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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PERFECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God.

May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord,
Brandy Helton
A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God’s adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven’s glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve’s existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His Word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”* Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Jesus was conceived by God’s Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God’s Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father’s heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God’s family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

“12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He

is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

“1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’ 6 And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be

My son.”

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God’s love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

Our Heavenly Father is WISE! He knew before the foundation of the world that He would give His only Son, Jesus Christ, to save the world!

I Peter 1:19-20 NLT

“19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 20 God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days He has been revealed for your sake.”

God, the Maker of all, knows how to create, renew, build, save, increase, maintain and oversee His great works. God has a plan for His family, and He knew from the beginning how take care of the works of His hands. He is the PERFECT steward of His Kingdom, His people, and their works.

Ephesians 2:10

“10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

The church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ, to do the same works that He did and even greater.

John 14:12-14

“12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

Through the power and anointing of Holy Spirit, the Lord's church is called to save souls, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, cast out demons and even raise the dead. He called us to make disciples of all nations. Through discipleship, teaching others His word and Kingdom principles, we multiply what has been given to us individually. So, how does the Lord do this? How does He oversee His church? How does He take good care and shepherd His family? How does He keep up with the administrations? How does He govern? How does He keep the souls that are saved? How does He teach them? How does He Father them? How can the Great Shepherd of our souls watch over all His works, and His children, and meet our personal needs? We must rest assured that the Lord knows those who are His, and He watches over every one of His children! He gathers them into a flock and leads His flock into all truth. When souls are saved, it is His intention for all to be a part of the family of God! New converts are to become a part of a loving group of believers who in turn will love them, pastor, and disciple them. Once in a body of believers, each can receive the ministry he/she needs to become whole in spirit, soul, and body. God's people are called to not only walk in relationship, but see others healed, deliv-

ered, and filled with Holy Spirit power. His church is called to teach and equip the saints, in order for them to 'grow up' into His fullness of His will for their lives. His ways are brilliant, and in this book, we will discuss one very important way in which He oversees HIS HOUSEHOLD, Cells.

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The Household of Faith

Our Heavenly Father has provided THE WAY for all to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ! Having been born 'in sin' and 'separated from God' because of sin, the Lord provided a way for His chosen ones to return to Him.

John 14:6

"6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Acts 2:38-39

"38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Ephesians 2:17-19

"17 And He came and preached peace to you

who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

Belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the way to return to God. Jesus in turn provides us with Holy Spirit, who is the “one Spirit” who has access to the Father.

God is our Heavenly Father. **He is the Father of all spirits.** His Son, Jesus Christ, is appointed as the HEIR of all nations who love and serve Him.

Psalm 1:7-8

“7 “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.”

All believers are His children, both Jew and Gentiles (non-Jews). Through those being saved, the Father has even called forth a BRIDE for His Son, Jesus Christ, that all may be ONE in Him. In the following scripture, a bride is considered to be one who is “holy and without blame before Him in love.”

Ephesians 1:3-6

“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy

and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”

Our Heavenly Father is HOLY, and we are being transformed by Holy Spirit in His holiness as we surrender our whole lives to Him.

Hebrews 12:9

*“...9 Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the **Father of spirits** and live?”*

II Corinthians 7:1

“1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Jesus taught His followers about His Father. God is love (I John 4:8). He loves each, and every one of us and He wants to dwell in a close relationship with us. Jesus revealed the Father, and taught Kingdom principles that reflect His heart. He encouraged all to pray to Him and to know and believe that He cares for all as His children.

John 14:23

“23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

John 15:9

“9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved

you; abide in My love.”

Matthew 6:8

“...8 For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

John 16:26-27

“26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

God places His children in families. He created the family. All were carefully created for Him, and by Him, in love.

Psalms 139:13-18

*“13 For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother’s womb.
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.
17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me,*

O God!

How great is the sum of them!

*18 If I should count them, they would be more
in number than the sand;*

When I awake, I am still with You.”

Once we are born again, we a part of the ‘household of faith!’ He does not want anyone to be ‘alone’ or without a spiritual family, and He prospers His family.

Galatians 6:10

“10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Psalm 68:5-6

“5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,

Is God in His holy habitation.

6 God sets the solitary in families;

He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;

But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.”

Jesus Christ Head of His Church Family

Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church - the body of believers – His saints. A ‘saint’ in scripture refers to the born-again believers in Jesus Christ. As the Head, He leads His church as a husband loves, and leads his wife.

Ephesians 5:23-27

“23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also

Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 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.”

Ephesians 5:29-32

“29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

In Revelation 19, we see the wonderful plans God has for His Son, as the bride (God’s family) has made herself ready in Christ (the Lamb) and for the Father’s ultimate plan for eternity.

Revelation 19:6-9

“6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous

acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The apostle Paul encouraged the saints to recognize that they are being prepared for their husband, Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 11:2

"2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

The Lord has great plans for His families! The families will grow and as they receive and grow in their own personal walk with God and His Word, they will be given opportunities to freely give to others what God has given to them.

Matthew 10:7-8

"7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

God has a plan for the church to walk with Jesus in the power and fullness of Holy Spirit, to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. After Jesus rose from the dead, and had revealed Himself to His disciples, scripture says that He stayed with the church for up to 40 days teaching them about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Acts 1:1-3

"1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2

until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”

I Corinthians 15:3-8

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me [Paul] (emphasis added) also, as by one born out of due time.”

After the Lord Jesus ascended back to heaven, He told His disciples to ‘wait’ for the Promise of the Father, so they could receive the power of Holy Spirit to accomplish His will.

Acts 1:8

“8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Holy Spirit was poured out upon them as recorded in Acts chapter 2.

Acts 2:1-4

“1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Peter had the opportunity to preach to the people after the infilling of Holy Spirit. He called the people to repent and be saved, and they believed!

Acts 2:38-39

“38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Peter, the one who told Jesus He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God, was now leading in this movement, as he preached the first magnificent ‘sermon’ to those in Israel. Jesus began to ‘build His church’ through Peter as 3,000 souls were saved.

Acts 2:40-41

“40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that

day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

People who had been born again by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, His finished work on the cross, and resurrection, began to gather and submit themselves to the apostles whom Jesus had chosen.

Acts 2:42-47

“42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

The church began. The church would be a walking, talking, living, breathing bride of Christ. The believers were true representatives of the Kingdom of God!

The Church

The church began to gather in Christ Jesus, and God the Father began the supernatural work of uniting the people in love and as a family. As the scripture says, they continued steadfastly in:

- The apostle's doctrine (teachings)
- Fellowship
- In the breaking of bread
- In prayers

As a result, the fear of the Lord rested upon the newborn church and the Lord confirmed His word as He promised, with signs, miracles, and wonders following. The Spirit of God was at work in the hearts of the families, as they gave of their own sustenance to others in need. They met from 'house to house' in fellowship and prayers! I am sure they discussed the teachings and encouraged each other as the Lord led them. They considered others as more important than themselves. God blessed them, and they glorified God as He just kept 'adding' to the church daily, those who were being saved!

Jesus Christ's Gifts

In Ephesians chapter 4, we see the amazing GIFTS the Lord Jesus gave to His chosen ones to accomplish His will on the earth. These gifts, or offices, are actually anointings or special mantles and abilities the Lord Jesus carries. These offices from Jesus carry the power and anointing to see the saints do the work of the ministry, and come into the fullness of all Christ has for them.

Ephesians 4:11-16

*"11 And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors** and **teachers**, 12 for **the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all*

come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Jesus was anointed, set apart, and empowered, as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher! Through these 5 functions or offices, known as 5-fold offices of ministry, He established the government of God. Isaiah prophesied of the Lord’s government resting on the shoulders of the promised Messiah – Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6-7

*“6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and
justice*

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

Let's define these titles of the anointings of the One who governs over His church.

Apostle: “a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders.” The KJV translates Strong's Bible Concordance, G652.

Prophet: “spokesman, speaker, inspired.” The KJV translates Strong's Bible Concordance, H5030.

Evangelist: “a bringer of good tidings.” The KJV translates Strong's Bible Concordance, G2099

Pastor: “to shepherd of ruler, teacher of people as flock; shepherd, herdsman.” The KJV translates Strong's Bible Concordance, H7452

Teacher: “to discern, understand, consider; to perceive, discern, to understand, know (with the mind); to observe, mark, give heed to, distinguish, consider; intelligent, discreet, to cause to understand, give understanding, teach, instruct.” The KJV translates Strong's Bible Concordance, H995

Jesus Christ was sent from heaven to save and to lead others to His Father. He spoke what He heard the Father say. He brought good news, the Gospel of the Kingdom. He proclaimed that He was the Good Shepherd. He taught the Words of God to all who came to Him. He became the ROCK of our salvation, and He literally laid the foundation for the church, God's own household, so that He could operate in, with and through it. He ful-

filled every word the prophets had spoken of the coming Messiah.

Ephesians 2:19-22

*“19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God**, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*

Holy Spirit gave revelation knowledge of spiritual gifts and the government of God to the apostle Paul as we read in I Corinthians 12.

I Corinthians 12:4-11

“4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

I Corinthians 12:27-28

“27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.”

Jesus desires for every saint to have a close walk with God the Father and Holy Spirit just as He does. This is what it is all about! To KNOW God! To ABIDE IN GOD. To walk with God, AS ONE!

John 17:20-26

“20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.””

Now, we must know how God gathers individuals to Himself, and receive His wisdom to oversee the 'harvest' of souls that will be saved!

The Harvest of Souls

Through the basic understanding that every saint is a minister of the according to Epana a member of God's own household, the Lord desires to empower and equip, train, and raise up **laborers** to work in His fields to bring in the lost. Once souls are saved, they must be planted in His Church.

Luke 10:2

"2 And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Earlier in this book, you read about how the Lord brought the early church together and how they met, prayed, worshipped, and served one another as they submitted to the apostle's teachings. You saw how God multiplied them as more souls were added to the Kingdom.

In society today, most people 'go to a church' or maybe a small gathering of Christians after they are 'saved'. Most meet on Sundays, but some may meet throughout the week or in small groups within homes. Usually, churches have other meetings or classes or Bible studies as well. In some countries or nations where Christianity is forbidden, believers must gather in other ways. Some gather 'underground', in a secret way, due to persecution or the threat of imprisonment.

God always provides a way for His family to gather in Jesus' name!

Hebrews 10:24-25

“24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking 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.”

The Lord delights in His saints who meet together in His name. No matter where we are, He is there in our midst.

Matthew 18:20

“20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Small 'groups' for Christians have been called many different names over the years: Bible studies; Life groups; Home groups; Care groups; Healing groups; Prayer groups; and I am sure there are more! Some meet just to have fellowship. Some meet for just prayer. Some meet only to study the Word of God. Some meet just to bring in those who are not saved.

The Lord revealed to His children over the years, a simple way for His church to understand better what it means to gather in small groups. He called it 'cells,' which is an interesting term! The definition of a cell is: *“Cells are the basic building blocks of all living things. The human body is composed of trillions of cells. They provide structure for the body, take in nutrients from food, convert those nutrients into energy, and carry out specialized*

functions. Cells also contain the body's hereditary material and can make copies of themselves."

<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/basics/cell/#:~:text=Cells%20are%20the%20basic%20building,and%20carry%20out%20specialized%20functions>

"The term cell group is derived from biology: the cell is the basic unit of life in a body. In a metaphorical sense, just as a body is made up of many cells that give it life, the cell church is made of cell groups that give it life." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cell_group

The text below was written by a woman of God who is a Registered Nurse who specializes in labor and delivery. This text will help us understand what cells are in our bodies and how we were formed by God with them. From this context we will see how God gave the idea to His people, using the terminology of 'cell groups', to help us understand how the body of Christ can function in and through individuals and small groups.

"These building blocks we know of as cells are where all life begins. Consider a baby, who starts out as a single cell. This single cell then divides into two, then four, then eight, continuing to multiply through division until it forms a tiny ball of cells. This group of cells is surrounded by an outer shell, eventually becoming the embryo. This embryo continues to develop into a baby. By week five of the embryo's cells, much more is happening than just dividing and multiplying. These different cells are beginning to be assigned various jobs. Some of the cells divide to become the baby's liver, some become blood cells and nerve cells. Other's become the baby's brain, heart, and spinal cord. Then at about forty weeks, an entire body (baby) has

grown from one cell.

Let's now look at the design of the individual cell. There are three basic parts of the cell. The nucleus, cytoplasm, and the cell membrane. The nucleus is the brain of the cell; it basically controls the cell. This is where we find the DNA. Segments of DNA in specific patterns are called genes and this is what makes us who we are as an individual. The nucleus is also the home to chromosomes which carry the information that the cell uses to grow, thrive, and reproduce. The cytoplasm is everything outside of the nucleus, but inside the cell membrane. The cytoplasm gives cells its shape and holds everything in place and performs many functions. The cell membrane is the wall around the cell that keeps the important things in and is also the barrier that keeps the harmful things out. (A great visual of this is an egg). From this analogy of the cells in the body, we can understand the Lord's heart behind cells in the church."

Life is in the cells! If we are called the 'Body of Christ', then all that pertains to His Body, IS LIFE AND LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY! Jesus said so in *John 10:10*, "I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more **abundantly**," Every individual, every member of God's family, every minister contains Holy Spirit and His plans and purposes for us!

Every saint is a minister. Jesus sets apart and appoints leaders within His body to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip the saints to do the work. He appoints and Holy Ghost fills and empowers the saints to do

that great work. Holy Spirit provides all His gifts – the gifts of Holy Spirit noted in I Corinthians 12, to fill us – all cells of His body - with power from on High to accomplish His divine will.

In a church, small groups of people become like a single ‘cell’. Life is in that cell, so people are receiving care, love, discipleship, and ministry. This small group has a higher purpose than just to ‘meet’ and talk about God. The cell is a part of the larger picture of every saint coming into the fullness of what God has for him/her, and working under the Head, Jesus Christ, within His church body, to perform His will! These small groups will grow as others come to the cell group! Eventually the cells will multiply and divide in order to continue growing and reproducing LIFE and LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY! Now we will look at more practical ways in which these cell groups function.

The Functions of the Cell Group

Cell groups are small groups of people who meet weekly for the purpose of relationships, discipleship, prayer, and evangelism. One person, leader or pastor cannot effectively ‘oversee’ all the people in his/her church! One evangelist cannot reach all the souls in the city or region that are not saved yet. One prophet is great, but when he/she multiplies and raises up other prophets, the Word of the Lord will spread more rapidly to affect the ministry and cities/regions where the saints live. One apostle raises up others to carry the mandate of the Lord that He gave him/her and sends them out to accomplish the same. One teacher will reproduce himself/herself in order to ground

the saints of God deeply in the Word of God and the Spirit of Truth, bringing liberty and freedom to all.

“12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.” I Corinthians 12:12-14

“18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.” I Corinthians 12:18

“27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.” I Corinthians 12:27-28

Below are the main purposes within the cell group.

- 1. Relationship/Pastoral Care** – In the cell groups, Christians form and develop close relationships. This is vital for the body of Christ! The believers grow in trust with one another as relationships are strengthened. There is also support, encouragement, and accountability. Each cell is led by a leader or pastor who has a heart and passion for the family of God. Members within the cell can minister to one another, using their spiritual gifts as well! All members can pray for each other in the

meeting as well as throughout the week. Practical needs can be met within the cell group such as financial needs; help with things such as homes, vehicles, meal planning; babysitting; personal business; emergencies; moving folks from their homes, etc. We are God's family, and thus, spiritually we are all brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles.

Matthew 12:46-50

“46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. 47 Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” 48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

- 2. Discipleship** – Through discipleship, teaching and training others in the Word of God and His Kingdom principles, believers are encouraged in their spiritual walk, equipped in the Word of God, and prepared for the work of the ministry. The saints of God receive ministries of healing, deliverance, inner healing, freedom, and personal prophetic encouragement. The saints are empowered and raised up to go and give what they have received to those in their families, and their spheres of influence. All saints learn how to practice hospitality, whether that be at the local restaurant or in

their own home!

Matthew 28:18-20

“18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

- 3. Evangelism** - Believers have the opportunity to reach out to their friends or family, as well as others in their sphere of influence to invite them to cell groups and cell group activities for the purpose of salvation. Saving souls is not just reserved for the local or traveling evangelist! If every saint simply prayed for those who are not saved in their families or the marketplace, how many people could be reached for God to hear how much God loves them! The Kingdom of Heaven advances when the people in the cells freely give what they are learning as they grow! There are opportunities for special outreaches, locally or in other cities, regions, or states or nations. But all saints should know how to lead someone to Jesus! All saints should know how to pray for the sick. All saints should be empowered to prosper and be in good health and even cast out demons! We are called to set the captives free just as Jesus did.

Mark 16:15-18

“15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world

and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- 4. Prayer** – What a gift the Lord Jesus imparted to us! He said for us to daily abide in Him, and we would bear much fruit for the Father to be glorified. Jesus taught us all how to pray to our Father in heaven!

Matthew 6:6-13

“6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,*

As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen.”*

When the saints pray, heaven moves! We can all pray over anything. We can pray for anyone, including leaders, both local and national. As Holy Spirit reveals the heart of God, the saints move on His desires and pray accordingly! Prayer is vital! It's like the heart in the body, meaning without it, we are dead! With it, we LIVE AND LIVE MORE ABUNDANTLY.

Father has entrusted to His church, kingdom authority. He referred to this authority as 'keys'. Using these keys, what is in heaven is permitted to occur on earth and what is not in heaven is not permitted on earth. We see this in the words of Jesus. He called it binding and loosing.

Matthew 16:19

“19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Along with the authority to bind the evil one from our lives, homes, communities, cities and church, the believer also has the privilege to loose (or release) the kingdom of God into those places and the people we encounter there in our everyday lives. The believer looses the peace of God, the joy of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit into the areas of influence into which God has

sent them. The authority of binding and loosing is key to intercessory prayer. Whatever the believer decrees as bound is now illegal and hindered from operating. Likewise, whatever the believer loosens becomes a legal declaration with all the power of Heaven acting as enforcement.

How powerful it is when the church prays!

Matthew 16:18

“18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Ephesians 6:18 NLT

“18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

James 5:13-16

“13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

All saints can pray effectively in many different areas of life. Remember to seek first the Kingdom of God! *“33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be*

added to you.” Matthew 6:33. I have listed examples of areas below:

- 1. Personal*
- 2. Family*
- 3. The Church and God’s Movement on Earth*
- 4. Israel*
- 5. Leaders*
- 6. Friends and neighbors*
- 7. Spheres of Influence*
- 8. Communities, counties, states, regions, nations*

Jesus taught us in *Mark 11:22-24*, that when we pray, we must believe we receive! Faith does move mountains, but that faith is in the ONE TRUE GOD AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

“22 So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

“27 But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.’ Mark 10:27

There is an old saying...‘prayer changes things’!

“To say that ‘prayer changes things’ is not as close to the truth as saying, ‘prayer changes me

and then I change things.’ God has established things so that prayer, on the basis of redemption, changes the way a person looks at things!” Oswald Chambers www.goodreads.com/quotes/1345784-say-that-prayer-changes-things-is-not-as-close-to

Where do Cell Groups meet?

Cell groups can meet anywhere! The key is meeting regularly and consistently! People can gather in their homes, offices, coffee shops, church buildings, or in secure places hidden from adversaries.

Who can come and how many people are in a cell? You start a cell group by asking the Lord to bring you the hungry and thirsty, and to bring those who He has called to walk with you. God usually always starts with just 1 person, then ‘that 1 person’ knows of at least ‘1’ other person!

Cell groups can be geared to all ages, male or female groups, mixed groups, family groups with children, singles, businessmen or women, college, or youth. We encourage cells to be ‘families’ and include both the young and old to really experience the ‘family’ unit and glean from the maturity and wisdom of those who are more mature in the faith. The younger saints also have the same Holy Spirit as the older saints and can contribute to all with what God has imparted to them.

Cells can range from 3-10 people before multiplying and sending out. The goal is to ‘multiply’ and ‘increase’. Some say, the smaller the groups, the more intimate. Really, as long as the Holy Spirit is resting upon the cell group, He can help everyone

be more open and honest, thus creating a special bond among all! Through the cell structure, the saints can develop long lasting relationships in Christ Jesus!

Leadership Structure

The senior Pastors or leaders usually hear from Holy Spirit who to set apart to oversee the cell groups. The leaders are abiding faithfully in Christ, and His Word, and are walking in the fruit of Holy Spirit. These leaders must be faithful and committed to the mandate of the local church and submitted to the senior leadership. These leaders, male or female, must have the heart of love for those in whom they are leading! Without love....it all profits nothing!

II Timothy 2:2

“2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

NOTE: the word, men here is ‘*anthropos*’ in the Greek, and it means “human being, whether male or female.” Blue Letter Bible concordance

It is vital for the Senior Pastors or leaders to maintain a close relationship with all the cell leaders. The Kingdom of God advances through relationship and love. Cell leaders can meet with each other and with the Senior Pastors and other leaders as they desire. Monthly meetings are very helpful and important. It’s so good for the cell leaders to communicate with the Senior Pastor or lead-

er via email, phone conversations, etc. as they go throughout the week, simply giving feedback from the group, or reporting any issues or concerns as well. All leaders should be able to meet in person with their oversight for prayer, counsel, and encouragement as needed.

Once cells begin to ‘multiply’ then the individual (s) who are starting a new group, would report back to their original cell leader. As they multiply out, the same principle works. They in turn lead or watch over those who came from their cell. Eventually, as the cells multiply the senior leaders have raised up more cell leaders who will oversee those cells that came out from them. All leaders **MUST KNOW AND CARRY THE KINGDOM VISION** given to His overseers whom He has appointed in each and every flock or ministry.

Vision

Scripture says that without vision, people perish.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

People tend to just do their own thing, or living life to the best of their abilities, but do not necessarily consider they were called for a higher purpose in God. God is full of kingdom vision! He wants to impart His vision and purpose to us. In the book of Habakkuk, the prophet gave us important instruction to ‘write the vision’ so all can understand and run with it!

Habakkuk 2:2

“2 Then the LORD answered me and said:

*“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,
that he may run who reads it.”*

The church needs to be on the same ‘page’ with full understanding of how God is building His house!

All cell groups must have the same vision, which includes the following: love Jesus, pastor His people, raise up believers to encounter and carry the presence of God, make disciples, and win the lost through the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Cells provide a safe environment for believers to grow and use their spiritual gifts.

A cell-based church is a church governed by the fivefold ministry: apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers and whose structure is cells. Equipping and training of the saints occurs weekly through the fivefold ministry and schools of ministry. The life, ministry, and outreaches take place through the week in homes, businesses, etc, and Sundays (or any other day they choose) provide a time for corporate worship, celebration, and encouragement in the Word of God. The house of God should be a house of prayer and worship! The church is called to host His Presence.

Cells can be strategically placed in cities within areas of influence, where people attending those cells are in the same proximity to each other.

In churches, visitors can come in on Sunday mornings, be welcomed by cell leaders and members, and be invited to attend their cell group. Information concerning cell groups can be posted

on web sites and in foyers to show what is available and where cells meet. With cells in place, few visitors ‘fall through the cracks’.

The Foundation and the House of God

Jesus Christ is the HEAD of His church. He builds it! He is our all in all! He is the foundation of the church!

I Corinthians 3:11

“11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

We build upon the ROCK – Jesus Christ – the Word made manifest!

Matthew 7:24-25

“24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”

We are deeply rooted and grounded in Christ and His Word.

Colossians 2:6-7

“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

We are God’s workers and His building!

I Corinthians 3:9-11

“9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

We are the dwelling place for Holy Spirit and the Kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 3:16

“16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

Luke 17:21

“21 nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Finally, we come to know and believe that we are God’s spiritual priesthood!

I Peter 2:4-10

“4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who

are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

WE are kings and priests to our God.

Revelation 1:5-6

“5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Conclusion

God desires for all to be saved. *“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.* In God the Father’s great wisdom, He has chosen to create a family and He has provided a WAY in which His family will be cared for, loved, cherished, and provided for. As the Father has appointed His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the HEAD AND HUSBAND of the church, His bride, He multiplies His wisdom, anointings, and callings to His own household. God released the BLESSING in *Genesis 1:26-28* to the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. *“26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* The BLESSING was to have dominion and to multiply. The concept of cell

groups is true wisdom from God to oversee the increase and the fruitfulness, that is brought about by and through HIS GOODNESS AND LOVE. The saints are being raised up to live as Jesus lives, and to do His works, in order for the great commission to be fulfilled for Father' glory. Go seek and save the lost! Take them in and love them. Care for them. Teach and train them in the Ways of the Lord. Root and ground them in His Word. Walk in the fullness of Holy Spirit and take that same baptism of FIRE and impart it to all the Lord entrusts to you.

Joshua 24:15

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

May the Lord bless you and keep you and may He truly make His face shine upon you and give you peace. May all of your desires and dreams be fulfilled in Jesus' name and may you give freely of the grace given to you from God. May you and your household prosper and be in good health and may you truly have success in all He has set your hands to do. May you multiply and increase and abound in good works as you serve the KING OF GLORY all the days of your life!

John 15:7-8

"7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." Amen and Amen.

Recommended Reading and info:

Larry Stockstill – The Cell Church

www.bccn.com

www.bethany.com

Caesar Castellanos – G12

Robert E. Coleman – Master Plan of Evangelism

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen.”

Scriptures:

John 14:6

“6 Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Romans 10:8-13

“8 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): 9 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. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

John 3:3-8, 16-18

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ 4 Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ 5 Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said

to you, “You must be born again.” 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.’”

II Corinthians 5:17

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

I Corinthians 15:3-5

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.”

II Corinthians 5:21

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

Colossians 1:13-14

“13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 11:9-13

“9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Acts 1:8

“8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

I Timothy 3:16

“16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

*God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.”*

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

“Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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-Brandy Helton

