

**Children of Tomorrow:
God's Plan for His Children**

My God Is Alive In Me

I turned my face to the Lord
and asked, “What would You have of me?”
He said, “Stand and Testify – Tell the world I Am Alive
inside of Thee”
So I stood up in the crowd and cried out loud -
“My God is alive in me!”

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All of these resources are referenced in the Appendix at the back of this book. Many are free on-line and those that do have a cost are reasonably priced. Please be sure to check it out.

Introduction

Born Again – A New Beginning

Being born again is not our final stage of development. It is actually the beginning. It's a transitioning from where we were to what we are becoming. We are in transition to the day when we will receive that promised spiritual body, that one like Christ's. The plan of God was for Adam and his children to change into the Father's children of tomorrow, chosen to be like Christ. This spiritual evolution is one of God's greatest promises to us.

We are the children of tomorrow. Birthed of spirit, not of flesh, carriers of our Father's divine nature and filled with the same sonship spirit of our brother, Christ.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The difference between these two images is that one is a soul man and the other is a chosen son of the Father. Each is designed by the Father of all spirits and given a life to walk out on this Earth. He that has received Christ, received a life-giving spirit, one that is born in the image of Jesus Christ, the first born Son of the Father. He is the first born among many brethren. We are the brethren.

The presence of this christ spirit is what distinguishes the man Adam from the man Christ. As a chosen child we are walking out a path set by design and one predestinated before creation. This book illustrates the truth of those called out ones, those that seek for the prize of the high calling.

It's time for God's children to grow up and become those mature sons all creation is waiting for. There are exciting times ahead as we learn who we are in Christ, and who He is in us, so that we walk as God's children of tomorrow, today.

Chapter 1

Understanding Our Salvation

In the beginning, when The Father was formulating His great plan of creation within Himself, The Word was there with Him and the Bible tells us that everything was created by Him and without Him nothing was made. (John 1:3) At that time, **before the world was spoken into existence**, before Adam ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **God had already prepared Himself as a perfect sacrifice.** (1 Peter 1:19,20)

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

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. John 1:14

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:6-11
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This forever sets Jesus, The Christ apart as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and worthy of ALL honor. He is our Savior and the greatest thing we can do is to bend our knee before Him and give Him glory. We want to make this clear at the beginning of our book because what we have to share can be misleading if you don't realize that we in no way place ourselves on a par equal to Him. There is only one Jesus Christ. He is God and Salvation only comes through Him. He is also our elder brother.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:28,29

In the introduction we mentioned a great change that happens at salvation that many people know little about. There is a big difference between a born again believer and the rest of humanity, even beyond the obvious fact that your sins are forgiven and you are reconciled with God. Before salvation, man is a soul with a sin nature. After Salvation, we become fellow heirs with Christ, seated together with Him in His throne. We are being transformed into His image. That is the process we are currently undergoing. **Salvation marks a crucial**

change from our past, to our future and a very real change from who you were as a lost soul in the world, to who you are now, a spirit man, still in transition to his final state. Few understand what actually happened to them when they were saved so we want to take a closer look at what God has done and is doing to us, so that we can cooperate with the process.

As lost souls in the world, we walked alone – blinded by the enemy of our soul and hoping that we were good enough to merit something better after this life was over.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
Titus 3:34

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-7

What Happens When You Get Saved?

The very first thing we want to emphasize is that you didn't get saved because somebody was "preaching good" and you got convicted of your sins and had to do something about it, so you went to the altar and repeated what the preacher told you to say and got saved. That might be what it looked like to you, but nothing could be

farther from the truth. In fact, **you responded to the plan of salvation because God the Father chose you to be one of His and He drew you to Jesus.**

Jesus said: No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me.

John 6:44,45

No one ever gets saved unless the Father draws them to Jesus. It doesn't matter how many times you repeat the sinner's prayer, salvation is a spiritual work of grace between the Father, the Son and the individual believer.

A Father Begets, A Mother Births

Every word that Jesus spoke was important. He didn't tell stories just to entertain the crowd. His stories were called parables because they always contained at least one lesson and so it is with the things that were recorded in the gospels. One night, an important man came to see Jesus and as they talked, Jesus revealed some important Kingdom principles:

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** John 3:1-6*

What Jesus was telling Nicodemus is that **the new birth is one of spirit**. Sometimes when they are born again, people notice a healing in their physical body. They may notice a feeling of lightness as if a sack of sins has been taken away, but in general, your flesh isn't changed and your old carnal nature is still very much a part of you. You don't lose your memories and have to start over, so your mind (soul) is the same, but there has been a great change in you. The Holy Spirit has given you a new anointed spirit from the Father so that now you are some thing new. The Bible calls you a **new creature**.

When you are born again, you are anointed by the Holy Spirit with a gift of God, which is called a christ spirit. Before this birthing process, you were a soul man, a.k.a the spirit of a man. Now you are a new creature, a spirit from God – this is the new you!

In the Greek language, the phrase “*to be born,*” is *gennao* and when it is applied to a father, it means to “beget”. (A mother births a child but the father begets it by injecting his seed into the woman.)

In a very real sense, when you were born again, God became your Father, not just your Creator. He imparted the seed of His Spirit into you and you became a new creature born from God! It is this anointed spirit that is pure and sinless and able to stand upright before God. It's the conflict between this new spirit and your old nature that causes many new Christians to doubt their salvation, but in fact, that very conflict itself is because of the great change that has happened to them.

The Difference Between Soul and Spirit.

There is a vast difference between what the Bible calls *the spirit of a man that is in him* and *the spirit of God that you receive at salvation*. A soul man is formed by the breath of God in a physical body (Genesis 2:7). Such a man has a conscious realization of who he is. He is aware that he is a physical being and that there is also a psychological part of himself, where he knows of himself as an individual being. This is called self-awareness. He is a soul, aware that he is a man. Even more than that, he becomes aware that there is a spiritual dimension all around him, of which he is also a small part. You might have heard it explained that your soul is made up of your mind, will and emotions, but it is actually more than that. It is the realization of who you are as a human being. Thus we mostly have a nebulous, wispy smoky image that makes it difficult to actually define what a soul is as either mind or body.

The Old Testament uses the words soul and spirit interchangeably. They weren't used the way we think of them today, and if you study them out, you will find that they both refer back to the breath of life that was given at Adam's awakening – making him a living soul. This is the state of all men except for those who have been born again. So when you hear people referring to their spirit or spirit consciousness, the first question you should ask yourself is ***are they saved?*** **That is the defining difference in understanding whether they are speaking about spirit as a Christian lives it, or describing an attribute of their soul that they are calling spiritual.**

Even now, most people in the church do not understand this difference, but when we talk about walking in spirit or understanding the things of your spirit, it will be crucial that you note this distinction, because there are things that are available to you as a born again, spirit filled believer that the world knows nothing about.

So what does this mean to us? How does understanding this change our relationship to God?

There is a teaching in the church that we were orphans in the world and God has adopted us into His family. It's a nice thought and certainly adopting a child into your family, legally giving him all the rights and responsibilities that entails is a picture of what has happened to us, but it isn't the complete picture.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also

that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

*When God placed His seed in your heart, you became his spiritual child, just like Mary who had been impregnated by the Holy Spirit and then birthed God's child. **We are spiritual children of God**, not just orphans who have been lucky enough to be adopted into His family. Ephesians 1:3-5 tells us that our spiritual birth was predetermined before the foundation of the world. We were made in the image of Christ who is the visible image of the invisible God.*

When The Bible refers to us as being adopted, it is more in the sense of being placed as a mature son who is able to represent God and participate in His Kingdom. Its meaning is more a recognition of “coming of age” rather than adoption as we think of it today. The fact that we are actually spiritual children, born of God is reinforced in the New Testament by both Peter and John.

Being Born-Again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter 1:23

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin for His seed (God's seed) remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 3:9

The Greek word for seed is sperma from which we get the word sperm. God's seed is this new spirit we receive from Him.

The Bible tells us that our new spirit is the spirit of Christ because it is an anointed spirit and that like Him it is a spirit of sonship. It has the mind of Christ. Like

Jesus, it is always in perfect alignment with the desires of God, but it is also yours so we refer to it as Glenna's christ spirit or Benny's christ spirit (or my christ spirit).

Why not just call it your spirit? Many churches teach that all men have a spirit that is dead or asleep until they are saved. When you understand that all men are created souls until they are born again and receive a spirit from the Father, you can see that it is not just a sleeping or dead spirit that has been rejuvenated. **You truly are a new creature** – spirit, soul and body.

Once again, when we use the word christ in connection with our born again spirit, we are not putting ourselves on a par with Jesus, “The Christ.” There is only one Jesus who died for the redemption of our sins. We honor Him because He is God and without Him all of us would still be lost and without hope in this world. But words often take on a cultural or religious meaning beyond what they meant when they were first written and that is true of the word “christ.”

Christ is not Jesus' first or last name. **He is The Christ, the anointed Son of God.**

The word "christ" in Greek means anointed. It literally means to rub anointing oil on someone or something. Your spirit is anointed to bring your soul into a mature relationship with the Father, so it is not blasphemy to call your spirit a christ spirit. God lives in me in my spirit. I have the mind of Christ in my spirit. It is a sonship spirit from the Father and the Holy Ghost speaks to me through my spirit. At maturity, your soul will merge with this spirit and be housed in a spirit body which will make you an entirely new creation of the Father. What a wonderful thing this christ spirit is!

Going on To Perfection

As part of His great plan, God prepared a path of maturation for each individual soul. We refer to this as our **Path of Perfection** because that is how it was described to us, but the word the Bible translates as **perfect** doesn't necessarily mean to be without flaws. It **means to be mature, able to hear and understand and to obey the Holy Spirit as He leads and guides your steps.** It's a step-by-step walk where your spirit leads your soul through a series of impartations that cause you to change from how you used to act and think, to where you learn to walk with spiritual understandings that empower you to line up with the mind of Christ inside of you. If that sounds strange to you, realize that most of us still think from a soulish perspective. It takes time to learn to think like God does and this is part of our training on this Path of Perfection.

God is constantly talking to His children. He communicates to you through your christ spirit as he imparts truth to your soulish mind. Often we don't realize that He is the one talking to us. We just think it is something we thought of. The more skillful you are at recognizing his input and allowing his words to take precedence over your old thoughts, the more you begin to change - to think like Christ thinks.

For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also

justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. Rom 8:29,30

“Whom” and “them” are those who according to His great plan, were chosen by The Father before creation, to become Sons of God. If you are born again, this is you! The heart cry of your christ spirit is “Abba, Father” and he causes you to want to hear and obey what God tells you.

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Galatians 4:4-6

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. Romans 8:9

Even after salvation, your soul has a hard time understanding the things of the spirit partly because God doesn't think like we do. As soon as you were born again, your christ spirit began leading and guiding your soul on your Path of Perfection (to maturity). You probably didn't realize it at the time. Most of us don't, because we are so comfortable thinking from a worldly perspective. So **unless we receive a note-worthy prophetic word from God, we don't pick up on the subtle nudges God uses to direct us every day.**

As we grow in our spiritual walk, we begin to understand the desires of The Holy Spirit as we begin reading the Bible and hearing others preach about how to

live a Godly life. When our spirits are activated through what we call the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, our hearing becomes even more finely tuned to His voice and we learn that the Holy Spirit is very active today. The more we recognize and follow the teaching He gives us, the more we change and each change is a step toward maturity. Thus the more you seek God's help, as you walk out the daily situations and circumstances of your life, the more you learn to follow the leading of the spirit. **Your spirit is already mature, able to discern truth from lies and spiritual thoughts and truths from logical reasoning.** He knows the things of God and begins teaching your soul to be submissive to the desires of the Father and to walk upright and to seek to understand this “More” that is being continually presented to him as Present Day Truth.

You may not know if it is your christ spirit or the Holy Spirit that you are following but it doesn't really matter because the two are as one. Remember, the Holy Spirit speaks to you through your christ spirit and God lives in you in your christ spirit. **The only way to become spiritually mature is for your soul to receive input from your spirit and to knowingly choose to walk according to it,** so you need to position yourself to receive these daily spiritual lessons. You have spend time with God, making room in your life for Him to lead you. The more you do this and put into practice what He teaches you, the more your soul will yield headship to your spirit. **Without this training, you continue to walk in the soulish realm,** even when you are trying to walk a spiritual walk. This is the trap of most religions.

This maturation process often accelerates with an urgency that grows within you that there must be more to your christian walk than you have yet experienced. Many people who are being called to this deeper walk become frustrated and leave organized church in search of this “More” that they can't put into words. It's the stirring of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to your soul, "It's time for a change, there's More! Come and follow Me.”

After salvation, God no longer counts you as belonging to the genealogy of the first Adam in the garden. Now you are part of the 2nd Adam, Jesus Christ. When you become a “New Creature,” you become part of the Body of Christ, a select group of people that never existed in the Earth before Jesus reconciled us to the Father.

Jesus Christ was made the firstborn of the Father for the purpose of many others to follow His footsteps. Before He died on the cross and was resurrected, all men were the same. They were soul men living in physical bodies with a carnal sinful nature. As a “New Creature”, you are a spirit man who lives with a soul in a physical body. No longer are you just a soul. You have been transformed into a spirit man, but your conscious mind is still that of a soul man which is why we need to renew our mind by the mind of Christ. This is why the Path of Perfection is so necessary.

Your soul still has all the old memories and thought patterns that you had before you were born again and they limit your ability to understand the things of spirit. **Your anointed spirit is perfectly attuned to the things of God. He was reserved in the Father before Adam sinned so he has never been subject to sin and never can sin because he is a spirit**

from The Father. He has the mind of Christ which means his desires and thoughts are always in unity with those of Christ and he is always subject to The Father's will. Thus, he can never lead you into something that is not the Father's will for you.

*But the natural man does not receive **the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they **are spiritually discerned**. 1Corinthians 2:14*

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2*

When your christ spirit speaks to you, he sounds like you. **The difference between soul and spirit thoughts is in their content, not how they sound in your head.** Your spirit's input will always line up with what God has told you and what He has written in His Word. He sounds like an inner voice of direction. You might even mistake him for your conscience, but your conscience is based in your soul and includes taboos made up from parental warnings, early childhood teachings, life lessons and even Sunday School or church sermons. So while your spirit may resemble your conscience, it is something totally different because it is the mind of Christ in you and it becomes more distinct as you become adept at listening to him and discerning when he is talking to you. We talk about this more in chapter 2.

Understanding this difference between your soul and your spirit and that you have to learn to discern the difference between them is only part of the picture. In

addition to this, you have an inborn enemy. He is resident in your carnal nature that is still a part of your flesh. He uses those old memories and thought patterns to attack you as he stirs up regret in your mind about what you did in your past life and even how you messed up today. He is constantly badgering your soul to listen to him and subtly affects your thinking so that you believe that what he is telling you is true. We will deal with him more when we talk about our man of sin.

Born Again – A New Beginning

(There's more change to come!)

Being Born Again is not our final stage of development. It is actually a great beginning. It's a transitioning FROM what we were TO what we are becoming. We are in transition to the day when we will receive the “spiritual body” that Jesus promised to give us when He returns. The comprehensive plan of God is for Adam and his children to change into the Father's Children of Tomorrow, chosen to be like Christ!

This spiritual evolution is one of God's great promises to us.

Right now, the only one who is living like this is Jesus Christ which is why the scripture calls him “The Firstborn of the Father.”

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29

If the Father has called you to experience salvation where you have been begotten of the Father, then you have a destiny. You have been predestinated to change into a mature son of God, able to take your place in His household. Can you see the awesome Love of the Father? He chose you to be adopted into His family before the world was made. That's His Structured Plan of Design that makes the angels wonder, "What is man that you are so mindful of him?" (Psalms 8:4)

Many in the church have mistakenly been taught that if they have been saved and spirit filled, all they have to do is to wait for the "The Rapture" to occur when they will be changed into the image of Christ, but **according to Scripture, we are to change from glory to glory, from level to level, until we reflect Him.** It is an ongoing process, not just a one time, hoped for experience.

The Jewish Tradition, given to Moses by God, contained three national feast days that were physically observed. The imagery presented through those physical feast days, illuminates spiritual concepts.

Passover equates to Salvation.

Pentecost equates to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Tabernacles, the third feast, is also called the Feast of Booths (or Habitation) and this was explained by Jesus' words to His disciples, "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 (home) with him" John 14:23.

If you have experienced Passover where you received Salvation and were born again and then experienced Pentecost thereby being Baptized by the Holy Spirit, your life has drastically changed. We are now in the time of Tabernacles where we are personally learning to love God and keep His words and to experience this relationship where the reality of The Father and The Son become alive inside of us. It's no longer something we talk about by faith, but a living, growing relationship of Christ in us, our hope of glory. **This is Tabernacles, where you live in God and God lives in you.**

Chapter 1: Points to Remember

1. All men are living souls. When they talk about being spiritual, they are usually speaking about the nebulous, psychological part of themselves that is spiritually attuned. It is still a characteristic of their soul, also referred to as “the spirit of man.”
2. In contrast, born again man is a new creature because he received a spirit of God at his new birth. He is spirit, soul and body.
3. This new spirit in man is a christ spirit because it is a holy anointed spirit made in the image of Christ – a son-ship spirit. It is the place God lives in you.
4. This new spirit is also your spirit. Eventually you will be a new creation work of God, spirit, soul and spiritual body, all one identity – you.
5. Right now we mostly think from our soul, but we are learning to recognize and receive our spiritual input. As we do, we are changing into the image of Christ.

Chapter 2

Children of Tomorrow

(New Creatures in Christ)

God's Truths are often hidden in plain sight. Who knew that understanding what *begotten* meant would open up a more complete understanding of what happened to us when we got saved? God didn't change the word or even how it was written, just our understanding of it. This is what I mean by it being hidden in plain sight. It was there all the time, but until He clarified what we were seeing, it was hidden to us. We can get so used to understanding a word a certain way, that it is hard to think about it differently, but that is often how God brings His truths to light in our life.

In chapter one, we learned that becoming a new creature in Christ is much more than *being saved and having your sins forgiven*. You are actually born again spiritually. The Father gives you a new spirit. It is in this spirit, that He lives in you. You become a new creature of spirit and soul still living in a flesh body. This spirit is the first-fruit promise from your Father that one day your flesh body will be replaced by one of spirit.

Our next step is learning what The Bible teaches us about our christ spirit. We realize that we have to submit what we learned in the past to the leading of the Holy

Spirit. He gives understanding about what He is telling us today.

Present Day Truth

When God shows us something that He has kept hidden until Now, we call it a **Present Day Truth**.

Present Day Truth is the understanding that God still speaks to all of His children. When you know that God is talking to you, it changes how you thought before He did and it becomes your Present Day Truth.

You don't have to be an Apostle or Prophet to hear God. In fact, He now lives in you in your christ spirit, which guarantees that you can hear His voice. **Being able to recognize when he is talking to you** is usually the problem. Most people know that they have heard God at one time or another. When they first got saved, he was the inner witness that led them to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He continues speaking to you after your salvation, but you have to learn to separate His voice from the other thoughts in your head.

Discerning What You Are Hearing

You have three distinct voices speaking to you.

1. First Voice – Your carnal nature which the Bible refers to as your Man of Sin or that “lawless one.”
2. Second Voice – Your soul, which is your mind, will, intellect and desires. This voice is the one you are used to thinking of as yourself – self awareness, self-centered, selfish – it's all about you.

3. Third voice – Your Christ Spirit – Received at Salvation, it is God Alive inside of you. An anointed spirit of the Father, designed to bring your soul to maturity.

Each of these is distinct but unless you know that they are a part of your makeup, it is difficult to recognize the voice that comes from each. For now, just know that **God is speaking to you and that He desires for you to hear what He is saying.** Doing so will bear great fruit in your life because by hearing His voice and applying or obeying what He is telling you, is the way you learn to walk in the spirit so that your soul grows to maturity.

Mind of Christ = Christ Spirit

Hearing and understanding the words of your spirit brings a comprehension that causes your thinking to change so that you begin to think like Jesus thinks. This is changing you into the image of Christ!

The more we grow in the knowledge of Christ, the more we realize how much more there is to know. The Bible says that God keeps many things hidden until His set time of revelation. **It would be the height of arrogance for us to think that we know all there is to know about the things of God.** There are many, many Present Day Truths that He has reserved to be revealed in us, as the Body of Christ. They are things that God has kept secret until this time because they relate to what He is doing in us now. The Apostle Paul understood

this when he wrote about the mysteries of God to be revealed in these latter days. He said it was a mystery (something that hadn't been revealed before) that blindness in part had happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be fulfilled and that there would be one body of people (The Body of Christ) made up of Gentiles and Israel. It was also a mystery that Jesus was to be the sacrifice for all mankind. He said if it had been known, Satan never would have crucified Him.

The Present Day Truth of Jesus' time was heralded from the Heavens on the day He was born.

And shepherds were in the same country living in the fields and keeping guard over their flock by night. And, behold, an angel of the Lord came on them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they feared with a great fear.

*And the angel said to them, Do not fear. For, behold, I proclaim **good news to you, a great joy, which will be to all people**, because today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, was born to you in the city of David. And this is a sign to you: You will find a babe having been wrapped, lying in the manger.*

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will among men.” Luke 2:8-14

Until that time, the best man could hope for was a bloody sacrifice to cover his sins so that he would be acceptable to God. From the beginning in the garden,

man was destined to sin and had a need for a redeemer. The Savior, Jesus, was preordained as God in the flesh to become that prototype for all men; man with a spirit of God alive in him, purposed to bring maturity to his soul and thereby becoming one with God – a tabernacle where man and God abide together as one!

With the birth of Jesus, **God revealed that He** was not the angry vengeful God of Wrath that no one could please, but **was taking upon Himself the ministry of reconciliation, so that by His own death, all men could be redeemed and that this was in the Father's Plan all along.**

God's Plan for Man didn't start when He made Adam in the garden. Before anything was made, God perfected his plan inside Himself and insured that everything would happen as He purposed it.

When He created Adam and said that it was good, it wasn't that Adam was the epitome of what man was to be. On the contrary, he was the progenitor of the human race, the first of his kind, but he was only a preliminary form of what man was to ultimately become. In fact, we don't know exactly what Adam was like or what he lost when he ate from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We do know that the perfect relationship he had with God before that time was broken and God called it death. We also know that as great as it was for him in Eden, our destiny is to become more than he was at the beginning.

Adam was created by being formed as a man from the dust of the Earth. Then God breathed into this body “the Breath of Life” and Adam became a living soul. As a consequence, **Men are limited to this physical, natural world we live in, but God's plan is for**

them to become something much greater, spirit. His plan is for them to be sons, reflections of Him as His children. For that to happen they have to change, so from the very beginning it was necessary for Adam to leave the perfect incubational conditions of the garden, to enter a world where good and evil are forces of change. Through this experience, men develop an understanding that none of God's other created beings have and are being prepared to become the sons they are destined to be.

This was such a controversial truth that many have a hard time accepting it today, but the Bible is clear that:

...Not with corruptible things, silver or gold, were you redeemed from your worthless way of life handed down from your father, but with precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot, indeed having been foreknown before the foundation of the world, but revealed in the last times because of you. 1 Peter 1:18-20

As God has revealed more about what happened to us at Salvation, it gave us a better understanding about the difference between our soul and spirit. Now, learning to hear and obey His voice in our spirit, we are developing a stronger, more victorious walk in spirit. We are learning what it means to be overcomers in our own lives and our faith is growing because of it.

It's not that students of the Word haven't studied these things before, but as we become more mature, we are able to understand more of what He is telling us and Now, He is opening doors of understanding to prepare a people to walk as kings and priests in the Earth. Because of that, He is clarifying things that we only partially

understood before. This means that we have to be willing to accept what He is revealing Now as Truth and let it become foundational in our understanding.

The Holy Spirit vs a holy spirit (Pneuma Hagion)

In our culture, we read the Bible with a bias toward giving honor to God by capitalizing references to Him. That is why we have chosen to capitalize words in this book that refer to God, even when it would not be correct English grammar to do so. We have done this intentionally to emphasize what He is doing in our life and to give Him glory for it. We see this as a good thing, but that same custom influenced the work of some of the Bible translators that we read and it changes some meanings from the gift of holy spirit that our Father has given to us, to that of the Holy Spirit, simply because capitals were introduced where there weren't any in the original manuscripts.

Because of that, we have to learn to distinguish the difference between what the Word says about The Holy Spirit of God and your individual holy spirit. The Holy Spirit of God speaks to you through your holy spirit (your christ spirit). He gives gifts to you (power from on high) that reside in your spirit and empower your spirit to lead your soul to maturity, so it is important to recognize when each of them is being referenced in The Bible. (Fortunately there are biblical scholars like Dr. Bullinger who saw this problem and have laid the groundwork for us, even though each of us needs to study this carefully for ourselves.) I am not a linguist and the point of this chapter is not to lead you through a Greek or English lesson, but sometimes by using the original words to

replace their English counterparts, we can overcome the biased thinking we have developed and this is how we are going to approach this subject.

In English, the word spirit can have many different meanings. We know that God is spirit and that everything that was made, came from spirit. Angels are also called spirits. We receive spiritual gifts and have seen spiritual manifestations but no one would say God was that spiritual manifestation, *only that He caused it by His Spirit*. So you see there are many ways the word spirit can be used and sometimes the word holy is added to it without meaning The Holy Spirit. (An angel sent from God can be referred to as a holy spirit.)

The context a word is written in is every bit as important as the meaning of the word itself. To understand how a word is used in the Bible, you have to look at the sentences that go with it to see how it is being used. That is why we are often cautioned not to take a verse out of context. It may very well stand on its own, but it also may be twisted in meaning by taking it away from the rest of the text it resides in.

In Greek, holy spirit is *pneuma hagion* (spirit, holy). In the Greek language, when The Holy Spirit of God is meant, *pneuma hagion* is always preceded by the Greek article “to” which means “the.” It translates as The Spirit, The Holy. If that article isn't used, then you can be pretty sure the writer meant something else and we probably shouldn't capitalize it unless the context it is used in says otherwise. Now by looking at some New Testament passages we can see if the article is included and how it is used in context to get a better understanding about what is being said.

That which is born of the pneuma (the Holy Spirit) is pneuma (spirit) John 3:6.

From the beginning, this tells us that what is born in us at Salvation is spirit. It has nothing to do with the flesh. It is a holy spirit given to us by The Father and in fact is how He lives and works in us.

Now let's take another look at this marvelous gift of pneuma (spirit).

*And, being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for **the promise of the Father**, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with pneuma hagion** (holy spirit) not many days hence. Acts 1:4,5*

They were baptized with pneuma hagion by the Holy Spirit. To say it another way, **the Holy Spirit baptized them with a spiritual gift called holy spirit and this holy spirit was something that had been promised by The Father.** When we compare this passage with another verse, we learn that it is also called **power from on high.**

*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with **power from on high.** Luke 24:49*

Also compare Acts 1:5.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with pneuma hagion not many days hence. Act 1:5

Today it is very common to hear someone say they have been “filled with the Holy Ghost” or “baptized with the Holy Ghost,” but that is not technically correct. You were baptized with water **by** your pastor after you were saved.

You were baptized with spirit by the Holy Spirit when you were born again and this spirit you were baptized with is a holy spirit that came from the Father. It is also referred to as “power from on High.”

This is not twisting the Scriptures to say something they do not, but rather letting the scriptures themselves define what they are talking about. Our goal is to clarify the difference between **the Giver** and **His gifts** so that you can better understand how to cooperate with Him in your life.

So what is this spirit (power from on high)? It is a divine spirit from the Father that is given to you at Salvation and it can manifest in many ways. **It's primary function is to instill in you a new nature so that you are restored to a right relationship with The Father. This makes you a partaker of the divine nature of God (2 Peter 1:4).** Your spirit is the mind of Christ (1Corinthians 2:16) so it is in perfect alignment with the will of the Father.

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. John 5:19

Your spirit is not flesh in nature, it is of the essence of The Father, spirit, so it has never sinned and never will. When your Father looks at you, He sees you through your spirit and calls you “righteous”. This means you are justified – set apart from the rest of man and sanctified (even though you still actually live in a flesh body and are prone to messing up.) In fact, being a spirit from (actually *out of*) God, He now lives in you. Your divine spirit contains all the knowledge necessary for you to walk out the Father's plan for your life. **The more you can identify with your spirit, rather than the soulish habits you are used to, the closer you are to becoming a mature son of God.**

There are many passages in the New Testament that have been translated as The Holy Spirit when holy spirit was originally meant. It is not possible for us to cover them all in this chapter and we recommend that you buy Dr. Bullinger's Word Studies on the Holy Spirit because he takes scripture by scripture, looking at grammar and context to bring a clarity to the text. (See Recommended reading at the back of this book.)

Let's look at another example of how our understanding of the Word changes as we search this out.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
Acts 6:2,3

This is one of those passages that seems pretty straight forward so that we read right over it without

realizing what it is saying. We understand the context. The church had been growing and now there needed to be more people added to the ministry to handle the needs that came with growth. To make their choice, they set criteria for determining who would be considered for this position. They wanted people who were known to be “honest, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom.”

Now stop and think about it. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Wisdom. How is it possible to need to find men who were full of the Holy Ghost and also needed a measure of wisdom? What they were looking for is men who were full of “power from on high” (pneuma hagian/holy spirit) and especially the gift of wisdom because they needed to be able to handle business matters. This is an example of how capitalizing the words Holy Spirit can change our understanding of the text. Remember, **The Holy Spirit fills (you) with a gift of holy spirit, a new nature. You become a partaker of God's divine nature.**

The Spirit (Holy Spirit) itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:16

Here, the Holy Spirit and our spirit are referenced in the same verse, showing how they bear witness to each other. Your spirit is a spirit of God. It makes you a new creature, created to cause you to become like Jesus, the first-born son of God. Your spirit will never lead you into something that is contrary to either the Holy Spirit or the Word of God.

The Father's Structured Plan of Design for Man is Being Revealed As We Mature.

There were 4,000 years from Adam to Christ and during that time, all men were soul men like Adam. When Christ died and rose again, He was the start of a new kind of man, a spirit man like Himself and it is in this form that men will live forever as sons of God.

God's revelation to His people changes according to the dispensation that they are living in. During Moses time, God gave His people the law. Under it, the blood of the sacrificed animals covered their sins and made them acceptable to God, but it wasn't a permanent solution. When Jesus came, He changed all of that because He is the perfect sacrifice.

There is nothing else that God will accept as redemption for your sins. Salvation is only made available by the Blood of Jesus.

When you are **redeemed by His blood**, you are set free from the law of sin and death, which was the curse on Adam. You receive a new spirit (from the Father.) He had always planned for this to happen, but we didn't know it because it was one of those truths that He had hidden for those who would walk in it. This is a Present Day Truth about Salvation.

As a new creation in Christ, you have a spirit and a soul. We want to teach you to discern the difference between them, so that it will help you in your everyday walk. The Bible tells us to walk in the spirit and

we won't fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). How do you do that? Does it mean you have to walk around praying in tongues all day?

All Christians should understand these matters. They are keys to a victorious Christian walk. The more you understand who you are in Christ and Who He is in you, and just what happened when you got saved, the more you will be able to answer these for yourself.

Chapter 2: Points to Remember

1. Present Day Truth is learning something that God has hidden until this present time. For instance, the Body of Christ was a mystery hidden until revealed to the Apostle Paul.
2. We have to learn to discern who we are hearing inside of us, our spirit, soul or carnal nature/man of sin.
3. There is a big difference between The Holy Spirit and a holy spirit that can be understood if we carefully read The Word, taking into account both the grammar and the context of a verse.
4. The Father has a Structured Plan of Design for all creation. Man is called to become more than Adam was at the beginning. We are not just being reconciled, we are being changed into new creatures.
5. God's revelation to His people changes according to the dispensation that they are living in and the level of understanding they possess.

Chapter 3

God's Structured Plan of Design

In the beginning, before there were heavenly places too vast for our imagination to conceive and before the many universes with their multitude of galaxies full of suns and planets and such, there was an eternal spirit called God. In Himself, God created a whole scenario of places and spaces. The first was a realm of spirit, and He populated it with creatures such as the different types of angels and the different zoon creatures that live before God's throne. But as wonderful as they all are, they were but necessary preludes to the greater part of His plan.

Next, He pictured the physical world in all its majesty. He noted how the individual atoms would exist and how they would interrelate even to the tiniest of particles in the farthest away place. He set in place the physical laws for how His newest realm would function and when it was complete in Him, He turned His thoughts to the crown jewel of His creation which was to be man. God is LOVE and He desires sons to dwell with Him forever. Then, when everything was set, down to the very nano-second it was to happen, “He spoke” and it began to be.

*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (prepared) by the word of God...
Hebrews 11:3*

For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. Colossians 1:16,17

This great plan, that the Father finished from beginning to end inside Himself before anything was yet manifested in our physical world, encompassed everything about man and His creation. He calls it **His Structured Plan of Design**. Everything happens in it exactly as He has designed it to, when it is supposed to happen and nothing is left to chance.

God is in control of Everything,
Everywhere, All the Time

God's plan is to bring man through different stages of spiritual evolution until he becomes a spirit creature who will take his place in the household of God as His children. That is what His Structured Plan of Design is all about.

According to His plan, Adam was created perfect for the time and place he was to live and he had a fellowship with God that we can only imagine because he walked and talked with Him every evening. We wonder how he could have been enticed by Satan to have eaten of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but the truth is, this was

part of God's plan all along. (God created the garden. He planted the two trees in it and He cast Satan to Earth, all to set the scene for what was to happen next.)

We know that Satan was Lucifer, one of the greatest of God's angels and that he was in charge of praise and worship. He stood before the throne of God and reveled in all of His splendor and glory and he led the others to come and worship the Father with him. The Bible tells us this was his privilege, until iniquity was found in him and he was cast down to Earth (Ezekiel 28:11-19).

I always wondered how being in such a place of honor, he wasn't so overcome by the magnificence of God, that he could even think of himself as an equal? I also wondered why with all the many universes in creation, why did God cast him down to Earth? Satan is a spirit creature. He doesn't need air to breathe or a temperate climate to live in, so why was he put on the same planet man was? Could it be that this was a necessary part of God's plan for man's development?

Since God is in control of everything, everywhere, all the time, and nothing happens outside of His Structured Plan of Design, it has to be that Lucifer was created to be the protagonist that man needed in order to become the one he is destined to be. God changed Lucifer to Satan, man's adversary, not God's and as much as we wish that had never happened, Satan is a necessary part of the plan for man to learn about good and evil.

Would God do that? There is a passage of scripture that helps to shed a little light on this question.

And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak...

And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. 1Kings 22:14-23

Thus, God caused Ahab's prophets to deceive him, which led to his death. This follows the pattern that set everything into motion. The lying spirit was like Lucifer in the Garden of Eden and Adam equates to Ahab, blindly falling for his half-truths.

We have been taught that Satan is God's enemy. It is true that he is evil. He is a liar and there is no truth in him, but he is still God's servant and he was put here as a necessary part of God's plan for man's development. If that sounds far fetched to you, it is because you have never thought about him this way, but consider this:

- God cast him to Earth and he had no choice but to go.
- God blinded him to the fact that he has zero chance of successfully overthrowing God, for God's plan will be fulfilled in complete detail.
- He still thinks he can be greater than the God who created him, but he has no revelation on the book of Revelation.

God's Structured Plan of Design is Comprehensive

We know that God had a plan for man's reconciliation before Adam ate from the fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil because Jesus was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. There would have been no need for a redeemer if man never entered into sin. This plan was one of God's secrets, until the time for it to be put into play:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7,8

God's Plan is still unfolding and everything is happening right on time as He designed it to.

God planted the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden, knowing that there was a day when Adam would eat that forbidden fruit and that death would be the result of it (Genesis 2:17).

Did you know that Adam didn't understand anything about good and evil until he ate that fruit? If he had never eaten it and we were all born in that state, we wouldn't know anything about good and evil either. It is necessary for us to have that knowledge because it is part of His wisdom that He desires for us to walk in and opens avenues of fellowship with Him that we couldn't get any other way.

Men talk about evolution as if it is an established fact because they see evidence in fossils and bones and conclude that there is an evolutionary process occurring. **Man is undergoing an evolution of sorts, but it is an evolution of spirit, not flesh.**

Jesus said flesh begets flesh and spirit begets spirit. We can understand this better by looking at the stages of man as he relates to God, rather than as stages of physical development. You can see it as you trace the bloodline from the beginning to Christ. Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Joseph and Mary were all a genealogy of the flesh. From Jesus on, we are counted as the generations of Jesus Christ which is spiritual in nature.

1. Adam was created as a living soul, which is a product of the interaction of God's breath and the material of the Earth. When he ate the fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, his sin caused his nature to become corrupted and there was nothing he could do to return to his former state. All men are born with a fallen nature. All of Adam's children are born under sin and "the wages of sin is death," which is why all men die.
2. The Bible tells us that mankind was being diluted with the seed of fallen angels but Noah was still pure

in his generations, which is why he was saved and became a chosen one like Adam, through whom Adam's line would continue.

3. God called Abraham to be the chosen vessel through whom the Messiah would come. In order for that to happen, his lineage had to remain pure, unmixed with the seed of the rest of the world.
4. Jesus was the Messiah sent from God to redeem mankind back into right standing with God. The Word was God and He became flesh – Jesus was the Man (the Christ – The Anointed One) begotten from the Father as the Son of God and the first born of the dead. He was the only begotten of the Father, born from a woman, impregnated by the Holy Spirit and this started a new type of man in the Earth. He didn't inherit Adam's sin and was born free of a sin nature but he is a man nevertheless. The Bible calls Him the first born of many brethren, but He never had any natural children; so to become part of the generation of Jesus Christ is not a natural inheritance. After He was crucified, died and was resurrected, He became a life-giving spirit man, able to impart that life to those the Father has chosen to receive it.
5. Born again man receives a son-ship spirit (a Christ spirit) from the Father and becomes a new type of man, just like Christ in nature. No one replaces the Son of God, but we become a new creature like He is. We are now a type of man that never walked the Earth until Jesus made it possible.

The final stage of our spiritual evolution will be when regenerated men receive a spiritual body instead of

the flesh body they now have. At that time, our soul and spirit will meld as one and we will live in a spirit body which will make us completely spiritual beings but again, something that has never existed before Jesus was resurrected on Earth.

This is God's Plan for man and it goes way past a simple plan of salvation that many churches teach. When you understand that everything is happening exactly as God has planned it and that He is in control of all of it, it is easier to understand what He is doing in your life personally. The more you learn to listen to His Voice in your spirit, the more you can understand His will for your life.

Chapter 3: Points to Remember

1. God's Structured Plan of Design is so comprehensive that it covers before the foundations of the worlds to the final submission of everything to God. Including all the changes mankind will undergo in the process.
2. God is in control of everything, everywhere, all the time and nothing happens outside of His Structured Plan of Design.
3. Lucifer must follow the Father's plan. He is a necessary opponent of man so that man can develop into the new creation that he is destined to be.
4. God knew when He planted the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden, that Adam was going to eat of it. In fact, this was necessary for man to fulfill his destiny.
5. The knowledge of good and evil is part of the wisdom of God and necessary for us as sons of God.

God is creating a race of sons and daughters to live with Him forever. They are growing to maturity, learning to hear and understand and follow through on His desires. Being of one mind with Him, they will be trusted to rule and reign with Him with His strength and power. These are **His Children of Tomorrow.**

Chapter 4

The Man of Sin, Your Carnal Nature

(Why saved people still sin)

All men come from Adam after he fell from grace. Because of that, all of us are born with the same sinful nature that he had. That is why there is nothing we can do to redeem ourselves to God. Only a sinless man could lay down his life as a perfect sacrifice and none of us are perfect.

Because of Adam's disobedience, sin entered the world and spread to all men.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12

The curse of Adam's transgression was mortality (death.) Because of it our flesh dies. The fruit of receiving the Knowledge of Good and Evil is that fallen man gets to walk with a carnal nature along with his soul (self.) There is a conflict between them as we learn the difference between good and evil.

Our carnal nature is a part of our mortal body, you are born with it and it remains a part of you until you die.

In chapter 1, we showed you that at salvation you received a sinless spirit from the Father and that is why He sees you as righteous, even though you are probably struggling with some of the same things you fought with before you were saved. Your soul is caught between the desire to follow the things of your spirit vs. the pull of the desires of your flesh. Which explains why saved people still battle with sin. Your sin nature isn't removed when you are saved. It is still in you. It is active and doing it's best to keep you from becoming a mature child of God. It is not Satan, but it is a seed of Satan, the result of the curse that the Earth received when Adam ate the fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

When you read the The Bible and it refers to the ***flesh*** or the ***adamic nature*** or the ***sin nature*** or ***the law of sin in your body***, it is referring to this carnal nature that we inherited from Adam. According to 2Thessalonians 2, we have found that this adamic, carnal, fleshly sin nature is also called **the Man of Sin**, and you will have to contend with him until you die or until Jesus returns, which ever comes first.

The Day Jesus Returns

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 2Thessalonians 2:1-4

Scriptures have both an individual and a corporate interpretation. This verse is usually used to warn about

the end times and the anti-Christ. However, The Lord has admonished us to understand it on a personal level.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. 1Corinthians 3:16,17

As a born-again child of God, you are spirit and soul and live in a body of flesh. Your spirit is sinless. God actually lives in you in it, so you are a living, breathing tabernacle of God. Your man of sin is not happy with this situation but he can't do anything about it. He can only try to deceive you into not knowing the truth, so that he can get control of your mind and your actions.

Your man of sin desires to be the god of your temple. He is the one who is defiling your temple.

He continually lies to you about who you are as a redeemed child of God. By continually dredging up the sins of your past and magnifying your inability to walk a “perfect Christian walk” now, he attempts to steal your ability to walk in the truth. He desires to kill your relationship with God. It is only by the Father's Structured Plan of Design that he is held in check.

The Battlefield is in Your Mind

The day you were born again and you changed from being a soul man to a spirit man, the battle with your enemy became internal. The book of Romans tells us that **the battlefield is in your mind between your spirit and your man of sin for the control of your soul.** Adam was given authority over the Earth and because he

came from the Earth, his soul was given authority over his mind and body. (Genesis 1:28) So if the man of sin can deceive you into receiving his lies, he can get control of your mind and he can direct your body as he wills. This is how he becomes the god of your temple.

You have been hearing the voice of your man of sin all your life. Since he is part of your flesh nature, he sounds like a very familiar voice in your head. You are so used to hearing him, that you think he is you, but he is not. **He is that voice in your mind** that continually presses on you to do something that is contrary to what God has told you or that undermines your confidence in your ability to be what God says you are. He urges you to do what makes your flesh feel good regardless of your good intentions to do the opposite.

It sounds like it should be simple to figure out what is coming from him and what is from your soul, but your man of sin doesn't come with such obvious deception that makes you jump up and kick him out. He is very subtle.

Have you ever started thinking about where you were going to eat after church so that you missed what the pastor was talking about?

Have you ever been in a prayer meeting and suddenly wondered when it would get over so that you could go do something else?

How about when you set aside time to read the Bible and that is the time all the kids start fighting and the phone rings or you get sleepy and decide to read later.

How about when you receive a word from God that you know is true but it takes a while to come to past. How

often do you start to doubt that you heard God or that He really meant what He told you?

All are ploys of your man of sin. Until you can recognize them as such, you can't refuse to cooperate with him.

One of the best ways we have learned to discern who is speaking to us is to **look beyond what is being said, or felt, to the end result of it.** God doesn't interrupt Himself even with good ideas and having the best intentions in the world doesn't justify sin.

We have to start thinking about
who is speaking,
why we are thinking it and
is this the proper time for it?

This gives us a good start on separating what we are hearing.

The Apostle Paul describes this very conflict in Romans 7.

For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. Romans 7:19,20

Another name for your man of sin is **an accuser of the brethren** and he loves to try to bring division between the members of the body of Christ. He is skilled at distorting what you hear, so that he not only colors your thoughts with his, but **he also fills your mind with words of worry, doubt, fear and lies. With half-truths, his words of deception try to confuse**

you so that you don't think clearly. If he can't stop you through negative intimidation, he will push you into what seems to be good but is not what God is leading you to do.

The enemy will do whatever it takes to keep you infatuated with his desires, so that you will ignore the voice of your spirit. **Deception is his best tool and most people don't even realize that he is talking to them. He is so subtle that unless the Holy Spirit points him out to you, you believe that you are the one thinking those thoughts.**

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4

Your man of sin does his best to control your mind, thereby controlling your body. When you obey his voice, he makes you go where you don't want to go and causes you to stay there longer than you want to stay.

BUT

You have an advocate living inside of you;
Your christ spirit that the Father gave you when He begat you at Salvation!

Remember that at Salvation you were given a christ spirit (an anointed spirit from The Father) for the purpose of helping your soul to mature. The more you mature, the better you get at resisting the enemy of your soul. (This is maturation at work.)

Christ is The Overcomer, We are an overcomer.

We are called to be overcomers in this life. So what do we overcome except the enemy of our soul and all of his lies, his deceptions, and his traps of trickery? We have come to view him as a kind of sparring partner, given to us by God to teach us how to walk in the spirit.

The more we overcome our man of sin, the more mature we become and the more mature we become, the more we can overcome him.

For most Christians, the concept of a man of sin living inside of them is a new revelation, but the more you learn about it, the more you realize that it explains a lot of the problems Christians face. It's simply a concept that they haven't been taught about.

The Apostle Paul Speaks About His Man of Sin.

According to Romans Chapter 7, we can see that the Apostle Paul was fighting the same battle that we fight.

So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree

that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. Romans 7:14 - 25 New Living Translation

Paul recognized that this battle with the man of sin is an ongoing battle. **Sometimes you recognize him and win and other times he walks you into sin before you even realize he is pushing you.**

Paul also recognized that this battle wasn't about his righteous standing with God, but about his inability to overcome the enemy of his soul. If the Apostle Paul

struggled to overcome his Man of Sin, then "IT" is something that you have to fight too.

Paul made a statement in Romans 12:1,2 about our responsibilities:

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

You must constantly stand in a position of awareness over who is speaking to your mind - your soul man, your spirit man or the Man of Sin.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1

Chapter 4: Points to Remember

1. Your man of sin is also called your flesh, sinful nature, your fallen nature or Adamic nature. It is part of your carnal body and will be with you until death.
2. Your man of sin desires to take over control from your soul and rule your body.
3. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit of God but by taking control, your man of sin wants to become the god of your temple.
4. You are called to be an overcomer in this life, not to give into your man of sin. You must become aware of who is speaking to your mind.
5. The Apostle Paul wrestled with his man of sin as well.

Chapter 5

Your Individual Path of Perfection (POP)

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Co 3:17,18*

It is necessary for us to undergo a process of changing, where we take on the characteristics of Christ. It's not as some seem to think, that we get saved and then one day the Lord returns and changes us into His image. It is a day by day, step-by-step, daily walk of change for us as we grow into the image of Christ. This is our **Path of Perfection** and it is tailored to each of us as individuals.

As you now know, when you are saved, you receive a spirit from God that is already perfect. It has no need to change, but your soul was born into a fallen world and really has no idea how God thinks. Much of the time when we actually hear God speak to us, we misinterpret what He is saying by our logical linear thinking. Our minds have become used to thinking according to the physical world we live in: here/now, today/tomorrow/yesterday. (Yesterday becomes a rearview mirror through which we judge things as positive

or negative - a plus or minus that determines whether or not we desire to repeat an action.)

God is spirit. He speaks and things happen. He stands outside of time and has no physical limits to contain Him. We do not think like He thinks!

Each one of us has a different salvation story. God meets us where we are and leads us on a unique Path of Perfection as well. You will confront situations and circumstances in your life that are different from ours, but **the focus is for us to become mature sons of God.**

On your Path of Perfection your soul will learn how to walk in agreement with your spirit.

God is calling the called-out ones. It begins as you realize that you aren't satisfied with church as you have known it. As He stirs in you a desire for more, you might not realize what it is that you are looking for. Your response to His draw starts as you find a quiet place and say, "Yes, Lord, What would you have of me?" This begins the growth of a remarkable relationship where soul and christ spirit begin recognizing and drawing together as you respond to the desire of God within you.

The spirit you received at salvation will be you for eternity. **Your soul will change, but your spirit does not.** Therefore, your soul must learn to walk with your spirit. Together, these two make up the core of your identity as a spirit man. So the first thing we must learn is to discern whose voice you are listening to. Is it your spirit, your soul or your man of sin? They all sound the same in your ear, so **the content of what they are saying will help you determine who it is.** Once you can discern the difference, you can make a concerted effort to hold onto the things your spirit tells you and to disregard the rest.

- Your christ spirit always speaks with the voice of God in your life. It never contradicts something God has told you. God presents spiritual concepts to your soul through your christ spirit because they are spiritually discerned.
- Your soul has a difficult time receiving spiritual principles because it still thinks with earthly mindsets. Your soul is primarily interested in self-

preservation and self-awareness, so in the beginning, it judges spiritual input according to how it affects you. It is only when your soul becomes convinced of the superiority of the input of your spirit that you can fully submit to its leadership.

- Your man of sin is also self-concerned but it doesn't have the best intentions for your soul in mind. It wants control of your body, so it speaks subtle lies to mislead your thinking process. If it can get your attention and make you believe what it says, it can control your actions.

These motivations are behind the content each one speaks to you and it is up to you to determine what you do with it.

Learning to receive input from your christ spirit on a daily basis is the key to overcoming your man of sin. The more you are able to understand what your christ spirit is telling you and begin to let him show you how to think and what to do, the more you are able to renew your mind with God's concepts.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God
Romans 12:1,2

The first part of this is to present your bodies as a living sacrifice. **Time** is a very precious commodity, but it is the one thing that God has given each of us that we can spend on Him. We have found that spending the first moments of our day with the Lord has huge benefits for our lives. We call this **our first fruit offering**. For us, this often happens sometime during the early morning hours as we wake, knowing that God is desiring some one-on-one time with us.

That time is always precious. Sometimes we spend it praying in the spirit or even simply sitting quietly with Him. At times, The Holy Spirit speaks to us with impartations of revelation about what He is leading us through or teaching us or simply preparing us for the day ahead. It could last 15 minutes or an hour. The time interval isn't as important as the fact of spending quality time with Him. Afterwards, we often sleep soundly until morning, sometimes with dreams of impartation and confirmation as to what is happening in our world walk.

When we get up in the morning, we use the bathroom, wash up and brush our teeth. Put the coffee on and set the room to rights and then before we start breakfast and the rest of our day, **we sit down and spend more time with the Lord**. As we pause and give the Father glory and then sit quietly, we write down what He tells us in our mind. This is some of the fruit we receive from our first fruits time with the Lord.

Keep a Journal – Write down what He tells You.

At first it seemed that we heard our soul speaking more than we heard from our christ spirit and often our writing reflected our desires or needs. It's OK to talk to God like He is your best friend, because He is. Often we

found that after our soul finished pouring out what was concerning it, the next writing was not something that we had been thinking about. In fact, we were often waiting to see what He was going to say next because it was not coming from our natural mind, it was from the mind of Christ in our spirit. This is how you grow in understanding.

We have been doing this long enough now so that when we sit down to write, it is easy to turn our pen over to the spirit and receive what he has for us today, but we have grown into that. Now when we sit down and have absolutely no idea what He is going to say, we write with a sense of excitement because He has things to tell us that we have never heard before and the more He does that and shows it to us in Scripture, the more excited we get.

By keeping a journal, we can reread things that we have written months and even years before. This lets us see the change our understanding has undergone as the spirit has given us more and more facets of the truth that He is showing us. As a result, our thinking changes.

The next thing we do after writing out what our spirit is telling us for the day, we sit and read out loud what He told us. When we speak His words, our voice resonates with His Power. The words go out into the room we are sitting in and return through our ears, which are one of the inputs for our soul (the 5 senses). Those powerful words make an impact on our soul that we don't get from reading them silently.

The world was created by the Word of God. When you echo His words, those spoken words make changes in the world around you and the words you speak make an even greater change in your world. It's not the volume of

your speech that is important, but the release of His words into the world you walk in, through the vibrations created by your tongue.

Focus

In order for our soul to walk in agreement with our spirit, we have to **learn to focus** on the things he teaches us. Our minds are undisciplined, but God is teaching us to keep refocusing on what He is presenting now. Doing so is teaching us to center our thinking on His precepts and to live in this now moment with Him.

Once we clearly hear what the spirit is telling us, we need to **respond quickly**. Your man of sin is always trying to get you to wait. The biggest demand our spirit makes of us is “**Come worship the Father with Me.**”

On your Path of Perfection your soul will learn the principles of the Spiritual Kingdom of God.

As we have begun to understand more of what the spirit has taught us, we have had to change how we think about the things of God. The spirit realm has laws that govern the things of the spirit, but they are not like the physical laws on earth. The spirit realm was created before the physical natural world we live in, so by order of creation, spirit laws always dominate over natural ones. That is why Jesus was able to walk on water. He didn't break the natural law, He submitted it to a higher one. Because of this, **you have to understand spiritual things in their own right** and not compare them to what you know naturally and learning to do that is a process. It doesn't happen over night.

“I Am Alive in you and I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

God has never left us in doubt as to the fact that He is alive in us directing our steps toward becoming mature in Christ. Many people hesitate to step out of traditional paths of religion because they are afraid they will walk into error, but God is with you every step of the way.

Just as the Father had a set time for you to be born again, He also has a set time of your maturity. The Holy Spirit has been sent to lead you into all truth. He is able to correct any miss-steps you make, in fact it is sometimes necessary for you to stumble into error in order to see the truth contrasted with it. **It's not will you make mistakes but when you make mistakes.** As long as you are honestly seeking the guidance of the Lord, He will set you straight.

I Am in Control of Everything, Everywhere, All the Time.

We know that when The Spirit is presenting something that we thought we understood, there is always more to the picture than we thought we knew! When you truly accept His words as truth, it becomes truth to your soul and replaces anything else.

Once He started talking to us about being in control, we realized that many of our concepts revolved around being in control ourselves. We can't both be in control!

This particular Truth came squarely up against our belief about having free will, because if God is in control of everything, what about choosing Jesus in Salvation? How do we get saved? Is it our choice or His?

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. John 6:44 and 65

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.** John 14:6

All the good preaching in the world will not lead someone to repentance unless the Father has called them to do so. This seems pretty harsh, but it is the Truth, so it is not our free will that we choose God, but that **He chose us first** and started drawing us to Himself, **so we would choose Him.** It is about choices, but they are

the choices He gives us to make. God sets the end from the beginning and no other end is possible for He is in control of everything, everywhere, all the time and everything is as it is supposed to be.

I Am Truth. God doesn't just give us truth, He is truth. Whatever He tells you may conflict with something you thought you knew, but as you learn to think like He thinks, your understanding will always change to reflect what He is telling you. This is part of growing into maturity. When He confirms something it becomes part of your thinking process and you begin to measure everything else by what He has taught you.

My **Peace** comforts your soul. My **Love** overcomes all things and My **Joy** gives you strength. Every time we have become discouraged by our man of sin's constant harassment, God has given us an infilling of His Peace, Love and Joy. As we learn to walk in them, we are able to overcome what seemed impossible before. He showed us that **His Peace, Love and Joy lead to His Strength, Power and Might** but that we have yet to see the fullness of these in action.

My Father is the lover of my soul, the Healer of my body and the Giver of All life. He is alive in Me and I know that I know that His love will overcome all adversity. His Peace brings comfort during my time of agitation. His joy is My strength. He is my strengthener, always!

I Am LIFE! In Christ, we don't just have eternal life, He is Life inside of us.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. (a life-giving spirit)
1 Corinthians 15:45

When we walk in the spirit, we are learning to walk with Life itself and we are just beginning to learn what that means but when you think about it, death has no power over the one who walks with life!

Jesus doesn't just have life or give life, He is LIFE and **He is alive inside of your christ spirit.** Because of that, He is an ever flowing, eternal, abundant supply of Life inside of you.

That doesn't mean your physical body doesn't die. In fact, those who understand about their man of sin and how he is linked to our body, are looking forward to the time we no longer have it to contend with. This is why God hid the way to the tree of life. He didn't want man to be stuck with his enemy forever and why the promise of a new spirit body like His is so precious to us.

These are some of the foundational truths that God has been establishing in our lives and they have changed how we think and respond to the world around us. They are wonderful fruit that have come out of our efforts to walk in the spirit on a daily basis and they are keys to overcoming our man of sin. The more we think and act like Jesus, the more we are able to exercise dominion over our enemy and the less he can influence us.

On your Path of Perfection your soul will learn how to be an overcomer in this life.

Much has been taught about the believer's authority, but learning about it and walking in it are two different things. As children of God, we are called to be overcomers because Christ, The Overcomer, lives inside of us. Therefore, this is something that we all need to become proficient at.

Know Your Enemy

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12

The man of sin never gives up. He knows he will reside in your flesh as long as you do, so he constantly presses for control. **You have been given authority over your man of sin, but you have to learn to walk in dominion over him.** He is a defeated foe. He was overcome by Jesus on the cross and he has no right to keep you captive but he has been allowed to do so as a worthy adversary to help you learn to walk in the authority that Christ has delegated to you.

In the church, there is much talk about ruling and reigning with Christ in the age to come. That training for reigning starts Now. It is a personal program for each one who is called to partake of it and if you have read this far into this book, you can be pretty sure that includes you.

Learning to walk in dominion starts with recognizing who your enemy is and when he is talking to you. He is an expert in setting traps of trickery to snare your feet and to cause you to lose sight of who you are in Christ. *He loves to keep your mind busy by presenting illusions of things that happened to you in the past and reminding you of all the times you have failed.*

When God tells you that you are an overcomer, the enemy reminds you of all the times you failed, but those things are in the past! Today is a new day and Now and Here is where you exist. All else is superficial, so **start with where you are today and reckon all of yesterday under the blood of Jesus.**

As you learn to stand upright in Christ, you also learn to stand in His victory over sin. Jesus has delegated authority to you over your enemy, but to take dominion is to enforce it and you can only do that as you learn to. Give the man of sin no access to your mind. **Shut him down the moment you realize that he is spouting his lies and turn to the Father for help. Victory comes as you resist your enemy in the name of Jesus and speak your testimony of what God has promised you. Give glory to The Father and watch to see him retreat.**

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelations 12:11

What do you speak? Speak the promises that God has given you. Speak the Truths that God has given you to stand on and demand that he leave you alone. He may only do so for a minute but **the more persistent you are with him, the stronger your stance is against**

him. As you grow in maturity, your words to him will change along with your understanding and you will have more and more success.

It is an ongoing battle, but in the end, you win and you do not have to wait for your spirit body for that to happen. The more you walk in dominion, the less your man if sin is able to bother you. He is a fear monger and fear overcomes him in the presence of God, so when you take time to truly praise and worship, he runs. This is an on-going battle but it is the way of victory for all of us as we change from glory to glory into the image of Christ!

On your Path of Perfection, your soul will learn how to walk in the authority of Christ.

Ephesians chapter 2 tells us that when Jesus died for our sins, we died with Him. When He rose from the dead, we rose along with Him. When He took His place at the Father's side, we were positionally placed there in Him.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Ephesians 1:18-23

You may have heard about something called “the authority of the believer”. You may even have been involved in casting out demons and seeing people set free, healed by the power of the name of Jesus. Many people were blessed to experience such things through the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Pentecost, but many of us also came away from that wondering if there wasn't

something more that we were missing. It is time for us to go on to maturity and to walk in the fullness of what it means to be the Body of Christ in the Earth.

When Christ was raised from the dead, it was a victory over all the works of the devil. He is seated together with The Father in His throne, with full authority over all principalities, powers, dominions and rulers of wickedness forever and we are His body. All authority has been given to Christ. He delegates it according to the Father's plan. The only authority we can walk in is what Christ gives us to enforce His dominion. The closer we walk with our christ spirit, the more we walk in unity with the Father and the Son and the more dominion we can be given to exercise.

There is a difference between authority and dominion. **Authority** is the power or right to give orders, make decisions and enforce obedience. **Dominion** is sovereignty or control and also the territory of a sovereign or government.

All dominion belongs to the Lord, who now reigns over the Kingdom of God. He gives us authority to walk in His dominion and we enforce it over our enemy.

This means, that He delegated His authority to us to walk in victory over all our enemies but we cannot do it in our own strength. It is only as we learn how to walk in Christ (in our spirit man) that we are able to access this authority, because our spirit has the mind of Christ and is therefore in unity with Him. The more you learn to submit your soul to your christ spirit and walk according to his direction, the more authority you can walk in.

This means that the battle with your man of sin is actually over. When Jesus died on the cross, He defeated all His enemies. There is no battle, only a training exercise so that God's sons can be taught to rule and reign with Him. God has given you authority to exercise His dominion over your man of sin and the more you learn to walk with Him, the more successful you will be.

The more you learn to walk in the authority of Christ, the less your man of sin can manifest. He knows that he is already a defeated foe. His hope is that you won't realize it or the power you have over him, in Christ. This is the first stage of walking in the liberty of the sons of God in the Earth with tangible manifestations following us as Jesus did.

On your Path of Perfection your soul will learn to release the Power of God in your life.

Standing in the holy place inside yourself where spirit and soul connect is the most powerful thing you can do because that is where God lives in you. Your christ spirit is Power from On High. It is spiritual power. You do not lack power for anything the Father desires for you to do. If He says it, you can do it.

Only in Christ do these things happen, so only in him can you overcome. Christ is the answer to all your needs, past, present and future. Nothing is too difficult for Him. He is the head of the body of which you are a member and He desires to release His power through you but He will only do so in a very limited capacity until you are mature enough to walk in it responsibly.

The connection between your soul and spirit grows with time spent together. The more your soul learns to connect and submit to the leading of your christ spirit, the stronger the relationship between the mind of man and the mind of Christ in you. Positionally your spirit and soul are seated together in Christ, at the right hand of the Father, with all of His authority over “*all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come*” (Ephesians 1:21). Learning to exercise this power is one of the purposes of your Path of Perfection.

As part of your training, situations and circumstances are presented in your life, just for the teaching of your soul by your christ spirit. How do you overcome those things that contend? (By the blood of the

Lamb and the words of your testimony.) Just memorizing scriptures and speaking words of promise aren't enough. As you develop an intimate relationship with Jesus and The Father, so that you comprehend what they are telling you and know (ginosko) that you are able to walk in it, then they will allow their power to be released in your life.

The Father and the Son are always with you, abiding in **your secret place**. It's your Holy of Holies where your soul and christ spirit meet to give Glory and Praise to your Father. God's divine nature is alive in you, but we are only now coming to the place of our inheritance so that the you that you conceive of now, no longer vacillates between soul man or christ man. It's the union of the two that we are learning to walk in.

By the process of hearing and obeying, you become enabled by the Holy Spirit to gain a better comprehension of who you are, where you are and what's in your future. Old concepts are ripped apart and new ones take their place in your thought process.

Chapter 5: Points to Remember

1. Each of us has a Path of Perfection designed to bring us to maturity as we change into the image of Christ.
2. Your soul must learn how to walk in agreement with your spirit.
3. God doesn't think like we think. We must learn the spiritual principles of the Kingdom of God.
4. On your Path of Perfection, you learn how to become an overcomer in this life.
5. We learn to walk in the authority of Christ.
6. We must learn to release the power of God in our life.

Chapter 6

A Bigger Picture

We began this book by looking at man as a descendant of Adam and how that made him a soul man in the Earth. Then we considered what happened to us at Salvation and how that changed us from a soul man to a new creature that is spirit, soul and physical body. With that understanding, we could then see the truth of our man of sin and that even though we are redeemed, our carnal nature is still part of our flesh. This has often caused us to do things that we knew were wrong even though we had no desire to do them. God is calling us to become mature and to change into His image and overcome the weakness of our flesh. Along with this comes a more intimate relationship with God and that's what Tabernacles is all about.

The Church is the Body of Christ

It is not news that we are called to be the Body of Christ, but it will be a shock to some to realize that we are the Body of Christ because we carry a christ Spirit within us that makes us a partaker of His divine nature. That is what qualifies us to be the Body of Christ. We are looking for the day when Christ will return and take His body home to be with Him.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

At that moment, the Body of Christ will be complete and no more people will be added to it. So what will happen to the rest of the people who are left? If you listen to some teachings, unless you repent and are saved before you die, you are doomed to spend eternity in Hell. This comes from a short sighted understanding of God's Plan for man, thinking that the Church is the same as the Kingdom of God and/or has replaced Israel as His chosen people. That is impossible because after the Body of Christ has been removed from the Earth, there are still people who are sealed and protected all the way to the end.

When Jesus was born, the angels made a great announcement.

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*** Luke 2:10

*Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace, good will toward men.*** Luke 2:14

God said the birth of Jesus was good news for all men. How can that be so, if there are people who never hear about Him and are condemned to a fiery Hell forever? Is it good news if you see it on TV and think it is

a joke? If you live your whole life and never believe it, is it still good news?

How about this:

... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2Corinthians 5:19 KJV

or to put it another way,

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 2Corinthians 5:19 NLT

That is good news. **God is not angry with men. He has taken it upon Himself to reconcile man with Himself.** Did you notice that He has given us the word of reconciliation to share with all men, not the job of their salvation. We can't get anybody saved. That is God's job. We share with them the wonderful news that God is reconciling them to Himself.

All men are saved through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross, but not all will receive it before they die. Some people will take exception to this because they think it gives man carte blanche to do whatever he wants to do with no consequences. On the contrary, God is righteous. He gives just rewards according to the deeds we commit in the body, but His ultimate goal is to bring all men back into fellowship with Himself.

All Saved Men Are Equal But Not The Same

Jesus said: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2

The Greek word mansion is Mone (mon-ay) and it means abiding places. Not everyone who is saved, has the same calling and this applies to Israel and the church.

We have many descriptive terms for the church depending on how we are referring to her. She is sometimes called the bride of Christ, the body of Christ, the called-out ones, the elect. No matter how you refer to the Church, they are but one group of people in God's Structured Plan of Design.

Some preach that Israel has been replaced by the church. Others believe that Israel and the Church are both part of the Kingdom of God but have separate covenants with Him. So what about their salvation and does that make them part of the church? By looking at Scripture we see that it is true that Paul relates to the believer **as** a bride but there is no place where she is actually called one. On the contrary, Isaiah tells us:

Because I love Zion, I will not keep still. Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent. I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch.

The nations will see your righteousness. World leaders will be blinded by your glory. And you will be given a new name by the LORD's own mouth.

The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God.

Never again will you be called “The Forsaken City” or “The Desolate Land.” Your new name will be “The City of God’s Delight” and “The Bride of God,” for the LORD delights in you and will claim you as his bride. Isaiah 62:1-4

This is not the church that is being called the Bride. It is Israel. Even though the first believers to join the church were from Israel (as was Jesus Himself,) the church is not Israel. The church was a mystery hidden in God until the time it was revealed to Paul. It was not the subject of the Old Testament Prophecy. Until God revealed it to Paul, no one knew anything about the Church, the Body of Christ. It is wrong to take all the promises that God gave to Israel and paste them onto the church.

Only as we rightly divide the Word of Truth can we understand it. The church is the church. It is made up of Jews and Gentiles, slave and free men, rich and poor. It is not a rephrased Israel and has it's own place and blessings, but God is not through with Israel.

I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin. No, God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning.

So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have—

the ones God has chosen—but the hearts of the rest were hardened.

As the Scriptures say, “God has put them into a deep sleep. To this day he has shut their eyes so they do not see, and closed their ears so they do not hear.” Romans 11:1,2,7,8 NLT

There are some members of Israel who have been called to Salvation along with the Gentiles but the rest have been blinded until the dispensation of grace that we are walking in is over. That is to say, when the church is taken away, this dispensation ends.

Gentiles Grafted In
(to the Kingdom, not Israel)

Did God’s people stumble and fall beyond recovery? Of course not! They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles. But he wanted his own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.

Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of Israel turned down God’s offer of salvation, think how much greater a blessing the world will share when they finally accept it. Romans 11:11, 12 NLT

For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead! And since Abraham and the other patriarchs were holy, their descendants will also be holy—just as the entire batch of dough is holy because the portion given as an offering is holy.

For if the roots of the tree are holy, the branches will be, too.

But some of these branches from Abraham's tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree. But you must not brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off. You are just a branch, not the root...

You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong. Romans 11:15-18,24 NLT

The Mystery of Israel's Salvation

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Romans 11:25-29 NLT

For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Romans 11:32,33 NLT

Since God is not finished dealing with Israel, can you see that His plans are much bigger than the church alone?

The Rest of Mankind

We have seen that God's Structured Plan of Design covers both the church and Israel. What about the rest of mankind? What about those people who were so vile on Earth that death seemed too good for them? Is God powerful enough to save even them?

Remember, that all men are subject to the man of sin and it is by the grace of God that you live any semblance of a moral life or even get saved. Your man of sin stays with the body when your soul leaves it at death. When there is no longer a man of sin, what will be the state of such men's souls?

Only God knows what kind of judgment such a person will need to be prepared to walk in the Kingdom of God. Fortunately, He has reserved that judgment unto

Himself, but when you read the Law as it is recorded in Leviticus, you can see that His judgments are remedial in nature. If you stole, you give more than you took and when the payment is complete, you walk away free of the charge. God's Plan covers all Men, but not all men receive the same judgment.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 1Corinthians 15:20-23

When Adam sinned, all the rest of mankind were penalized. You had no choice in the matter. So why is it any less credible that since Jesus went to the cross and paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, that any people would be left out of it? We have already seen that there is much more to Salvation than saying a "Sinner's Prayer" and that no one gets saved unless the Father draws them. It is the Father who closes eyes or changes hearts.

Many Christians are uncomfortable thinking about this subject because it goes against what they have been taught and their response is often, "What if you are wrong?" We have already seen examples where the original words of Scripture were meant to convey thoughts that are different from today's mindsets. This often happened as the scriptures were translated from one language to another and took on the cultural bias of the translator. This is part of what led to the current church

position on hell and eternal damnation, but just because something is popular, doesn't make it right.

There are others who have discounted the truth of universal reconciliation because they have seen people who heard it and turned to a life of excess, mistakenly thinking that it doesn't matter how they live if they will be saved in the end. These people confuse mercy with judgment. Both of these mind sets are poor excuses for discounting the Word of God.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (especially) For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.***

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
1 Timothy 2:1-6

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***
2 Peter 3:9

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1John 2:1,2

Here we have three witnesses, Paul, Peter and John, all telling us that Jesus died for the sin of the whole world and that God desires everyone to come to repentance. There are many more references that need to be studied like the word “everlasting” (which we picture as forever but actually means for an indeterminate period of time) and the word “many” in Romans 5 which excludes no one if you don't single the verse out of context.

Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon **all men** to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon **all men** unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience **many** were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall **many** be made righteous.
Rom 5:18, 19

Every man shall be saved (made alive) because of Christ. Christ is Life and without Him, there is no life, only a semblance of it. God's design is for all His children to be saved, for none to perish. It doesn't get any plainer than that. God's Word is your truth. In light of the Scripture, how convicted are you that some shall be saved/changed and the rest be given to the “god of the underworld/Hades” – a myth of the Greeks, not of God's Word, but of man's imagination? It is time to reexamine our beliefs in light of God's Word instead of our traditions.

Chapter 6: Points To Remember

1. The Church is the Body of Christ, made up of both Jews and Gentiles.
2. Israel is separate from the Church and God is not finished with her yet.
3. The rest of mankind will also be saved but some won't receive it until they stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
4. In Adam all died but In Christ, all are reconciled to God (Universal Reconciliation).

Appendix

A Prophetic Word for "He Who Has Ears to Hear!"

As My Grace stands before your face today, can you not see the blessings that follow? My Voice is still strong and My arm holds you close. I whisper into your inner ear and into your mind's data bank. I place structure in your thoughts. I point a finger towards a path set before you!

Even Now as you stand Here knowingly giving first fruit offerings, My Holy Spirit draws your soul into My Place of Expectation. The anticipation of your mind follows many days of impartation, many years of preparation. I Am declaring the time of transitioning to turn that proverbial corner and a destination is illuminated. The where is Here and the time is Now.

Understanding follows My Words of Wisdom. Reach into that nebulous area of your thoughts, those given by design. Before your birth, this time of Now was provided; for every thought is for the building of maturity. There is an opening that is being placed before your face, a censure of your yesterday's thoughts as today becomes a prominent feature in your Path of Perfection.

Removing the blinders and fetters that bind is only a beginning of the you My Father has purposed, a chosen Son able to be about the Father's business and one that stiff arms the enemy's words of delusion, seeing them as

mind-cuffs, designed to arrest your thoughts as he (man of sin) attempts to counterfeit Mine! He gives you placebos for feeling good, but I give you strength for the walking out My good path designed for you.

My Righteousness has become a suit of armor, one that strengthens your determination to walk upright; a covering of light that surpasses any attempt to overcome your soul; a working of My Desires, they attach a lifeline and My sword of Truth has been placed at your hand's reach. So today reach out and hold My Presence like a sword that cuts the cord your enemy feeds you with. That connection is a trick, but My Love for you is real. Even Now it surpasses everything that comes close in an attempt to overpower your connection to Me.

Nothing can separate My Love from you.

Here today, stand still and be amazed at the repetition that seemingly floods your every thought. I Am Here, in Control and holding you close. Protection is More of Me and of My Goodness. I surely go before you; everyplace you venture in this world you walk in. The steps are illuminated and My Peace becomes your place of comfort. Your shield is My Words of Truth. **Look inside for your blessings.** Stand Here and see them materialize as like drops of strength, power and might – both of My Desires and My Father's Purpose – He takes precedence!

Spirit, Soul and Body Compared

Spirit, soul and body are compared in the chart on the next two pages. Please take a few moments and look at it. There has been much confusion between the soul and spirit and even the soul and the man of sin. They are not the same thing.

On the left, you will find different attributes of each and by comparing them, you can see how they differ.

Spirit, Soul and Body Chart

| | Spirit | Soul | Body |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| | Spirit of God in man | The spirit of a man | no spiritual aspect |
| Origin | Begotten, given by God the Father when Born Again | Not begotten, created from the interaction of God's breath and the dust of the earth | The dust of the earth, earthly |
| At Death | Has eternal life and never dies. At the body's death, it returns to the Lord, ever to be with Jesus | The Father takes back His breath and the soul which relied on the body for input and expression, returns to God and sleeps until resurrection * | Returns to dust |
| Consciousness | Mind of Christ | Mind, will and emotions of man | Self preservation and subject to man of sin's carnal input |

| | Spirit Spirit of God in man | Soul the spirit of a man | Body no spiritual aspect |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| State of maturation | Already perfect (mature) | Not perfected at Salvation but at resurrection when it merges with spirit to become a new creature – Here to learn who he is | Physically matures but can't be perfected. Being sinful, it must die. |
| Voice | Voice of God in you | Voice of self | Urges and needs of flesh |
| Level of authority | Has all delegated dominion and authority of Christ and able to teach soul how to walk in it. | Given authority over earth and your body but must take dominion | Assumes dominion falsely, has only natural earthly authority |

* This is the state of an unsaved person. The Apostle Paul said that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This means a saved person's soul and spirit join as one and go to be with Jesus until resurrection.

Pneumatology (The Study of Holy Spirit)

As part of the Body of Christ none of us walk alone. God has set people in the body to help the rest of us grow and Dr. Bullinger is one of those people. There were many times the Holy Spirit nudged our souls to pay attention as we were reading his book Word Studies on the Holy Spirit. Then He would enhance the nugget we had just received and show us how it applied to us today. It is imperative that our readers do so with open minds, actively sifting what we have written, because the Holy Spirit is emphatically moving on God's Children to bring them to a level of understanding that very few have walked in before.

Dr. Bullinger builds a base of understanding according to the original meaning of the words used in the Bible, taking into account the context that they were written in. So we are sharing some of his insights in his own words to help you understand what God has shown us.

The word “spirit” in the Greek language is “pneuma.” Since we need to understand it free from any translator’s bias or cultural meaning given to it, it helps to use the Greek word instead of the English one.

I. The word pneuma is used of God Himself or the “Father.” “God is pneuma” (John 4:24). It is His Divine Nature that is spoken of. The statement is simplicity itself. “God is Pneuma.”

II. The word pneuma is used of Christ, the second Person of the Trinity. He, in resurrection, became a quickening or life-giving pneuma (1 Corinthians 15:45). He became “Living soul” in Incarnation; but life-giving pneuma” in resurrection. There are also other passages where Christ is spoken of as pneuma (especially 2 Corinthians 3:6,17,18.)

III. It is used of The Holy Spirit. Because He is emphatically “The Spirit of God,” the great mistake has been made of concluding, without sufficient thought or care, that the word pneuma must nearly always refer to Him, wherever it may be used.

This mistake is so general that, even where there is no article in the Greek, the definite article is often introduced and imported into the English; and where there is nothing to indicate capital letters in the original, they have been used without any Textual authority in the English and other translations.

The English reader has been helpless in this matter. He sees the definite article and the capital letters, in the English, and naturally concludes that “The Holy Spirit” is meant. He does not know that he is reading an interpretation or comment, instead of what ought to be a simple translation. He takes it as Divine and inspired; and proceeds to reason on these expressions, to draw his inferences, to form his views, and to build up his schemes of doctrine and teaching upon them. But his theories are based on a human foundation; his doctrines are built, not

on the impregnable rock of the Divine Words, but on the opinions and judgment of man. (* pp. 14,15)

IV. Pneuma is used for the Operations produced by the Holy Spirit. “That which is born of the Pneuma is pneuma.” (John 3:6). Here in one verse we have two distinct usages of pneuma. First we have the Divine Nature; and then we have that which is born of or produced by it: i.e., His operations and gifts, which are called pneuma...(*p16)

When the word pneuma is spoken of in Scripture, the meaning should be differentiated between the Giver and the gifts of the Giver.

V. Pneuma is used of the greatest of His spiritual gifts: for, the New Nature is called pneuma. This is a special sense found only in the Church Epistles. This Pauline sense is quite distinct from the usage of the word in the Acts of the Apostles. The New Nature is the direct result of the operation of the Holy Spirit, and therefore, according to John 3:6, it is “spirit,” and is called pneuma. One who possesses this new nature is said to be “begotten of God.” This pneuma, being Divine, is “perfect,” and “doth not commit sin” (1 John 3:9; 5:18). The Old Nature (which in contra-distinction from “spirit”) is called “flesh,” cannot but sin (Romans 8:7). It is “enmity against God. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be.”

So that the true child of God has these two natures within him. They are contrary the one to the other, so that he often cannot do the good his New Nature would ever do; nor, thank God, can he often do the evil, which his Old Nature would ever do.

This conflict must continue so long as we are in this mortal body, because it is equally true “that which is born of the flesh is flesh,” and remains flesh, while “that which is born of the Spirit is spirit,” and remains spirit (John 3:6). Flesh is never changed into spirit, and spirit is never changed into flesh.

The New Nature is called “pneuma”: and the possessors of it walk “according to pneuma,” and not “according to flesh” (Romans 8:4): i.e., with the (spiritual) “mind” the believer “serves the law of God; and with the flesh the law of sin” (Romans 7:25).

A man may say he has “no sin”: but he only deceives himself (1 John 1:8): he does not deceive others.

There are other special terms for pneuma, when used of the New nature. It is called “pneuma Theou”; i.e., God’s pneuma, or Divine spirit, for we are made “partakers of the Divine nature” (2 Peter 1.). It is called a “pneuma of God”: because God is the Creator of it. It is called also “pneuma Christou” or “Christ’s pneuma”: because it is in virtue of this New Nature that we are regarded as being made the “sons of God,” even as Christ was “the Son of God” (Romans 8:14). As possessors of (the) “pneuma of Christ,” we are looked at as being children of God, heirs and joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17), hence it is spoken of as a “sonship-pneuma.” in verse 15.

Only those who are made, by Divine power, to partake of this pneuma Theou, or Divine nature, can possess this New Nature. This at once disposes of all the modern teaching that every man possesses this in himself by natural generation. We see how Divine Truth cuts at the root of all such false teaching, and are shown how the

true believer is “God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

VI. Pneuma is used psychologically of man’s nature according to Genesis 2:7. By the union of “body” and “pneuma,” man becomes a “living soul. (* pp. 17-19)

(Author’s note: this usage of pneuma explains much of the misunderstanding over soul and spirit. There is a spirit of a man and there is a spirit imparted by the Father at salvation and they are not the same thing.)

VII. Pneuma is used of character (spirit of meekness, etc.) (*p 20)

XIII. Pneuma is used also of the Resurrection Body, as being something distinct from a purely human body on the one hand; and distinct also from a spiritual or angelic creation on the other hand. Angels never had a human body; but the raised and changed Saints will have had human bodies; and hence, in resurrection, they will be made glorious like their risen Lord’s (Phil. 3:21). Human bodies are “Flesh and blood” (for “the blood is the life” of a human body). Christ’s resurrection body was not thus purely human. It was a glorious body. It was “flesh and bones,” which He distinctly says a pneuma, or purely spirit-being, has not. “A pneuma hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have” (Luke 24:39). The resurrection body of the saints will be a pneuma body (or a spirit-body); and yet not identical with that of angels or of demons, or with the present human body. (* p.23)

In Acts 1:4, the Lord commanded the Apostles “that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the

promise” of the Father, which saith he) ye have heard of Me.”

They had heard it, as recorded in Luke 24:49, when He said, “Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with POWER FROM ON HIGH,”

This was what the Father had promised. And the Lord goes on, in the next verse (Acts 1:5) to further explain this by saying that “John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with pneuma hagian not many days hence.”

In these two passages we have the key to the meaning we are to put upon the expression pneuma hagian (spirit, holy); because, in both passages (Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4,5) the Lord is speaking of the same thing, viz., “the promise of the Father.”

In Luke 24:49 He calls this “promise,” “power from on high.”

In Acts 1:5 He calls this same “promise,” “Pneuma hagian.”

Therefore, we have this foundation and self-evident truth that pneuma hagian is identical with “power from on high.” It is impossible for us to get away from this fact. It makes us independent of all human teachers, and sets us free from all man’s opinions. (* p.27)

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