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Introduction

Many people have been saved. Millions have come into the kingdom of heaven and it is wonderful. But there is a cry from the church, give us more! Many can sense there is more but for some reason the church got stuck with milk.

In my journey with three mission organisations, global day of prayer leader for two years (where I worked with many pastors in the city) and many travels I am greatly saddened by the knowledge the church have about their personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. I regard this course as a crucial journey for every Christian.

When we only drink milk we cannot multiply or grow strong. This study is for those who want more. It is for those that want to stand up in their calling, who wants to discover their destiny as they walk with the Holy Spirit as their place in the kingdom of heaven unfolds in their personal journey with God.

It gives a solid foundation to walk in the miraculous. I hope you will be blessed with this study. A lot of scripture is included. This is a course designed for churches to study the work of the Holy Spirit and to bring people into relationship with the Holy Spirit and to activate the power of God in their lives.

It is a very exciting study. We prefer to train leaders that multiply this course so that we can keep in step with the Anointing God is releasing and in order that we walk in discipleship as we share in what God is doing as multiplication of lordship takes place.

The purpose of this Course Manual is to give people a foundation to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. It's advisable to do it in discipleship groups with a trainer.

May you be blessed and walk in your destiny!

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The foundation of grace

When a church is built not on the foundation of grace but on the foundation of legalism it can create big challenges. Today this is a challenge many churches face. Many churches and even denominations are experientially built on the foundation of legalism and the foundation of own effort. As long as you have this foundation you will try to please God by doing all kind of good things but you will not see the power of God.

The miraculous is built on the foundation of the cross.

There is no other foundation that will change your life like the foundation of the cross. When you understand this reality you will be able to enforce a new reality of life, defeat sicknesses, curses, sin, unhealthy relationships etc and you will be able to live in the reality of the cross. We are going to look at quite a few scriptures in this study. I have included the scriptures so that it would be easier to read. It is good to go and read these scriptures afterwards and to go and do a deeper study around these principles.

(1Co 3:10) According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

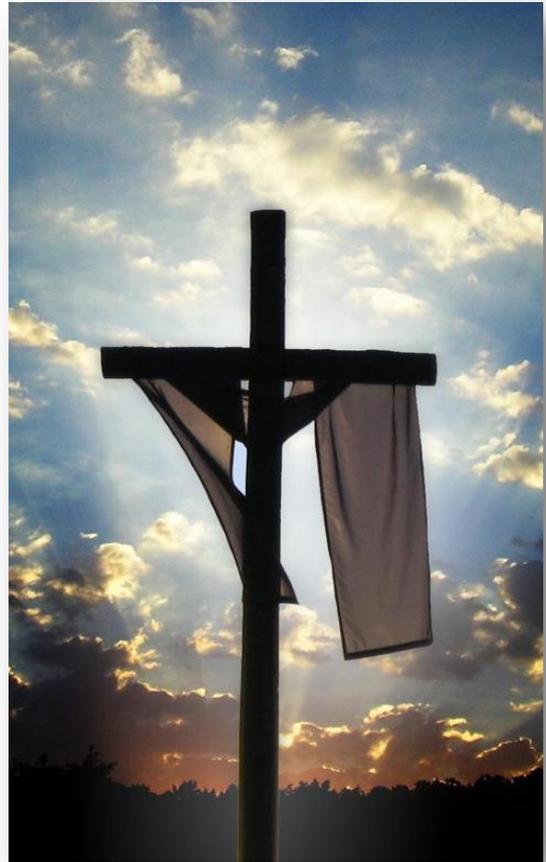
(1Co 3:11) For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Rebirth is only the start of the Christian walk. After rebirth discipleship takes place. Discipleship is the process where we realise our holiness and start to walk in it, where we realise our righteousness and start to walk in it, where we realise our authority and power and start to walk in it.

(1Co 2:12) Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Discipleship is growing up in what has been freely given to us.

If I have been given a car I must learn how to climb in the car, how to switch the car on and how to drive the car. I don't have to earn the car, but if I don't know what it is or how to use it it is just as good as if I never received the car.



Everything has been earned for us on the cross. Let us look at the various things that have been earned on the cross for us.

- 1) What is the foundation of grace?
- 2) What do we grow up to realise?

Our righteousness

(Rom 5:1) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the cross Jesus earned our righteousness. He died for all your sins therefore you are justified in the eyes of God. No matter what you do that doesn't change what Jesus did on the cross. When you look to the cross you see your own justification. Because you are righteous in God's eyes you can repent and look to the cross for forgiveness and continue to try and walk in righteousness daily. The Holy Spirit guides us in this righteousness and as we look to the Holy Spirit we learn what true righteousness is.

As I am standing in a long row and I am extremely impatient the Holy Spirit can bring a conviction of my impatience. As I repent and ask the Holy Spirit to guide me I realise all the people are waiting around me and I start to talk with somebody around me.

Because we are righteous the Holy Spirit leads us into righteousness.

- 1) What is righteousness?
- 2) When are you righteous?
- 3) Why are you righteous?

All curses were dealt with on the cross

(Deu 28:15-25) "But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.

Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

"The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.

The LORD will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

The LORD will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish.

And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron.

The LORD will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

"The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

If we disobey God these curses will come on us. But now Jesus has died for us! We have been forgiven once and for all and all the power of these curses are now broken because he died on the cross. Now we must apply the cross to our circumstances.

If there is a law that nobody may drive more than 60 in the city does it mean nobody will drive more than 60? Only if the law is enforced! Likewise we need to apply what happened on the cross to our circumstance.

There can be generational curses, financial curses, sicknesses running in the family, people dying of heart diseases in the family etc. This came because of the sin that has been committed over generations. But all of this can be broken because of what Jesus did on the cross.

(Gal 3:13) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—

(Gal 3:14) so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

A curse -based reality

(Isa 60:2) *For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.*

People that do not believe in Jesus live in thick darkness. There are philosophies in this world that is straight from hell. There are religions that have been fabricated by demons and there is a lot of deceit going around. Inwardly man is full of sin and negative thoughts without realizing that these natural inclinations are wrong. Without the cross of Jesus disobedience is inevitable because even one evil thought will bring the curse. Therefore all without the cross are living in a curse based reality where worldly arguments and a demon infested reality far from God are in the order of the day.

A Cross - based reality

People's reality without the cross is like a family trapped between wild animals daily. Fear is ruling and survival is the only thought. When wild animals caught one of the family there is the trauma and memories and true feeling of helplessness and fear ruling. Daily it is a struggle and a fight against the elements that is sometimes just too overwhelming.

A cross based reality is like the same family with guns and ammunition. The father and mother can defend the family and overcome the wild animals while being able to gather food much easier. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit they can establish life while they are in communion with God daily. There is a sense of hope and joy in life while there is understanding of the reason for living and the purpose for the kingdom.

Because of the cross prayer and fasting has great power and in prayer communication with the Holy Spirit is there which brings light and freedom.

A prayer to break curses:

Father I come before you and bring the following curses before you, (all the babies we have lost prematurely for example) and we break it in the name of Jesus because Jesus died for this curse on the cross. I command in Jesus name that all curses break that I do not know of. Me and my family are righteous before God and no curse of any sort may have any effect in Jesus name.

By praying this prayer we apply the power of the cross on our life and what has been freely given to us breaks through because of what Jesus did on the cross.

- 1) *What is a curse?*
- 2) *How does a curse become active?*
- 3) *How can we break a curse?*
- 4) *Why do we have the authority to break curses?*
- 5) *Can there be curses in a Christian's life?*
- 6) *What is the difference between a curse based reality and a cross based reality?*

We have died on the cross

(Rom 6:1 – 7) What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Because we have died with Jesus we have been set free from sin, sickness in our body, addictions and everything that could have enslaved me to my body. Because I have died with Christ I have got entrance to the resurrection power because our bodies were also raised with Christ.

(Gal 5:24) And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

The impact of the fact that we died with Christ on the cross is vast. I was praying for a person that lost speech and the ability to walk because of a stroke. He was vastly impaired. On the cross he died with Jesus for that body! That body has died with Jesus on the cross! He now had entrance to the resurrection power of Jesus because when he was resurrected with Jesus his physical body was also resurrected with Jesus on the cross. As we prayed for him his neck was healed and I look forward to see how the Holy Spirit has continued to work the healing as I go back. I have seen great healings because of this fact. The body of cancer has died on the cross, addictions died on the cross, my overweight died on the cross etc.

We have entrance into so many blessings because we have died on the cross and we have entrance into the power of the resurrection!

Example of a prayer applying the death of Jesus:

“My fat stomach you have died with Jesus on the cross. Because you have died on the cross and I have been resurrected on the cross I command you to disappear. Thank you Holy Spirit that you work in my stomach and that through the resurrection power I can overcome this fat.”

Through this process I start walking in the fact that I don't have to overeat myself and it released an energy that is helping me to overcome my stomach.

The effect of sin

Because of sin the spirit of man has died. Therefore in their spirit they commune with sinful dreams and daydreaming as Satan and his demons have control in the spirit of the person feeding the thoughts with lust, rebellion and all kinds of deceitful arguments.

In the soul the thoughts of man is like a thorn bush full of painful thoughts which leads to hatred, jealousy and thoughts of a way to escape these painful thoughts. In relationships there are quarrelling and a deep sense of pain as everybody is looking for love to fill the place of emptiness.

In the emotions there are lie-based interpretations and suspicions because people feel what they believe. There is competition for a sense of self-worth and running after money to escape the fear and give self-worth.

In the body the people escape to sexual sins, drugs and all kinds of sin to medicate the pain even though it destroys the body. People hide into some kind of addiction that helps them cope in order to survive another day in the thick darkness.

At the cross we died to this reality and sin was condemned and put to death in us. God has put to death the thought at its very core. When the first thought of sin comes up the Holy Spirit is right there to put to death the very seed of sin in our minds. Under the law the sin was conceived and grew and at the very last moment God's law stopped me from doing destructive things yet the sin was in my inner being and was very much alive in me. So destruction and evil thoughts reigned in my inner being but I was stopped from carrying it out through the law (if I had the power to uphold it). Sin was so much alive in the Pharisees that they put God in human form to death! So the Holy Spirit puts to death sin at various stages in our thought lives as we allow Him and can even replace all thoughts as we can have the mind of Christ that we never even contemplated sin.

The New Covenant under grace goes much further in annihilating sin. Much further than the law could ever go. Now we can have the Holy Spirit in our spirits and we can have the mind of Christ and the emotions of God while our bodies are a temple of God and we can be truly holy inward and out.

- 1) What does it mean that you died on the cross?
- 2) How does the fact that you died on the cross affect your daily life?
- 3) How do you apply the resurrection power in your life?
- 4) What does it mean that the body of sin was brought to nothing and crucified on the cross?

5) Where does the Holy Spirit put sin to death in the New Covenant?

We have overcome Satan on the cross

(Col 2:13) And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

(Col 2:14) by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

(Col 2:15) He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

On the cross all demons have been defeated; therefore demons have no authority whatsoever in our lives or in our families lives. Once again we need to apply it!

When our house is invaded by cockroaches we need to buy poison and apply it. As we apply it the cockroaches die. We have legal authority over cockroaches, as they manifest we go to the shop and buy poison. As we apply this authority the cockroaches die and stop manifesting.

The cross is the shop to defeat curses, demons, illnesses, sin, disabilities etc. It is also the shop where we can buy blessings, healings, faith, life time destinies etc. As we have faith we can go and buy anything we need and apply it in our lives and see the manifestation of life overcome and defeat the manifestation of death.

But the biggest problem with Satan is his lies and deceit. If we have a cockroach problem manifesting and somebody comes to your house and say you must immediately vacate this house, because they are an incurable pest that is endangering your family's lives and it is impossible to defeat them. What will you do if you believe it?

You will vacate the house and maybe go and live with family. Did this person have any authority? No, he lied and told you he had authority. Did he have power? No but the fact that you believed him gave him power over your whole household.

Even though you had the legal authority and still have it the cockroaches are manifesting in the house. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where Satan is deceiving and lying to you.

(Joh 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

(Joh 8:44) You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Today the biggest lie is that we have to earn what Jesus has already earned for us. Satan has succeeded in laying the foundation of the law in churches. Because people are relying on their own righteousness and effort to deserve what Jesus has already deserved whole churches have the wrong foundation and the miracles therefore cease.

The miraculous only manifests because of the foundation of the cross and what Jesus has done on the cross.

(Gal 3:1) O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.

(Gal 3:2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

(Gal 3:3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

(Gal 3:4) Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

(Gal 3:5) Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

Our job is not to earn anything but to apply the legal authority of the cross in our lives and the community today.

Satan's biggest lie where he tries to steal authority from Christians is to let us try to earn the legal authority all over again by good works. Then the cross becomes powerless because we try to lay a foundation that is based on our good works. Then Satan feels very powerful. In fact he can devastate like he wants to. We are like people without guns in a game park. We have given authority over to the lions, hyenas and all kinds of wild animals. If we have guns and ammunition we can exercise our authority relatively easily and it can be relatively safe in the game park.

Satan wants to lie about what happened on the cross. As soon as you believe the lie your reality doesn't reflect what happened on the cross. Then he can use your reality to deceive you further that God doesn't love you, that he is angry with you and want to bring judgment on you etc.

Prayer from deliverance from Satan's works

Satan and all your demons leave me alone in my body, soul and spirit. Jesus died on the cross for me. You have no legal right over my life, leave me alone in every way. Thank you Holy Spirit that you lead me into all truth and that you protect me in every way. Amen

- 1) What happened with Satan and his demons on the cross?
- 2) Why can he have no right on you?
- 3) What does Satan primarily try to do?
- 4) How does he try to use your own good works against you?
- 5) Can you be safe from Satan in this life?

We have died to the law with Christ on the cross

(Gal 2:16) yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

(Gal 2:17) But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

(Gal 2:18) For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

(Gal 2:19) For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

(Gal 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Gal 2:21) I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

We can nullify the grace of God by going back to the law. Jesus fulfilled the law on the cross. Now He has given us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth that leads us into the true obedience to the heart of God. When God takes away the law He gives us the Holy Spirit.

If I have a child at home that is still young and he must stay at home a parent will give all kinds of rules. Do not open the door for strangers, do not go to the swimming pool, do your homework while I am away etc. When their mother stays at home no rules are needed. Their mother is at home and will give them much more than protection. She will give them love, comfort, security, wisdom and everything they need. Are they going to be naughtier if I leave them alone with rules or when I leave their mother with them?

Likewise God has taken the rules away but left the Holy Spirit to guide us in everything. Now we are not only protected but have everything we need!

(Eph 2:14) For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

(Eph 2:15) by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

Here we clearly see that the scripture says that the law was abolished on the cross with its regulations and commandments. When the law was crucified it means that no accusation can stand against you. Nothing negative that has been said against you can stand. Nothing negative you thought about yourself or anybody in the world. You have died to all accusation! On the cross you have been forgiven and every accusation against you have died with you there. You have already been punished to death and paid the ultimate price for any sin you could have committed. You have died and so also all accusations.

Now God has given us a better covenant, the covenant of the Holy Spirit. Do we then sin because there is no law?

No, we got a better covenant that has overcome death in our very inner being, in our minds.

(Rom 8:3) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

(Rom 8:4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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

So Jesus died to the law with all its accusations. Now grace makes room for the Holy Spirit that leads us into the true fulfilment of the law without condemnation. When we focus on the Spirit the Holy Spirit puts to death the seed of sin in our minds. Where the very seed of death, temptation and destruction is born God puts it to death as we focus on the mind of the Holy Spirit. We therefore get a mind transplant as long as we submit our will to the will of the Holy Spirit.

We only have one obligation now. To focus and obey the Holy Spirit! If we obey the Holy Spirit we will live. If we obey the flesh we will reap the consequences of the flesh. God does not punish us or judge us but we suffer consequences.

(Gal 6:7) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

(Gal 6:8) For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life

What we sow we will reap. When we sin we will reap the consequences of sin. I am not judged by God anymore but I do judge myself for I will reap the consequences of my actions. God does still

however discipline us and prune us but the discipline is much more to put the seed of sin to death than one or the other sin.

When a farmer throws poison over the whole farm to put to death the weed He does not have in mind one specific weed, He puts to death every kind of weed that doesn't produce the fruit he wants. Sometimes circumstances come over our way where we have to very carefully obey the Holy Spirit. Normally it came our way because we strayed from God. Now we have a very narrow path and we need to come very close to God to overcome the pain or to even survive. These times wipes out the mind of the flesh and sin.

The more you habitually focus on the Holy Spirit the fewer of these times we need yet we will still be pruned for new seasons coming. However if you work with the Holy Spirit these times are far less painful but full of peace.

Jesus died for all our sicknesses

(Isa 53:5) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

We already see that we died with Jesus and that our bodies died with Jesus on the cross. Our physical bodies were also resurrected with Jesus in perfect health. We saw that Jesus died for curses and our sin and the law. There is no accusation that can hold against us. We have the legal authority that we can be healed.

How do we translate this legal authority into manifested authority?

(Luk 18:1) And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

(Luk 18:2) He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

(Luk 18:3) And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

(Luk 18:4) For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

(Luk 18:5) yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

(Luk 18:6) And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

(Luk 18:7) And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

(Luk 18:8) I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

When will our faith be tested? When we ask and nothing seem to happen, yet if we continually and consistently ask we will receive our justice.

We need to stand on what happened on the cross. You have a legal right to be healed because your sick body died on the cross and was resurrected with Jesus.

A modern day parable

(If the people driving more than 60 represent sicknesses and the law represent the fact that Jesus died on the cross for sicknesses).

Say the law says that people may only drive 60 in a city, does all the cars drive 60? The cars will drive 60 if the law is enforced.

Is it possible that a car drives 180 past a cop and he is unable to catch the car? Yes it is possible. Does it nullify the fact that the law says you may only drive 60? No. No matter how many times you prayed and somebody didn't get healed the fact that Jesus died on the cross for sicknesses remains the same. The law still says you may only drive 60.

If many people drive more than 60 what should be done? The law should be enforced more strictly.

We do this by teaching people about healing, praying for sick people, have prayer chains and fasting. We enforce the law. If a cop cannot stop a speeding criminal the cop calls more cops and they chase after the criminal, even with a helicopter. Likewise what happened on the cross never changes. What changes is our understanding and our hunger to enforce what happened on the cross.

One friend of mine's wife got really sick. Later on there were 14 doctors working on her. They came to him and said everything is hopeless. He was praying all the time but now let the church know. The church fasted for the whole weekend and the Monday she walked out of the hospital totally healed! What happened? Reinforcements were called in, helicopters were sent out and the speeding criminal was caught. Do you allow curses, sicknesses, sin and demons to rule in your family? Back to the cross! There is no luckier person than the Christian. There is nobody that inherited more rights than the Christian! All rights have been given to anybody accepting what Jesus has done on the cross!

I grew up being very allergic for house dust and cat hair. My eyes would really swell up badly. I was praying for a lot of people for healing, and then we got a cat. My eyes began to swell. I was really confident and rebuked the swelling, nothing happened. I rebuked it day 1, day 2, and day 3. After 6 days I was really troubled and said to God: "How can I pray for others if you don't heal me?" The seventh day I stood up and all the symptoms were gone! That cat got kittens and we had many generations of cats. My allergy totally gone!

Would there be faith left when Jesus comes back?

I stood on the legal authority that is mine because of the death of Jesus on the cross. I stood on the legal authority until it became manifested authority. And then the sickness left.

Let's look at what happened to Daniel:

(Dan 10:11) And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

(Dan 10:12) Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

(Dan 10:13) The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,

In this verses we see that Daniel's prayers was immediately answered but it took 21 days before the legal authority manifested into the physical. In this time there was a war in the heavenlies and in the end the angels of God overcome. In the time from when we pray until when the miracle breaks through in the physical we need faith.

With healing we need to understand what Jesus did on the cross and stand upon it. If it takes time we get a prayer chain, then we fast and then we get people to fast with us until the legal authority manifest in the physical. All this need to happen under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

1. What happened when our physical bodies died and were resurrected with Jesus?
2. What should our attitude be towards sickness?
3. How do we call in other police cars to help us to catch the sickness that is disobeying the cross of Jesus?
4. Why do we need constant prayer?
5. What is the legal authority released because of the cross?
6. How do we get the legal authority to become manifested authority?

Jesus died that blessings can be released in our lives

(Joh 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

(Joh 1:16) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

(Joh 1:17) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(Act 13:34) And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, "I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David."

(Gal 3:13) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—

(Gal 3:14) so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

(Gal 3:16) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

(Gal 3:17) This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.

(Gal 3:18) For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

So God has given promises to Christ. When we are reborn we receive Christ. We then become co-heirs with Christ of His promises.

In Christ we receive grace upon grace, promise upon promise and glory upon glory.

If I have a seed of a fruit tree it is a promise. If the tree has grown it is a blessing. If it bears fruit and I eat it with my family it is glory.

The Holy Spirit wants to give us promises. As we walk in the Spirit the promises becomes a blessing and as the blessing bears fruit it brings the glory and the Presence of God where we go.

Maybe the Holy Spirit promises you a healing ministry, as you grow and understand revelation of the cross and teaching you become a blessing with your faith. As you continue to persevere and the legal authority starts manifesting in the physical the glory of God is present and there is glory upon glory

as one person after the other gets healed, as the one art work after the other is produced, the one athletics championship after the other is won etc.

(Eph 3:8) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

Paul knew the mystery of Christ. It is these unsearchable riches that was blessing upon blessing because of what Christ did on the cross that Paul was preaching. People got healed, the dead were raised and the church of God was built on the foundation of Christ that was crucified!

When Jesus died He took all the curses of the law on Him and these curses died with Him. As He was resurrected all the blessings of the law was released because the law was fulfilled. Now every promise in the scripture is ours and is released by the Holy Spirit into our lives promise by promise.

(2Co 1:18) As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No.

(2Co 1:19) For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes.

(2Co 1:20) For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

God has released these promises on the cross. Now we need to have faith and say amen. As we say Amen the glory is released.

Once I was praying and the Holy Spirit said to me: "Every person that you shake hands with will receive the Holy Spirit. Two years later they brought a demon possessed man to me. As the man came closer he put his hands behind him and proclaimed. I am not going to shake your hand because I know that the Holy Spirit comes through your hands as you shake people's hands. The demon recognised the promise God gave to me 2 years ago at that time.

The Holy Spirit guarded the manifestation of the promise although legally all promises was released at the cross. As I had a relationship with the Holy Spirit he released this promise as I needed it for ministry. How many promises did you receive because of the death of Jesus? Millions and even billions. Just listen to the Holy Spirit what they are. As you listen to them and believe it is yours it comes into manifestation.

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1. *What is a blessing?*
 2. *Why can we receive blessings?*
 3. *What is the difference between a promise, blessing and glory?*
 4. *What blessings has the Holy Spirit blessed you with?*
 5. *How can the blessings come into manifestation in your life?*
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Legal authority and manifested authority

We need to understand the issue of legal authority and manifested authority. Lawmakers in the parliament of America may decide that the pipeline that takes oil to Canada must be restored. As soon as they take the decision and it is decided legal authority has been released.

Now because this legal authority is released a message is taken to the factories that didn't employ workers anymore for many years. As soon as they get the message the factories starts up, the machinery starts up and eventually people are building the pipeline in the physical.

Now the legal authority has translated into manifested authority.

What has been released on the cross is legal authority that you can lose weight, that you can be healed, that your family will enter into greater intelligence etc.. You now hear the message, understand it and apply it by asking the Holy Spirit to translate this authority into manifested authority. As you are led by the Holy Spirit and the machinery of the cross kicks in the miracle manifests.

We apply the legal authority by faith as we understand our authority and then it becomes manifested authority.

If we don't apply the authority and get it to manifest the consequence is very much the same as if we had no authority. We must first understand it and then apply it.

- 1) What is legal authority?
- 2) What is manifested authority?
- 3) How does legal authority become manifested authority?
- 4) Why is it important to understand the difference between legal authority and manifested authority?
- 5) How do the promises released because of the cross become reality in your life?

We have now looked at some of the foundations of the cross. It is incredible important to understand this foundation and that it have nothing to do with you in regard to the fact that you have to earn anything. Everything has been earned for you. Now you only need to believe and listen to the Holy Spirit that is the administrator of the authority and power released by the cross.

On the cross the government was taken by God from the devil. Jesus now controls the spiritual dimensions. He controls the armies, the constitution, the courts, the police force and all authority in heaven and on earth.

(Mat 28:18) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

(Mat 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,

We can go and make disciples with no authority because they do not understand the cataclysmic power of the cross. As we look at the cross and understand the power released by the cross we can make disciples like the stars of heaven. Now is the season for our eyes to be opened up for the incredible glory of the cross!



Rebirth

Because Jesus has died on the cross we can enter into a new kingdom. We can cross over from the natural kingdom to the kingdom of miracles. We cross when the curse reality to the cross reality. We are transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

(Col 1:12) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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(Col 1:13) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

We have been transferred between kingdom and we have entered into an inheritance because of this transferral. In this kingdom when God looks at you He sees His son and what He has done on the cross. He has given His Son all the rights because He has died on the cross and you are sharing in these rights.

So how does this transferral take place? How do we enter this new kingdom?

(Joh 3:3) Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

(Joh 3:4) 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?"

(Joh 3:5) Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

(Joh 3:6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

(Joh 3:7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

(Joh 3:8) The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(Joh 3:14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (Joh 3:15) that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

What is rebirth?

Rebirth is where I receive the Holy Spirit because I believe in Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross for me. When we receive the Holy Spirit we share in eternal life and we receive the benefits of the kingdom. Before rebirth we are in the curse reality and under the law. When we receive the Holy Spirit we are transferred to the cross reality and the kingdom of heaven.

How does rebirth take place?

(Luk 11:9) And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

(Luk 11:10) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

(Luk 11:11) What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

(Luk 11:12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

(Luk 11:13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

When we ask for the Holy Spirit and confess that Jesus died for our sins we receive the Holy Spirit in us. Your spirit is renewed instantly. In your spirit you receive the Holy Spirit and your spirit is instantly renewed.

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

We have a body, soul and spirit. With rebirth the spirit is instantly renewed and we are new in the spirit. The spirit is the control centre of a person. Here we are instantly and totally renewed.

The body is the outward shell in which the soul and the spirit are housed.

The soul is our mind, emotions and the will.

The spirit is the place where we worship God and where the Holy Spirit or demons can live.

As we receive the Holy Spirit it displaces the demonic and evil and it will have an effect on the emotions, mind and the body but just as far as your spirit had an effect in these areas. Your memories don't change but your perspective might. Some people stopped struggling with sicknesses after rebirth and the effect is very powerful.

Example of rebirth

(Act 3:18) But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

(Act 3:19) Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

(Act 3:20) that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

As we preach the gospel we lead people to repentance and the acceptance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

A prayer of repentance:

Lord Jesus I come before you and accept the work that you have done on the cross for me. I repent of all my sin and ask that you forgive them. I ask you for your Holy Spirit that you have promised to those that believe. Thank you, Amen.

By this simple prayer you can lead people to Jesus. When they receive the Holy Spirit their lives are instantly changed. Now they are ready for baptism and discipleship.

Can people receive the Holy Spirit without knowing it?

Some people, especially those in churches can hear the gospel and then one day start acting on it and really get devoted. It is like people crossing a border in an airplane. They don't know precisely when they cross the border but at a certain time they realise they must have crossed the border.

Others are like those travelling in a bus that must stop, get their stamps in their passport and they know precisely when they crossed the border.

What is important is that you do ask to receive the Holy Spirit. If you haven't done it. It's important to do it consciously.

Baptism

(Mat 28:18) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

(Mat 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,

(Mat 28:20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

After you have received rebirth it is important to get baptised. This is a sign of what happened in the spiritual realm and a confession to the world that you are now a follower of Jesus.

If you have been baptised when you were young and now you are uncertain ask the Holy Spirit what you should do. After rebirth we are pursuing the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the will of God. After rebirth we want to move on to discipleship and understanding the right you legally now have before the throne of God.

- 1) What is rebirth?
- 2) How does rebirth take place?
- 3) How do you lead somebody to rebirth?
- 4) What does it mean that you are now a new creation?
- 5) Why should we be baptised?



Guidance of the Holy Spirit

(Rom 8:12) So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

(Rom 8:13) For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

(Rom 8:14) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

What is the guidance of the Holy Spirit? When you have received the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit wants to guide you in everything. He wants to guide you in your thoughts, emotions, what you say and your decisions. Yet this guidance is only when you submit your will to God and look for Him. Because we have a free will God wants us to search Him for His will. As we search for His will He will reveal it to us. If you are not looking for His will He will not reveal Himself but allow us to live according to our own thoughts.

What happens if we do not let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit? There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, but we do not share in the blessings. It is like somebody staying on a farm but not sowing seed in order to reap a harvest. There is no condemnation but he will not have a harvest.

When we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit will lead us into life in everything. We will do His will and be under His lordship.

Three types of Christians

1) Fleshly Christians

Fleshly Christians are Christians who are only Christians to be forgiven. They are forgive-me Christians. They follow the flesh and are addicted to fleshly things yet they believe in Jesus.

To Jacob God said: [\(Gen 28:14\)](#) Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Yet to Satan God said: [\(Gen 3:14\)](#) The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

These fleshly Christians have the Holy Spirit and are in Christ but they choose to follow the destructions of the flesh and if they continue they will be destroyed in the flesh.

[\(1Co 5:4\)](#) When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

[\(1Co 5:5\)](#) you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

These Christians are playing with fire and is continually asking what is wrong and what is right in order to shift the boundaries for them to please the flesh.

[\(Gal 6:7\)](#) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

[\(Gal 6:8\)](#) For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

These type of Christians goes to church from time to time and read scripture from time to time. They cannot hear the Holy Spirit or are not lead by the Holy Spirit. Christianity is mostly about getting forgiveness when they need it.

2) Soulsh Christians

In the soul we get the emotions, will and the thoughts. Some Christians has dealt with the outward sins but they are still lead inwardly by their own thoughts. They are still in the centre of their own universe. They are often very strong willed and can have emotional up and downs. They do not know how to control their mouths and struggle to submit to the Holy Spirit. They can hear the Holy Spirit from time to time but they are not constantly submitting. Where God is a benefit for them they will follow and take over where they don't want to follow.

They are often quite committed and read the bible often but the inward motivation is to be blessed in their lives. God is a vehicle to their goal and that is to be blessed.

This is bless-me Christians.

[\(Gen 22:17\)](#) I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

These Christians are led by the Holy Spirit from time to time but their life is interwoven by their own decisions and turnoffs. They might get trapped in a work because they were not led by the Holy Spirit when choosing their work; they might have married the wrong life partner because they were stubborn and followed their own will.

We need to understand deeply that the guidance of the Holy Spirit is for our benefit as well as the benefit of the kingdom of God.

These Christians makes the same mistake that Peter made and then they persecute Jesus and become vehicles of Satan inadvertently. Peter was afraid to suffer and only wanted to follow Jesus where it was comfortable.

(Mar 8:31) And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

(Mar 8:32) And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

(Mar 8:33) But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

We need to follow the Holy Spirit everywhere even though it may seem that for a time it is difficult and we need to suffer. We need to follow Jesus and live for the purposes of the kingdom of heaven. In that place Peter was more concerned about the things of man. Some times the things of man and the things of God is not the same thing and we need to submit to God and not follow the things of man. Lot was a man that travelled with Abraham but in the end was caught by his own motives and the things of man.

3) Spiritual Christians

Spiritual Christians is the true Christians that are looking for the lordship of Jesus. We all start as dust and then go to sand and some then become like stars. Stars do not live in this dimension. They shine in the darkness and people look up to them and they give direction for some to find their way.

Lordship means to submit everything to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Your career, your husband or wife, your will, thoughts, emotions etc. It is a submitted life going where Jesus is going. Doing what the Father is showing. It is to suffer if there is suffering on this path and our blessings is in the hands of God. It is not to be ruled by the temporal but to have the perspective of eternity right through your temporal existence.

Those that are habitually laying down their will start to be led by God in everything, guidance come easily as somebody that has bored for water in the waterhole and found water.

(Mar 8:34) And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

(Mar 8:35) For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

(Mar 8:36) For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

(Mar 8:37) For what can a man give in return for his soul?

(Mar 8:38) For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

(Mar 9:1) And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

If you want to be a star it is important to start well. Those that start well have the best chance of creating the right habits for lordship. The biggest enemy of lordship is compromise. Compromise easily becomes a habit and people easily settle for a good job and kind of devoted Christianity but

shy away from full devotion and obedience. The reason is because they don't want to die in Christ but keep the control of their lives.

God provides where He leads and He also sows the path of the obedient with a miraculous life but it does cost obedience constantly. It does not mean that you must study theology or become a missionary but it means obedience where you are. Sometimes it is good to leave everything and to start right. Dts (discipleship training school) in Ywam is a good option if God wants you to start over again.

Look how Abram started that would later become the father of the nations. Yet his first promise was children of dust and it later became stars of heaven.

(Gen 12:1) Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

(Gen 12:2) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

(Gen 12:3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

(Gen 12:4) So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

If we want to be stars there must be revelation of the utter wickedness of this world, you must be finished with your own dreams and trust God to lay your dreams at His feet. There must be a hunger to do what is right no matter what the consequences and a willingness to suffer if needed. It is God's will above everything constantly. You need to understand that in Him is Life and that He is the source of everything like the disciples realised when they left the great catch of fish to follow Him.

Practical steps in guidance

- -Find a quiet place in the house.
- -Close your eyes
- -Rebuke all evil
- -Focus on what God wants to let you know as you clear your mind
- -Allow the Holy Spirit to speak or give realisations, believe what you heard
- -Act on what you believe from God that is in accordance to the scripture

This is to find the word from the Holy Spirit. Many times God speaks through scripture but the Holy Spirit can also speak directly.

(Joh 16:13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

You can hear the Holy Spirit at any time and at any place but it does need an ear that wants to hear and that focus regularly on the Holy Spirit in a day.

(Joh 5:19) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

God wants to show us everything He is doing just like He showed Jesus. We need to ask God to show us what He is doing and then we work with Him. Jesus said what He heard the Father saying, judged as the Father judged and did what the Father showed Him. Guidance by the Holy Spirit is to search for God and do what He shows and says. It is a life of humbleness because of the understanding that what God shows will have eternal value.

Deceit

(1Jn 2:26) I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

(1Jn 2:27) But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

The Anointing of the Holy Spirit is there to teach you. Today the biggest deceit is Christians that do not let them be taught by the Holy Spirit. They are so afraid of being deceived they trust nobody except themselves, but the Holy Spirit is given to teach us.

Can we think we hear the Holy Spirit and be wrong? Sure. But that is why we need to stay submitted to the scriptures and the principles of the scriptures. The more you try to hear the Holy Spirit the more you will be able to distinguish what is from your mind and emotion and what is from the Holy Spirit.

(1Jn 4:1) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(1Jn 4:2) By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

(1Jn 4:3) and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

In the early churches the Christians did have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. They were also aware of the spiritual realm and that there are many spirits. We need to make sure we hear the Holy Spirit. This is the test from scripture that is an easy test.

You need to experiment with the voice of the Holy Spirit that speaks in peace and also be responsible. As you grow it becomes easier and easier to hear the Holy Spirit and to be sure it is Him.

Ways God can speak

According to scripture there are many ways God can speak. Let us name a few:

1. His voice
2. Peace
3. Thoughts
4. Dreams
5. Visions
6. Sensing/prompting
7. Other people
8. Prophecy
9. Nature
10. Donkey/animals

11. Emotions
12. Bodily sensations
13. Circumstances
14. Scripture
15. Books and all kinds of technology (when your focused on Him) etc.

We can sense the Holy Spirit and the word of God in all kinds of ways. But we need to sharpen ourselves and train the skill with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will make this clear Himself. Ask Him!

- 1) What does it mean to be led by the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What is a fleshly Christian?
- 3) To what extent is a fleshly Christian led by the Holy Spirit?
- 4) What is a soulish Christian?
- 5) What is the temptation of the bless me Christians?
- 6) To what extent are they led by the Holy Spirit?
- 7) What is a spiritual Christian?
- 8) What areas need to be submitted to God if you want to be a star of heaven?
- 9) What are the practical steps of hearing God?
- 10) What does God want to show you?
- 11) How can we deceive?
- 12) How can we make certain we are not deceived?
- 13) How can we hear the Holy Spirit?
- 14) What do you need to do to train this skill?



Baptism of the Holy Spirit

(Mat 3:11) "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire. John baptised for repentance. The baptism of John is a baptism of water for repentance and faith in what Jesus did on the cross. The baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place by the laying on of hands from those that has already received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(Act 8:14) Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,

(Act 8:15) who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

(Act 8:16) for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(Act 8:17) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

So here we see two types of baptisms. The one was the baptism of repentance from John and the other was the baptism to be baptised into the name of Jesus, yet with both Paul laid his hands on them for the baptism of the Spirit.

(Act 19:2) *And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."*

(Act 19:3) *And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."*

(Act 19:4) *And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus."*

(Act 19:5) *On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

(Act 19:6) *And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

Holy Spirit filling our spirit (Rebirth)

(Joh 20:21) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

(Joh 20:22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

(Joh 20:23) If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

After the resurrection of Jesus he breathed over the disciples and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit." They got the Holy Spirit and in this passage they received the authority to forgive sins, this is a spiritual washing of the people. The presence in your Spirit of the Holy Spirit brings peace and gives the authority to walk in the manifestation of the forgiveness of sins.

Presence in the soul (guidance of the Holy Spirit)

(Act 13:49) And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

(Act 13:50) But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

(Act 13:51) But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.

(Act 13:52) And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

When we walk in submission to the Holy Spirit in our spirit and we allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us it renews our minds and our emotions. As our soul grasps the reality of the grace of God we are filled with joy and joy floods our souls. In order for this to happen we need to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our spirit and follow Jesus.

Presence in the body (baptism of the Holy Spirit)

(Act 2:13) But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

(Act 2:14) But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

(Act 2:15) For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

(Act 2:16) But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

(Act 2:17) "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Jesus blew over the disciples and then they received the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins. (Receiving the Presence of the Holy Spirit in your spirit is when you get rebirth).

Yet then Jesus commanded them to go and wait in Jerusalem on the outpouring of the Spirit. (The presence of the Holy Spirit in their souls is when you are led by the Holy Spirit and submit your soul to the Holy Spirit).

They waited there and they received the outpouring that had an effect on their mouths and their bodies. They acted and looked like drunk men as they staggered because of the bodily effect of the Holy Spirit and they spoke in tongues. After that they had the ability to do miracles. (The Presence of the Holy Spirit in the body is the baptism of the Holy Spirit).

Paul and Peter then had the Holy Spirit and as they laid hands on the church they received tongues and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(Act 8:14) Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,

(Act 8:15) who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

(Act 8:16) for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(Act 8:17) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

(Act 19:6) And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire is the introduction of power into the disciple's life. Rebirth brings the peace in our spirit and the forgiveness of sins while the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a bodily manifestation and a bodily Presence.

Those that had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit had the ability to lay hands on those that have not received it and they then received the baptism as well.

For those that have the baptism of the Holy Spirit the following scripture counts:

(Isa 61:1) *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

(Isa 61:2) *to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;*

(Isa 61:3) *to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.*

(Isa 61:4) *They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.*

How many times does the baptism of the Holy Spirit take place?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place once in your life while the infilling of the Holy Spirit takes place many times but can manifest the same as the baptism. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is your first power encounter with the Holy Spirit. After that power encounters becomes more regular and is then called the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Let us go and look at Old Testament examples of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(1Sa 16:12) *And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."*

(1Sa 16:13) *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.*

God send a prophet to Anoint David for a specific job. He poured out the horn of oil and then David was Anointed once a s king of Israel. David would later have many encounters with God and the

power of the Holy Spirit but the baptism happened once. Although David's father was an Israelite and his brothers (Christian in today's terms) David was called for the job and Anointed for the job. Each one of us has a different Anointing and calling for this life. We have been born with a destiny from God and He will baptise in line with that destiny and then guide you into that destiny. Each New Testament Christian should be baptised into their calling.

(1Ki 1:39) There Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

We also see Solomon was Anointed and the trumpet was blasted. When the oil was poured out it shifted the heavenly order. We saw in 1 Sa 16:14 that immediately after David was Anointed Saul got into trouble because the authority shifted from Saul to David in the heavenlies. So a trumpet is blown in the spiritual when somebody is baptised.

(Jdg 6:30) Then the men of the town said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it."

(Jdg 6:31) But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down."

(Jdg 6:32) Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar.

(Jdg 6:33) Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

(Jdg 6:34) But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him.

(Jdg 6:35) And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

We see here that Gideon defeated his father's idols and then the Holy Spirit came upon him with power. Gideon was baptised as warrior, David as a king, Solomon with power for wisdom and Samson as a strong man. All was Anointed once for a specific purpose.

(Psa 92:10) But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

(Psa 92:11) My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

So the Old Testament representation of the baptism was the horn of oil. Oil was the representation of the outward Anointing (the Spirit upon). After that God defeated the enemies of the one that was anointed.

- 1) Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire?
- 2) How did the church receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 19?
- 3) What is the Anointing in our spirit?
- 4) What is the manifestation of this Anointing?
- 5) How do we get the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our souls?
- 6) What is this manifestation?

- 7) What is the manifestation of the Spirit in our bodies?
- 8) How does it manifest?
- 9) Who has the authority to baptise others in the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- 10) What is the Holy Spirit within?
- 11) What is the Holy Spirit upon?
- 12) Name a few Old Testament examples of the baptism of the Spirit.
- 13) What is the parable of the outpouring of the Spirit?



Infilling of the Holy Spirit

We saw that Jesus blew over His disciples just after He was resurrected and they received power to forgive sins. Then the disciples were guided to go and wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After the outpouring they had the authority to lay hands on other people and these people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit which many times manifested with tongues. Also healings and bodily manifestations took place. Now let us move on to the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Exo 28:3 You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood.

Exo 31:3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship,

Exo 35:35 He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exo 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Num 14:21 But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD,

(1Ki 8:10) And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD,

(1Ki 8:11) so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Sometimes we see people fall when we pray for them. Glory also means heaviness. When the glory of God fills us it produces a heaviness and people can fall. It doesn't mean they have to but it can happen. We should allow any manifestation that God gives while we discern in the Holy Spirit what is from Him.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

While the baptism of the Holy Spirit is represented by oil which is applied outwardly the infilling of the Holy Spirit is represented by wine, water, milk and things that you could drink.

Sometimes we get filled with peace or joy. We can be filled with laughter or wisdom. God can at any time fill you with His Spirit at a moment in time to provide for the specific need at that time. But is the infilling coming from outside or inside?

Joh 4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

After we have been baptised we get filled from time to time as we seek for the power encounter with God. This is an upwelling from the Holy Spirit inside of us filling us with the need for the time. We should purposefully and intentionally search for the infilling of the Holy Spirit as it refreshes us and keeps the relationship with God good and the wells open.

Son_5:1 He: I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk. Others: Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love!

Isa 25:6 - 9 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Isa_55:1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Mat_9:17 Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Act_2:13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Rev_6:6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

What is interesting to note about Pentecost is the different manifestations. The fire of tongues was the fire of the gospel in their mouths setting ablaze all they talked too. The wind was the anointing over nature where they walked. The earthquake could represent the anointing over their circumstance that brings the tectonic shift from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of heaven. They were filled with wine which is the inward outpouring that brings manifestation of joy.

So the manifestation of wine is very interesting. At Pentecost the people clearly saw that those that received the power of the Holy Spirit could not walk well. They walked like drunk people. That is why people prophetically mocked them.

They were indeed filled with the new wine of the new covenant.

We must have new wineskins. Our doctrines must be rained down from heaven. It must be the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Many church's biggest obstacle to the work of the Holy Spirit is their doctrines. They have old wineskins!

When the power of the Holy Spirit came upon your church throw away your doctrines. Read the bible and wait on the revelation of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will create the wineskins for the gospel you must preach.

On the mountain which refers to our spirit, God will give us well-aged wine and other things of the Spirit and then death will be swallowed up!

So the power of the Holy Spirit comes and then our senses are filled by the Spirit to such an extent that the people became like drunk people and then death is swallowed up and tears will be wiped away.

(Luk 11:9 - 13) And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

If you do not eat the food on the mountain and drink your wine the cloud of death in Isaiah 25 will not be defeated. Jesus came in wisdom and power. The Israelites ate manna and quail, we worship in truth and Spirit, we eat bread and drink wine, we need to eat the bread through scripture and need to be filled by the Holy Spirit time and time again and we love our husband as a bride.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Eph 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
Son_7:2 Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies.

We see that the women's navel is like mixed wine. Paul talks about man and wife coming together and then he talks about a profound mystery. So the church is the bride and Jesus is the bridegroom. When the church and Jesus becomes one the wine of love manifests.

The unsearchable riches are to be found in the wine. When God becomes one with man. When the infilling of the Holy Spirit takes place!

2Co 5:13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

Precisely what happens in the natural happens in the spiritual. God impregnates us with His being as we become one with Him as we drink the wine and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Then the cloud of death disappears of Isaiah 25 and the cloud of glory appears.

With the drinking of the wine of the love and the eating of the bread every tear will be dried and death will be swallowed up.

We need to let Jesus do the preaching. Just allow Him to love His church in the cloud of glory. In the infilling He will heal, love, restore, provide, speak, bring in line with His truth etc. The church does too much speaking and too little loving God. Too little drinking of the wine.

But the truth is that God presents a feast of rich food on the mountain. He serves new wine that is well aged on this mountain, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Those who serve God like this will destroy the forces of death. The consequence of those serving God with lie-based doctrines is that they will not wipe away tears or destroy the forces of death.

1Co 2:4 -13 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The old wineskins are the wineskins of legalism. The new wineskins are the wineskin of the Holy Spirit. The doctrine rained down from heaven in Deut 32. But the wineskin of own works and religious works of the flesh come very quickly and easily. Read what happened in Joshua 9. Look at the bread and the wineskins.

Jos 9:3 - 13 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey."

Satan will always try to deceive and bring in the old-wineskins and the dry and crusty bread. As the church grows we need to be extremely careful. We must impart the belief-system of the new-wineskin that can hold the work of the Holy Spirit.

An easy way to come to know if your wineskin is old or new is a very easy question. Can you recognize the voice of God?

Is the Holy Spirit communicating in a recognizable way? All spiritual communication from God comes from the Holy Spirit. People should be obedient to the scriptures and also be able to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit.

So we need the new wineskins to hold the wine that destroys death.

This wineskin is belief systems that allow the work of the Holy Spirit and the new covenant. The Gibeonites came and made a covenant with the Israelites and brought them into slavery of old wineskins and dry and crusty bread.

Now this is a difficult matter. The Gibeonites is an attitude to focus on the flesh and then on the Spirit, then on the flesh and then on the Spirit. So the Gibeonites are those that serve God through the law and bring in religion.

Gal 4:4 -11 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? You observe days and months and seasons and years! I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

As church growth takes place people enter the church. Some will serve God through the Spirit. Others will look for ways to not serve God through the Holy Spirit and to make Jesus the Lord of their lives but will look for ways to serve God through the flesh, this cannot be prevented as living by the rulership of the flesh is an individual choice of every person and also a constant choice.

Yet this can be done. Don't appoint leaders that do not make space for the Holy Spirit and are led by the Holy Spirit! If you only have one elder that are led by the Holy Spirit then there must only be one elder. But the example must stay pure.

- 1) What is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) How does it manifest?
- 3) In Is 25 what does the wine do?
- 4) How often is the wine poured out in the church today?
- 5) What are the old wineskins?
- 6) What is the new wineskin needed?
- 7) What is the mystery in Eph 5?
- 8) As we become one with the Holy Spirit what is the effect?
- 9) How can we keep the infilling of the Holy Spirit alive in the church?



Anointings

What is Anointings? The Anointing of the Holy Spirit is upon us. It is God in His fullness. If He would release everything at once your system would not be able to take it. You cannot drink a whole dam at once. So God releases His Anointing according to your hunger, character, capacity, calling etc He does this through Anointings. An Anointing is the orderly release of the Anointing through a rhema promise from the Holy Spirit.

Joh 1:14 - 16 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (some translations blessing upon blessing).

Gen 26:18-22 And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them.

But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him.

Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah.

And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

Gen 26:32 That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water."

Gen 26:33 He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

The first well was called quarrelling, the second contention, the third one room and the fourth one was called the well of promises.

Here is few important principles:

1. The Philistines came and stopped up the wells.

Philistine means restless wanderer, it can refer to our own desires that lets us wander around looking to fulfil our flesh. If we wander after the flesh your well which refers to your relationship with the Holy Spirit can be stopped.

2. Well of quarrelling

When I look, pray, knock and seek God I find Him and I receive revelation from the Holy Spirit. Yet, still my life is only about me. I want my desires and many times I don't want to listen to the Holy Spirit. In essence I am quarrelling with God. Because I am selfish there is also hostility towards men.

3. Well of contention

Contention is not as serious as quarrelling but it is to fight for my own rights, to bargain for myself, to try and make a good deal for myself. Some hostility is gone but still life is about myself. I hear from God but I try to make a deal to get my way. Relationships with others are also how to get a deal for myself.

4. Well of room and fruitfulness

When I continue with God I get to a place where I have room for God in my heart and also room for others opinions. I have now grown in patience and submit myself to God's will because I trust God as I have learnt to know Him. Now is the time where I start to live for God's kingdom, bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and God's blessing breaks through as His character is starting to develop in my life.

5. Well of the oath/promises: (Shibah or Beersheba)

Shibah means the well of seven that refers to seven days of mourning that had to be kept for somebody that died. This refers to the death of Jesus and the oath/promises that came from the fact that He died for us.

2Co 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

2Co 7:1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

Now when I drink from God's presence God promises me things. He promises me a long life and the Anointing of a long life kicks in. He promises me great business deals and the Anointing of business kicks in, He promises me beauty for my offspring and the Anointing of beauty kicks into my genes etc.

How exciting is that? How many promises are there? There is an unlimited amount of promises. The only principle is that the Holy Spirit must authentically speak and give me a personal promise then the Anointing kicks in. When God promises He does it.

This is the glory of the new Covenant. God promises and He does it for us because of what Jesus did on the cross.

- What is an Anointing?
- Why does God use Anointings?
- How do I get an Anointing?
- How does Anointings manifest in our lives?
- What is the well of promises?
- Who makes the promises come true



The gifts of the Holy Spirit

Introduction

A lot can be said about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I grew up in a church that did not believe in the Holy Spirit. When I went on an outreach with our church for the first time to a poor area I saw great devastation. There were many sick people. I saw a man with a feel chair pushing his wheel chair towards us. His legs were hanging limp and one of the wheels of the wheel chair was broken. This man desperately struggled down the street just to get by. I saw this man really suffering. Then I prayed: "God if you're gifts still exist please give them to me for I'm going to need them".

God answered my prayer. Today I am moving in most of the nine gifts to the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Where we are ministering in the African cities there is a great amount of ancestor worship and the occult. We cannot afford to not use gifts that are available to us. Neither can the church today afford it with Islam. The gifts are desperately needed. The gifts are the difference between winning and losing many times on the mission field.

God showed me a picture where churches are going to the battlefield armed with sticks and revolvers and they try to fight against a vast enemy armed to the teeth.

Then God opened the storehouse of gifts and Anointings. There was the greatest modern day battle gear (spiritually). Infrared machine guns, hand grenades, tanks, the newest airplanes flying over 2000 km, battleships etc. I felt God saying: "Use this, against this the enemy will not stand but will be annihilated".

I believe that the doctrine that the gifts don't exist anymore is one of the greatest lies that has been sold to the church in order to make the church ineffective. Not only that but many lies have been sold to us through doctrines. Be extremely careful about doctrine. Many of it is interpretations of

men about scripture and not Holy Spirit revelation about scripture. We need to get back to pure scripture and stand before Jesus and ask Him to reveal it.

Hos_4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

- 1) Why is the gifts important today?
- 2) What happens if the church are not armed for the battle they face?
- 3) Why does many churches not move in the gifts?

The gifts

I'm just going to touch the gifts but ask Jesus for more revelation.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

Co 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

Word of wisdom

Jas_1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Sometimes we need wisdom in a specific situation. God says that we may ask and He gives freely. Maybe for a business transaction or our kids, marriage or any situation there may be. When we ask for wisdom God gives this to us. In a thought, scripture, dream, through people etc.

So the word of wisdom is a gift to have wisdom continually. So it is a gift from the Holy Spirit to receive words of wisdom for yourself and to give words of wisdom to others. God gives this that we should start to move in wisdom continually.

A good example is where the two ladies came to Solomon that where quarreling about whose baby it is. Solomon received wisdom for that specific instance. He also moved in wisdom most of the time.

- 1) What is the gift of wisdom?
- 2) When do we need wisdom?

Word of knowledge

The word of knowledge is to have knowledge given by the Holy Spirit and to know things that you ought not to know except through the Holy Spirit.

1Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage.

1Sa 10:2-7 When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'

Then you shall go on from there farther and come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine.

And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand.

After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.

Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

In this story we see the word of knowledge operating very clearly. We get this gift when we ask for it. To practice this gifts takes a bit of risk but the reward is worth it. Ask God for this gift and practice it.

A good way to practice this gift is to do treasure hunt where you do evangelism through the word of knowledge. A group comes together beforehand and pray for words of knowledge. Afterward they go and search for this treasure and follow the clues they felt God gave them.

- 1) What is the gift of knowledge?
- 2) How is it different from the gift of wisdom?

The gift of faith

Some people has faith to testify to their closest friend. Some pray for their street. Others have faith for their city. Others have faith for countries.

Jesus makes a very profound statement:

Mat_9:29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."

Some believe God for small healing miracles, others for bigger healing miracles. Others for the raising of the dead.

The more faith we have the more we will see God moving. But we cannot produce faith out of our own. Faith comes from seeing and experiencing God. Therefore we need to pray for faith. But those who are willing to exercise their faith and take risks with God will increase their faith drastically. And it will happen because God meets them.

Faith overrides the power of fear. It is a heart issue.

Num_14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

These people has a different attitude to life. They seem to be visionary and idealistic at times like David when He killed Goliath. Even though these people believed wrong doctrines or were deceived for a time they have certain characteristics. They are prone to walk in the gift of faith, yet anybody can receive it.

The principle is: Having faith and acting in faith leads to more faith. Many people has measures of faith but few have the guts to act in boldness consistently. We need more bold people and people that are willing to be fools for Christ when they are wrong. Yet wisdom is required.

- 1) What does the gift of faith enable us to do?
- 2) Why do we need the gift of faith?
- 3) What happens when we do not have the gift of faith?

Gifts of healing

Each one of us can pray for people to get healed.

Mar 16:15 -20 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Jesus died on the cross for sickness just like he died for sins. Yet there is some that just seem to advance more in this gifts than other. It seems that for some reason they have more success in the healing of the sick than others. They also have more faith for the healing of the sick and a greater passion than the others. With the gifts I believe the following to be true.

Mat_7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

When it comes to the gifts it feels to me that God wants to give these gifts. He is ready when we ask to give us these gifts. In fact he is eager to give us these gifts, we just need to ask.

I personally also believe it is possible to move in all the gifts. Yet each one will have a major gift they specialize more in than the others. But God gives different gifts to the church that we should learn to submit and love one another. As we submit and pray for each other we will receive the gifts of the others. Yet you will be more naturally aligned for some. Then you will be naturally more passionate for that specific gift. It also depends on destiny and calling. With the gift of healing it is like the police. At the cross major things happened. Our sins were forgiven, our sicknesses was taken on Jesus, our old nature with its passions were crucified. Jesus took all curses on Him, he took the old world order on Him, all demons were defeated on the cross etc.

Now Jesus wrote a new constitution in heaven. We as Christians now have rights we can enforce.

Now if the law of the country says: Nobody may steal and you go to prison when you steal, does that mean nobody is going to steal? Is everybody going to get caught?

It depends on the enforcement of the law. If the law are not enforced the constitution means nothing. Now you get a rookie that has become a police officer a few months ago. He walks in the street and somebody steals a handbag and runs. The rookie chases after him but the crook outruns him. Did it change anything to the constitution? No! Is the crook

caught and sentenced? No! even though the law says it is wrong and he sinned he is not sentenced.

Now there is an old and experienced cop. He has walked the streets many times. He knows the gangs, their leaders and the way the people act. He sees a young guy coming closer, recognizes this boy from a certain gang dealing in drugs. The boy grabs the purse and runs. The older cop doesn't run after him but immediately calls for back-up to go and see the leader of the gang. He arrives with an armed entourage at the gang leader's house. He explains the situation to the gang leader. The gang leader gives the home address of the boy and he is picked up.

In this situation the law did not change but the enforcement of the law did and the manifestation of the law as well. More power, knowledge and skill were used. The rookie could catch the thief and tried to but didn't succeed. It doesn't mean he will not succeed tomorrow or the day after that. It just mean he was inexperienced.

Likewise you just get cops that is experts in their field and they just have the ability to make a lot more arrests than others.

We see that the gifts are gifts of healing. For every sickness there is a gift to heal. I personally believe it is the will of God that everybody will be healed like it is God's will that every murderer will be convicted. Yet because of the presence of evil and various factors it just doesn't happen that way. I prayed for people with cancers that got miraculously healed. I prayed for others that died afterwards. Yet it seems that there is an increase in authority. But I believe it is more an increase of understanding, experience, faith etc. than authority if I look at the scripture.

A big breakthrough I had was when I realized that every healing takes place because of what Jesus did at the cross, not what I do. These days my prayers are focused on applying the power of the cross to the situation and concentrating on the Holy Spirit's commands to get the manifestation in the situation.

Another breakthrough was to ask people how they are feeling afterwards and continue to pray. It also helped me a lot to not always expect the instant healings but to ask people to let me know the following day or after a few hours or so. Then I was amazed to hear how many people got healed. It just seems that the peace stayed upon the people and that it took some time sometimes. Yet I trust God for more instant healings and I do see more and more.

We need more understanding of the Anointings and the unsearchable riches in this regard. As knowledge and devotion increases we will see a lot more increase in the amount of people healed and set free. Today healings are relatively common in my ministry but for years I struggled to get understanding, struggled with doubt etc. But now it is great fun to be dressed as a policeman and to have all the firepower available because Jesus has already died for the authority and the power to be released.

We have got more than is needed in Christ but we need knowledge, revelation and good doctrine. But we also need the guts to be bold and to apply our gifts with wisdom.

- 1) Why does it say gifts of healing?
- 2) Why is it important to be honest when people are healed?
- 3) Who can operate in the gifts of healing?

The gift of miracles

Whenever we saw people walking in the gift of miracles they normally also walked in the gift of prophecy. Elijah, Elisha, Moses, Joshua etc. Those who habitually walk in the Holy Spirit, hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit sometimes walk into a presence where all kinds of miracles take place. We see in scripture that Jesus multiplied the bread and the fish, He walked on water travelled in the Spirit etc.

The working of miracles is based on the principles of John 5:19-20

Joh 5:19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

Then it is also based on Joel 2:28-30 where we see the communication of the Holy Spirit with man. So where there is no communication for the Holy Spirit with a person there will be great difficulty for somebody to walk in miracles.

But let us look at another scripture.

Joh 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Joh 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Joh 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Joh 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

It is the Father that speaks the miraculous. When the Father speaks the word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit hovers there is all kinds of miracles that takes place.

We see there Elijah was busy with a prophet school. Here the guys learnt how to come in contact with the Holy Spirit. When the guys had the basics of walking in the Spirit they had the habit of being filled by the Spirit. Even in the days of Samuel this was a regular occurrence.

1Sa 10:5-7 After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.

Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

The prophets had a habit of worshipping and then being filled. It seems there was a presence around them that produced miracles. As the prophets trained this cloud of joy, prophesy, worship, being filled with the Holy Spirit seemed to change into a cloud of miracles.

2Ki_1:10 But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2Ki_1:12 But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Then there were prophets like Elijah, Elisha and the like that walked in great miracles. I believe that the body needs a balance. The ear hears and is at a certain part of the body. He is part of the body and when the legs are running the ears place a different role of balancing and the wind seems to wish past the ears as the legs are running. The ear though is never jealous of the legs but realizes that it is the same body.

I personally believe that the gifts we will walk in are dependent on two factors: calling and desire. Desire does play a big role.

If I am called to be a politician and my whole natural gifting is showing that I must go into politics it doesn't mean that I cannot study computers or take a subject on computers. Nobody is stopping me! I might end up being a politician that is brilliant on computers and so be one ahead of the competition.

We need more bible teachers that can teach out of the bible and walk in the miraculous as well. These days it seems that people are either Holy Spirit focused or scripture focused. But what about being brilliant in both. The scripture is testifying about the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit about the scriptures.

So you can train for miracles. But you need a presence of a prophetic school and a miracle cloud. A good place to ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and then be hungry for the miraculous. Be open minded and search for the right schools world-wide.

- 1) What is the gift of miracles?
- 2) How can we operate in it?
- 3) What role does the Holy Spirit play in the gift of miracles?

Prophecy

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

Now Paul tells the church that they should eagerly desire spiritual gifts. Paul walked in them, so did Jesus. Spiritual gifts are there to be more effective in the advancement of the gospel, more effective in business and the expansion of the kingdom in all the spheres. To rule better as rulers and to do better administration. The gospel with the gifts is a total different gospel than without the gifts. It's like one army not having arms and another army equipped with every possible form of weapon. Who's going to win the battle? The lie many churches believe that the gifts no longer exists had a devastating effect on the advance of the gospel. It was concocted in hell for that very purpose, to make Christians less effective.

One reason it may be comfortable to believe that is because it is easy to stay in control of your life when you are scriptural and you make good sober choices based on science. For many people this is reality. But the truth is that true Christianity is to be led by the Holy Spirit. Now this is very uncomfortable for some people. To let yourself be led by a Spirit is unthinkable for many western people. And the truth of the matter is that many cultures has

been devastated by beliefs in spirits and to be led by them. In the African culture it is common practice to go to some kind of spirit. But it seems unintelligent and foolish when we look at the historical effect.

Yet it is not the same with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the very foundation of intelligence and life. We need to be careful to follow the Holy Spirit and no other spirit.

1Co 12:1-3 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

We see here that Paul says you must be informed when it comes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When you enter into the gifts you enter into the spiritual realm. It is the place of visions, dreams, voices, spiritual experiences, the Holy Spirit filling your body, soul and spirit.

It is this fear, carefulness that gave birth to another deceit. The deceit that we just need to leave the spiritual realm alone and that it is dangerous. Yet all of us live in the spiritual realm in any case. Many Christians are against the voice of the Holy Spirit but they are so fearful and critical it is amazing. The truth is they already hear voices and already have contact with spirits. Yet it is more from the dark realm than they realize! Spirits work in the thought realm. Satan even talked with Jesus. He was not In Him but communicated with him. We might walk past a shop and just get a thought. Unfortunately in the church this suggestion is many times to criticize the preacher or the bringer of the word.

When I pray in groups demons sometimes manifest and go out. The people that had these demons many times searched for nothing spiritual yet the spiritual realm deceived them and the lack of understanding caused them to become slaves to it.

Rather connect to the realm of God, light and the Holy Spirit. This realm drives out the realm of darkness and demons. It is the only realm you are truly save in as the very creation of your being came from this realm. The unbelieving, scientific, intellectual reality people want to live in are just a denial of the reality of the spiritual realm operating around and in our thought realms every day.

The prophetic: Anointing the men and the women of God

Elisha trained prophets. Throughout the Old-Testament we see the prophets Anointing the men and women of God. Samuel Anointed Saul and David. Here we see Elisha delegating the job of Anointing to one of the prophets in his school

2 Ki 9:1- 6 Then Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Tie up your garments, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. And when you arrive, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi. And go in and have him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber. Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.' Then open the door and flee; do not linger."

We see here that with Elisha there was a company of prophets. We saw in the book of Samuel how the prophets were training at that time. They were singing music as they went

to the high place where they were Anointed with the Holy Spirit. The cloud of the Holy Spirit was so strong that Saul also came under it.

1Sa 10:5 After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.

1Sa 10:6 Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

They were under the cloud of Anointing and Saul came under this cloud and became one of the prophets. Now with the account of Elijah we saw another account where the cloud manifested in the physical.

2Ki_1:10 But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2Ki_1:12 But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

This cloud then later on became the cloud of miracles as it started manifesting in the physical.

We also see that one of the tasks of the prophets was to Anoint the people with oil which refer to the Anointing with the Holy Spirit.

In Joel 2:28-30 we see that in the end days there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh, then the prophetic gifts will come. I believe that this still happens through prophets that bring in the cloud of prophecy and God Anointing in this cloud of glory.

Major difference between Old-Testament prophets and New-Testament prophets

Jer1:10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

1Co 14:3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

On the cross the judgment of God was poured out on Jesus. It became dark for three hours as darkness was dealt with. In the New-Testament we are the bringers of the good news of the death and the resurrection of Jesus. We are no longer the bringers of doom and gloom and the judgment of God.

A New-Testament prophet might still understand that an earthquake is coming to a place but now his attitude would be to apply the power of the cross to this impending gloom. Therefore interceding and changing the judgment of God because of what Jesus did on the cross.

We are allowed to do three things as New-Testament prophets. Build up, encourage and edify. There is no negativity in this. Any message we get from the Holy Spirit that is negative is meant for intercession and bringing under the blood of Jesus.

So the task of the prophetic is to flow in the Living Word. The Rhema word of Jesus. We all should become prophets as the scripture ignites the Living Word and we can start flowing in the words of Jesus as He and His Father live in us.

There is a lot more to be said about the prophetic but this is just meant as an introduction to the gifts.

The gifts and the Anointings flows together. If we take the continents as the differentiations of the gifts. Then Anointings would be the plant life and life in general in all its forms on the continents.

Thus one type of prophesy can be very basic while the other prophet has a vast array of different Anointings from the Holy Spirit that brings many different abilities that all falls under the category of the prophetic.

The dance between the prophetic and the scripture

Zec 7:12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

In this paragraph the law refers to the scriptures they had in those times. Yet the interpretation of the scripture was a problem. Therefore God had to send prophets. The prophets were normally guys that knew the scriptures well and were then anointed by the Holy Spirit to be prophets. God spoke to them in all kinds of mysteries in order that the scriptural truths can be better understood.

Many today say they follow the scriptures. Yet they impose their own worldview, doctrines, preconceived ideas, circumstances, experiences, motives, calling, personal revelation on the scriptures. So to say you are scriptural can mean many things. But the good thing is hopefully that you will repent if you see you are not in line with scripture. So the Pharisees had the law but crucified Jesus. So the prophetic is very necessary. But look what happened to the prophets.

Isa 30:9-11 For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

So Israel in those times did not really appreciate the prophets at times. So the real interpretations of the scriptures were persecuted. The real interpretation of the scriptures is Jesus. Jesus is the fulfilment of the scriptures. When we submit to the person of Jesus we truly submit to scripture. We can have a lot of ideas about scripture and know scripture by heart but not submit to Jesus or listen to Jesus. This is religion and very dangerous for it entraps in the name of scripture and Christianity.

So scripture in the wrong context or the wrong circumstance can be used by Satan.

Mat 4:5-7 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

So it is not enough to just say we are scriptural, we need the Word of the Lord which is in the person of Jesus. Therefore God anoints prophets. Prophets are supposed to be the embodiment of the scripture as they know Jesus and the scripture. But all mature Christians are supposed to be prophets.

1Jn 2:14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

But when we look at the 5 offices in Eph 4 we see that the office of the prophet is one of the offices. But the prophets are also not beyond rebuke for they can be mistaken, misled or interpret wrongly. Therefore the scriptural teachers should be submitted to the prophets and the prophets should be submitted to the scriptural teachers. We should let them flow like a knife and a fork are used to eat food. But be careful not to persecute the prophets because they can seem strange, come forward with ideas that is out of the box, can have character flaws etc.

Wisdom is needed in this regard.

- 1) What is prophecy?
- 2) How is Old Testament prophets different from New Testament prophets?
- 3) What is the major job of prophets?
- 4) What is the dance between scripture and prophecy?

Distinguishing between spirits

It is necessary for us to distinguish between spirits in order that we don't fall into Satan's trap. Yet the gift of distinguishing between spirits doesn't operate by fear. When somebody says they have the gift of distinguishing between spirits I look carefully if they operate through fear or criticism. This is not an intellectual gift but a spiritual gift. It is not a gift to take anyone out or put anyone in a bad spot but to build up.

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

So the gift of distinguishing between spirits is given in order to protect the church but also mankind. Extreme wisdom is needed in this regard. When a preacher is coming to the church and he is preaching and looks at a lady in the wrong way I might have discerned a spirit of lust in his life. I might be wrong and I might be right. He might have looked at the lady and she reminded him of his wife and he frowned in a way at his thoughts. You may be totally wrong! Therefore it is so important to have humbleness and wisdom with this gift. This gift is first of all for intercession. At the cross we got all the authority to overcome evil. Therefore when we discern something a very safe way to deal with it is to pray. Then you can start asking questions. Like I saw you looking at that woman, what happened there? Because hearing the voice and discerning the spirit you always have a risk to be wrong it is important to stay humble.

One working of this gift is to protect mankind against evil. Even if I speak to a muslim guy intent on killing somebody and I discern the spirit of murder working it is to protect mankind against the murder and get the guy I'm speaking to free in order that he might know the truth of the gospel.

So this gift is to build up and not to break down.

So one working is to discern the spirits in order to protect the church. The second is to discern angels and the working of angels.

Now I might be looking at the guy intent on murdering somebody, yet I see an angel with a drawn sword next to him. Now I ask the Holy Spirit what the role of the angel is in this regard.

So the Holy Spirit says to preach the gospel to the guy and ask him if he will pray with me, then the angel will do his work.

So I discern the evil spirit, the angels and the voice of the Holy Spirit. This is the distinguishing of spirits. It works with the heart of love towards people.

What the discerning of spirits are not

Discerning of the spirits is not rooted in fear and is not a critical mindset. It does not lead to gossip. It leads to prayer, help and compassion. It helps us to overcome evil to help people and it discerns the angelic, the Holy Spirit and can also discern deceit, evil and unhealthy working. It is somebody that is like a sniffer dog and can detect drugs from a far distance. These people have to have wisdom as they are not the ones necessary dealing with the situation but the ones discerning the situation.

- 1) What is the gift of discerning spirits?
- 2) Why is discernment necessary?
- 3) What is discernment not?

Gift of speaking in different tongues

Act 2:4-13 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1Co 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. (1Co 14:13) Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret.

(1Co 14:16) Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?

We see in the following scriptures three types of tongues.

- 1) Human tongues where people talk in other tongues they were not educated in for the sake of the gospel. Maybe somebody are in Russia but cannot speak a word in Russian. As they have a prayer meeting the outreach group talks in tongues and one of the Russian members says: "But one of you spoke in Russian, this is what he/she said...." This will be the first type of tongues in action.

- 2) Personal tongues. The principle with personal tongues is that I pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit reveals mysteries to my spirit and later on it is revealed to my brain by sensing what God is saying.

An example might be: I travel in Russia with an outreach group and I pray in tongued with my eyes closed. As I pray in tongues to quiet my triggered emotions I start feeling peace and I see a picture of a rain storm advancing. When I get to my destination I come to hear that the area didn't have rain for a long time. I then tell them I saw a rain strom advancing. As a group we then pray and hear the Holy Spirit saying: "You are the rainstorm send by me for this community." And then the next day it rains while you preach in the church in that area. This will be an example of personal tongues at work. Paul used it a lot.

- 3) The third type of tongues is church tongues. Rarely have I seen this type at work in churches. It would be when somebody feels they have a tongue and they pray in tongues in the midst of the community or church. The pastor then asks if there is an interpretation of the tongues. Somebody else then saw a vision or heard something from the Holy Spirit and gives the interpretation of these tongues.

The goal of the gifts of tongues is to put to death intellectualism and help the church to have to focus on what Jesus or the Holy Spirit or the Father is saying. So God sometimes want to quiet the noise in your head by you speaking in tongues. It is helpful when I am overcome by emotions or go through a difficult time. And I am confused. Then I pray in tongues and see what the Holy Spirit is revealing to me.

But we find the word mystery in other places. Let us look at it.

Eph 3:6-8 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

So Paul reached a gospel of revelation. It was a gospel that was spiritual and it was given to him through the Holy Spirit. He was unraveling the mystery through the scriptures and with encounters with God. Then he says in 1 Cor 14. I pray more than all of you in tongues. So it was an exercise Paul used personally more than the others in order to unravel the mystery of the gospel and receive the message from God.

As we did an exercise in my DTS in 2009 a person said they are going to a ministry in Thailand. They are not saying which ministry but we must pray and hear from God what this ministry is. I prayed but couldn't discern anything. Then I prayed in tongues. As I prayed in tongues I saw a picture of a huge tree and children playing under the tree. So I said to them: "It is an established children's ministry you are going to". This was correct. So as I was praying in tongues the mystery was revealed to me.

It is like saying to people that wants to watch many channels on TV that they should put a satellite dish outside their house. If they do not know about it, it looks very strange when you bring this satellite dish and install it. But the satellite dish catches the signal that is beaming to the earth and translates it to a picture.

Likewise when we pray in a tongue it is like a translator that translates spiritual language into human language. So it is very good to also have the gift of the translation of tongues when you speak in tongues. When I pray in tongues thoughts come to my mind and I tune into the conversation that is going on from the Holy Spirit with my spirit. Yet even if I didn't have that anointing the fact that you pray in tongues deposits information in your spirit that will later on come to your mind in the form of thoughts or emotions.

The reason why this gift is persecuted is because of unbiblical doctrine that comes from the awakening of the intellect that has served humanity well to a certain extent. People who are ruled by the intellect very much doubt this gift as in fact they doubt the spiritual realm many times.

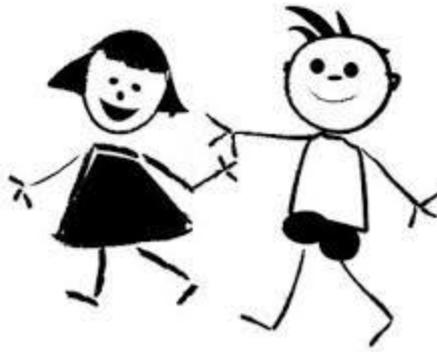
But this is precisely why this gift is given. It is there to quiet your thoughts and to make your mind unfruitful. Then you must tune in to your spirit and wait for a message from the Holy Spirit from your spirit. This is another way of communication which is far higher than the intellect. The intellect is a prophet that can prophesy as far as information is loaded into its system. It can prophesy as far as it has information. Somebody that is in the Holy Spirit gets words from all the information God has. But this relationship is a relationship of trust for God is not necessarily going to share all the information first before he gives you a command. He might but not always.

The interpretation of tongues then is to be able to hear or see a picture when somebody else is praying. This can be done by those who are in tune with the Holy Spirit and are trained to receive messages through their spirit.

Many people in the church are intellectually ruled and are masters of their own life and come to hear from Jesus but are not under the lordship of Jesus. Tongues are the foolishness and the power of God but it must be spiritually discerned.

I hope this booklet has given you some understanding of the Anointings, gifts and the meaning of Christ. May you experience the unsearchable and uncountable blessings in Christ and may you encounter Jesus, the Holy Spirit each day as you draw from the wells of salvation and drink from the Author of life!

- 1) Why is there speaking in tongues?
- 2) What is the reason we pray in tongues?
- 3) How should it be administrated in church?
- 4) Name the different types of tongues.



Final parable to understand the different workings of the Holy Spirit

Some people talk to Jesus like a woman dating a man. They know Him but they are not married to Him and have other dates with other men as well.

Then there are those that marry Jesus. This is when rebirth takes place and the Holy Spirit is permanently in your life.

When we are married to Jesus there is communication between us as we are in a love relationship in the house. This is the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Then there is the first sexual encounter where the veil is broken. This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit where we have the first power encounter.

Then there is a permanent sexual relationship where the presence seems to manifest more powerfully than normal. This is the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

All the different things in the house, the cups, the foods and everything in the House are the different Anointings at work.

The car, lawnmower, swimming pool etc. represents the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

For so long the understanding of the full working of the Holy Spirit was missing. May you enjoy the new covenant and your inheritance? May you clearly be led by the Holy Spirit continually and may you enjoy your love relationship with God that leads to the fullness of life.

- 1) What does it mean to date Jesus?
- 2) What does the marriage represent?
- 3) What does the first sexual encounter represent?
- 4) How is this presence different from the normal presence of the man in the house?
- 5) What do the little things in the house represent?
- 6) What does the communication represent?
- 7) What does the car, swimming pool etc. represent in this picture?

