faith is also required to be an overcomer. Satan and all the principalities have been stripped of every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. As Christ overcame the world, He now commands us also to overcome.

And everything I've taught you is so that the peace which is in me will be in you and will give you great confidence as you rest in me. For in this unbelieving world you will experience trouble and sorrows, but you must be courageous, for I have conquered the world! John 16:33 TPT

Every child of God overcomes the world!

Because everyone who is born from God has overcome the world. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. 1 John 5:4 ISV

There is a prerequisite, though. To overcome, we have to be born from above as members of the new heavenly Jerusalem.

But rather, you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering,²³ And to the church (assembly) of the Firstborn who are registered [as citizens] in heaven, and to the God Who is Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous (the redeemed in heaven) who have been made perfect. Hebrews 12:22-23 AMPC

Unbelief or ignorance of the fact that we take part in the victory of Jesus gives satan authority over us, which he otherwise would not possess. We simply have to release faith like a mustard seed to acknowledge that we are one with Jesus. We have to embrace the fact that He lives in us and that He maintains us. He continues in us that victory which He gained, and satan has NO power over us!

If we were ever to meet the enemy in our weakness or try to gain victory by our own might, the strife with these satanic forces would simply be too severe for us.

But this is not what we are called to do. Jesus is the VICTOR! We need only to fill our minds with the heavenly vision of Jesus casting satan out of Heaven. With faith in His Blood, by which He conquered satan, we also are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Christ made it clear to the seven end-time churches that there are rewards for the overcomers.

- To the Church in Ephesus: The overcomer will receive access to feast on the fruit of the Tree of Life that is found in the paradise of God (Revelation 2:7 TPT).
- To the Church in Smyrna: The overcomer will not be harmed by the second death (Revelation 2:11 TPT).
- To the Church in Pergamum: The overcomer will feast on the hidden manna and will be given a shining white stone, on which would be inscribed his new name, known only to the one who receives it (Revelation 2:17 TPT).
- To the Church in Thyatira: The overcomer (of the stronghold, Jezebel) will receive authority over the nations (Revelation 2:26 TPT). The prerequisite to rule over a nation would be to overcome Jezebel.
- To the Church in Sardis: The overcomer will be dressed in a white robe, and his name will never be erased from the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5 TPT).
- To the Church in Philadelphia: The overcomer will be a pillar in the sanctuary, permanently secure, and Jesus will write His own name on him (Revelation 3:12 TPT).

- To the Church in Laodicea: The overcomer will receive the privilege of sitting with Him on His throne, just as He conquered and sat down with His Father on His throne (Revelation 3:21 TPT).

Glory to God for the overcomers! As Christ overcame, we will also overcome!

So be made strong even in your weakness by lifting up your tired hands in prayer and worship. And strengthen your weak knees,¹³ for as you keep walking forward on God's paths all your stumbling ways will be divinely healed! Hebrews 12:12-13 TPT

“Faith is not merely a thought of which I lay hold, a conviction that possesses me - it is a life. Faith brings the soul into direct contact with God, and the unseen things of heaven, but above all, with the blood of Jesus. It is impossible to believe in victory over satan by the blood without being myself brought entirely under its power. Belief in the power of the blood awakens in me a desire for an: experience of its power in myself; each experience of its power makes belief in victory more carious.”

Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (pp. 162-163). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.

Let us seek to enter into perfect reconciliation with Adonai. Constantly exercise faith in the assurance that the Blood has cleansed you from all sin. Yield yourself to be sanctified and brought nigh to Adonai through His Blood. Let it be your life-giving nourishment and power. Only then will you have an unbroken experience of victory over satan and his temptations. Let us not forget that the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the casting out of satan, were the results of the shedding of His Blood. The sprinkling of the Blood opens the way to full enjoyment of resurrection with Jesus, and of being seated with Him in the heavenly places.

A Great Multitude

What an amazing revelation that YHWH will command that the plaques be held back until His loving servants are sealed in their foreheads.

After this I looked, and behold, right in front of me I saw a vast multitude of people—an enormous multitude so huge that no one could count—made up of victorious ones from every nation, tribe, people group, and language. They were all in glistening white robes, standing before the throne and before the Lamb with palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they shouted out with a passionate voice: “Salvation belongs to our God seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”¹¹ All the angels were standing in a circle around the throne with the elders and the four living creatures, and they all fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² singing: “Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!” Revelation 7:9-12 TPT

One elder asked John, “Who are these people dressed in white robes and where do they come from?” (Revelation 7:13 GNB) John did not know, so the elder answered him, “These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the Blood of the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:14 GNB)

They were overcomers!

There is a vital connection between the sprinkling of the Blood and the joys of Heaven. A true, intimate connection with the Blood will enable the believer to share in the joy and glory of Heaven, even while still on the earth. The Blood

gives us the right to a place in Heaven, and it also makes us fit for the pleasures and joys of Heaven.

Only those who washed their robes and made them white in the BLOOD of the LAMB will find a place before the throne of God. That washing takes place during our life on Earth - not in Heaven, and also not at death, but HERE! Do not deceive yourselves by having a hope of Heaven if you have not been cleansed by the precious Blood of the Lamb. Do not dare to meet death unless Jesus has cleansed you with His Blood.

A New Song

When Moses led the people of Israel through the Red Sea, they sang a song of victory to Jehovah when they got to the other side.

Then the sons of Moses and Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and spoke, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. ²Jehovah is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will glorify Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Exodus 15:1-2 MKJV

There is a corporate group of overcomers on the sea of glass - those who overcame the beast, his image, his mark, his number and his name, and they sing the victor's song of Moses!!

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire. And those who 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. ³And they sing the

***song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,
saying, Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God
Almighty, just and true are Your ways, O King of saints.***

Revelation 15:2-3 MKJV

Who are those standing on the sea of glass? Revelation 14 indicates that they are those who have been marked in their foreheads, as described in Revelation 7.

The Lamb and the 144,000

And I looked, and lo, the Lamb stood on Mount Zion. And with Him were a hundred and forty-four thousands, having His Father's name written in their foreheads.² And I heard a voice from Heaven, like the voice of many waters and like the voice of a great thunder. And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps.³ And they sang as it were a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousands who were redeemed from the earth.⁴ These are those who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, as a firstfruit to God and to the Lamb.⁵ And in their mouth was found no guile, for they were without blemish before the throne of God. Revelation 14:1-5 MKJV

Ye who are redeemed

We can add absolutely nothing to the Blood. Those who accept, acknowledge and apply the Blood, and who wash their robes in it, will be redeemed and have access to the throne. Through His Blood, He cleanses us and invites us to drink

His Blood. It is only through the Blood that we will be fit for full fellowship with Jesus and the Father in Heaven.

The Blood prepares us for Heaven. Even while we are here on Earth, we can be heavenly-minded.

The Blood is always before the throne of grace. When we allow its power to manifest in our hearts, we will have unbroken fellowship with God and the Lamb. The Blood bestows the blessedness of Heaven in our hearts, while we are still living on Earth. It gives us a foretaste of life in eternal glory. The precious Blood connects life on Earth with life in Heaven.



HEALING FOR THE Nations

"Ask me for the Nations as your inheritance," says the Lord in Psalms 2:8. This text is often overlooked. Over the past decade, the Lord has equipped, trained and ignited this Ministry to bring healing to the Nations. This is an assignment only the Holy Spirit can accomplish, in partnership with those who are obedient to His call.

The assignment is clear. "Go and lay down a solid foundation on which I, your God, will build my Ecclesia (Government) to manage and steward my Estate and shepherd my sheep. Prepare the way for the Messiah for an everlasting and unshakable Kingdom to come on Earth. For My judgment is near when a final separation will come between the light and darkness, good and evil, clean and unclean. So, call unto me while I am still near (Isaiah 55:6), for there will come a time when you call on me, but I will not answer. You will seek me diligently, but you will not find me (Proverbs 1:28). There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42), but it will be too late."

Behold, says the Lord, for I will bring it health and cure, I will cure them, and I will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. I will cause the captivity of my people to return, and I will cleanse them from their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the Earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it (Jeremiah 33:6-9).

The river was flowing in the middle of the street of the city, and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, with its twelve kinds of ripe fruit according to each month of the year. The leaves of the Tree of Life are for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2 TPT

"This treasure in your hands will become Life and Life will become the Light in this world, once you are done with this manual," says the Lord!