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Cross

to the

Glory

Teachings on sanctification
“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who
have been sanctified” Hebrews 10:14

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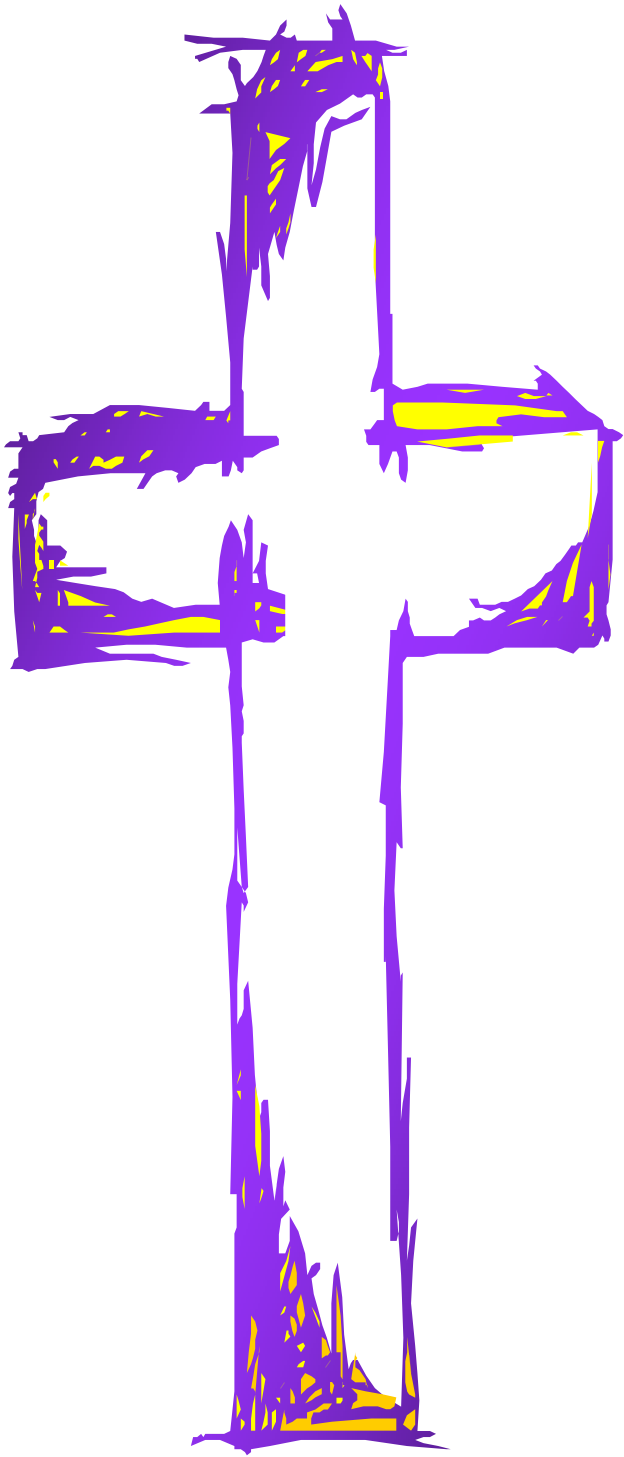
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INTRODUCTION

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FROM THE CROSS TO THE GLORY – INTRODUCTION

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

“For the preaching of the cross to them that perish is foolishness, but unto us that are saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18.

The message of the cross is the foundational and ongoing central message of the gospel and the Word of God. Through the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, we are saved from sin and through water baptism we are united with Jesus, firstly in His death and burial and secondly in His resurrection from the dead. **In water baptism we experience the cross**; before baptism we need to repent and receive Jesus; we must be *‘born again’* (Jn.3:3), but the Scripture teaches that the **entry into His church is through baptism** (Acts2:41), because in baptism we die with Christ, we are buried with Christ and we rise with Jesus Christ.

Romans 6: 4-5 *“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection”*

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS REMAINS CENTRAL

In the unfolding of the Word of God and the revelation of His prophetic purposes, the message of the cross remains central. In the three feasts of Israel, Passover, Pentecost [feast of weeks] and Tabernacles, the priests were required to offer the burnt sacrifice. The burnt offering or sacrifice is detailed in **Exodus 29:38-46**. The burnt sacrifice was a one year old lamb offered morning and evening; there was also a grain offering (flour) mixed with oil and wine [the drink offering] to be offered with the lamb. **The lamb points to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**, (John 1:29). The burnt sacrifice was a central part of each of the feasts. This teaches us that the cross remains central even as we journey on to the fulfillment of other feasts.

JESUS GAVE US COMMUNION TO KEEP THE CROSS AT THE CENTRE

On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and the wine, saying, **“This is My body and My blood”** of which we are to partake, remembering Him (Matt.26:26-28).

The message of the cross is encapsulated for us in the Communion Table. The communion table must be central, in every gathering of believers. It is one of the primary practices, that is, one the *‘first works’* (Rev 2:5) of the church of the New Testament. **Acts 2:42** *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.”* In the first church the **“breaking of bread”**, [communion in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ] was a daily practice, (1 Cor.10:16, Acts 2:46).

In **John 12:32**, Jesus said *“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.”* In **verse 33** John tells us that **Jesus is referring to the manner of His death, that is, His death on the cross.**

THE CROSS IS PREACHED THROUGH THE LORD’S TABLE

The preaching of the cross is the message of salvation, but few people realise that the preaching of the cross is clearly presented in the Communion Table. Every time we break the bread and share the cup, we are proclaiming the *‘Lord’s death until He comes’*, (1 Cor.11:26).

THE LORD'S TABLE IS EVANGELISTIC!

The Lord's Table is not meant to be some religious sacrament for the privileged few but **the celebration of the Lord's table is meant to be cutting edge evangelism; preaching the message of the cross to the lost.** Jesus Christ is to be lifted up in the communion, and He will draw the lost, as He promised.

JUSTIFICATION AT THE CROSS

At the cross we are saved. Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we are justified. The Scripture says [**Romans 4:25**] that *'He was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised for our justification'*. Therefore through faith in Jesus Christ, His atoning death and His victorious resurrection, we have peace with God and we are saved.

THE LORD'S TABLE DRAWS THE LOST

We acknowledge and know from experience that the communion table is a place of intimate fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ and the assembled saints in the sanctuary of God. The communion table was represented in the Table of Showbread in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle of Moses. We also testify that the lifting up of Jesus, the remembering of Him in the sharing of the bread and wine, is powerful to change the spiritual atmosphere of a place and arrests the attention of the people present whether they be Christians, Muslims, Buddhists or uncommitted onlookers.

The Lord's Table can be celebrated wherever two or three gather in His name and remember Him in the bread and the drink. The bread and the wine is sometimes the biscuits and the grape juice, or rice when no bread was available in a Buddhist Monastery, or coffee and hot potato chips in a roadhouse.

**Whenever and wherever believers gather to remember Jesus,
the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world,
when He died as the scapegoat upon the cross,
and to preach the redemptive power of His blood,
demons flee,
the spiritual atmosphere is changed,
peoples' attention is drawn to Jesus,
and the Holy Spirit bears witness.**

JESUS IS RECOGNISED IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD

This is a very real fulfillment of **John 12:32**. Lifting up Jesus! Remembering and drawing attention to the manner of His death, and the reason for His death. Even as the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection from the dead recognised Him in the breaking of bread, so today people are drawn to Jesus because of the revelation of Jesus in the Communion table.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT THE CROSS

The Children of Israel were saved [delivered] from being destroyed in Egypt, by the blood of the Passover Lamb on their doorposts, and the flesh of the lamb they ate to be fortified for their journey out of Egypt. **Jesus fulfilled Passover when His blood was shed upon the cross.** Our journey in God begins at the cross, even as the journey of the children of Israel began with the Passover. The cross is the beginning of our journey! The message of the cross remains central to our walk, but where are we going?

GLORIFICATION IS THE GOAL

The Bible says, *‘those whom God called, He also justified and those that He justified He also glorified’ (Romans 8:30)*. Justification actually comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He died and shed His blood to deal with our sins, He rose again to give us life. We are justified at the cross. However the Bible says we are also glorified. We need to understand glorification. That is God’s goal for us. The journey is from the cross to the glory. But how do we get there?

JESUS IS COMING BACK FOR A GLORIOUS CHURCH

Jesus is coming back for a glorious church, so glorification is our goal here on earth. God’s goal for His church is revealed for us in **Eph.5:27**. He is preparing for Himself *“a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, But that she should be holy and without blemish.”*

WHAT IS THE HOPE OF OUR CALLING?

We are called to journey to the GLORY.

Paul prays for us in **Ephesians 1:18**, that we will know the *“hope of His calling”*, which is *“Christ in us the hope of glory”* and he prays that we will know the riches of God’s glory, which is God’s inheritance in the saints. Part of the journey of sanctification is to have our eyes enlightened to know this hope of glory that Paul speaks of.

Col.1:27 *“To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

This hope is spoken of again in **Heb.6:19** *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.”* The anchor for our souls is within the glory.

1 Jn.3:3 also speaks of this hope, *“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”* The hope is that when He appears, when He comes, we will be like Him. We have this strong hope that Jesus is coming back. Because we have this hope, we purify ourselves.

WE HOPE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD TO COME

His calling is that He wants us to come unto glory. This hope is not in something that you can already see; this is hope in something eternal, (**2Cor.4:18**).

Titus 2:13 calls this hope the ‘blessed hope’, *“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.”*

AN INHERITANCE OF GLORY AND GREAT POWER

Paul also prays for us in **Eph.1:18** that we will know *“the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”* Paul is saying that God has an inheritance in us. When you die to your old life and become a born-again believer, God has received His inheritance. This is an inheritance of glory.

Paul also wants us to know *“the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe”* (v19). This is also an inheritance of power.

IT IS A JOURNEY OF SANCTIFICATION

In this manual we are exploring the doctrine of sanctification. It is through the sanctification of the Father, through the sanctification of the blood of Jesus, through the sanctification of the Word and through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, that we journey from the cross to the glory.

Hebrews 10:14 *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who; are being sanctified.”* Again the cross is central to our glorification but we only inherit the *‘perfect’* as we journey through the realities of sanctification. As we live by the sound doctrine of the Word of God, experiencing the sanctifying power of the Blood, the Word and the Holy Spirit, we will grow unto maturity and begin to shine like the **“SON”**. If we have a vision for the glory of God to be revealed, then we will boldly journey through the experiences of sanctification to reach the fulfillment of God’s precious and magnificent promises (**2Pet.1:4**).



CHAPTER 1

JUSTIFICATION

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JUSTIFICATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

My righteous Servant shall justify many

Isaiah 53:10-12 “*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor [travail] of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*”

The Scripture says that Jesus would ‘*justify*’ many.

How would He do this? By “*bearing their iniquities or sins*,” by making His soul an offering for sin.

The doctrine of justification in layman’s terms is: being made right with God; having all our sins taken away from us.

HOW IS A PERSON MADE RIGHT WITH GOD ?

Through faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; through believing the gospel message that Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose from the dead on the third day.

These verses in **Isaiah** set out for us the way Jesus brought about our justification.

v10 Jesus made His soul an offering for sin: God allowed Him to be bruised and put to grief. The result of that will be that He will see His seed and He shall prolong His days.

v11 When Jesus offered His soul as an offering for sin, **God’s justice was satisfied**, and He was able to forgive us. Jesus bore our iniquities. The basis message of justification is the message of the cross.

Paul says in **1Cor.2:2** “*For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*”

Isa.53:12 Jesus poured out His soul unto death. He was numbered with sinners.

2Cor.5:21 “*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*”

He became sin for us so that we could receive and identify with His righteousness.

JESUS THE INTERCESSOR

Jesus made intercession for the transgressors. An intercessor is one who stands in the gap.

1Tim.2:5-6 “*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*”

Jesus stood in the gap for us.

Phil.2:8 “*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*” Jesus died for us.

JUSTIFICATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Habakkuk foresaw the walk of faith that is the outworking of having been justified.

Hab.2:4 “*Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by faith.*”

Just = righteous, they shall live.

The unjust or unrighteous shall die because of lack of faith.

Justification begins with the offering of Jesus on the cross; the next step for us is **to believe**; by faith in Him we are justified and as a result of that we shall live.

Word wealth SFLB NKJV, page 1145:

Righteous, *tsaddiq*, (tsahd-deek) Strong’s #6662: One who is right, just, clear, clean, righteous; a person who is characterised by fairness, integrity, and justice in his dealings. Occurring more than 200 times, *tsaddiq* is derived from the verb *tsadaq*, “to be righteous, justified, clear.” *Tsadaq* and its derivatives convey justice and integrity in one’s lifestyle. Being righteous brings a person light and gladness. *Tsaddiq* occurs 66 times in the book of Proverbs alone.

Prov.4:18 “*But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.*” The perfect day is when Jesus appears to take us fully into His glory. We are on a path, a journey, from the cross to the glory; it begins with justification.

Prov.24:16 “*For a righteous man may fall seven times, and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.*” Though the righteous man falls, the Lord will raise him up again, because he is justified. He has put his trust in the Crucified One.

NOAH WAS A JUST MAN: HE WALKED WITH GOD

Gen.6:9 “*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*” Noah was a preacher of righteousness in his generation. God wants the last days church to be preachers of righteousness in our generation, telling people about Jesus Christ, and preparing for His coming.

What is this ‘walk with God’?

This is the process of sanctification on the journey from the cross [justification] to the glory. Noah was a man who walked with God; he was set apart for God. He was being sanctified. **Our walk with God = sanctification.** During the course of our walk with God we are made holy. When the people of Israel came to the Holy mountain on their journey to the promised land, a work of sanctification began in their lives because God revealed Himself to them as “*the LORD who sanctifies you*” **Lev.20:8**. This work actually began when the children of Israel placed the blood of the lamb on their houses – they were set apart from judgment by the blood.

ABRAHAM, A RIGHTEOUS MAN

Gen.15:1-6 speaks of God’s covenant with Abram. Abram believed what God told him,

v 6 “*And he believed in the LORD and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*”

Abraham was not justified by his works, but according to his faith in God.

Rom.4:2-3 “*For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’”* This justification by faith preceded the law. Our father Abraham,

according to **Gen.15:6** believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. In **Rom.4** Paul shows us that the heritage of faith as the basis for righteousness, rather than the law, is the heritage we have from Abraham.

JUSTIFICATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

BY BELIEVING IN HIM

Rom.4:23-25 Paul is speaking of the righteousness that had been accounted to Abraham, “*Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It [righteousness] shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised up because of our justification.*”

All who believe can be accounted as righteous even as Abraham was.

What do we believe? “*Believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.*”

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

Rom.5:1 “*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

We are justified by faith, this gives us peace with God.

JUSTIFICATION LEADS TO RECONCILIATION

v2-5 refer to our ‘walk’ and so relate to the process of sanctification and will be looked at more fully in that chapter of the manual.

v6-8 While we were still sinners, God demonstrated His love for us by allowing Christ to die for us.

v9-11 We who deserved to die because of our sin have been justified by His blood.

We were God’s enemies but we have been reconciled to God through the death of Jesus. We are no longer His enemies; we have become His friends.

Justification brings about reconciliation.

LIFE INSTEAD OF DEATH

v12-17 Sin entered the world through Adam, and all were condemned to death. But thanks be to God, Jesus came to save us from sin and its consequences. Instead of death we have life. “*For the judgement which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification,*”[v16].

Justification brought about an exchange; life for death.

v18 “*Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.*”

NOT BY WORKS

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

We are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, not by the works of the law!

Rom.3:20 “*Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*”

A GIFT OF HIS GRACE

Rom.3:23 tell us that “*all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,*” but we are “*being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*” v.24. Our **justification is a gift freely given to us by His grace!**

GOD IS JUST AND HAS BECOME OUR JUSTIFIER

Veses 25 & 26 go on to say that God set forth Christ Jesus *“as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

THE CONCLUSION OF PAUL’S TEACHING

Rom.3:28 *“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.”*

WALKING IN EVER-INCREASING FAITH

Rom.1:16-17 *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes for the Jew first and also the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

CONDEMNATION - TO THE ONE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE

John 3:36 *“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”*

The opposite of justification is condemnation. If you are walking in condemnation the wrath of God is upon you.

CONDEMNATION - TO THE ONE WHO DRAWS BACK

Heb.10:37-38 *“For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”*

The key to pleasing God is to believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant of **Isaiah 53**.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

AT THE CROSS:

We are saved, justified at the cross. The journey begins at the cross. When Paul the apostle was first in Corinth, he preached the cross, *“Christ and Him crucified.”* Many people were saved because the Holy Spirit confirmed the message of the cross with signs following. But Paul does not leave the believers in Corinth at the cross. He says *“there is a deeper wisdom which we speak among the mature”* (1Cor.2:6); there is more!

There is somewhere to go, some greater maturity to grow into.

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS:

The Corinthians were saved through the preaching of the cross; the message of justification was preached. But Paul went on to teach them many things from the Word of God so that they would grow. In 2Cor.3:18, Paul reveals to the Corinthians that the goal is to *“behold the Lord, and in beholding to be changed [transformed, transfigured] from glory to glory!”*

Paul tells the Romans that we are called by God into His purposes. *“Them that He called He also justified and them that He justified, He also glorified.”* The purpose of God is to glorify them that He calls. The end of our journey is to be glorified!



CHAPTER 2

SANCTIFICATION

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Romans 8:29-30 *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”*

GOD’S GOAL FOR US

God’s goal is for us to become more like Jesus, taking on the new man or woman that is created in the image and likeness of God. Corporately God’s goal is for the church to grow into perfection to *“the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”*(Eph.4:13). Some see the preaching of the Gospel as God’s goal. Worldwide evangelisation is clearly commanded in **Mark 16:15-16**. However the great commission in Matthew commands us to make disciples, *“teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* **Matt.28:20**.

The purpose of God is two fold:

preaching the gospel to every soul, as a witness to every nation (**Matt.24:14**);
bringing the church unto perfection (**Heb.6:1, Eph.4:11-16**).

GOD FOREKNEW US

(a) **God foreknew us** and on the basis of His foreknowledge, He **predestined** us to be conformed to the image of His Son. This foreknowledge is based upon God’s knowing that at some point in our lives our response would be to accept Jesus Christ. Because He foreknew this, He determined that we would become like Jesus.

This predestination is based on God’s foreknowledge of our choice to be conformed to the image of His Son. We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

GOD CALLED US

(b) On the basis of His foreknowledge of what we would do when we heard the gospel, **God called us**. God issued the call; then He let us hear Him calling us.

GOD JUSTIFIED US

(c) Those He called, **God justified**.

Jesus was delivered up for our offenses but God justified us by raising His Son from the dead.

Romans 4:24-25 *“It (righteousness) shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”*

Romans 5:1 *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

We receive justification by faith.

GOD ALSO GLORIFIED US

(d) And whom He justified, them **He also glorified**.

This is a finished work. God’s goal is a glorified bride church. The Scripture is clear in many places that we are to go on to perfection. However the Scripture is also clear that God has

provided the means whereby we do grow into maturity. Even as we accept justification by faith – it being a finished work at Calvary – so also we are to receive glorification by faith.

**In the same way as we receive justification by faith,
we receive glorification by faith.**

WE WILL BEAR THE FAMILY LIKENESS

When we receive Jesus as Saviour [justification] and as Lord [glorification] we are born again into God's family and so we will grow up to be like our Father, that is, *“to be conformed to the image of His Son.”*

John 1:12 *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”*

ALL OF GOD'S RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

To achieve His awesome purpose of glorifying the church, God has made all His resources available to us.

The Scripture says in **Romans 8:31-38**:

V:31 that God is for us

V:32 that He will freely give us all things

V:33 that none can bring a charge against us

V:34 that we have a Great High Priest in the heavenlies

V:35-38 that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

[As we know more and more of the truth of God, the things that we sometimes allow to bring separation will not be able to bring separation.]

We see that justification and glorification are received by faith, but how do we get from justification at the Cross to glorification in the Throne Room of God.

THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION

The calling of God is for every believer and for the church to come into maturity or perfection. **This process is called sanctification.**

The meaning of 'sanctification' from Strong's Concordance, Gr.#38, means 'purification' i.e. *being set apart to be holy*.

From the Latin word 'sanctus' we have the English meaning: 'holy'.

Thus when we are sanctified, we are being made holy. We are separated from all that is unholy and set apart unto God who is holy.

We are being sanctified [set apart] to grow from being a baby Christian to a mature Christian, more and more like Jesus.

We are being set apart:

* for glorification

* to receive the glory of God

* to be fully focused on the Lord

* to be conformed to the image of His Son

HOW IS SANCTIFICATION WORKED OUT IN OUR LIVES?

It is God the Father who sanctifies us (**Jude1**). It was He who said in **Leviticus 20:7-8**, *“Consecrate [sanctify] yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you.”*

From these verses some have coined the name:

YAHWEH QADASH, the LORD who SANCTIFIES.

God is the Sanctifier! He has predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son. **Jesus Christ has become for us sanctification from God** (1Cor.1:30) The church is sanctified in Christ Jesus (1Cor.1:2). In becoming a man, Jesus subjected Himself to the process of sanctification; He was perfected through suffering (Heb.2:10-11). Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren! However this means that we will also experience suffering in this life as we are being sanctified (v.12-13).

Jesus sanctified Himself so that we could be sanctified. This meant that He separated Himself unto death on the cross for our sin, so that the truth would be restored to us (Jn.17:19). Jesus said in Acts26:18 that we Gentiles are **sanctified by faith in Him**.

God the Father and Jesus Christ work sanctification in the lives of the saints through giving to us the Holy Spirit, having cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb, sanctifying us by the truth of the Word. We are sanctified:

- (a) **Through the Blood**
- (b) **Through the Word**
- (c) **Through the Spirit**

(a) **THE BLOOD**

The blood of Jesus Christ is the cleansing agent of sanctification.

1 John 1:7 *“And the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

1 John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Hebrews 10:22 *“having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.”*

Rev. 1:5 *“To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.”*

Thus we are cleansed from all guilt, shame and condemnation.

(b) **THE WORD**

John 17:17 *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”*

Jesus Christ gave Himself for the church *“that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.”* **Ephesians 5:26**

Hebrews 10:22 *“having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”* [‘our bodies’ refers to the ‘soul body’]

When we receive the word we are cleansed.

John 15:3 *“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.”*

This refers to the ‘*rhema*’ or quickened word that we hear as we read or hear the Word, ‘*logos*’, which is the written word.

Psalms 119:11 *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”*

The word sets us apart, makes us holy and brings us into that “otherness” which is God. God is different, holy, not tainted by the world system.

God commands us to *“come out from among them and be separate.”* **2 Cor. 6:17**

(c) **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Sanctifies us Gentiles, **Rom.15:16**;

2. Makes us like Himself, **2Cor.3:18**;

3. Gives us discernment of spirits (**1Cor.12:10**) and separates us from other spirits;

4. Works in us to make us holy, **1Pet1:2**;

5. Puts the law in our minds and writes it in our hearts (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**);

6. Leads us into all truth, **Jn.16:13**.

THE NEW COVENANT

The “**new covenant**” spoken of by Jeremiah is quoted in **Hebrews 8:8-13**. These words show us that the Holy Spirit writes God’s word on our hearts and puts God’s word in our minds. The believer is conformed to the image of God’s Son through the Spirit and the word working in us. This is the work of sanctification, making us ready to receive the glorification He has already completed for us. God is sanctifying us for this purpose. We receive this glorification by faith.

JUSTIFICATION AND GLORIFICATION BY ONE SACRIFICE

Jesus died on a cross outside the camp and became a scapegoat for the sins of the whole world. **By this we are justified.** He also was the sacrificial goat whose blood was taken into the Holy of Holies **for our glorification.**

The church is not meant to remain in the ‘*outer court*’ where the cross is found. At the cross we preach the message of salvation to the world. The church is to receive the message of glorification so that the body of Christ will grow up and mature. The church will have a boldness to preach the message of the cross when we receive the glorification that Jesus has already given to us when He rose from the dead and went to the mercy seat in heaven above with His blood.

1 Corinthians 1:18 *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

THE WORK OF SANCTIFICATION

We are to allow the work of sanctification to have its perfect work in us so we will be set apart totally for God. We are set apart by the blood of Jesus; we are set by the Holy Spirit; and we are set apart by the word of God. The word of God *“is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* **Hebrews 4:11**

THE WORD AT WORK

Everything we are becomes an expression of God. As we open our mouths God will take vengeance on disobedience around us (**2Cor.10:6**). As we are sanctified entirely,

all barriers in us will be removed

all strongholds in us will be pulled down

all mindsets in us will become submitted to Jesus Christ

The mighty power of God brings vengeance on the disobedience around us. As we speak the word of God to people, God will bring conviction leading to repentance.

THE PERFECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Hebrews 10:12-14 *“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being saved.”*

Glorification comes through the cross. By one offering Jesus perfected us forever, by shedding His blood on the cross. However it was necessary for Him to rise and to take His blood into Heaven and place it on the Mercy-seat to gain our perfection.

“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, Heb.5:9.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WITNESSES TO US

Heb.10:19 *“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.”*

: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”.*

We do not hesitate but run to be saved. Now **we are to run to be perfected.**

We have no doubts about our forgiveness for sin. Therefore **we are to have no doubts about our perfection** because the same Jesus who died for our sins on the cross, died on the cross for our perfection. Hallelujah!

A GROWING KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR WALK The word washes and sanctifies us. *“Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path” (Ps.119:105).* The word is the guide by the Holy Spirit that reveals the way to the Father.

Philippians 2:6-7 says that Jesus emptied Himself of all His glory and came to earth. After He died and rose again, Jesus *“sat down at the right hand of God.”(Heb.10:12)* He returned to His heavenly home with a glorified body. He will return to this earth in all His glory and when we see Him we will be changed, receiving a glorified body also.

WE ARE BEING SANCTIFIED

The more we allow the process of sanctification through the blood, the word and the Spirit to operate in our lives, the more we are able to deal with unholy things.

We have a different expectation and appreciation

- (i) By one offering He has perfected me forever. **I am being sanctified.**
- (ii) I allow the blood of Jesus to sprinkle my heart and **cleanse me from sin.**
- (iii) **The Word works in me** on a daily basis, exposing my thoughts and intentions, sanctifying me, making me holy, making me more and more like Jesus.
- (iv) The Spirit of God – **the Holy Spirit - has a holy influence on me** and makes me more aware of the commandments of God.

“And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and these three agree as one,” 1Jn.5:8. The water is the Word!

FAITH’S CONFESSION

Hebrews 10:22 *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith”.*

We believed and received forgiveness and justification in the outer court. Jesus was crucified outside the camp.

He took his blood into the Most Holy Place (**Hebrews 9:11**), where we come boldly to receive that perfection which He has already attained for us.

By the milk of the word we know salvation.

By the meat of the word we know we are glorified, and we know that we receive that perfection through being sanctified.

THROUGH SANCTIFICATION WE GROW TO MATURITY

Hebrews 5:14 *“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”*

We are called to be mature believers, mature brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the firstborn of many brethren.



CHAPTER 3

SANCTIFIED

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CLEANSED FROM DEAD WORKS – THE SANCTIFYING POWER OF THE BLOOD

The blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who shed His blood to take away our sins, sanctifies us.

BLOOD FOR REMISSION

Hebrews 9:22 *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.”* The shedding of blood for the remission of sin is taught in the Scripture from **Genesis 3** when God slew an animal and made covering garments for Adam and Eve. Under the Law of Moses the sacrificial system is fulfilled in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The shedding of blood for remission is an age-old principle of the Word of God.

In this study we are seeking to understand how the blood sanctifies us.

[The doctrine of redemption through the blood of Christ is introduced in the study ‘*The Story of Redemption*’ in the manual ‘*The Glory of the Lord shall be Revealed*’.]

The key scripture texts on which this study is founded are from the book of Hebrews.

BLOOD CLEANSSES THE CONSCIENCE

Heb.9:13-14 *“For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

The blood cleanses our conscience from dead works, that is, it cleanses us from guilt, shame and condemnation. **Rom.1:9** Speaks of serving the living God with our spirit. We can serve God with our spirit because the blood of Christ has cleansed our conscience [a part of our human spirit] and our soul has also been cleansed from sin.

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

Our hearts have been sprinkled with the blood. Notice that under the Law, the blood was sprinkled on the sacred furnishings of the Tabernacle. **Heb.12:24** refer to *“the blood of sprinkling”*; we are baptised [washed] in water; we are baptised in the Holy Spirit; our hearts are sprinkled with the blood.

BLOOD PERFECTS

Heb.10:14 *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”*

The offering is Jesus Christ, specifically His shed blood. He perfected us forever when He ascended to His Father (**Jn.20:17**) and placed His blood on the mercy seat (**Heb.9:11-12**). We were justified at the cross! Our perfection has been guaranteed when our Lord Jesus Christ entered the glory with His blood. We are being sanctified continually as we walk with God on the journey from the cross to the glory.

THE BLOOD SANCTIFIES US CONTINUALLY

1 Jn.1:7 *“but if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

1 Jn.1:9 *“if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

We are studying the doctrine of sanctification because the Word of God teaches that the journey from the cross [justification] to the glory [perfection] is via sanctification. We are being sanctified, that is set apart by the blood of Christ.

THE FIRST SHEDDING OF BLOOD

In **Genesis 2-3** we read the story of Adam and Eve. They were created blameless and innocent and they enjoyed a wonderful relationship with God. God warned Adam and Eve that they were not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They gave in to the temptation of the devil and disobeyed God’s instructions. The result of their sin brought separation from God, the very opposite of sanctification. The only way their sin could be atoned for was through the shedding of blood.

Gen.3:21 *“Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”* God killed an animal. He had to shed blood to cover their sin. **The shedding of blood covered their sin**; then He made a covering for them from the skin. This is the **first sacrifice of blood to atone for man’s sin**.

Adam and Eve believed what God had said to them about the coming of the Saviour so they were saved by faith [they believed God]. God shed blood to take away their sin and He clothed them with righteousness. The shedding of blood sanctified them, [separated them to God].

ATONEMENT FOR SIN

The fullness of God is manifest in the pre-flood era. God left His presence in the earth; He left a way for man to come and worship. **Gen.3:24** says that at the gate of Eden there were Cherubim who guarded the way back to the tree of life. There was also a flaming sword. In the Scripture the flame often represents the Presence of God manifest through the Holy Spirit and the sword speaks of the Word of God. God gave to man a way back after He put them out of the garden.

Abel knew to bring the firstling of the flock as an acceptable sacrifice to God. Cain brought an offering of fruit, the work of his own hands. God said to Cain, *“your sacrifice is not acceptable”* (**Gen.4:5**). But He said to Abel *“your sacrifice is acceptable”* (v.4), because Abel feared God and knew that for a sacrifice to be acceptable to God there had to be the shedding of the blood of a lamb.

NOAH

Gen.6:8, Noah was a **righteous man**, *“he found grace in the eyes of the LORD”*. Grace is the gift of God that enables us to believe (**Eph.2:8**). Noah received this grace and believed God. The Bible says Noah was a righteous man, blameless before God, because Noah was a man who believed what God said to him. When Noah was building the ark, God said to Noah take into the ark two of every kind of animal and bird, but in **Gen.7:2-3** he is told to *“take seven each of the clean animals and birds of the air”*. These were for sacrifice! Noah was a righteous man and he knew the ways of God. He understood atonement, that **there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood**.

Noah obediently took the clean animals, then in **Gen.8:20**, we read what Noah did. When the flood receded and the ark had come to dry land, the first thing this righteous man did was to offer a sacrifice. This pleased God, and Noah and his family were sanctified.

Gen.8:21 *“the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, ‘I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.’”*

THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

The most common name of Jesus in the book of Revelation is the LAMB. In **John 1:29**, John cried out *“behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”*. We have been set apart to God by Jesus Christ *“washing us from our sins in His own blood”* **Rev.1:5**.

PASSOVER

Exodus 12 tells the story of the first Passover. The people of Israel were to be delivered from Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Moses told the people of God to take a lamb for a household and shed its blood to mark their doors. The angel of death was sent by God and in every house that was not marked by blood the first born child and the first born of every beast would be struck dead, but every dwelling place that was marked by blood would be passed over (**Exod.12:12-13**). **They were sanctified by the blood**, set apart from evil; set apart for God’s glory.

THE COVENANT OF LAW

Exodus24: God instituted the Old Covenant, or the Covenant of Law. Moses had already received the Law on the tablets of stone and now with the whole congregation gathered and all the elders, he read to them all the words of the Law which God had spoken. The people responded, *“all the words which the LORD has said we will do”*v.3. Then Moses built an altar on which he sprinkled blood. He also sprinkled blood on the people. Everyone was sprinkled with blood and altar was sprinkled. **The sprinkling of the blood sanctified both the people and the altar.**

As a result of the blood covenant...

v.9-11 *“Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. But on the nobles of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.”*

He did not lay His hand on them because they were covered by blood, so they were able to enter into the very presence of Almighty God and see the God of Israel Himself and they did not die; they ate and drank with Him. Because the blood covered them, the blood sanctified them; then they were able to enter the glory!

THE DAILY OFFERING

Exodus 29:38-46 sets out what the daily offerings were to be: a **lamb, whose blood was shed, and offered to God as a burnt offering; this lamb was fully consumed by fire.**

There was also a grain offering and a wine offering along with oil, morning and evening. On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took the grain offering, which was the bread and said this is *‘My Body’*. He took the wine offering and said *‘this is My Blood and I am the burnt offering, the lamb’*. Jesus fulfilled the law. We remember Him regularly by participating in

the Table of the Lord, separating ourselves unto Him. The daily offering is thus fulfilled and **regular attendance at the Lord's Table does a sanctifying work in our lives.**

SANCTIFIED BY THE OFFERING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

1. SANCTIFIED BY HIS BODY

In **Heb.10:4-10** we see that **we are made holy, that is sanctified, by the offering of Jesus Christ.** Jesus Christ came into the world to fulfill the perfect will of God, *“behold I have come – in the volume of the book it is written of Me – to do your will, Oh God”* v7. In offering Himself on the cross Jesus fulfills the Old Testament Law concerning sacrifice and burnt offerings and in fact *“He takes away the first that He may establish the second”* v9. Jesus' sacrifice was the fulfillment of the will of God. *“For it was not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin”* v4.

It is only *“through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”* v.10, that we are sanctified, that is, we are set apart so that the will of God will be done in our lives. The will of God is *“our sanctification”* (1 Thess.4:3), that is, *“how we ought to walk and please God”* (1 Thess.4:2). The book of **Romans 12:1-2** teaches that as we separate ourselves unto God through the **offering of our bodies**, made possible through the offering of Jesus' body, we are transformed through the renewing of our minds and come into the knowledge of God's will. God's will which is good, acceptable and perfect is revealed to us and we step into the fulfillment of His will – the same will that Jesus fulfilled. This is the work of sanctification brought about by Jesus offering Himself on the cross.

2. SANCTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD

Heb.10:19-25 Christ entered the Holy Place with His own blood once and for all providing redemption for our sins, and making *“a new and living way which He consecrated for us through the veil”* v20. Because of His blood in the Holy Place and because He is our *“High Priest over the house of God”* v21, we are able to walk this holy walk. We are able *“to draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith”* v22. We are able to *“hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering”* v23. We are to *“consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”* v24. We are not to forsake *“the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”* v25.

Heb.13:12 *“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”* We are sanctified by His own blood, which sets us apart, from sin unto God, enabling us to walk in the *“new and living way”*. Therefore He says, *“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”* 2Cor.6:17.

GOD WORKS IN US BECAUSE WE ARE SET APART BY THE BLOOD

Heb.13:20-21 *“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

1. Through the blood of the everlasting covenant God is working in us.
2. He will make us perfect or complete in every good work to do His will.

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

Eph.2:10 *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Jesus Christ sanctified us through the blood of the everlasting covenant to walk in the good works that God has ordained for us beforehand.

It is through the blood of the everlasting covenant that God is able to work effectively and successfully in our lives to bring His good and perfect will to pass.

GOD CHOOSES US AND HAS PROVIDED THE BLOOD TO SANCTIFY US

1Pet.1:2 *“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”* We are chosen; we are elect through the foreknowledge of God. We are chosen to become perfect in sanctification of the Spirit, making real the power of the blood to set us apart from sin

GOD IS HOLY AND EXPECTS US TO BE HOLY [SANCTIFIED ENTIRELY]

1Pet.1:15-16 *“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’”* We are called to be holy. This is possible because of the redemptive power of the blood; the sprinkling of the blood sanctifies us.

Heb.7:26 *“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens.”* Our High Priest is holy and He sanctifies us.

WASHED IN THE BLOOD TO ENTER THE GLORY AS KINGS AND PRIESTS

Rev.1:5 *“...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.”* Jesus Christ washed us from our sins in His own blood.

v.6 *“and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”* He has made us kings and priests to His God and Father. Kings bear glory. God has sanctified us by the blood so we can enter into the glory! Hallelujah! Without the blood we could not enter the glory!



CHAPTER 4

SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD

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PREPARING A GLORIOUS BRIDE – THE SANCTIFYING POWER OF THE WORD

The key verse in this study is **Ephesians 5:26**, speaking of Christ having loved the church and having given Himself for her, *“that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.”* **V25** says that *“Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her”*. This refers to His death for us; His death, that is, the shedding of His blood, has sanctified us as we shared in the previous session. But also, His death and resurrection gave Him the power to sanctify and cleanse the church with the washing of the water of the word. Without the atoning death of Jesus, the word would not be able to sanctify and cleanse us. We must be saved through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses us from all sin. Once we are saved then the word works in us to sanctify and cleanse us, bringing us into a state of glorious perfection, *“not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that we should be holy and without blemish,”* (**Eph.5:27**). God’s goal in redemptive history is a glorious bride church for His Son. God will not fail in achieving His purpose, for it has already been accomplished in Christ Jesus (**Eph.3:11**).

Jesus intends to present Himself a glorious church. This church is to be sanctified and cleansed. It is Jesus Himself who is doing this work of sanctification by the washing of the water of the word. Two things are happening: Jesus [who is the Word, **Jn.1:1**] says that His word sanctifies and it also cleanses. Just as water washes us clean in the natural, the Word of God washes and cleanses our soul body*, sanctifying the soul. The sanctification of the soul involves a change of focus from the sense realm to the spiritual realm, that is, our mind, will and emotions become focused on things above, (**Col.3:1-2**).

* [the soul body is simply understood as our mind, will and emotions; it is separate to the human spirit]

BELIEF IN THE TRUTH:

2 Thess.2:13 *“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”*

When you believe the truth and no longer believe lies you are sanctified by the word that you have believed. Jesus prays for us in **Jn.17:17** *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”* It is the truth of God’s word that sets us free from believing lies. Only the spiritually reborn person can receive the word of God because it is spiritually appraised, **1 Cor.2:14**. Jesus said *“the truth shall make you free”*, **Jn.8:32**. Believing the truth leads to freedom.

The Psalmist says *“the entrance of Thy words gives light.”* (**Ps.119:130**). When we believe the Word of God we are translated out of the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, (**Col.1:13**). This is a powerful example of sanctification: being set apart through belief in the truth.

WASHED WITH PURE WATER:

Heb.10:22 *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled [by the blood] from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

Clearly this is not referring to our natural body; it is not referring to taking a bath. The reference again is to the soul body. It is our soul body that is washed, enabling us to draw near to God and preparing us for the glory. The pure water that washes us is the word of God. The Psalmist says, *“The words of the LORD are pure words,”* (**Ps.12:6**); the words of the Lord cleanse and sanctify us within, washing our souls.

THE WORD OF GOD SEPARATES SOUL FROM SPIRIT:

Heb.4:12 *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

The first major effect of the word is that it divides between soul and spirit. This separation is a vital work of sanctification that only happens through receiving the Word of God. No other religion or philosophy, theology or theosophy teaches or knows the separation of soul from spirit, and yet this is the only way for the soul to be sanctified entirely. The Word of God brings renewal and healing to our soul, by discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart. The spiritual person discerns between spiritual thoughts and soulish thoughts. The soul needs to be restored as a fully submitted part of the spiritual man that God has created in His own image and likeness.

OUR CONFESSION IS OUR MEDITATION:

Heb.4:14 *“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.”*

Our confession is what we believe about the Word of God, and we are to meditate upon the Word of God continually. Such confession and meditation changes us, releasing prosperity and success in our walk with God.

Meditate on the Word of God

Joshua 1:7-8 *“Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”*

Ps.119:97 *“Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.”*

Ps.119:148 *“My eyes are awake through the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word.”*

When we meditate on the Word of God it gets inside of us, and does the work of washing and cleansing us.

A STUDY OF THE WORD IN PSALM 119

Ps. 119:11 *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”* Hide the word in your heart so you do not sin.

Ps.119:25 *“Revive me according to Your word.”* **Ps 119:107** *“I am afflicted very much; revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.”* The word revives us.

Ps.119:28 *“My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.”*
The word strengthens us.

Ps.119:38 *“Establish Your word to Your servant, who is devoted to fearing you.”*

The word establishes us in the Lord.

Ps.119:42 *So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word.”*
The word is a word we can trust in.

Ps.119:43 *“And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for I have hoped in Your ordinances.”* The word is a word of truth.

Ps.119:50 *“This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.”* The word comforts us, and the word brings life.

Ps.119:57-58 *“You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep Your words. I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to Your Word.”* The Lord is merciful according to His word.

Ps.119:65 *“You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord according to Your word.”* The Lord will deal well with us according to His word.

Ps.119:67 *“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.”* I was afflicted because I went astray. If I heed Your word I won’t go astray.

Ps.119:74 *Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in Your word.”* [also Ps.119:81, 114, 147]. There is hope in the word of God

Ps.119:89 *“Forever, O lord, Your word is settled in heaven.”* God’s word does not change.

Ps.119:101 *“I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word.”* The key is to keep God’s word.

Ps.119:103 *“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* The word is sweet.

JESUS IS THE WORD: HE HAS SPOKEN

Heb.1:1-2 *“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”*

Jn.1:1 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

v.14 *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus is the Word. God has spoken through His Son.

OUR MINDS ARE RENEWED THROUGH THE WORD

Rom.12:2 *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

The sanctifying work of the word renews our mind and transforms us to know the will of God.

Eph.4:23 *“be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”*

Eph.4:24 “*and that you put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness.*” Part of the new man is to have the spirit of the renewed mind.

Eph.4:21 “*if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus;*” The truth convicts us to put away the body of flesh and to put on the new mind, which is part of the new man.

2 Cor.10:5 “*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*” This means to bring every thought and every argument we have in our mind captive to the Word of God, that is, to ‘hear under’ the word of God, dealing with every thought and stronghold of our mind according to the knowledge of the word of God.

The sanctifying work of the word renews our mind, the result being that we are set apart to know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, (**Rom.12:2**).

THE WORD CLEANSSES US

John 15:3 “*You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*” Jesus said we are clean because of the Word He has spoken to us. This is the work of sanctification, that sets us apart, to abide in the vine, to be fruitful and thus to glorify God. Sanctification leads to glory; the ongoing work of sanctification is manifest by the bearing of fruit. The bearing of fruit will manifest the glory of the Father.

Jesus has no category of non-fruit bearing children; the branches that do not bear fruit are classified as dead branches; they are cut off from the vine and burned; fruit bearing branches are pruned: **this is the process of sanctification**. The *rhema* word [quickened word, the word of faith that we must obey], is the seed that bears fruit. In **Acts 18**, Paul could easily have deserted the vicinity of Corinth because of severe opposition and persecution, but the Lord spoke to him [the *rhema* word], and told him to remain in Corinth, speaking the Word of God. The Lord promised him much fruit and many were saved in that city (**Acts 18:6-11**). The word of God set Paul apart to obey God in Corinth.

THE IMPLANTED WORD

James 1:21 “*Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*”

We are to lay aside the deeds of the flesh, and receive the Word that will save our souls.

1 Thess.1:6 “*And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,*”

When you are in much affliction the Word will come to you and will save you.

1 Pet.1:22-25 “*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,* because ‘All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’ *Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*”

Our soul is purified by obeying the truth; by receiving the incorruptible word. The preached word comes inside of us and will save our soul. This is the implanted word.

1 Jn.3:3 *“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”* We purify ourselves by hearing the word and obeying it.

Eph.4:29 *“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”* If we speak the pure word of God it will edify and impart grace. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks: we are to receive the implanted word into our hearts. Then when we speak the word will come forth.

Mt.24:35 *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”* *The word of God lives and abides forever. It is to live in our hearts: Rom.10:8* **“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.”**

Col.3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* How does the word dwell richly in us? Firstly we need to have received the implanted word; secondly, by singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to the Lord.

THE WORD AT WORK

Rom.10:8-9 *“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

When we speak out the word, the word of faith that we have heard and which we have received into our hearts, we are saved. What does this mean? This is the word at work, sanctifying us, setting us apart for belief in the truth. We hear the word and that builds faith in us.

Rom.10:17 *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

Hearing the word released a miraculous healing:

Acts.14:7-10 *“And they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, ‘Stand up straight on your feet!’ And he leaped and walked.”*

1. Paul preached the word.
2. The cripple heard the word.
3. Paul saw faith come into his heart.
4. The result was a miraculous healing.

Hearing the word led to salvation:

Acts.16:14 *“Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.”*

1. Paul preached the word
2. Lydia heard the word
3. The Lord opened her heart and faith came into her.
4. She believed and was saved.

**Believing the word of God brings sanctification:
we are sanctified by believing the truth;
we are sanctified by the washing of the pure water of the word;
our soul is sanctified by being separated from our spirit by the word of God;
our mind is sanctified by renewing through the word;
we are sanctified by being cleansed as we receive the spoken word;
we are sanctified by the word implanted in us, in our hearts;
we are sanctified by the word working in us.
The sanctifying power of the word of God is preparing us for the glory!**

Jesus is preparing the church for glory. He gave Himself for us and now He is sanctifying and cleansing us, ***“with the washing of water by the word,” Eph.5:26.*** Through sanctification the church is being prepared for glory. The word of God is a powerful agent to bring about complete sanctification. Jesus prayed to the Father in **Jn.17:17**, ***“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”*** Clearly the word of God is the truth that sanctifies us.

**The word of God sanctifies us!
The word of God washes us!
The word of God cleanses us!
The word of God prepares us for the glory!**



CHAPTER 5

SANCTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT

SANCTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT **- the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit.**

The **Holy Spirit of God** is involved in **bringing us to salvation in Jesus Christ, growing us up in Christ until we are conformed to His image in full maturity** and **presenting us faultless before the presence of His glory.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT SETS US APART FOR SALVATION

2 Thess.2:13 *“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”*

How does our salvation become real? The Lord has chosen us to be saved. We cannot be saved unless the Spirit draws us. The Holy Spirit comes to set us apart for salvation. The Holy Spirit is active in the world to draw us to God. He comes to wherever there is darkness and begins to **“hover”** (Gen.1:2). The Holy Spirit brings us to Jesus!

THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES US ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

Rom.15:16 *“...that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”*

The Holy Spirit prepares us to accept God’s will into our lives, and He makes us acceptable to God. Through His indwelling the believer is sanctified, that is, made acceptable to God.

In Acts 15:8-9 Peter was testifying about what happened in the home of Cornelius, *“So God who knows the heart acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.”*

The Holy Spirit set these Gentiles apart for salvation and then came upon them to make them acceptable to God. Peter the apostle realised that the Gentiles were acceptable to God because the Holy Spirit came upon them.

WE ARE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST

1 Cor.1:2 *“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus.”* ‘Christ’ refers to ‘the anointed one’. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, (Lu.4:18, Acts 10:38). We are sanctified when we are in the anointed one, Christ Jesus. We are born again of the Spirit of God; we are baptised into Christ (Gal.3:27); we receive a fullness in the Holy Spirit through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps us in Christ.

SET APART FROM THE SINS OF THE FLESH, UNTO GOD

1 Cor.6:9-10 gives us a list of the sins of the flesh which will keep us out of the kingdom of God. Then in v11 Paul says: *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* There are two agents which sanctify us: the name of Jesus and the Spirit of God. It is the Holy Spirit that sets us apart for God. It is only by the Spirit that we can know Jesus as Lord, (1Cor.12:3). Those who continue in the sins of the flesh will not enter the kingdom of God. The Spirit of God will not always strive with those who continue in sin, (Gen.6:3).

SET APART BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Pet.1:2 *“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”*

We have been chosen, set apart, by the Holy Spirit. He continues to sanctify us for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. The Holy Spirit sets us apart for obedience to the Gospel. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we receive the spiritual reality of the blood of Jesus.

THE ONGOING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Titus 3:4-5 *“But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”* ‘Washing of regeneration’ refers to our new birth. ‘Renewing of the Holy Spirit’ refers to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **2 Cor.4:16** *“...our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”*

The Holy Spirit brings us to salvation
The Holy Spirit sanctifies us to be saved.
The Holy Spirit sanctifies us to receive
the sprinkling of the blood.
The Holy Spirit sanctifies us to walk in obedience
to the word of God.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies us to be continually sprinkled by the blood, to be cleansed on a daily basis, and renewed inwardly.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SANCTIFIED

Word wealth:- Sanctified [SFLB page 1594] to hallow, set apart, dedicate, consecrate, separate, sanctify, make holy; a state of holiness opposite to things common or unclean. To be sanctified is to be consecrated. In the Old Testament, when a Priest was consecrated, He was set apart for God. There were certain things he could not do or he would become defiled. In the New Testament the word describes a manifestation of life produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

THE INDWELLING SPIRIT MAKES OUR BODY HOLY

1 Cor.3:16-17 *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”*

We are the temple of God and the temple of God is to be holy. We are not to become defiled.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES IS TO SANCTIFY US.

If sanctification equals our walk and to be sanctified is to be made holy, set apart, consecrated, how does the Holy Spirit do this in us?

1. The Holy Spirit is the seven-fold Spirit of God:

Isa.11:2 *“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”* We receive from the Spirit of God wisdom, knowledge and understanding, counsel, might and the fear of the Lord. We need the seven-fold Spirit of God working in us. He is the means of our sanctification.

2. The Spirit of God renews our mind:

In **Eph.4:23** Paul tells us to *“be renewed in the spirit of your mind”*. It is the Spirit of God who renews our mind. **Rom.12:2** *“but be transformed through the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* The result of being renewed in the spirit of our mind is to know the will of God.

3. The Holy Spirit brings revelation to us.

Eph.1:17 *“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”*

4. The Holy Spirit helps us with our walk:-

It is a walk of faith:

Gal.2:20 *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

From beginning to end:

Gal.3:3 *“...Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”* You were born again by the Spirit of God, and it is the Holy Spirit who completes the work of perfection in us.

He is forming Christ in us:

Gal.4:19 Paul says *“My little children, for whom I labour in birth again until Christ is formed in you.”* The goal of this walk of faith is for the image of Christ to be formed in us. This is what the Spirit is doing. He is forming Christ in us. As we behold the Lord we are changed from glory to glory (**2Cor.3:18**).

He gives freedom:

Gal.5:1 *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”* When you receive the promise of the Spirit there is freedom. **2 Cor.3:17** *“Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty (freedom).”*

The goal is to see His face:

Gal.5:5 *“For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”* It is through the Spirit that we wait. **Ps.17:15** *“As for me I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.”*

Overcoming the lusts of the flesh:

Gal.5:16-21 tells us we are to walk in the Spirit and not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh. As the Holy Spirit does this work of sanctification in our lives, we will no longer desire to fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Instead the Spirit will bring forth fruit in our lives.

Gal.5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”* Gal

5:25 *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”* The key to walking in the Spirit is to have our flesh crucified and then we can enjoy the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

5. The Holy Spirit puts a gift of Himself inside each one of us to be our teacher.

1 Jn.2:20 *“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”*
v. 27 *“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”*

Isa.30:20-21 [Amplified Bible] *“...yet your Teacher will not hide Himself any more, but your eyes shall constantly behold your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.’”*

6. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses:

Acts 1:8 *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses.”*

Acts 4:31 *“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”*

[Micah 3:8a *“But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord”*]

7. Walking according to the Spirit:-

The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus:

In Rom.8:1-4 we are told not to walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Because the *“Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

Setting our mind on the things of the Spirit:

Rom.8:5 *“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”*

It is the indwelling Spirit who makes us Christ’s:

Rom.8:9-11 *“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”*

The indwelling Spirit is life:

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

And quickens our mortal body:

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” The sanctifying power of the Spirit effects our mortal bodies.

Therefore live according to the Spirit:

Rom.8:12-13 *“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to*

death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Walking according to the Spirit will enable us to live. **Verse 14** tells us that if we are led by the Spirit we are sons of God, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”* It is the Spirit in us that bears witness that we are the children of God, **v115-16**.

8. The Holy Spirit helps us in our walk by making intercession for us, through us

Rom. 8:26 *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*

THE NEW COVENANT:

Gal.3:14 speaks of the blessing of Abraham coming upon the Gentiles *“that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* The blessing of Abraham is the promise of the Holy Spirit, to both Jew and Gentile alike. As Peter preached on the day of Pentecost to a congregation of practising Jews, the only way to come into the New Covenant, to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, is through repentance, faith in Jesus Christ and baptism.

The Holy Spirit was promised by God through the prophets:

Ezek.36:26 *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”* **Verse 25** speaks of being sprinkled with clean water. This represents the Word. We are to receive a new heart and a new spirit. This speaks of rebirth. God in the New Covenant has promised to put His Spirit in us, **v27** *“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”* Under the law of Moses, the people were commanded to keep the law. In the New Covenant we receive the promise of the Spirit who enables us to keep the law. The key to the New Covenant is that God puts His Spirit in us and the Spirit enables us to walk in His statutes and to keep His judgements. We are enabled to complete this walk from the cross to the glory because the Spirit is in us.

Heb.8:8-13 [quoting from **Jer.31:31-34**] speaks of God writing the law in our minds and in our hearts. God does this by putting His Spirit in us. There is no New Covenant without the blood, but it is the Spirit that enables us to continue this walk in the New Covenant.

The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father (**Acts 1:4**). Jesus came to die for our sins, to shed His blood for our cleansing, so we could receive the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

It is God who sanctifies us completely:

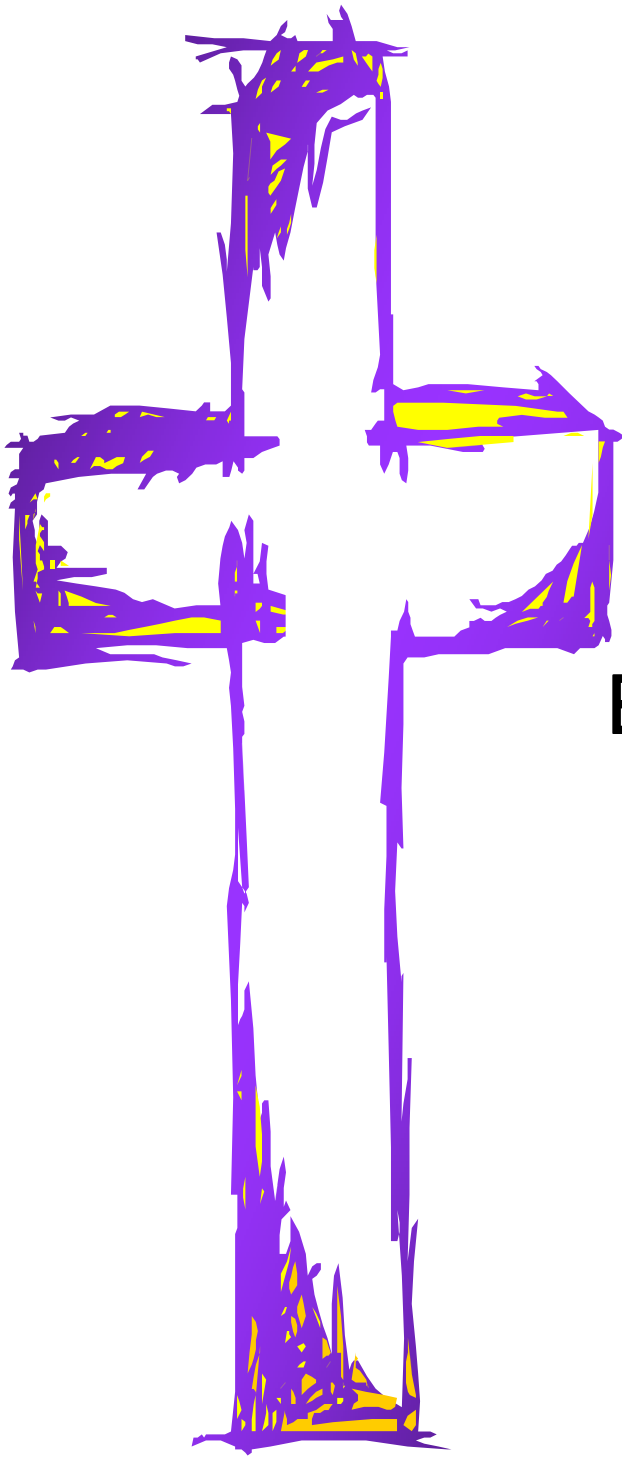
1 Thess.5:23 *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* At the cross we put to death the deeds of the flesh. We meet Jesus and we are saved. The soul is being made holy, being sanctified, by being filled with the Holy Spirit, enabling the soul to live and to walk in the Spirit. The human spirit is born again into the glory of God because God is Spirit and we worship Him in spirit and in truth, (**Jn.4:24**). The end of our journey is in the Glory with the Father. The walk then is a walk of being sanctified. The Holy Spirit brought us to Christ, revealed Christ to us, imparted His anointing to us so we are in Christ, bound for glory.

Sanctification leads to perfection in the Glory:

Jude 1 “...*those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.*” God the Father intends to sanctify us. God the Father is watching over this whole work of sanctification. He is doing that by the blood of His Son Jesus, by His Word and by His Spirit. He wants us to be holy, complete and faultless before Him. **Jude 24-25** “*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless, before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.*” The goal is to come to the glory. We are able to do this because of God’s keeping power through the Holy Spirit; He wants to present us faultless.

Beholding the LORD in the Spirit of worship we are transformed in the same image:

2 Cor.3:18 “*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*” We are being changed, transformed, transfigured by the Spirit. The Spirit not only sanctifies us, He also brings us from one degree of glory to another even as He works in us.



CHAPTER 6

EXPLORING THE GLORY

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WE ARE SAVED FOR GLORY

2 Thessalonians 2:13b-14 *“God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

How are we saved? Through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Why did God call us? Why did God save us? What is the destination of this walk we are on? **The obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!** God wants us to go after His glory. It says in the Scripture that God will share His glory with no one. This means He is not going to share His glory with the devil or any demon, or any religion of the world, or any other religious leader, or any practitioner of the evil arts, no matter how wonderful they may appear to be. **But His people will be covered with the glory of the LORD,** (Isa.60:1-2). The body of Christ is going to receive all the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PREDESTINED FOR GLORIFICATION

God from the beginning chose you for salvation, He also chose you to be glorified.

He chose us to be clothed in His anointing, which is without measure, (Jn.3:34).

The truth is the word (Jn.17:17); we are saved through belief in the truth. It is the word and the Spirit that lead to the glory. The end of our journey is the **Glory of God.** The journey is our walk from the cross to the glory; to be fully sanctified; to be made holy as He is holy, (1Pet.1:16). It is a walk of separation from all that is unclean and defiled, (Lev.11:44-47)

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

The Bible says in **Genesis 5:24**, that *“Enoch walked with God and he was not for God took him.”* **Hebrews 11:5** says Enoch was a man of faith and that God translated him directly into heaven. He did not see death. He had a testimony that he pleased God. The key to getting to the end of this journey from the cross to the glory is to walk with God, to walk by faith, to have a testimony that pleases God. **Heb.11:6** *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

1) **Enoch was a man of faith.**

Through faith he overcame this world, (1Jn.5:4). Through faith he fully overcame sin because the Bible says he did not see death. The wages of sin is death, (Rom.6:23). Enoch was translated without seeing death.

2) **Enoch entered into heaven without seeing death.**

This was a special dispensation before the cross. He entered the glory.

THE TESTIMONY OF ENOCH, A TYPE OF THE LAST DAYS CHURCH.

Enoch has a testimony in Scripture and this testimony is a type of the last days church.

What we learn about Enoch will help us learn who we are at the end of the age, and what kind of a church the LORD is looking for at the end of the age.

Name meaning:

The name ENOCH in the Hebrew means:- SC #2585: *dedicated* [consecrated] or **initiated**, it comes from another root word meaning **to be disciplined** [SC #2596].

Enoch was dedicated to the kingdom of God; he sought first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, (**Matt.6:33**). He lived by faith; he was anxious for nothing, but in everything through prayer he made his requests known to God and peace of God kept his soul, kept his mind and his heart in Christ Jesus, (**Phil.4:6-7**). He kept his thoughts on things that are above, (**Col.3:1-3**). He was a disciple to the Word of God.

Enoch was named prophetically as one who would be initiated or dedicated to God.

The LORD wants His people, **His last day's church, to be initiated and dedicated to Him**. Every member of the last days church is to be initiated into the Christian faith through baptism and to be dedicated to the LORD.

DEDICATED TO EVIL

The first Enoch in Scripture: the ungodly line

In **Genesis 4** we find that Cain the son of Adam had a son named Enoch.

v.16 Cain went out from the presence of the LORD. He left the presence of the LORD because he was an unrepentant sinner. It is not possible to remain in the presence of the LORD if you have sin in your life. There is judgement in the house of God on sin. (cf. **Acts 5:1-11**)

Gen 4:17 Cain's first-born son was named Enoch. This Enoch was initiated or dedicated to sin. Cain also built a city and named it Enoch. This was a whole city initiated or dedicated to evil. This is **the city of man as opposed to the city of God**.

The 7th **generation from Adam** in the line of Cain is a man named Lamech. [Note that Enoch in the godly line through Seth is also the 7th from Adam.] He had two wives (**v.19**); he also boasted of killing a man and that he would **avenge himself seventy-seven fold**. This is a man living in a city dedicated to sin, who has totally given himself over to evil. He **legalised bigamy**; he was vindictive and revengeful, [remember Jesus taught us to forgive seventy times seven.]

THE SECOND ENOCH: THE GODLY LINE

In **Genesis 5** we read the genealogy of Seth.

v.18-19 *"Jared lived one hundred and sixty two years, and begot Enoch. After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters."* We learn from this that Enoch's father was the second longest living man after Methuselah. Also that **Enoch had brothers and sisters**.

v.21 *"Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah."* Methuselah was the longest living man recorded in the Bible. He lived 969 years. **Enoch was prophetic** and he named his son prophetically. '*Methuselah*' means: *'When I die, it will happen'*.

This man Methuselah walked the earth for 969 years, proclaiming *"When I die, it will happen"*. This was a warning to everyone that something was going to happen. The year that Methuselah died the flood came. For 969 years the son of Enoch was a prophetic warning to the inhabitants of the earth that judgement was coming.

v.22 *"After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters."* This Enoch is **initiated in the godly line**. He is **dedicated to the LORD**. The

Bible records that for 300 years he *‘walked with God’*. **Enoch was a family man**, he had sons and daughters. This did not prevent him from walking with God.

v.23-24 *“So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”* To understand this further we need to look at **Hebrews 11:5** *“By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him, for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”*

Enoch did not see death! God took him! After walking with God for 365 years, he was taken up; he was translated, [raptured]. Why was Enoch translated? Because Enoch had this testimony *‘that he pleased God’*. He had walked with God so closely that the separation between earth and heaven was totally gone.

IN CHRIST HEAVEN AND EARTH COME TOGETHER

In **Eph.1:10** one of the heavenly blessings that we have received in Christ is *“that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.”* Enoch gives us an insight into this verse. Enoch was taken up. How did this happen? The veil between earth and heaven opened so there was no separation any more between Enoch walking on the earth and Enoch walking into heaven.

Which things will be gathered together in Eph.1:10? All things that are in Christ.

What things are in Christ on the earth at the end of the age? The Church. When the translation of the church comes, there will be the manifestation of the gathering together of all things in Christ both in heaven and earth, (**1 Thess.4:16-17**).

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE LAST DAYS CHURCH?

1 Cor.15:51-52 *“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed,”*

See also **1 Jn.3:2-3**.

1 Thess. 4:14-17 *“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Christ Jesus. [Those who have gone to be with the Lord – ‘asleep in Jesus’- come back with Him in their spirit bodies] For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [This refers to the resurrection of the bodies of those who have gone before and who are coming with the Lord in v14.] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”*

Word wealth in Spirit Filled Life Bible (p.1830): **caught up – harpadzo (harpad-zoe)** Strong’s #726; To seize, snatch away, catch up, take by force. The word describes the Holy Spirit’s action in transferring Philip from one location to another (**Acts 8:39**) and Paul’s being caught up to Paradise (**2 Cor.12:2-4**). It suggests the exercise of a sudden force.

There is coming a time when the Christians who are living on the earth, who are walking with God, the way that Enoch walked with God, will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. All things in Christ will be gathered together to be with Him forever.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DID ENOCH HAVE TO BE CAUGHT UP TO GOD?

He had walked with God for 300 years. Enoch's testimony is a type of the last days church. **He was finally totally sanctified.** 1Thess.5:23 *"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

ON WHAT BASIS WILL WE BE CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR?

Because we have been walking with God. Jesus warned us that if we are not ready for His coming **we will miss it.** Jesus has warned us that He will come as a thief in the night and we do not know at which hour the thief comes, (2 Pet.3:10, Matt.24:43).

In the story of the 10 virgins, the whole church was asleep but the cry came '*Behold the bridegroom comes*', (Matt.25:1-13), and the church awoke, but only five were ready and didn't need any further preparation. They were ready to follow the call. But five had to go away to find more oil and when they returned the door had already been shut.

The Lord is urging His church to get ready for His coming. He wants His church to wake up. Things are no longer as they seem. Current world events have been allowed to happen as a wake up call to the church. God Almighty is working His marvelous plan in our lifetime.

GOD IS PREPARING HIS CHURCH

His church cannot be made perfect, [the glorious church He is returning for] until there are Jew and Gentile in the same body.

Eph.2:14 *"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."* Jesus broke down that middle wall of separation between Jew and Gentile and made one new man, (v.15-16). There is only one body of Christ!

Expect a quickening of salvation for the Jews – many more Jews will be saved – the remnant that have remained faithful to God for 2000 years.

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY?

In **Ephesians 3** Paul speaks of the mystery preached in long ages passed and now openly revealed through the preaching of the gospel. The mystery is that **the church is made up of Jew and Gentile alike.** **There is only one body of Christ.** It is that body, which will manifest to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places the manifold wisdom of God, (**Eph.3:9-10**). This is the body, made up of Jew and Gentile alike, that Jesus is coming back for. He is not coming back for a Gentile church, taking it out of the world for a time period, and raising up a Jewish church to preach the gospel during that time period. Such an interpretation of Scripture shows a lack of understanding of the mystery of the church that is referred to in **Ephesians 2 and 3.**

In **Ephesians 5** it is made clear that Jesus Christ is preparing for Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle.

MILLENNIUM CHANGE

God wants us to understand supernatural events that are happening in our lifetime. The last days church that will rise to meet the Lord in the air, is the church that walks closely with God, like Enoch did. Enoch '*was not for God took him*'. This event happened at the end of the first millenium.

God works in milleniums.

God created the first Adam approximately six thousand years ago.

At the end of the first millenium from the creation of Adam, **Enoch was translated** [987 years according to biblical reckoning given in **Gen.5**].

2000 years from Adam, **Abraham was called** out of Babylon [Ur of the Chaldees] and called into God's eternal purpose. From Abraham would come the promised Seed to "**crush the head of the Serpent**". Through Abraham, God did a new thing in the earth!

3000 years from Adam, **King David is ruling on the throne of Israel**. There was a manifestation of the kingdom of God on earth in the life and rule of David – a type of Christ and His kingdom!

4000 years from Adam, **Christ is born**. Through His death and resurrection a new age begins which will be consummated when He returns to be united with His glorious bride church. This age is for two millenial days – a day with the Lord is as a thousand years (**2Pet.3:8**). Jesus said, "**Go tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I shall be perfected'.**" (**Lu.13:32**). The two thousand years of this age are coming to a close.

Millenial change, while ushered in by, or consummated by a particular event such as the birth of Messiah, the call of Abraham, the translation of the church, is **a generational thing**. The millenium takes a generation to come into effect. We are the generation that will see the return of the Lord. The signs of His coming and the end of the age are being fulfilled in our generation. Are you ready for His coming? Are you "**purifying yourself**"? (**1Jn.3:3:2-3**)

PREPARING FOR HIS COMING

Enoch is the initiated, dedicated prophet of God and for 300 years he preaches righteousness; he walked with God. Then he was taken up. The time is coming when we are going to hear the trumpet of God and the voice of the archangel and we are going to be taken up (**1 Thess.4:16-17**). The word is trumpeting forth now "**lift up your heads, your salvation draws nigh.**"

In **Luke 21:28** Jesus warns us "**when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**" When we see disasters happening all around us, we need to look up and say, '**thank you Jesus that you are coming soon and Lord I want to be ready!**' We need to be like Enoch '**walking with God**', having faith like Enoch and having the testimony of Enoch '**pleasing God**' in all that we do.

Col.3:17 "**And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through Him**"

The Bible is clear that there is a generation of believers on the earth that will not see death. The Holy Spirit is preparing a bride without spot or wrinkle. Enoch was the prophetic seed of the last days church that will be caught up without tasting death. This will happen because the last days church will be walking with God so closely and coming to such a unity, that there will no longer be a barrier between them and the heavenly realm, where God dwells. {Rick Joyner, *Morning Star Journal*, Vol.11 No.4, p.59}

YOU ARE BEING GLORIFIED

Heb.6:4-5 speaks of some of the things that God tells us in His Word we are already partaking of, that are preparing us to live in the glory with Him. The writer says, "**Let us go on to perfection.**" Let us go on to glory!

We are going on to perfection:-

having: **been enlightened**, that is, having been born again of the Spirit (**Jn.3:6**)

tasted the heavenly gift, Jesus is the bread who came down from heaven (**Jn.8:41**)
become partakers of the Holy Spirit; we have been baptised with the Holy Spirit
(**Acts1:5**)

tasted the good word of God; His word is living and powerful (**Heb.4:12**)
tasted of the powers of the age to come; we testify that we have experienced His
awesome power.

There is no turning back from the walk. Do not take your hand from the plough (**Lu.9:62**). Do not look back as Lot's wife did. *"Let us press on to know the Lord,"* **Hosea 6:3**. *"After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight,"* **Hos.6:2**.

BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN ANOINTING

Enoch was a very anointed man; he was a man who knew how to abide in Christ and to have the anointing abide in him. **1 Jn.2:20** *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."*

1 Jn.2:27 *"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you, but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."*

The last days church is to be a church that is full of anointing. **Matt. 25:1-13** tells the parable of the ten virgins. A virgin is one who is betrothed to Christ. These virgins represent the church but only half of the church was ready to receive the Bridegroom when He returned. We are to be prepared, to be vessels full of anointing because we do not know the hour or the day of His return. Like Enoch we need to be walking in that anointing for ourselves.

ENOCH THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM, PROPHESED

The final mention of Enoch in the Scripture is in **Jude 14**. Here we learn more about the last days church from the testimony of Enoch.

v.14-15 *"Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'"*

1. Enoch is the seventh generation from Adam. Seven speaks of **perfection** in Scripture. **Enoch is a type of the perfect man**, (**Eph.4:13**). He is a type of Christ, but he is also a type of the perfect church at the end of the age. Jesus wrote to seven churches in **Rev.2-3**. John saw Jesus in the midst of the seven churches in **Rev.1:13**. As the church comes to perfection Jesus will be fully revealed in the earth through the church and as He is lifted up He will draw all men to Himself (**Jn.12:32**).
- 2 He *'prophesied'*. The last days church is a prophetic church which will prophesy the Word of the Lord to the nations. The people of the last days church will speak prophetically and proclaim to the world that the coming of the Lord is at hand. **Matt.24:14** *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."*

WHO ARE THE MEN ENOCH IS SPEAKING OF?

Jude 4 *“For certain men have crept in unnoticed who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

These are ones who deny Jesus Christ.

In **Matt.24:5** Jesus warns us, speaking about the signs of the end of the age, *“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ’, and will deceive many.”*

These are teachers who say, ‘Jesus is the Christ’ but deceive many with their teaching. The sin of the church in the last days is that there will be those who will not believe. They will not be preaching the truth. There will be those who walk in unbelief and who preach unbelief, even as the ten unfaithful spies preached unbelief to the children of Israel after spying out the promised land. They saw the promised land but they could only interpret it carnally. They led a whole nation into the sin of unbelief. The penalty was the death of a generation.

There are those today in church ministry who water down Biblical doctrine, denying the truth of the book of Genesis, accepting homosexuals and fornicators in the church and even in the ministry of the church.

THERE IS A MEETING WITH GOD

God is preparing the last days church for an awesome meeting with Him. God has always had meeting places with His people. God came down on the Holy Mountain and met with His people. The feasts of Israel were times for the people to gather at the place of meeting. These feasts are fulfilled in Christ. God has already met with us in the Passover feast – we have been saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit came to fill us and thus fulfill Pentecost. The LORD is going to fill the earth with His glory through His last days glorious church and then we shall rise to meet the LORD in the air.

The prayers of His people will cause God to come down to meet with His people once again. God’s plan for His people will be fully worked out. These are days of fulfillment. We are living at the end of the age and like Enoch are required to walk with God so that we will be completely sanctified and ready to receive Him.

CONCLUSION

1Thess. 5:23 *‘Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.’*

God’s intention is that we be sanctified entirely, spirit, soul and body. God wants us to walk into glory like Enoch did. God wants us to be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is time to get ready! It is time to wake up! It is time to be clothed in the glory of our Lord!

Jude 24 *“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”* **God is going to do this work in us. The Holy Spirit is at work in you to will and to do God’s own pleasure. He has promised to complete the work He has begun: “them He justified He also glorified.”**

And He has appointed ministry in the church to equip every saint, to bring the body of Christ to maturity, *“warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus,”* (Col.1:28).

Eph. 5:27 *“that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy; and without blemish.”* God’s desire is

for a glorious church, which will be without blemish. The Lord Jesus is Himself preparing His bride: ***“Sanctifying and cleansing her by the washing of the water of the word.”***

Jn.17:22 ***“And the glory which You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.”*** Jesus asked the Father to put the glory that was His on His bride church.

Isaiah 60:1-2 ***“Arise, shine;***

For your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,

And deep darkness the people;

But the LORD will arise over you,

And His glory will be seen upon you.”

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