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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 NKJV

“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

You may be saved, but are you free? Do you struggle with anger, addiction, depression, or illnesses that “run in the family”? Do you have trouble forgiving and forgetting? Just because you accept Jesus as your Savior does not mean you are free from oppression.

Even if Jesus is your Savior, Satan, who is God’s adversary on Earth, wants to neutralize your impact while you are on Earth and oppress you. Freedom means deliverance from oppression and inner healing on the spiritual, physical, and emotional levels for believers in Jesus Christ. His blood shed on the cross saved us from the consequences of our sin and made it possible for us to be set free in our mind, will, emotions, and body. Don’t miss out on the fullness of what Jesus died for us to have. Search out the freedom Jesus bought and paid for you to have, according to the Word of God.

Freedom

What is freedom according to God's Word? How do we get free? How do we stay free? According to the Bible, freedom is where your spirit, body, mind, will, and emotions can be liberated from sin, generational curses, and demonic torment and oppression. When we are physically brought into this world from our earthly mothers, the Word of God says we are born into sin or iniquity which means wickedness or immorality.

Psalm 51:5

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Adam and Eve went astray from the path God set out for them, and we are born into the consequences of that choice. According to Romans 6:23 because of our sin state, we are subject to death and destruction for it says, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* The only way freedom from sin is possible is to be born again into Christ Jesus by declaring Him both Lord and Savior.

Notice I said to declare Jesus both Lord and Savior. It is important to do both. In the Bible, Jesus

is often referred to as “Christ Jesus, our Lord.” So, He is both Christ and Lord. Acts 2:36 states, “*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.*” The word Christ means “anointed one” or “messiah.” In the context of the Bible, it means the one divinely chosen and given the power to save. Therefore, Jesus is both, Lord and Savior. When we receive Jesus as our Savior, we must also recognize the fullness of who He is and submit ourselves to His Lordship. By declaring Him Lord over our lives, we have access to His authority in battling the oppression of Satan, God’s adversary on Earth. Satan does not stop hindering us when we choose Jesus as our Savior. He continues to try to neutralize us in spiritual warfare, so we must understand the fullness of what Jesus provided so we don’t miss out on the freedom.

Let me explain. When Jesus was on the cross He was treated as if He deserved to die. The world was offended by the authority He carried, so they crucified Him. The blood of Jesus paid for every sin, and consequences of sin. Jesus defeated Satan, death, hell, and the grave through His resurrection! Matthew 28:18 records Jesus saying, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*” Notice He was given all authority in Heaven AND on Earth. If you choose to be a born again believer, you have access to the same victory and authority of Christ, not only to defeat death but to defeat Satan when He tries to oppress you.

We know the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross was for our salvation. That word, salvation, in the Greek is *sozo*, which not only means saved, but

it also means healed, delivered, protection, made whole, prospered, and shalom peace. That's a whole lot more than eternal life and not going to hell, although that, in itself would be enough! The key is to realize the fullness of what Jesus gave us. Once you realize it and declare Him both Lord and Savior, you are equipped to fight for freedom.

Freedom Follows Jesus

Jesus was fully God and fully man during His time here on the earth. Being fully man in this dark world made way for Him to be tempted and tried just as we are tempted and tried every day by Satan. Yet, Jesus knew His Father, and His Father's Word. That was His weapon against the enemy of His soul. It is also the same weapon we use today. Once you begin to find out who you are in Christ, Satan will throw anything and everything at you, to get you to back down, recant, and run back to your old self, but Jesus is our perfect model of how to live and overcome in this dark world.

Acts 10:38

“You know Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.”

Notice it says, “*God was with Him.*” Where was God in all of this? With Jesus. When we are born again believers, Christ is in us. “...*Christ in you, the hope of glory*” (Colossians 1:27). So God is with Jesus and Jesus is in us. The same anointing power that Jesus had and the same power

that raised Him from the dead is indeed the same power inside every believer. We get to go about doing good. We get to heal all who are oppressed by the devil. We also get to destroy the works of the devil How? By the power of Christ in us.

Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil.

1 John 3:8

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Jesus gave us a commission to do as He did.

Matthew 10:7-8

“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, now freely give.”

Jesus also said in Matthew 28:19, *“Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 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.”*

Both commissions are for us today. You cannot accept one and say the other was only for the disciples or apostles of Jesus’ day. According to Hebrews 13:8, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* He doesn’t change, so His words to His followers are the same today as they were in His day. Jesus meant what He said. We are to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse

the lepers, and cast out demons. We need to equip ourselves to be able to do that!

Cast out demons? What does that mean? Jesus told us about our enemy in Ephesians.

Ephesians 6:12

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places.”

Notice that we are wrestling, which speaks of hand-to-hand combat with an enemy that is of a wicked, spiritual nature. “Heavenly places” is also translated as “high places” in the King James Version. The terminology refers to the higher range of powers of the enemy because these spirits dwell in higher places. In other words, the Scripture is emphasizing the supernatural aspect of the battle for which the full armor of God is required. Ephesians 6:13-18 goes on to describe that armor. Our focus here is to show you that you are battling spirits in the unseen realm and you need spiritual tactics and the supernatural power and authority of Jesus to defeat this kind of enemy in order to be free.

When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He also gives us Holy Spirit. In John 14:16, Jesus describes Holy Spirit to His disciples, “...*I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may abide with you forever...*”. Holy Spirit never sleeps. We have an enemy of our soul that works to keep us bound, Satan. However Holy Spirit is continuously working in all born again believers to direct our steps in battling Satan to prepare us to be the spotless, blameless, pure

bride of Jesus for His return. Because of Christ's victory on the cross there is freedom.

Isaiah 53:4, 5

"4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Wherever Holy Spirit is there will be freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty."

Holy Spirit is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, and He dwells in the believer. He is fully capable of defeating any enemy we have.

Romans 8:11

"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 Human Structure

In understanding how Satan and demonic spirits can influence an individual, we must understand the make-up of the human structure. In Scripture we, as humans, are described as having 3 parts to our design. We are a spirit, and we have a soul and a body. We are spiritual beings dwelling inside of an earthly body. Our spirit is the place where God dwells. Our soul is made up of our

mind, will and emotions. Our body has the senses and is the flesh and bone part of us. In our body we experience taste, touch, sight, smell, and hearing.

The following Scripture refers to the 3-part design:

1 Thessalonians 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.”

Through salvation each part of our human makeup is brought into a state of God-given perfection (made whole again). However, they do not all manifest this perfection right away. Our spirit is made perfect when we confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior because we are reborn and given the Spirit of God at that time. Our soul is being perfected daily as we receive the Word of God and His sanctifying work in our lives.

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 will receive new bodies at the Lord’s glorious appearing.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

“14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 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. 16 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. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

Through salvation we are receiving increasing measures of freedom until the day the Lord perfects us in glory. This is a journey of deliverance, freedom, and inward and outward healing. We work it out with fear and trembling!

Philippians 2:12

“Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

We lay hold of all that Jesus died for us to have.

Philippians 3:12

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid ahold of me.”

So, you are a spirit being, housed in a physical body, operating with a soul (mind, will, and emotion). The spiritual realm is real. The fact is that you have a wicked, spiritual enemy who wants to oppress you and make you miserable, particularly if you are a follower of Jesus.

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy: I came to bring you life that you might have it abundantly.”

So what do you do about it?

Jesus died for you to have the fullness of salvation (saved, healed, delivered, made whole, prospered, protection, and shalom peace) which means nothing is missing and nothing is broken. Satan wars against the truth and he will always try to keep you from knowing and receiving what Jesus really accomplished on the cross. It's a battle, so let's get equipped to fight.

It is important to note here that you do not have to fear the enemy. Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All authority has been given to Him and He gives it to us to take dominion on the earth. It is through His authority that we defeat the enemy.

Luke 10:19

“19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

He taught us to pray in His name! 'In Jesus name' - that's more than just a common way to end a prayer. It is acknowledging what power is behind your prayer.

Keys to the Kingdom - Binding and Loosing

Jesus gave us the keys to the Kingdom in Mat-

thew 16:19. Peter had just confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and Jesus told Peter that upon Peter's confession He would build His church. Then Jesus said, "*And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*" Before we look more closely at binding and loosing, let's ponder what the keys of the kingdom means. These are the keys that will unlock the kingdom for the church! A key unlocks something that was previously locked up. What was inaccessible is accessible with a key. A key is of crucial importance, so we must pay particular attention to what this means for the church. According to Jesus, the keys of the Kingdom are binding and loosing and these principles will unlock the Kingdom. Binding means to tie up or restrain and loosing means to set free or let go. Binding is declaring evil is illegal and forbidden; loosing is declaring God's Word and will is legal and permitted. So, it is of crucial importance that we, as the church, bind what is evil and loose what is good.

Let's dig further into what Heaven means in this verse. The Greek word for Heaven here means air or sky, so it speaks to the spiritual realm. Therefore, in the spiritual realm, whatever you bind on Earth is bound in the spirit realm, and whatever you loose on Earth is loosed in the spirit realm. So just by declaring that a spirit is bound, it is restrained. Conversely, pronouncing something is loosed, it is unleashed. We often overlook the power of our words, thinking mere words won't make a difference. Satan is counting on this lie to neutralize us and keep us in the dark about the

weapon of our words.

Proverbs 18:21 clearly states, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”*

Let me give you an example. If I am around a person who is angry and throwing a fit, the person may be under siege by demonic forces that he/she can neither see nor control. I can eliminate unseen forces from contributing to the situation by binding the spirit of anger in the name of Jesus. The person who was angry could still choose to be angry on his own, but the extra push from the spiritual realm to be agitated will cease to contribute to the circumstances. If I loose comfort to the person in Jesus’ name, I am calling for the comforter, Holy Spirit, to come and release comfort to the person. Another example is if there is much confusion in a situation, I can bind the spirit of confusion and loose the Spirit of Wisdom in the name of Jesus. In this case, the enemy may be working generally to influence a group of people. By releasing the Spirit of Wisdom, I am inviting Great Holy Spirit to come and hover over all. In either case, we are to look into the spiritual realm for causes to everyday issues because God’s Word says not to wrestle with “flesh and blood” but to take authority over spiritual hosts of wickedness. In doing that the church is operating to bring the realm of Heaven to Earth. As always, you must depend on Holy Spirit to lead you. Others still have the choice in the matters, but you can neutralize demonic impact. Satan definitely wants this knowledge locked up, so we are destroyed for lack of knowledge! Hosea 4:6 tells us, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”*

What is Deliverance?

The truth is everyone has a story. Everyone has walked through some kind of trauma, heartache, or sin lifestyle. The moment we choose to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior He starts working in our hearts to see us set free from those old lifestyle habits and thought patterns which have become strongholds. This is through the process of deliverance.

Deliverance is the spiritual freedom in your soul (mind, will and emotions) from sin, demonic torment and oppression. Born again believers in Jesus Christ can and do have demonic forces and influences that work in and through them. This does not mean you are owned or possessed by a demon. As previously stated, we are all born in sin. When we become born again believers our spirit man is sealed into perfection. It is in our mind, will and emotions that we begin to work out our salvation.

Holy Spirit can deliver each believer however He chooses through personal prayer, repentance, fasting, or through another anointed believer in Jesus. Often, deliverance requires a person of authority in Christ to walk you through the process of getting spiritually free and delivered because it is difficult to know when you are deceived. It takes someone else to point that out to you. This someone needs to be filled with the power of Holy Spirit, trustworthy, and solid in their foundation of the Word of God.

Open Doors

When your front door is open it's very easy for intruders to come right in. It's no different in the spiritual realm. Open doors give the enemy legal access into your mind, will and emotions or body. It's only by the power of God that these demonic forces can be cast out or told to leave. You may willfully open the door, giving Satan opportunity.

Ephesians 4:27

"...and do not give the devil an opportunity."

Or Satan may have kicked the door in and is challenging you to see if you know how to kick him out.

2 Corinthians 2:11

"...in order that advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes."

Either way, by opening the door yourself, or by intrusion, an open door gives access to the enemy.

Willful sin, Unforgiveness, Trauma, Curses/Iniquity, and Judgements and Vows are open doors through which demons have entry into your life. The ultimate goal of deliverance is to remove the devil's place in our lives, expose all darkness within us, and allow those places to be filled with the light and power of God. We want to be a people who are not ignorant of the devil's plans. In order to walk in such a lifestyle we need to be empowered by Holy Spirit. This way we can go about doing good. Jesus did that! He was so intimate with His Father that He was able to continuously turn His back to Satan, and not give in to the temptations placed in His path. What an amazing model we have in Christ.

You can look at deliverance this way. When you walk into a filthy, dark room and turn on the light what happens? The roaches flee back to all the dark and hidden places. We want to be people with no hidden dark places in our souls for demons to hide, so deliverance helps us rid ourselves of those dark places. The evil one sowed many bad seeds in our lives until the day we were born again. God is just pulling up and out of us those things He did not plant.

Matthew 15:13

“13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.”

Any kind of sin that we commit even in our minds is still considered sin. Some may ask, “When I got saved didn’t all of those things get taken away immediately?” The answer to this is no. Jesus destroyed the entire sin system on His cross and we are receiving liberty over all sin as we receive by revelation His atoning work! That is why we are to walk out our salvation with fear and trembling before the Lord. We want to walk in a lifestyle of true repentance in constant preparation for Jesus to return. True repentance not only means you are sorry, but you intend to change the way you think about sin.

You will notice in dealing with any open door that you will use the keys to the kingdom, binding and loosing. Once you have identified the open door, you repent for opening the door, you bind the spirits you let in, cast them out by commanding them to leave in the name of Jesus and loose

goodness to fill the void left. You can loose peace, God's love, healing, comfort, or any other good thing that comes to mind, then receive it. It's important to verbally and actively receive like you receive and open a present. Take it in!

Let's look at the open doors!

Willful Sin

Willful sin is the act of doing something that is out of line with the will of God. When you're in willful sin, you fully know an act is wrong, but are choosing to do it anyway. Willful sin gives demonic spirits free and legal access to your mind, will and emotions. When you sin, you are opening the door and choosing to partner with the enemy. You come out from under God's protective covering when you sin willfully. People often say the phrase, "*It's better to beg for forgiveness than to ask for permission.*" That is not true. We as believers have to change our mindsets if we are going to be sold out lovers of Jesus living to bring Heaven to Earth. Just one small act of sin to get what we want in a moment is also what caused mankind to fall at the very beginning of time. It caused a cataclysmic separation of mankind from God. He made us a way back to Himself through Christ. It is imperative that we protect and guard our relationship with Him.

To close the door to willful sin first you must confess the sin out loud and repent for your willful participation with it. Then bind the demonic spirits associated with the sin, command them to leave in the name of Jesus, declare the door is shut, and seal it in Jesus' name. Loose goodness

that comes to mind.

Unforgiveness

We are commanded to forgive because God has forgiven us.

Ephesians 4:32

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

We are warned to not let unforgiveness turn into bitterness.

Hebrews 12:14-15

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...”

Unforgiveness is recognized by bitter and cynical behaviors. Forgiving someone is a choice, and sometimes we ask God to help us to forgive. He can give you the grace to do it, but you have to choose to forgive. It doesn't mean the person deserves forgiveness. Forgiveness is a choice. Often times people have the mindset of, “You don't know what that person did to me,” or “I'll never be able to forgive them for what they've done.” It is at this point that we have to let Holy Spirit go deep into our hearts and heal us. I heard it said once, “Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies.” When you do not forgive, you're the one affected while the other person probably

has no idea they've done anything wrong. When you choose to forgive someone, you're releasing that person to the Lord for Him to bring justice.

To close the door to unforgiveness first you must choose to forgive the offender and release him/her to the Lord. Next, you repent for holding that unforgiveness. Then, you bind the demonic spirits associated with that unforgiveness, cast them out in Jesus' name, declare the door is shut, and seal it in Jesus' name. Loose goodness to yourself and receive from Jesus.

Trauma

Trauma is any unexpected event in your life that may have wounded you deeply or caused you to fear. Trauma can be physical, mental, and emotional. Some examples of trauma can be abuse in any form, car accidents, failing an important test, losing a friend/family member, or just plain falling down. Trauma is an intrusion from the devil. Because it is an intrusion, you will need healing from it.

Luke 4:18

“He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.”

Start the healing process by releasing it to Jesus. Tell Him how it made you feel and ask Him to heal you body, soul, and spirit. Give Jesus time to work. It is ok to let your emotions go because Jesus can handle your emotions. After you've released all to the Lord check with Holy Spirit to see if you need to repent of any behaviors or agreements with which you participated. Then bind ev-

ery demonic spirit that entered you through that trauma, command them to leave you immediately in Jesus' name. Loose peace to yourself and receive it. Once you have peace you have shut the door to trauma.

Curses-Iniquity

You can either speak blessings or curses with your words. A curse is a word or words spoken to bring harm or punishment on someone. When used in witchcraft, the person who is cursing invokes a demonic, supernatural power to carry out the harm or punishment. Curses are mentioned many times in the Old testament and the New testament. God Himself promises to protect Abraham by cursing those who curse him in Genesis 12:3 saying, *“I will bless those who bless you (Abraham) and I will curse him who curses you.”* Jesus redeemed us from the curse associated with breaking God's Old Testament law.

Galatians 3:13-14

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is a man who hangs on a tree.’), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

So, curses are real.

Curses can also be things that we speak out of our mouths. We call them word curses. We often don't realize that popular phrases are word curses. Then, other times we are very aware, and choose to speak it anyway. One that's normal

for parents to speak out is, “If you don’t get off that table you’re going to fall and bust your head open.” Although what the parents are saying may have happened in the past, using the power of their words in speaking it out attracts the spiritual realm to make it true. Another example is when someone is going on stage for an event and we tell them, “Go break a leg.” One more popular saying when something is particularly discouraging, we say, “This is going to be the death of me.” We don’t mean these phrases literally, but none the less the words are still going forth while demon spirits are listening. Words spoken in faith will accomplish their goal. Words spoken in doubt will accomplish their goal. Remember not only is there power of life and death in the tongue, the tongue can defile the whole body and set fire to the course of nature.

James 3:6

“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”

What are you speaking?

To destroy a word curse you must come out of agreement with it. We say you are in agreement with it if you speak it, even if you say it flippantly because of Matthew 12:34, “... *For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.*” This verse underlines the fact that what comes out of your mouth comes out because the sentiment is really in your heart. It may be hidden, but it is there. If you are saying it out of habit or ignorance, you are not keeping your heart with all diligence. Proverbs

4:23 says, “*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*” So, it is important to not only say you are sorry for a word curse but check your heart to make sure you come out of agreement with your words. Repent for speaking the word curse then renounce the words spoken by saying, “I renounce my words.....”. After that, by the authority of Christ in you, you destroy the power of that word curse spoken and declare that it will not accomplish what it was set to do.

A curse can be on an object. Those practicing witchcraft sometimes verbally put a curse or spell on an object. When there are cursed or witchcraft objects in your home, the enemy has an open door access to bring chaos, torment, calamity, arguments, and the like. It’s wisdom to go through your home and ask Holy Spirit what is not from Him, and what needs to be removed. He is faithful to show you. When he shows you, you get to exercise obedience and get rid of it along with any demon spirits. You will be rewarded for your obedience, and will also see a change in your home, undoubtedly.

Acts 19:18-20

“And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it total fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”

According to Proverbs 26:2, a curse without cause cannot land. “*Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not*

alight.” Look for the cause if you suspect a curse operating. However, the cause may be buried in your family line.

Generational curses are sinful habits to which you are naturally drawn or calamities and illnesses that seem to plague generation after generation in families. They are traits or issues that “run in your family.” This iniquity is an inherited weakness which produces a propensity towards the sin, sickness, or bondage. Many family members struggle with them and can’t seem to overcome no matter what they do. We don’t know if we have ancestors who have participated in activities for which there was reason for the curse to still be actively affecting the family, but the possibility that we inherit generational curses along with hair color and skin type is likely. Some examples of generational curses can be divorce, premature death, alcoholism, sexual sins, poverty, heart disease, cancer, abuse, and any addiction in general. Generational curses do not have to be passed down to your children. It can stop with you. It is encouraging to know that Jesus died for freedom from generational curses as well!

When dealing with generational curses you must first confess what they are and renounce them. Then, repent on behalf of yourself and your forefathers for any participation you or they had in it. It’s ok to repent for your relatives that have gone before you. Repent for just accepting it as an unavoidable part of your family. Receive that Christ became a curse for you. Then bind every demonic spirit associated with that curse in your family line, cast them out by commanding them leave in the name of Jesus and shut the door to it. Loose

goodness.

Iniquity or the overall sin nature of mankind is like generational curses, in that it is passed down from generation to generation. God's Word says that for those who hate Him, the consequences of the iniquity of the father is passed down to the children, but He shows mercy on the families who love Him.

Exodus 20:4-6

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image-any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord you God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Because everyone is born into iniquity, everyone must renounce the iniquity and participation with the iniquity from their forefathers, bind the demon spirits associated with the iniquity in their family line, and command them to leave in the name of Jesus. Loose goodness.

Judgements and Vows

Inner vows and judgements are things we speak over ourselves and others. If you've ever said anything to the effect of, "I'll never be like my mother," then you've made an inner vow to yourself and a judgement on your mother. Almost always when you use phrases like, "I'll never..." or "I'll always

be...,” you’re making a judgement and vow on yourself. When you think you know the thoughts and intentions or someone else’s motive, you’ve also made a judgement on them.

Matthew 7:1-2

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgement you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

The above judgement is you deciding for yourself the heart and intent of someone else. You draw your own conclusion from the other person’s words or actions without knowing his/her heart. Don’t confuse this type of judgement with righteous judgements which we are supposed to make. John 7:24 says, *“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”* Righteous judgment is another topic. For now, just know that there are righteous judgements, but many judgments are made on assumptions that are incorrect or appearances.

To be free from inner judgements and vows first repent for speaking and participating with them. Next, renounce the words you spoke with agreement, and then destroy the power of those words in the name of Jesus. Then, shut the door and seal it all in the name of Jesus.

Shutting the Doors

Deliverance prayer starts by shutting all doors. Forgiveness is the place to start. Holy Spirit will lead, but it is common to start there. Take your time and address each person and each issue

thoroughly. Then you can proceed to ask Holy Spirit about the other doors. Once you have shut all doors, you can proceed to ask Holy Spirit to shine the light on all the dark places. You want Him to be thorough! It is helpful to know what types of spirits might be scurrying to hide, so let's look at some big ones we call root spirits.

Root Spirits

Dr. Henry Malone defines in His book, *Shadow Boxing*, 14 root spirits mentioned in Scripture. Each root spirit has many other spirits working with it, producing much havoc, so each root spirit represents a whole category of problems. A root spirit will identify itself with a stronghold that has been established in an individual. Strongholds are fortifications set up by the devil made up of lies that an individual has believed. Until that person is delivered from the root, manifestation of sin from the root and the other associated spirits can be expected. We are calling a manifestation a display or indication. The sin that is manifested is commonly called fruit of the specific root. A root spirit can manifest in various kinds of fruit, but they are all related in some form or fashion. For example, the root of haughtiness can manifest fruit such as arrogance, stubbornness, superiority, racism, control, or ungodly domineering attitudes.

Good and bad fruit are described in the verse below:

Matthew 7:16-20

“You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from

thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

An individual can pray against a specific fruit and even cast it out, but unless the root is removed, the same problem will eventually reoccur, or a different type of fruit will manifest itself.

The following verse shows the wisdom of binding the strongman [root], then plundering the strongman’s house of all the fruit and other inhabitants.

Mark 3:27

“No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.”

So it is wise to ask Holy Spirit for the root of the problem so you can bind it and cast out every demon spirit associated with it and all of the fruit to leave in the name of Jesus. That way, you clean house!

We list the common 14 root spirits and the associated Scriptures.

Spirit of Infirmary/Causing Sickness/Crippling

Luke 13:11

“And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.”

Spirit of Fear/Timidity

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Spirit of Divination/Witchcraft/Predicting the Future

Acts 16:16-18

“Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, ‘These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.’ And she did this for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And he came out of her that very hour.”

Spirit of Whoredom/Harlotry/Prostitution/ Sexual Sins

Hosea 4:12

“My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of whoredom has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God.”

Spirit of Bondage/Addictions

Romans 8:15

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’”

Spirit of Haughtiness/Pride

Proverbs 16:18-19

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Spirit of Perversity/Distortion/Dizziness

Isaiah 19:14

“The Lord has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst; and they have caused Egypt to err in all her work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.”

Spirit of Anti-Christ/Against the Anointed One

1 John 4:3

“and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

Spirit of Deaf and Dumbness/Mute

Mark 9:25-27

“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!’ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, ‘He is dead.’ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he

arose.”

Spirit of Heaviness/Fainting/Despair

Isaiah 61:3

“To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

Spirit of Lying/Deceiving/Withholding Information

2 Chronicles 18:22

“Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you.”

Spirit of Jealousy

Numbers 5:14

“if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes up on him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself...”

Spirit of Stupor/Slumber/Deep Sleep

Romans 11:8

“Just as it is written: God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.”

Spirit of Error/Falsehood

1 John 4:6

“We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”

It is helpful for your freedom to know about two other spirits, Death and Python, which is the Greek word for Divination.

Death

Hebrews 2:14-15

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself like-wise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Death is not referred to as a “spirit” in Scripture, but it can act like one and can also operate as a curse. Often death is prevalent in those who have been terrified to die, or who also have suicidal tendencies. It can also manifest in the individual with numerous near-death experiences or calamities.

Python - Greek for Divination

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

“There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft,

or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls upon the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord and because the abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.”

Fruit from this python or divination spirit can include: witchcraft, addictions, drugs, apathy, infirmity, death, loss of vision or purpose, controlling environment, heaviness, depression, suicide, and literally ‘squeezing the life’ out of the individual, aimed especially against the call of God on a person’s life and destiny.

Deliverance Prayer

Deliverance prayer is a process, meaning there are layers of freedom that occur. It is often best to start out with the help of someone who has been through it themselves, someone filled with the power of Holy Spirit, trustworthy, and solid in their foundation of the Word of God. Other layers may follow, but at least you start out with someone to guide and teach you as you go through deliverance prayer. Remember, Holy Spirit can deliver the child of God at anytime and in any way!

At any rate, relationship with Holy Spirit is the key to deliverance. Invite Him into the process and He will guide. After shutting all open doors, it is typical to go down the list and ask Holy Spirit about each root spirit to see if there is any bondage within you. If you feel conviction, that is the Lord offering you repentance and freedom is near! He convicts you of the problem, not to condemn

you but to free you. So, it is wise to run to repentance. Once you repent, bind the spirits, cast them out in the name of Jesus, then loose goodness you can be confident of your freedom until or unless Holy Spirit brings something else to your attention. Remember it is a process!

Romans 8:30

“30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

Staying Free

The key to staying free in your mind, will, emotions and body is to abide with the one who created you! Spend time in His Word and be filled with His Spirit. Worship Him as much as you can, and then some. Walk with the true body of Christ. Take the Scriptures and speak them over yourself every day. In the moments where you feel the temptation to fall back into your old ways, the best way to combat that is to speak Scriptures out loud until the temptation passes. The more you spend time with God, the more you begin to know His thoughts, His ways and His heart. Then, you will find yourself with a renewed mind and pure thoughts, motives, and intentions. John 3:32 says, *“And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”* Only the truth you know from God’s Word will set you free and keep you free. If you choose to dabble back in your old ways after having been set free you can end up worse than what you were before.

The Scripture below explains how once a spirit

has left, he tries to come back. If you don't replace your old thought patterns with new ones and the Word of God, the spirit that has left will come back and bring seven other spirits with him.

Matthew 12:43-45

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came. And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

This is why it is so important to gird yourself with truth in God so that you can withstand the devil. Holy Spirit will empower you to take ungodly thoughts ‘captive’ and He will teach you how to condemn those thoughts and bring truth from God’s Word to replace them.

II Corinthians 10:3-6

“3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 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, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

Draw near to God, and He will help you resist the devil so the devil will flee permanently. Once

you have been liberated you don't ever have to be bound again in that area! Amen!

James 4:7-8

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts you double minded.”

Jesus was able to withstand the temptations the devil put out to Him. If He can do it, we can too because He is in us.

Abiding

The Lord calls each and every believer to remain with Him through intimacy and communion with His Word. Abiding means to await or remain stable or fixed. In John 15, Jesus explains it perfectly:

John 15

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire,

and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name he may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin,

but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

Read John 15 over and over until you understand and agree with it in your heart. The heart of the Lord is to be with you because He loves you.

Spending time reading God's Word and listening for His voice is everything. This is how you learn to come to know His voice and how He speaks to you. This is the secret place where the Lord will reveal Himself to you and pour out His love upon you. Without Jesus we can do nothing, just like it says in John 15. Without abiding in Him we cannot spiritually mature and become all that God created us to be. Abiding is your personal one-on-one time with Him on a daily basis. Abiding is also as you go because when you're filled with Holy Spirit, you are able to acknowledge and commune with Him 24/7. We will be with Him for eternity, but we get to start now on this side of Heaven.

Conclusion

When you've experienced freedom in Christ you begin to grow and mature into who God designed you to be. The forces that once held you back no longer have a hold on you. Your eyes are opened to His anointing, power and greatest of all His love for you. It is because of His love that we have the opportunity to gain such freedom. Walking in this way with God, in His glory, was how He always intended it to be for mankind. Once you've been set free you can't help but want to testify to others what Jesus has done for you. There's a hunger that begins to stir in the deep of your belly to know Him more. As you mature in Him you are given opportunities to testify what God has done for you and He will flow out of you.

Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

People often argue that it's impossible to live a sinless lifestyle while on the earth. Religion says,

“We are just the way we are, and we’ll stay that way until we go to Jesus.” Heathen lifestyle says, “I have no idea why I do the things that I do, but that’s all I know.” In the world it is easy to say, “Well, God knows my heart,” or “God knows I mean well.” If we, being born again, do not change and continue in these mindsets then we make less of Christ’s victory on the cross. Proverbs 26:11 puts it this way, *“As a dog returns to his own vomit so a fool repeats his folly.”* A fool returns to his old habits.

It’s not that we will never have issues, we are made of flesh. However, even though we live in this dark and sinful world, being a born again believer means we are no longer a part of this world. It is not our home anymore. That means we don’t have to partake in what the world has to offer. It is possible to live free and empowered by God.

I John 4:4

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

What better way to live! What’s amazing about God is that He gave us the choice to repent, to change our way of thinking.

I John 5:4

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

Repentance is a vital key to keeping yourself spotless, blameless and pure.

Proverbs 4:20-27

“20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put perverse lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.”

Jesus died to not only to give us eternal life, but to free us from oppression. The Bible tells us to not let ourselves be under bondage.

It is imperative that we search out the fullness of what Jesus really died for us to have.

Jesus died to give us salvation, which is *sozo* in the Greek. *Sozo* means saved, healed, delivered, made whole, prospered, protected, and shalom peace. It is an amazing gift! Jesus commissioned us to make disciples of all nations and to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons in His name. He told us to take dominion and bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth, just like it is in Heaven. He also told us that we would do greater things than He did on Earth. We can't do that if we are hung up in bondage to the schemes of the devil. The biggest lie we have believed is that there are no spirits, our words are not important, and we have no say! The first step is to get free. Then we will see what we can do about the rest!

Galatians 5:1

“It was for freedom that Christ has set you free, therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”

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 3:3-7, 16-18

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a] 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

“6 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

Acts 1:8

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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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