

The Unsearchable Riches in Christ



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How wonderful is the riches of Christ! Through Christ everything has been created. In this study we are going to research what this scripture might possible mean. Let us take a look.

When I read about the unsearchable riches of Christ for the first time I wondered what it meant. For years as I grew up I sat in a church and nobody told me what it meant. It is only in the end by revelation from God Himself that I started to get understanding of what it might mean. I don't say what I write is the fullness of it, by no means. But I realized we are busy with an infinite God, greater than we can ever understand or imagine. I hope you enjoy all the scriptures and you receive light to understand the glory of God. My hope is that you then will come to encounter God's glory in Christ as you discover your calling that might be greater than you ever imagined. I put in a lot of scriptures for a purpose as we are going to dissect some scriptures in search of the truth.

Let us go and look at the scripture that talks about the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Unsearchable can have two meanings. The one is that it is so many that we will spend a lifetime to search through it and then we will not be able to realize all of it or that we will never be able to search it for it is closed.

I believe it means that there are so much riches in Christ we will not be able to comprehend all of it in our lifetime or many lifetimes. In fact we are going to spend an eternity with God praising Him and we will never be able to comprehend the fullness of the glory of His Being. Every minute that passes He thinks more than a lesser being can comprehend in years. But we can dive into it enjoy it, research it like we cross the oceans. Even today some parts of the ocean are relatively unexplored.

But in order to understand the unsearchable riches of Christ we need to understand who Christ is first.

Christ means the “Anointed One”, or “the Messiah”. It can therefore mean the unsearchable riches in the “Anointed One”. The Anointing refers to the Holy Spirit. We can therefore also translate it as the unsearchable riches in the Holy Spirit.

So let us give a foundation of the meaning of the word Jesus and the word Christ.

What does *Jesus* mean

The meaning of Jesus is to be saved from sin. What is sin? And how do we get saved from it? Sin in its very essence is a destructive thought pattern. Sin is words that does not originate from God and is therefore unholy. Every thought that we think that leads to sin originated in the mind and the heart of man.

Mat 15:18,19 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies:

Sin therefore is in its very essence death in our thoughts. It is words that come in our thoughts that carry the seed of death. How do we get saved from this? We get saved from this when our thoughts is replaced by the thoughts that comes out of the mouth of God.

So God has sent His Son Jesus who is the word of God. So God crucifies our sinful mind by His spoken Word.

Joh 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

So this Word that comes out of the mouth of God crucifies our sinful mind and then we get the mind of Christ or the mind of God.

So in essence Jesus means that we get saved by the spoken Word of God. The spoken Word is activated by the written Word of God. Through the written word we come in relationship with Jesus. As we grow in relationship with Jesus we start encountering the spoken Word that is tested and guarded by scripture.

What does *Christ* mean

Like we have already said Christ means: “The Anointed One”.. So we get saved by being Anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Isa 61:1-4 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

So the Anointing that is upon us is the birthplace of the thoughts of God. So we get saved by the spoken word of God because of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit. But now there is a few parables that describe how Jesus and Christ work together in our lives. Let us look at a few of these descriptions of Jesus and Christ.

Full of truth and grace

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

So we see two words that describe the Son of God here. Truth and grace.

- Truth

He is full of the truth because in Him we see our true identity. When we listen to the word of God we find our own purpose and identity. It lines up with our passion of our life and what we were created for. It lines up with what gives us joy.

To understand better let me use a parable. In the truth the elephant sees himself as an elephant and start to understand why he has the passion to push down trees. He also sees why he was created in a strange way and come to understand many things about himself in the truth.

I have always thought truth is to tell people exactly what is wrong with them. Yet I have come to the understanding that an important aspect of truth according to the scripture is the true image that we have in God's eyes. It is our true identity in Christ. Our original creation purpose is unveiled as Christ is unveiled in us. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus he opens up our destiny and we are transformed from glory to glory as we behold the glory of God.

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.

Satan tries to spread lies about people. He accuses us constantly in front of God and in front of people in order to bring confusion in our inner being. He wants to tell us we are failures, not worth anything; we are not going to get anywhere etc. These thoughts hurt and pacify us and eventually distort the image of God in us.

Psa 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Psa 43:3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

The Scriptures and God's spoken Word is the truth. He reveals truth in our inmost parts, in our spirit. As we come to know the truth it sets us free. We have a belief system that is either based on truth or based on lies. A belief system is the sum of our beliefs that together constitutes our faith.

Let's take an example. If an orange is our faith, we can peel the orange off. As we open the orange there is various departments. If we continue to open it we see thousands of little sachets of juice. Likewise we have departments of beliefs and beliefs. Together it makes our faith.

Now your belief systems can be full of truth or lies. That is why we read scripture. As we read scripture God changes our beliefs more and more into truths. As we then listen to the rhema word of God we are being fed by more and more truth from God. The more truth we have the more peace we will have and the more life we will have. As our minds are transformed we grow up into our true destiny which is extremely glorious and can only be unveiled in Christ.

- Grace

Grace is a present from God. To forgive somebody is to not give somebody what he deserves. Grace is to give something to somebody what he doesn't deserve. If I stop and give somebody walking on the street R1000 without him having done anything it is grace.

Now herein lays the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is all the gifts we have received in the Anointing.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ;

So there are blessings in the heavenly realms in Christ. But where are the heavenly realms? Is it when we die one day? No! Let us look at what Jesus says in John 17:3;

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

So the heavenly realms are the realm of the spirit. It is the inward realm where your inmost being feels the peace of God after you have been reborn. So in your inmost being this grace has been released! It is here where you have received all the heavenly blessings.

Joh 1:16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Some translation says: "Out of the fullness of His being we received blessing upon blessing. So the unsearchable riches of Christ is all the blessings we have received in Christ.

So through His spoken word God reveals our identity and through His Spirit He gives us blessing upon blessing and grace upon grace.

True worshippers will worship and truth and in spirit

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

How do we worship God in truth?

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

We need personal revelation from the Holy Spirit about who God is. God wants to reveal Himself to you in your spirit. Everywhere we go God is in us as we live. We need to learn who He is through His revelation to us. The Holy Spirit reveals truth to us through the day as we focus on Him.

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.

So we clearly see here that the Spirit shall speak and show us things. He will also testify about Jesus as he leads us into truth in all kinds of things.

So true worship is to experience, hear and obey the Holy Spirit in us. As we experience His presence we feel peace and we are filled with joy.

Being in the Spirit

Rev 1:10-11 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia;

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

So we can be in the Spirit. How? We close our eyes to be; "in the Spirit." When we are in the Spirit we can see visions from God, we can hear God speak to us, we dream dreams, and we can feel all kinds of sensations as we feel the peace of God.

2Co 5:13 For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause.

Some translations says; "and when we are out of our minds it is for God but when we are in our minds it is for you."

We are meant to be in the Spirit. We are meant to flee to God when we are overburdened and in trouble. Many churches has lost the ability to worship in Spirit. When we lose the ability to worship in Spirit the truth also gets lost for the Spirit reveals the truth.

The right place of scripture

It is very important that we understand the right place of scripture. Some are so scared of the Holy Spirit and the realm of the Spirit that they miss worshipping in Spirit that the scriptures testify about.

Joh 5:39-40 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Jesus is Spirit, just like the Holy Spirit and the Father. The scriptures testify about Jesus that we can have fellowship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So we read the scripture in order to have fellowship with God in Spirit.

So the scripture ignites, guards and oversees our relationship with God.

The scriptures igniting our faith

Our faith is build on the foundation of scriptures. Because there is deceit God has given the scriptures that we can come to know the character of God. When we hear a spirit speak we can then test it according to the scriptures.

1Co 3:10-11 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

So the scriptures lay the foundation of our faith that is Jesus Christ. When we have this foundation we can fellowship with God and we can be secure in our spiritual experiences as we enter into the kingdom of light. Here we fellowship in our spirit with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1Jn 1:3-8 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

So God has called us into fellowship with His Spirit build on the foundation of the scriptures. So the scriptures ignites our faith as it gives a foundation upon which we fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures guards us

1Jn 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Because we know and understand the scriptures it guards our experience in the Holy Spirit. We become sensitive because we know the character of God.

Yet the scriptures must not take us away from worshipping in spirit and truth but must take us there. The Pharisees also misused scripture and Jesus says this of them:

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

The Pharisees did not know how to enter into the kingdom of heaven. So Jesus rebukes them in John 5:39 about their use of scripture. Scripture can be used to scare people away from a relationship with God. Many today do not hear God speak, believe in visions or dreams and deny the gifts as they are 'so called scriptural'. This is denying the things scripture testifies about.

Joe 2:27-30: You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

We see here that scripture testifies about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and God speaking to us through dreams and visions. To see visions, dream dreams and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of scripture.

Scripture doesn't want us to deny the gifts but to use them correctly.

The scripture oversees us

An overseer is somebody that walks around and sees that everything is in order. A manager in the building process doesn't stop the building. But he constantly look to the plan of the architect in order to see if everything is being build according to plan. Likewise we test our experiences with scripture and the Holy Spirit.

Scripture has a lot of real life stories. Our experiences will not be exactly the same as we are individuals in a new era. Yet we must test our experiences with principles in scripture, truths and core doctrines of scripture. Visions and dreams can mislead as we have a deceitful foe. One deceit is to deny experience because you can be deceived. The other deceit is to not submit our experiences to scripture. Both are equally dangerous.

Yet we have different interpretations of scripture. Some people want to prove opposing scriptures true with the same scripture! All that differs is the interpretation. Because interpretation plays a big role in our life and is dependent on our upbringing, cultures, fears etc, we need to have an attitude of humbleness and a desire to learn. We need to make space for others and truly study other interpretations as we trust God.

Manna and quail

- Manna

Deu 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

When Jesus was in the desert this was the answer to the first temptation. We do not only live from bread alone but from every word that proceed from the mouth of God.

The temptation from Satan was to turn all the rocks unto bread. Why would we want to turn all the rocks into bread? Because of fear that we will not have bread!

Therefore the first temptation was the temptation of survival. Satan wants to pre-occupy us just with daily bread. The flip side is materialism where we get addicted to just accumulate possessions. In today's terms it will be something like: "make sure everything you do turns into money".

We can live with an eye that we must be surrounded by things that will protect us and we can strive to live for money. Yet it is our soul that has been sold out to fear. Therefore Jesus says: "We live from every word that proceed from the mouth of God".

Mat 6:19-22 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Today we can still eat the manna. Hear what Jesus says to them that overcomes:

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

So the manna is the voice of the Holy Spirit. We read scripture and walk after Jesus until we start hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

- Quail

Exo 16:10-15 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

In verse 10 we see that the glory of the Lord came like a cloud. Out of the cloud the manna (spoken word of God was born) and the Quail (flying meat) was born. What can this refer too?

In the cloud of the Spirit we see these two manifestations taking place. The spoken word (visions and dreams) and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Later on we shall see that this is a power Anointing. Let us look a little further what the parable of the quail can mean.

Heb 1:13 -14 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

What does the word salvation mean? Many people think it only means to be born again. Yet the true biblical meaning is to be saved continually. We can get eternal salvation, salvation from sinful thoughts, salvation from marriage problems. In all areas we need to be saved.

What is also flying? Angels! Why would angels serve us unto salvation? Because of the promises of God! But how does this work?

We read in Eph 1:3 that all the blessing in the heavenly realms is ours. But how is it unlocked?

Co 1:20 For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

So the spoken Word of God is the manna, the promise of God is the quail. Normally when we eat the Quail the Spirit of God comes upon us as the glory of the Lord comes upon us and the promise is activated and starts manifesting. Then the angels of God start to fly in order to bring the promise into reality and to serve us unto salvation.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Here it refers again to the meat (quail) and Jesus refers to the word sealed which refers to the Holy Spirit.

Eph 1:13 - 14 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

So here we see three words come together. Sealed, Holy Spirit of promise and glory. Glory can mean weight. So when we are sealed by the Holy Spirit we experience the weight of His presence as the promises (of which there is countless, unsearchable) are being unlocked.

We also see these two factors at work in Eph 1:13: "the word of truth (spoken word of God, manna), and the sealing with the Holy Spirit of promise that leads to salvation (angels serving us unto salvation) and the sealing of the promise. The question is? Does this sealing take place once? Are there one promise or many promises? There are many. But I thought the sealing takes place only once.

Well it comes together in Galatians 3. Let us have a look.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

So the promises (many) are made to Christ (one). So all the promises are made to Christ. Herein lays a mystery.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

But now Christ is being formed in us. How?

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

So many promises are made to Christ. But Christ is in us. So all the promises is ours because Christ is in us. As the voice of God then give us promises it unlocks each promise one by one and bring it into manifestation. In this way God administrates His grace upon us. We have the fullness in us (Christ) but with the guidance of the Holy Spirit the fullness is being unlocked through rhema promises as we grow into what we have freely received.

The eating of bread and the drinking of wine (Jesus's blood)

We eat the word of God and we drink the Spirit. There are many parables to explain the working of the Holy Spirit. Let us look to what scripture says about the bread (Jesus).

Joh 6:53 - 58 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Spirit gives birth to spirit and flesh to flesh. As you can see that the cloud brings forth the manna and the quail. The eating of the manna and the quail brings forth life. Here Jesus says it very clearly. He connects the manna and the bread. The difference is that they had to wait for the manna to rain down. Yet here we don't have to wait for the manna but we can eat the bread. Bread is available constantly. So we can have the spoken word of God available permanently.

So there is an eating and a drinking.

True growth in God therefore takes place in the presence of God where we eat the spoken word and drink the Spirit (as he fills us).

So eating the spoken word revives our mind, perspective, expectation and spiritual sense of the future. Drinking the Spirit revives our body, emotions and fills our bodies with all kind of sensations. You may hear the Word of the Lord: "everything is going to be all right", this minister to your mind and your faith. Afterwards you may feel a deep peace as this Word is confirmed in your Spirit and you drank the Holy Spirit that is reviving your body.

Jesus came in wisdom and power

Mat 13:54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

So Jesus means to be saved from sin. We get saved from sin by the spoken Word operating in our minds. As the word of God operates in our minds it gives us wisdom.

The scriptures act as an activator, overseer and guardian of the spoken Word of the Lord.

In this regard let us look at John 1:1-4

Joh 1:1– 4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Here we see that the word of God is not the scriptures but the person of Jesus. The scriptures testify about our salvation in Jesus and who He is that we can have relationship with the Living Word.

We therefore need a good foundation of the scriptures. As we start to hear the Spoken Word of the Lord we need to refer back to the guidelines and the guardianship of the Scriptures.

We submit to scripture. This does not mean that we snuff out the voice of the Holy Spirit. It means that we are able to recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit because we come to know the character of God through the scriptures. The Living Word and scriptures is like a railroad. It is parallel to each other.

There is thus two types of Word of the Lord. The one is logos which are the written Word of the Lord and the other is Rhema which is the spoken Word of the Lord.

Here is a scripture that let us understand better:

Pro 1:1 - 7 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and

their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

When we come to fear God (gain a real understanding that He is far wiser than us), our spirit opens up to the instruction of God. Through this real eternal understanding and wisdom starts in our spirit. We can get supernatural wisdom on the spot. We will talk more about this when we talk about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The power of the Spirit

While the spoken and written Word of the Lord leads to wisdom the guidance, infilling of the Holy Spirit and baptism of the Holy Spirit leads to power. Here is a good scripture to get insight into how the power of the Holy Spirit works.

Joh 5:19-20 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Joe 2:28 -30 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

When we look at Joel it talks about the Spirit of God being poured out on all flesh. When the Spirit has been poured out on flesh we see the signs are dreams, visions and prophesy. This is the clear communication of the Spirit with the Christian. In v30 we then see: "And I will show wonders".

In John 5 we see that Jesus only does what He sees the Father doing. So God showed a vision to Jesus and as He did what he saw the father doing miracles happened. So in (v20) Jesus talked about the fact that God shows him everything and then he immediately talks about greater works that he will show.

Questions:

- 1) What is the meaning of Jesus?
- 2) What does it mean that Jesus came to save us from our sin?
- 3) What is the meaning of Christ?
- 4) What is the goal of the Anointing in our lives?
- 5) What is the role of scriptures?
- 6) What is the balance between the scriptures and the relationship with the person of the Trinity in our daily lives?

The Spirit *within* and the Spirit *upon*

Joh 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

So here we see that the Holy Spirit can be in you and also upon you. But it is when the Holy Spirit is upon you that the power of the Holy Spirit starts to manifest. So the Holy Spirit within you is for you but the Holy Spirit upon you is for others.

Act 8:12 - 19 But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

We see here in this passage that the believers believed and were baptized but that the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon them. Then they needed the apostles to come from Jerusalem to come and lay hands upon them. When the disciples laid hands on the new believers the power of the Spirit came upon them.

I believe that today there are many who have the Holy Spirit in them but have not yet received the power of the Spirit upon them. This transfer of the power of the Spirit takes place by the laying on of hands from those that have the power of the Holy Spirit upon them.

2Ti 1:6 -7 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

We see here that Paul has laid hands on Timothy. When he laid hands on Timothy a gift was imparted. Right after that he says therefore: "God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and self-control".

We see here that it is biblical to lay hands upon others. Also we see that the disciples specifically travelled a long way to come and lay hands on the believers in order that the power of the Holy Spirit may be activated on their lives.

1Ti 5:17 - 22 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

1Ti 5:21 I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

It is important to understand this scripture in context especially (v22). In this scripture it talks about the appointment of elders. In those days the elders were appointed by the laying on of hands.

This piece talks about accusations coming against the elders in (v19 and 20). Then in (v22) Paul says not to lay hands too soon on somebody (appoint leaders) and so share in their sin which will be committed when they are in leadership.

When the elders came from Jerusalem they came to impart the power of the Spirit but not to appoint leaders. It is important that we understand this difference. We can lay hands on Christians in order that they receive the power of the Spirit, yet we must be careful with laying hands on for the purpose of leadership or eldership.

Many today interpret it as that it is dangerous to lay hands on people. Yet Jesus laid hands on everybody that came to Him and they were healed. Likewise did the apostles. We need to be careful about doctrines of fear. God does not dwell in fear.

Character and Anointing

Character

Jesus means to be saved from sin. We get saved from sin through the spoken word of God in our thoughts.

Character can be defined as the thought-patterns we have and the habit of decisions we make. As we listen to the word of God we become holy.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

It is important that we understand what real character is. Character is something that flows from the unity of Christ. The thoughts that flows (the spoken word of God) from Christ is what makes us holy. Without being united with Christ we have a destructive and deceitful thought-pattern.

Joh 15:5-7 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Character therefore is being part of the vine. When the words flow from the vine we have truth. This truth is good and godly character. God is the measurement of holiness. Whenever we are flowing in his thoughts we are holy. Whenever we flow in another thought pattern we are unholy. When we are united with Christ we have the fruit of the Spirit (grapes).

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Anointing

Christ means the anointed One. We all walk in a certain amount of Anointing. We walk in the amount of Anointing as far as we have revelation. Revelation unlocks the manifestation of the Spirit. When we received the Holy Spirit we already have everything yet not everything is manifesting yet. Let us use a parable to explain this:

If a farmer decided to gather all the seed of all the plants in the whole world. He succeeded. Does he now have all plants, yes! Is all the plants growing on his farm? No.

Something must happen for this seed to start growing and manifesting on the farm. It needs to be planted in the right season and right conditions and get water. Then as the time goes by the seed will grow to be a plant.

Now here is a great mystery. Let us look at Eph 1:3;

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

So we are blessed with every blessing in the heavenly realms!

But what do we need to do to activate these blessings?

2Co 1:20 For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

- 1) We need to know about the promise.
- 2) We need the rhema word of God which many time comes through prophesy.
- 3) We need faith.

But let us look to another scripture to understand this.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Spiritual growth is to come to know the things you have already received!

When I receive a computer I have also received the ability to upload a multitude of apps on the computer. Likewise there is a multitude, millions and billions of blessings that can be uploaded to our spirit. It is free! Jesus has already died for it.

To understand this let me use an example.

I was once praying and I felt the Holy Spirit saying: "Everybody you shake hands with I will bind all the demons". I heard the promise and believed it.

Later they brought a demon-possessed man to me. As he was coming towards me he put his hands behind his back. He said: "I know that whoever you shake hands with the Holy Spirit will come through and bind demons, therefore I will not shake your hand."

What happened? God gave a Rhema promise, a very specific one. Was it a gift of the Spirit like is 1 Cor 12-no. It was a blessing, a revelation of one of many promises. This spoken promise activated this working of the Holy Spirit through me and I believe this is still working today. Likewise there is anointings (blessings, promises) for arts, business, hearing people's thoughts, having ability over nature and all kinds of interesting workings of the Holy Spirit. Your spirit can be activated through the Holy Spirit to have all kinds of abilities that is ours in Christ but not yet revealed or known. May God give us further light and revelation!

So Anointing is broken up into millions of Anointings.

We are going to move on now to different parables of the Holy Spirit.

Another way to explain Anointings is: When you have a hardboiled egg and you hit it against a table. Before you hit it there was one shell (Holy Spirit, the Anointing) . After you hit it you peel of the shell in many tiny little shells (Anointings). Yet all is the same shell.

Vindication and blessing

Joe_2:23 “Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

Psa 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Psa 24:5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psa 24:6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah.

Psa 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

As we walk in the Holy Spirit there are times of vindication and blessing. When the Israelites attacked their enemies there was two seasons. One was the time of war and the other was the time when they settled in the land. Likewise we have times where God cleanses us from all kinds of character issues as we focus on the Holy Spirit. This doesn't mean hard times; it just means that the Holy Spirit convicts us about character issues as we go through life. As we are cleansed we also receive times of blessing from God.

Peace and prosperity

So Jesus saves us from sin through the spoken word in our minds activated through scripture. When this happens in a nation the philosophies change and peace comes. When prosperity comes without the peace from God and the vindication for the nation then prosperity will bring war to the nation. So the manna that refers to the spoken word came first and then the quail that refers to the promises of God that activates the angels and the blessings from God.

Thus the character is always the forerunner of the prosperity. Before Christ comes in the fullness of power your character has to have been cleansed by the spoken word of God.

| Jesus | Christ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Voice of God, spoken word | Holy Spirit upon, spoken promises |
| Manna | Quail |
| Bread | Wine |
| Flesh of Jesus | Blood of Jesus |
| Wisdom | Power |
| Character | Anointing |
| Vindication | Blessing |
| Early rain | Latter rain |
| Peace | Prosperity |

Questions:

- 1) What is the Holy Spirit within and the Holy Spirit upon?
- 2) What would happen if you have Anointing but bad character?
- 3) What would happen if you have good character but very little Anointing?
- 4) How does our character grow?
- 5) How do we grow in Anointing?

Parables of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God with us. The parables used in scripture explain various different workings of God in our midst. Although it is relatively clear in scriptures I have not seen many churches understanding the Holy Spirit or the different manifestations of the Spirit. God's presence is amazing. It is the foundation of life for all beings. In God's presence is the restoration of the nations.

Nations are maddened with pain, war, their own desires in their bodies, false religions and then they are also faced with legalistic Christianity when they enter the kingdom!

But the answer is God's presence!

People do not love to be burdened with all kinds of works, laws and expectations. It will not help them much either. But they need God's presence! In His presence they get restoration, light, truth, freedom, understanding, healing, justice, provision, a true friend, miracles etc. But they only get it through His presence. We should not be pre-occupied with doctrines too much. We must be pre-occupied with His presence, and just bring people into His presence!

So in these biblical parables of the Holy Spirit there is a lot to be learned. So let us look at a few of the major categories.

Water as a parable of the Holy Spirit

The well

How does a well look? We dig in the earth until we get water. This can be that we start to get revelation from God as we repent and we come to a place where we are not self-righteous anymore but we look unto God for guidance. When we live a repentant lifestyle we will surely walk in the water. But there is various ways to get to the water of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 4:10 -14 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness

Drinking the living water

When Jesus was tempted by the devil He was led by the Spirit into the desert. People without the Holy Spirit are hungering and thirsting as their own sin in their thought realm, the difficulties of life in the natural and demonic resistance in their life will eat away at them. For some it is severe and they are trapped in the spiritual realm with idols, in the soulish realm with a lot of demonic messages and in the physical with all kinds of sicknesses.

For other cultures it is easier as they have gained understanding through the intellectual and scientific renaissance and they have a lot of money as they seem to prosper. Yet in their own thoughts they are in

darkness, in their relationships they have a lot of struggles and life seems to become just an issue of facing daily as a grayness hangs over their heads and death are closing in. In their souls they are also in the desert and destined for hell. It is just physically more bearable.

For others they have Christianity but it is a legalistic Christianity. They are travelling in the desert but have water they carry with them and from time to time they get at a well in the desert, yet they are not living next to the river of the Holy Spirit.

How the drinking of the water manifests is normally in peace. The pastor reads me the scripture my soul is touched and it gives me peace. Or I read the bible and I get revelation and gets peace. Normally when Christ is recognized in church water will manifest somewhere.

The presence of drinking the water is widely accepted and we know that God is with our church because when my pastor preaches I feel better.

When I was ministering in the African area one lady said: "I am going to church thirsty, then they talk and talk and my souls gets more thirsty and more thirsty. When I get home I drink beer!".

Some churches don't really even give much water and the people in these serious traditional churches have to get the water somehow on their own.

The water welling up

When we drank the living water and our souls are satisfied we may pitch our tent next to the river and have a lot of water available. Then we start speaking out of the Spirit of God over breakfast or at work. People might come to us to talk about their problems and they really find solutions. The Spirit of God is not limited to work through Christians in this regard. Yet through Christians there will be a constant flow. But God's Spirit can manifest in a Muslim country to give advice to a son needing help from his mother.

Water is the basis of life. When we drink water there is no manifestation. We drink it quickly and for thirst. We need to drink it regularly.

When we talk about the Spirit of God is it normally a parable of fluids and the Rhema word of God is generally solid food.

The river

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psa 46:4 *There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*

Psa 46:5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that right early.*

The river is not inside of us but outside of us. We can drink of the river and then it becomes part of us. But a river is streams of revelation of wisdom from the Spirit. But we can also swim in it!

Whenever children are swimming in the river there is always a great amount of joy and screaming. When you are drinking a cup of water and you spill it, it makes you a little bit wet. But look when children are in the swimming pool. There is great excitement!

When God let the river of His presence flow through your church there is a thick presence with lots of peace, joy and excitement! Look at the following scripture:

Psa 126:1A -4 Song of degrees. When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

So the manifestations can be laughter, freedom, dreams afterwards, random exciting testimonies, lots of joy and gladness. Fast church growth in non-religious areas.

But we swim in the river in a sunny day and then we dry off. At this time we must not worry that the church are disorderly. We can have the worship and the preaching orderly. Then we must say: "Now we are going to play in the river". Let that then be the order. When we have a barbeque and the children play the order is that we look is that everybody is alright and safe, but we don't want to quench the joy. The order is to have fun!

It is where the Spirit seems to intensify and where the Holy Spirit flows stronger in one part of the church than in the other and we choose to swim in the river or not. That is ok, grandmother may bask in the sun while little Tommy is doing all kind of tricks in the water.

Very few churches have understanding of the river. Some talk about water spirits because in the demonic cultures water seems to also have significant meaning. In central Africa great demonic miracles are being testified about. Yet we need to understand that this is a fake like you get fake denims. It doesn't mean that there is not real denim. In the natural we constantly have fakes that we need to guard against. But when people pray in the name of Jesus Christ it will be the authentic.

Healing can take place in this river of the Holy Spirit.

The cloud

Exo 16:10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Exo 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

1Ki 8:11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Mar_9:7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Luk 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Wow. If you read these scriptures you see that cloud and glory is used together every time. Now I believe the best way to explain the omnipresence of God which is only to open our minds is h2o.

When you look at h2o you see that the h gas is around us but when it combines with another h and o it forms water. Now the presence of God can be in us, around us, fall on us, be on us and we should not

get confused for God is omnipresent. It can also intensify, be less intense, be sweet. Generally God wants to give us the presence that we need.

But the cloud is not the river or a cup of water we drink but we find it in the air. It is driven by the wind. Every cloud is not the same. The intensity differs. Some clouds have lightning, others not. Now glory can be translated with the word weight.

Now we see here when the cloud came the glory filled the tabernacle. Now our bodies are the temple of God. So when the cloud comes it fills our bodies. We see the manifestation of the priests in 1 Kings 8:11 was that they could not stand. The presence was too heavy for them to stand. They could have fallen, sideways, backwards, forward or just collapsed. The point is they couldn't stand for the glory was too intense. When we pray for people many times they start feeling heavy till their knees gave way. Whatever direction they fall is not consequential. The fact is the glory fills the temple. In Ezek we see that he fell forwards in worship. It depends from individual to individual.

In Luke we see the son of man coming in power and great glory. I sometimes wonder if these scriptures refer to the second coming or the birth of Christ in our lives. Maybe both?

Mar 8:34 - 38 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. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?

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."

We deny ourselves. Obey the Holy Spirit until the Son of Man comes in us. Then we see the glory as the Father comes with the Holy angels and we see the power of God.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

When the son of man comes we see that he comes in the cloud that might refer to the Holy Spirit and he comes in great glory.

Gal 1:15 - 16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

So there was a time where God revealed his Son in Paul. May it be the time where he started to minister in the cloud with power and great glory? We will look later at how Christ is born in us. But the reason we see very few guys minister in power these days is because we have lost the ability to understand the presence, minister the presence and be obedient to the presence. When we obey the Holy Spirit we can start ministering in the cloud.

We can also refer to this presence as the cloud of miracles. Because God fills his temples he does in these bodies what is needed. It may be encouragement, healing, deliverance, visions, dreams, emotional healing, and prophecy. Whatever is needed? In this cloud we don't need to pray for healing. It happens as the clouds are there. We just need to pray for the cloud if we are not moving in the cloud.

In Ezek 1:28 we see the cloud, the bow, the rain, brightness, the likeness of the glory of the Lord and he heard a voice speak to him.

We see this is parables to explain what God is doing.

So the cloud is when we seem to go to heaven. We are in the spiritual. Everything around us becomes spiritual.

2Co 5:13 for whether we are beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause.

So the river is on the ground, we also drink from the living water and the cloud is the formation of the H₂O

Rain

But now rain is formed in the air and then falls down from heaven.

Pro 16:15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.

Jer 10:13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

Hos 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

When we look at Jer 10:13 there is a lot of mysteries here. It is a beautiful verse to see the different anointings at work here in harmony. The secret here is to listen to the voice of God. The miraculous is triggered by the Rhema (spoken) word of God. The logos are there to lay a foundation but in the Rhema is the seed of the real miraculous. It is available for every believer. This verse explains what happens when we listen to the voice of the Lord.

When we listen to his voice God causes vapors to ascend from the earth. This can mean that we start attracting revelation from the ends of the earth as the cloud of glory starts forming over our heads. Then in this cloud the power of God is starting to develop as the spiritual revelation are being taught in our spirit and then the rain and the wind of the Spirit start manifesting.

But what can the rain mean? What does the former and the latter rain mean?

In Mat 7:25 we see the rain coming as a circumstance. Sometimes unforeseen things happen and the rain comes. We need to understand that God is in control in our lives. The rain, floods and wind are all parables of the Holy Spirit. But if we don't live in revelation and the mind of Christ this working of God in

our lives may come sudden and as a rebuke where it is meant for blessing when we are living in the Spirit.

Deu 11:14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deu 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Deut 11:11 When we enter our own promised land and we walk in the Holy Spirit we enter the land of rain. Rain does not happen in the desert where we train to walk in the Spirit. There we learn to eat the manna and the quail and we encounter the cloud of miracles leading us. But in the Promised Land where we habitually walk in the Holy Spirit we get times of refreshment. We don't decide when the rain comes but it comes in its season. When the early rain comes it rains from time to time until the latter rain. Over this base we have times of studying scripture and then there is a sudden visitation from God. Maybe on outreach the team has a sudden encounter with God as it just starts to rain. It is an atmosphere change by the will of God that is sudden.

Deut 11:14 we will later discuss the oil and the wine but we see here that the rain gives birth to the oil and the wine.

We see in Deut 32:2 very clearly that this rain is also Anointed teaching and doctrine. So the clouds gather as we listen to the voice of God, then we get Anointed teaching and the falling of rain that brings refreshment. We see that God will bring tender teaching and even dew to those that are young and afraid. So it is a scene of real refreshment through good biblical teaching lead by the Holy Spirit.

In Deut 28:12 we see that God will also come with rain of supernatural provision. We do not have to be scared when we walk in obedience to the Spirit. Where God leads he will provide. When the cloud is there through the voice of God we will encounter the miraculous both physically and spiritually.

Now we are finished with the parable of the Spirit as water. As you can see it is pretty extensive. It can be a well, river, cloud, rain, mist, dew or any form of refreshment or nourishment.

Milk

Son 4:11-12 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon. His eyes *are* as *the* eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* fitly set.

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

When we drink water we drink it for refreshment. When we drink milk we drink it more for nourishment. Milk is white and makes holy.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

So we see that we need the milk of the scriptures and the Rhema word of God. This nourishes us as we grow stronger in order to be cleansed of habits in our actions, emotions, will, and thought life. When we drink milk there is no manifestation but it is more nourishing than water. It is not general doctrine and comforting words only but holiness teaching.

But milk has to do with love. When new-born babies suckle at the breast of his mother there is tender compassion. Milk can come through somebody discipling us and a relationship of trust and understanding are built. This person's action and the living word in their life and example can be like milk unto us.

In Son 4:11 we see that the milk and honey are under the tongue of the beloved Jesus. So this is a certain type of Rhema that nourishes and strengthens. In the gift of prophecy we get this specific Rhema that is for a specific situation and it strengthens, educates and edifies.

There is many scriptures that refers to the land of milk and honey. We see it is in the beloved's tongue, in the voice of the Lord.

Honey

Exo 16:31 Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

Num 14:8 If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey

Deu 32:13 He made him ride on the high places of the land, and he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock.

Jdg 14:8 After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey.

1Sa 14:25 Now when all the people came to the forest, behold, there was honey on the ground.

Job 20:17 He will not look upon the rivers, the streams flowing with honey and curds.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psa 81:16 But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Psa 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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 7:15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Eze 3:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

Eze 16:13 Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty.

Eze 16:19 Also my bread that I gave you—I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey—you set before them for a pleasing aroma; and so it was, declares the Lord GOD.

Mat 3:4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Rev 10:9 - 10 So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

So when you read these scriptures you start to understand what the honey is. Honey is the revelation knowledge of scripture. It is the Rhema word that is sweet and strengthens. What is interesting to note was that Jonathan ate the honey with his staff. Our manifested authority increases as we get revelation knowledge.

When Samson slayed the lion which refers to an evil authority bees came and made honey in the carcass. When we look at Eph 3:8 we see that Paul understood the unsearchable riches because he slayed the lions amongst the nations. Therefore He had entrance to the hidden manna.

So Samson walked in power and parables. Supernatural wisdom downloaded by the Holy Spirit. John also ate locusts which refer to curses and because of that wisdom was released. One revelation leads to another revelation. Later on it becomes a matrix of revelation.

Interesting to note was that Saul told the people not to eat the honey. Leaders through tradition deny the revelation scriptural knowledge because it takes their authority away and gives God the leadership. As church leaders it is important to know how to lead people that start eating the honey. It is scripture. Just alive!

What is important to note in Ez 13 is to look at what was in the bread. Fine flour, oil and honey. Fine flour refers to scripture, honey to revelation and oil to Anointing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the bread. When we eat scripture is part of it but we need to come to Jesus in relationship every time we read scripture and encounter him through the scripture. We can read scripture while the veil remains. We can even confess Jesus but because we have slain no lion through obedience there is no honey or oil available.

So the honey is riddles of the Spirit. It is words of wisdom and word of knowledge. Milk is a new entrance in a new Anointing. Because of the unsearchable riches true treasure hunters continues to be babies in the newest anointing that God has made available. So we continually grow in wisdom and power as the rain starts falling.

These parables mean different things for different callings. Rain can mean money for the businessman while it can mean miracles for the evangelist. Scripture is interpreted according to your own interpretations that God makes alive in your spirit.

But why would the scroll become bitter in our stomach while sweet in our mouth?

God is holy. You might be depressed and the word of God comforts you and gives you peace. But at a certain time God may ask you to preach the gospel to somebody and you feel intimidated by it and it is a bitter experience. The gospel teaches us to crucify our flesh while it comforts at the same time. Maybe we get rejected after we tasted the sweetness of the honey.

Yet the Holy Spirit are a Spirit of truth. When I went to Burundi in the time there was war I asked God: "Tell me straight, am I going to die or lose a limb?" When the Holy Spirit assured me I will be saved I could trust Him. Paul knew he was going to be imprisoned in Jerusalem but he also knew he was going to testify to the king. He was willing to pay the price. We see here that the angel was honest with John. The reality is you need a holy life when you want to be released in miracles, but it is different than people think. It is not a legalistic type of holiness. It is more like a wife obeying her husband because of love after he explained his dreams and they are building a life with a lot of joy of all kinds. There is the

romance, the heart to heart conversations, the mutual compromise and all the things that let any good marriage work. In fact the marriage was created to help us understand what our relationship with the Holy Spirit is that is closer than marriage.
So let us move on with the romance.

Wine

Gen_14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

Gen_49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk

2Ch_31:5 As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

Son_4:10 how beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

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!"

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. Every individual has a different calling and the Holy Spirit will highlight the scriptures of their calling. Let the bible be the doctrine. But the prophet cannot walk according to the pastor's doctrine and the evangelist cannot walk according to the prophet's doctrine.

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 drunken people and then death is swallowed up and tears will be wiped away. Today Satan has taken captive many churches with lies about the Holy Spirit. Lies like Pentecost took place only once, you have received everything when you receive the Holy Spirit, the gifts no longer exist etc.

We will look into these matters a little bit later on. Pentecost did take place only once but the outpouring of the Holy Spirit continues. When a man marries a woman the virgin is broken once but the sexual relationship continues and produces many children with different looks.

Likewise we did receive everything when we were reborn yet not everything manifests after rebirth. Why? Because we grow up in the understanding what we have. The understanding unlocks revelation that unlocks manifestation.

In world mission the fight is first for revelation and understanding. This will unlock the manifested authority that will defeat the authorities that holds souls captive. As the authorities are defeated they will start spitting out souls by the thousands and millions. Yet today the most needed authorities to be slain are the religious authorities in the church that pacifies the Christians and makes them infertile. Statistically every Christian just needs to lead 4 to 7 people to Jesus then the whole world are evangelized. But the churches are trapped by lies that only God can set them free from. These lies are taught in the training institutions that produces belief systems in the various denominations and cause divisions worldwide. Every institution has its own human interpretation of the gospel they follow. This is not far from ancestor worship; it is just magnified saint worship. Paul says:

1Co 3:1-5 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

We need to grow up, throw the arguments away, start to get humble. Church leaders need to pray with other church leaders and we need to plead that our eyes be opened that we can see the glory of God in Christ.

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 is 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 serves 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.

When I am going to battle with a few swords and sticks I will get a hiding in modern day warfare no matter how holy I am or with what good intentions I wield my stick.

In the Holy Spirit there is mighty warships, the newest aircraft that can fly at 2000km an hour and under the radar. There is the newest state of the art tank etc.

There are many that is trapped by fear and also double-mindedness as they come to church to pray for money. You cannot throw paper at the spiritual enemy, you are sure to be defeated if you come with a stubborn attitude clinging to your age old church doctrines while you are not in tune with the Holy Spirit today. Doctrine must be rained down from heaven to the pure in heart.

The bible testifies about the Holy Spirit. There is nothing unbiblical in experiencing the love of God and the presence of God filling you to the extent that you stagger. When the glory fills your body to the extent that you cannot stand on your feet. In fact it is unbiblical to not serve God in this way for on the mountain of the Lord death will be swallowed by the rich spiritual food and the new wine.

In Mat 9:17 we read about the old and the new wineskins. This is our doctrine. The right doctrine is 1Cor2:4-13

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 ruler ship 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.

Why did the Gibeonites enter?

Jos 9:14 So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD.

So the first hindrance to the Holy Spirit is church doctrines that are age old interpretations by men that hinder fresh revelation from God. The second is leaders in the church leadership not lead by God but have in mind fleshly things. Look what Jesus says to Peter at one stage.

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."

So when the Gibeonites entered they deceived the Israelites because the leaders did not enquire from the Lord every time and took intellectual and human decisions.

If church leaders want the Holy Spirit in their church they need to put their church doctrines in a far second place and teach revelation from scripture and they have to really come in front of God with the church leadership and only appoint those God appoints. Also create a habit to enquire from God and have listening prayer on all major decisions as a leadership body.

The water don't have manifestation but the wine does. When the power of God comes upon individuals people will stagger around under the power of the Holy Spirit as death are defeated in their lives and there is a fresh outpouring of the love of God. You need a church leadership that will be able to allow it. Many churches are human institutions with a bit of Holy Spirit like porridge with chocolate sauce over it. Porridge is to come to God not in order to know Him but in order to survive. It is still fundamentally porridge and not chocolate. Likewise many churches have human decisions ruling and God is only an influence. We need to get to a place where God's church is God's church!

Questions:

- 1) What are the different parables used for the Holy Spirit in the scripture?
- 2) What is the different working God wants to explain through each parable?
- 3) What does each parable explain of the Holy Spirit?
- 4) When is there manifestation of the Holy Spirit?
- 5) What is the goal of manifestation?

Keys to ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit

Why we do not see the power of the Holy Spirit in many churches is because of the old wineskins of doctrine. New churches that start must only have the bible as doctrine and then be very careful about who they appoint in leadership. About every decision there must be a corporate hearing. Otherwise the Gibeonites will come with their dry bread and old wineskins.

If you obey the Holy Spirit he will start working on the new wineskin. The ministry of the new covenant. When you continue to obey the Holy Spirit Jesus and the Father will make their home with you.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

But when Jesus was in His earthly ministry power went out from Him. This power was upon Him and when the lady touched His cloak power went from Him.

Luk_8:44 -47 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

So this same Jesus stays in us. We must just learn how to let the power go to other people or how to access the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us look at a verse that explains this if we understand the wineskin and the wine.

Job 32:18-19 For I am full of words; the spirit within me constrains me. Behold, my belly is like wine that has no vent; like new wineskins ready to burst.

So we see here that the person speaking here understood the Anointing to some extent. His belly was like wine. His belly (spirit) filled with the new wine to the extent of bursting. He also had words available.

Whenever I am going to minister it is like the power is filling in my spirit. It is kind of like somebody opening a tap and the wine is filling my spirit. Now when I am ministering and I feel that the power is available I know that if I now speak the creative word that the Holy Spirit has on my lips there will be something happening. I also see a vision of what is about to happen. I also see a picture of what I should do to let these things manifest in the natural. Look at Jesus's strategy to do miracles.

Joh 5:19 -21 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. 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. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

So the Father shows Jesus everything He is doing. Jesus did many different things for the miracles to happen. There was no one way He did it. But the principal is He obeyed His Father that showed Him what to do (visions).

So a very simple clue to the manifestation of power is. New wineskin, Anointing that fills up your spirit, looking what God shows, doing it and speaking the creative word. Today there is a lot of people that knows about God but few that really knows God and the way of His Spirit although it is increasing.

Ofcourse you first need to learn to see visions. Getting the power activated and so forth. This comes relatively easy if you know about it. Then you just need to get to someone who ministers in it to activate the power, visions etc. Acts 8.

But here is the problem. A lot of what is going on in churches is old wineskin teaching. Presently we have a dts (discipleship training school) available at the YwamPotch base where I minister. One of my callings is to restore the place of the Holy Spirit and the workings of the Spirit in the body. If you are interested you can Google YwamPotch.

The oil

Exo_29:7 You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

Exo_27:20 "You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn.

Lev_14:17 And some of the oil that remains in his hand the priest shall put on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on top of the blood of the guilt offering.

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.

Psa_92:10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

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.

Mat_25:3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

Mat_25:4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

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!"

The command of Rev 6:6 rings out amongst the churches of all the generations yet we do not obey it. Maybe we don't understand and therefore we don't obey it. The presence of God coming in the form of the oil and the wine is the most powerful. God pays his servants with wheat, barley, oil and wine.

Wheat can refer to scripture knowledge, the barley to revelation knowledge through scripture. The oil and the wine refer to the workings of the Holy Spirit. The wine is the infilling of the love of God. We drink wine, it gives some kind of sensation to the brain and we get joy as we relax and are able to fellowship more freely with other people.

Oil we do not drink but we put it on. In the earlier days the oil was rubbed in order that we can smell good. But there is a few prophetic meanings. Let us look.

For our lamps to burn we need the oil.

Luk_22:39 and he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

On the Mount of Olives the olives are crushed and produces oil. This oil helps our lamps to burn. As we come before God with our issues and we find answers from God we see the help of God and our lamps continue to shine.

All the priests had to be Anointed with oil. Their earlobes, their hands and their toes for the service of God. But this Anointing is not within but on the outside. We read in Genesis 49 that “his eyes are darker than wine” so through our eyes God looks because of the wine but the oil is on the outside.

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;

Here clearly we see the Holy Spirit upon Jesus. This is the equipping of power upon. It is for the work that is to be done. True priests destroy the work of evil. God must equip us for this task in the Spirit. Those who turn their back on the equipping of the Holy Spirit cannot destroy the works of evil. Schools that only teaches bible and philosophy but does not have understanding about the oil of the Holy Spirit does not equip the learners for the spiritual battle they will face. Yet God in His mercy always give some oil for the gospel is intertwined with the Anointing.

In 1 Sam 16 we see that Samuel anointed David. Today the New Testament prophets still have the role to anoint people with the oil. But Satan persecutes the prophets.

Mat 5:11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Prophets are a great danger to the kingdom of darkness. If the New Testament prophets can be released to anoint many today there is big trouble for the kingdom of darkness. Therefore he tries to lie and deceive in order that the prophetic might not be understood.

So when Samuel Anointed David the Spirit of God rushed upon him. This is not anointing for rebirth, this was the Anointing for the work of God. Angels serve those that has been Anointed and the power of God goes with them.

But here is the great secret, in the New Testament

EVERY Christian can be anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not more for the selected few. Although the lies keep us captive as many churches operates as Old Testament churches with only one or a few or none having been truly Anointed by the oil.

In Psalm 92 we see that there is fresh oil available continually. For every job in the Spirit there is oil available. It depends on the prophecy. Today you might get Anointed with the specific Anointing for business, tomorrow to have special compassion on your kids and the day thereafter as an elder in the church.

We need to keep in step with the Holy Spirit. Every day there is manna out of the mouth of God. Every day there is quail to be caught. There is many anointings with specific abilities that can be activated in your spirit.

Your human spirit is like a computer. When we are reborn we get a standard computer with Microsoft word on it that can signify the scriptures. Then there is an internet connection which can signify the voice of the Holy Spirit. When we have the internet connection we can upload many apps and different workings of the worldwide web. Likewise understanding of anointing gives us access through the voice

of the Holy Spirit to Christ. Just think how many different games and programs can be uploaded through the internet today. Likewise there is billions of Anointings in Christ. Rhema promises that activates the power of the Holy Spirit.

But don't we have everything in Christ? Yes! But not in manifestation. So the Christian is like a farmer that has received all the seed of all the different kinds of plants in the world in his barn. He has everything but when he looks at his newly bought farm he has nothing growing on his lands. What should he do? The barn is Christ and the different Anointings is the seed. The writing on the package is the word of God. But with this barn and seed the farmer also hired a highly educated person (the Holy Spirit) that knows everything about all the seed, how to plant it, when and under what conditions. What must this farmer do now?

He must talk to the Holy Spirit, get his advice. Bring out the right seed and plant it in prepared soil, water it, clean the soil from weeds and be devoted enough to care for this seed coming up. Does the farmer have every blessing in the spiritual realms? Yes! Is it manifesting? Some, those he has planted, looked after and those that are starting to bear fruit.

When I was doing my year to train for base leader I could suddenly rap, sing, be a poet, received all kinds of teachings. All kinds of abilities of the Spirit became active over me. For that limited time God enabled me to do all kind of stuff as He educated me. Afterwards I was released in the most important work for the season. I needed to go back and plant a base. The Anointing for the specific purpose was then released and I walked in it. But I need the Anointing to deal with all the gossip, jealousy, personalities, marriage, finances and the five kids at this stage. The Anointing gives specific ability at a specific time for a specific work then it grows stale. My five kids might have grown up and now I need Anointing to counter the working of Age in my body and I'm being Anointed for that. What is your need today?

So Christ is one, the seed is many, unsearchable many. May you be enlightened to understand the glory of God!

In Isaiah 61:3 it talks about the oil of gladness. When the sun is very hot and a beautiful lady asks a very handsome man to rub her in with sun lotion on the beach the application has certain manifestation. It depends on the woman. If she likes the guy a lot she might have the giggles when he applies the lotion. She have the giggles and it feels so good when he rubs it in as her hormones kicks in and her body reacts in a certain way. But that is not the work of the lotion. The lotion must protect her against the sun and must produce a golden brown girl that is the talk of the town. So the application has a different manifestation than the work of the anointing.

So a somebody that has been Anointed prays for me and the lover of my soul gives me all kinds of manifestation as Jesus rubs in this oil. I get the giggles and sometimes pure laughter as I get a sensation in my body as well. But enjoy church! This Hitler like, Stalinist frown in the church is not Jesus. It is tradition, religion, the old wineskin and people struggling to get the old stale bread down, if there is any bread from God.

So how must church look like?

Luk_10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

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!"

Luk 18:16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

Luk 18:17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

I asked the Holy Spirit. Why is the power lacking in so many churches. The answer was pride! Church leaders study a lot. Knowledge puffs up. Then there is a mask many leaders must put up to hide their insecurities for not knowing God as they should. It is not their fault because they have been taught wrong from the beginning. But when they see all the people in front of them and all the problems they need to protect themselves. How? By having some kind of emotional protection mechanism. So it is pride and insecurity that can very easily go into jealousy if they see the Anointing manifesting authentically. What is the answer? Get off the pulpit, get out of the hard wooden benches where the old stale bread has been stuffed down your throat and come and play in the river of joy!

Psa 46:2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Psa 46:3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah.

Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Psa 46:5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Jump in the river of joy, be anointed by the oil of gladness, play in the pools of the Holy Spirit.

We should make place for the ministry of the word but after that we should take off our shoes and the order must be to play, put on the worship music, let the people come forward and obey the Rhema commands of the Holy Spirit. On such a church there will be great blessing. When the church starts to play with the Holy Spirit among them you will see the walls of the people coming down. All people are children in their very being. That is why there was problems of sexual immorality, liquor addiction and why sports stadium are packed. People love to play and express themselves. Here God will mightily meet obedient churches. I believe this to be a command of the Holy Spirit.

So then wine is inward. It is not rebirth. It is an equipping of the Holy Spirit inward (Pentecost) for those that want to live devoted to God. Here the Holy Spirit tames the thoughts, emotions and will of the believer that truly wants to live submitted to God and know his very being in their souls.

The oil is the power upon. It is the activation of a different fresh work of the Holy Spirit. There is many Anointings. The one farmer farms (spiritually) with pumpkins as he received the knowledge and activation, the other with grapes etc.

The cataclysmic birth of Christ

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,
Gal 4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!
or by hearing with faith

Although the Galatians has received the Holy Spirit and miracles were taking place Christ was not yet born in them. How can that be? Who is Christ? What does it mean that Christ is in me? We know that we need Christ in us to see the glory.

Col 1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

So Christ is the mystery. Christ in us is the hope of glory. But who is Christ?

2Jn 1:9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

So to have Christ is to have the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father in us.

When we look at John 14 we see there is a progression.

Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Joh 14:17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. A deposit of what? A deposit of the fullness for we can then receive the Father and the Son. Look at the progression till (v23).

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

What happens when we receive the Son and the Father? Let us see further.

The morning star

2Pe_1:19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

Rev 2:27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

Rev_22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

So who is the morning star? Jesus! When do we receive Him? When we overcome. What happens when we overcome? We get authority over the nations. So Paul waited in the desert till something happened. What?

Gal 1:16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

He waited till Jesus was born in Him, until Christ was formed in Him. The continual spoken word, the Rhema as a constant flow. So Christ is the hope of glory. When Christ comes we start ministering in the glory and the cloud with the angels of the Father.

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."

So when Christ comes we see power. How does Christ come? Through continual obedience to the Holy Spirit. Why is Christ not formed in people's hearts? Because Christians do not get teaching to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, don't know about Anointings and how to grow in them and therefore cannot obey the Holy Spirit until the constant flow of miracles comes when Christ is born.

Why do I say it is cataclysmic?

Jos_5:14 And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

Jos_5:15 And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Who was this commander of the armies? Jesus! Why? Joshua took his sandals off and worshipped Him. When the commander (morning star) arrived we see that one of the biggest miracles took place. The sun stood still.

Rom 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

Rom 8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

So when the morning star arrived miracles started taking place in nature. Creation is in bondage till the children of God are manifested. When are they manifested? When the glory comes. Who is the glory? Christ in us! So creation responds on the manifestation of the children of God when Christ is born in a Christian's heart.

So the one with the morning star has authority over the nations to dash them to pieces and nature answers to him as the creative word of the Father and the Son speaks through him or her. Cataclysmic?

Asking continually for the Holy Spirit

Luk 11:9 -14 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!"

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

If we look at this piece we see that we must ask for the good gifts (unsearchable riches). Then he talks about the fish and the bread. Now one of the miracles there was 5 bread and 2 fishes. The bread refers to revelation (Jesus). Out of the revelation is birthed the 5 offices of Eph 4:11.

The 2 fishes I believe refer to God the Father and the Holy Spirit. So in (v12) he talks about an egg. So He basically says: "Ask me for the good gifts until you receive the fullness of the egg". Which is Christ in you the hope of glory?

When we receive Christ we start having the creative word on our lips.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

So as the morning star has risen we have the creative word on our lips but we also have the Holy Spirit hovering over the waters.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light

So we have the creative word from Jesus on our lips constantly. We have the cloud of the Holy Spirit present to create new realities and we have the creative commanding word of the Father that commands creation. Then our mouths start to be the agents of creation.

In His wisdom God didn't give us things as our inheritance but the fullness of Himself. Because of that we then receive everything as we speak and create in unity with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

But when you look at a hardboiled egg you only see the shell. You do not see the manifestation of the white and the yellow. When you then break the shell it divides into hundreds or thousands of pieces. With Anointings God start speaking to us about all the different little pieces of shell. As He gives us Rhema promises it activates that part of the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As the shell is then pulled of piece by piece and we start understanding all the promises and blessings as ours we start to see the manifestation of the white. This refers to holiness, righteousness and humbleness. As we eat through the white we start seeing the yellow core. As we bite into the egg the yellow core manifests itself. It was always there but it didn't manifest. You can have an egg in the fridge for a time (spiritually) and not experience the Anointings, blessings, offices or the miraculous.

Likewise many people has received the Holy Spirit. But the egg is in the fridge as they continue their daily lives and just ask God to survive daily. They then miss the whole point of the unsearchable riches of Christ. They do not experience the mystery of the marriage between Christ and His church of Eph 5. Therefore they don't drink the wine of Pentecost and therefore the death that is destroyed in Is 25 is not destroyed but still rules as it then veils the mystery of Christ in us. Unfortunately many still don't understand the glory of the gospel.

Zec 4:1 - 14 And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD

Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" And a second time I answered and said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?" He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

So the golden lampstand refers to the lamps of revelation which is the seven churches. But these 7 lamps also refer to all the churches throughout all the ages that will be kept alive and burning through the Holy Spirit.

The olive trees beside the lampstands provide the golden oil which refers to the Holy Spirit. Jesus and the Father are the two branches of the olive trees.

So the Father and the Son are represented here as olive tree branches. On these branches there is many olives that are being crushed to produce the olive oil.

Gethsemane is the place where the olives are crushed. So in our prayer live the eggs are peeled and the olives are crushed until Christ is formed in us.

May God birth Christ in us. When the morning star rises in our hearts the nations will come to know God for when Jesus is birthed in us we have the authority over the nations to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in us the hope of glory. Then we can minister the heaviness of the presence through the cloud of miracles and display the power of God to the nations.

So the trick of world mission is not to work harder but to understand this doctrine and to teach it in such a way that Christ is being borne in the believers. Then the nations will behold the glory of God as one man and women of God rises up in cataclysmic authority over the nations. This depends on individuals obeying the Holy Spirit constantly. But at least having the clear path helps a lot. It is not intellectual knowledge bringing forth Christ. It is the peeling of the egg and the heavy glory that comes on individuals that produces Christ. Christ means the Anointed One that is the Holy Spirit within and upon in fullness.

Questions:

- 1) Why is there no power in many churches?
- 2) What should our response be if we see very little working of the Holy Spirit in our church?
- 2) What is the birth of Christ in us?
- 3) Why can Christ not be birthed in you if you don't listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit?
- 4) Who is the Morning star?
- 5) What is the cloud of the Spirit?

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