***Day 38 – “Walk with Me in White”***

**One Spirit, Many Members**

 ***“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. 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. For in fact the body is not one member but many.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-14***

***​“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:1-6***

After being born again, and being baptized into Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit brings the body of Christ into divine order by bringing each and every believer into their place and position in Christ Jesus. We, the body of Christ, are submitted under our 'head', King Jesus. Jesus Christ must be Lord of every member and no one can call Jesus Lord except by the Spirit. [I Cor. 12:3]

***“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Ephesians 1:22-23***

Holy Spirit distributes gifts, ministries, activities and manifests power in and through all believers as He wills.

***“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7***

Each believer [member] is anointed, set apart and chosen by Holy Spirit, empowered with spiritual gifts in order to fulfill their role and function within the body of Christ. Holy Spirit gives each and every believer spiritual gifts and like drawing water from a well, He draws them up and out to be used for the need for the moment. Every believer has access to every spiritual gift. Some members will have mantles, gifts and callings that they walk in consistently. Holy Spirit knows what gift we need for every moment and distributes as He wills.

***“For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” 1 Corinthians 12:8-11***

There is an order within the body of Christ according to roles and functions:

***“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:4-8***

***“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 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.” 1 Corinthians 12:27-28***

Jesus, our head, gave some to be in certain offices, specific roles with specific functions. These are governmental roles and offices. Jesus operated in these offices perfectly and the anointing of these offices flows out of Him into His appointed members in order to see the fullness come into the entire body.

***“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 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…” Ephesians 4:7-13***

The body of Christ, every member in their role and function, are called to reveal Jesus in this world, in our areas of influence. We take the gospel to every creature; all creation; in order to fulfill the Lord's commission to make disciples of the nations; teaching them all He has taught us through HIs word, His kingdom principles, in the power of Holy Spirit. [Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 10:7, 8; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 1; Rev. 12:11]

Holy Spirit brings the body into the maturity, the fullness of Christ Jesus, through this government.

***“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, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 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.” Ephesians 4:14-16***

***“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.***

***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.” Isa. 9:6,7***

***"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:14-21***