

Confession Brings Salvation



How To Put On Christ

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THERE ARE SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES MISSING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Paul talked about how the church was so quickly deceived and moved away from the gospel to another gospel. *“...who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? Galatians 3:1 (KJV)* Without these principles, the Word isn't going to work for you. We must go back to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.” Hebrews 5:12 (NKJV)* It also says in 1 Peter 2:2 (KJV) *“...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”*

Now, let's move back to Hebrews. *“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:13-14 (NKJV)* Then, what does He go on to say? *“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on”* (God is always on the move) *“to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God”.* Hebrews 6:1 (NKJV)

You know you could read the Word of God all day long, and all night long and it probably is not going to make a lot of changes in your life. There is a principle that is missed in this.

PRINCIPLE MISSED-YOU ARE HEARING AND NOT HEARING, SEEING AND NOT SEEING

God said He would send a spirit of slumber over the body of Christ. I believe that spirit of slumber is rampant today. *“I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day. “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to*

and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.” Amos 8:10-12 (NKJV)

It is sad when people can sit for an hour and listen from the pulpit and cannot hear a single scripture. They speak of the world, because they are of the world, and you do not hear them rightly dividing the Word. Few people even understand what a rightly divided Word is. It bothers me, and most importantly I know it bothers God. The Word of God is the first and foremost thing we need in our lives.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) We see here, that without faith it is impossible to please Him. *“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God”* Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) Since without faith, it is impossible to please Him, there is no way I can even come near to God without faith. We think that faith is believing for this, that, or the other thing, but it really isn't.

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT FAITH REALLY IS, AND HOW IT GIVES BIRTH TO THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES IN OUR LIVES

We must understand that we have the Holy Spirit that wants to lead us and guide us into all truth. *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.”* James 1:17-18(NKJV) Now think about that. I am going to talk to you about being in the truth today. How did He bring us forth? By the Word of truth.

THE WORD OF TRUTH; WHAT IS TRUTH?

That is just what Pontius Pilate asked Jesus. What is truth, right? Today people do not know what truth is. We are lied to in the news, we are lied to about everything. There just is no truth. If you ask people today, “what is truth”, I do not think very many people could answer you, especially many Christian people. Many People do not know what real truth is.

He brought us forth by the **Word of truth**, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. *“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the **implanted word**, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; or he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and **continues in it**, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”* James 1:19-25 (NKJV) We know God wants us to be a doer of His word, and that is a step of faith. Being a doer of His Word requires action, and our actions require faith. Faith without works is dead. I am talking to you out of James. (You know James; who was Jesus' brother? Yep, Mary had other kids.)

God has people in the earth today, and those people, I believe, are the birthing of the seed of Abraham. We haven't really been taught that the Bible means what it says and says what it means today. You know it says this in Corinthians, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) All things become new, and we believe that just because we have asked Jesus to come into our life. This is the seed.

THE SEED OF LIFE

Now the question is, how do I feed that seed? Paul says, *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”* Galatians 4:19 (KJV)

UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU - FULL BLOWN NEW CREATION - MATURITY IN HIM, THAT GOD WANTS TO BRING FORTH

We put an article in the newspaper and it was on the new creation in Christ, and how we can have the divine nature, and walk in it. All kinds of people called me. I went over to a lady's house in town, and she said, “I wish that was true”. I said, “it is true”.

PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN TAUGHT THE "HOW TO"

Instead, it is join the club. Forget that! I want to be like Jesus. *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."* Romans 13:14 (NKJV)

THERE HAS GOT TO BE A WAY TO DO THIS...RIGHT?

*"by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises**, that **through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."* 2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) I am building on something here. In 1 Peter 1:23 (KJV) it says, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the **word of God**, which liveth and abideth forever."* Right? In the Amplified Classic it says it this way, *"You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God."* 1 Peter 1:23 (AMPC)

I know people who have the Bible memorized, and they are still just like the devil. So just memorizing the word isn't going to do it, right? There has got to be a principal. Am I making you think?

THERE HAS GOT TO BE A WAY TO ACTIVATE THIS THING INTO OUR LIVES. HOW DO YOU DO THIS? HOW DO YOU ACTIVATE THIS?

We must be born again; the way Jesus was **first born**. We know Jesus is our example. There is a pattern there that God has for us to follow. *"For with God nothing is ever impossible and **no word** from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment."* Luke 1:37 (AMPC) Now think about this, here is Mary and the angel, *"Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you **have said**. And the angel left her..."* Luke 1:38 (AMPC) We have to realize here what exactly Mary did. **MARY ACTIVATED A PRINCIPLE**. No Word from God shall be void of power, or impossible of fulfillment, right? (Isaiah 55:11) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, right? John 1:14

Now, Mary received the Word of God, right? His Word was a seed planted in her. In Luke 8:11 it says, the word is the seed. *"The meaning of*

the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.” Luke 8:11 (AMPC) The woman does not have the seed. It must come from the man, right? “And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35 (NKJV) The power of the highest shall descend upon thee, right? That which was found in her was what? A child of the Holy Ghost, but God is His Father. God and His Spirit, they cannot be separated. It is the same in our lives “...for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” 2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

THE LETTER KILLS, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE

I am still moving towards the principal that I see left out so often in the body of Christ. I talked about it this way in, “The Finished Work”. What happened here? God made man. He formed man. Then, He breathed into man that breath of life. God formed man, and then He breathed into man, and He became a living being. He was created in the image of God. Now, let’s take this in another direction, and move over to Luke.

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:29 (NKJV) So our spiritual clothing came back. Then, what did Jesus do, when He commissioned the disciples? “...He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22 (NKJV)

There is something that I believe we need to think about through this. In the book of Acts, they heard heavy breathing. A “*rushing mighty wind*” is translated as heavy breathing. That was the same thing that Jesus did to His disciples! “*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*” Acts 2:1-2 (KJV) The breath of God came upon those men who had the Word of God planted in their lives by Jesus and WHAMO, they began to turn cities upside down! They began to teach principles, and those principles activated an understanding. In the beginning they had no understanding concerning what Jesus talked about.

“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.” John 18:36-38 (NKJV) However, the Jews decided to have Him killed, and He never did anything except good things such as healing the sick, and raising the dead, and so on and so forth. This is the antichrist, in contrast with the Christ.

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Then the Jews became very upset, they answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free?’” John 8:31-33 (NKJV) Now think about this, they were in the greatest bondage of all...religion.

RELIGION IS BONDAGE - THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE!

You see, Jesus is saying if you abide in My Word, and My Word abides in you, you will know the truth and the truth will make you free. Now let’s jump ahead to verse 43, Jesus is talking to religious leaders here. “*Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer **from the beginning**,*” (he was not a worship leader according to Jesus) “*and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore, you do not hear, because you are not of God.*” John

8:43-47 (NKJV)

He is talking to the religious leaders of that day. This is powerful, is it not? He is talking truth. We also should be walking and talking truth. You know the truth lives and abides in you forever, right? *“because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever”* 2 John 1:2 (NKJV) *“And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.”* 1 John 3:19 (NKJV) We are of the truth. These are powerful statements. How about some powerful questions? Exactly what is available? How do we receive it? Then, what do we do with it after we have it?

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints” Ephesians 6:14-18 (NKJV) We are supposed to have this belt of truth. Psalm 91:4 (NKJV) says, *“...His truth shall be your shield and buckler.”*

THE TRUTH OF GOD IS YOUR SHIELD AND BUCKLER

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the **word of truth.**”* 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) The truth is there for us. His truth shall be our shield and buckler. What if I am in error, and I am trying to use error? A lot of people do not know how to use the Word of God, as their shield. They really do not know how to birth the Word of God in their lives.

HOW DO I BIRTH HIS WORD IN MY LIFE?

1 Corinthians 3:9 (KJV) says that you are God’s husbandry. *“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”* THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SEED Luke 8:11 (KJV). The Amplified Classic takes this verse even a step further, *“For we are fellow workmen*

(joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God; you are God's garden and vineyard and field under cultivation, [you are] God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9 (AMPC) Just reading the Word of God is not going to get you there. I am just being straight up honest with you. God made it clear. Reading the Word of God is wonderful, but we are going to have to **go beyond just reading God's Word.**

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NKJV) "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" John 17:17 (NKJV) We have got to realize the written Word of God is truth, and the living Word of God is truth. They both sanctify; they both beget new life. Everything that the living Word of God does, the written Word of God does. It is not enough just to receive, Jesus said, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12 (KJV)

THERE HAS GOT TO BE MORE! THERE HAS TO BE PRINCIPLES! THERE HAS TO BE A HOW-TO! GOD IS A HOW-TO GOD!

Religion wants everyone to believe that all they must do is ask Jesus to come into their lives, and that is all there is to this thing, but there is more to it. God is a how-to God. Then, what is available? How do I receive it, and what do we do with it after we have it? **THERE HAS TO BE PRINCIPLES.** This is what started me in all this "how to" stuff in the Bible. I was challenging God, and I said, "God, if the Bible says, 'by His stripes I am healed', and I am not healed, that makes the Bible a lie. However, it says You cannot lie. I have found a lie here God. It says I am healed, and I am not, but then it says You cannot lie, so we have a problem here." He began to show me the how-to.

Somebody told me, "I heard you teach on generational curses during that healing service". This man thought that when you ask Jesus into your life all those generational curses are healed. Then I asked him, "why are people sick and not healed? Did you ever think about that?" If I asked Jesus into my life, it should be an automatic thing, right? I mean as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, right? Yet, they still

act like the devil, so something is wrong. We have got to go to the Word of God and find out the solution. Where is the kingdom principle that is going to change, and transform my life? What about this, *“and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”* Colossians 3:10 (NKJV) This says I will be changed. It says I will be transformed, right? You can read God’s Word, and you can have it memorized, but there is no transformation. There is something wrong. There is an ingredient missing.

NOW WE ARE GOING TO STEP INTO THE “HOW-TO”, “WHAT IS AVAILABLE”, “HOW DO I RECEIVE THIS”, “WHAT DO I DO WITH IT”

In Ephesians we see that something begins to take place. This bears witness with me. *“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ”* Ephesians 4:15 (KJV) Now we must realize what is being said here: **speaking the truth in love**, we may **grow up** into Him. God is requiring of all people to speak the truth.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE. YOU NEED TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE -THY WORD IS TRUTH

God’s Word is truth. We must be **DOERS** of God’s Word also. I believe there is an urgency in God’s people today to begin to pray His Word and speak His Word, the way He says. Back when I read the Bible from daylight till dawn, I confessed everything the Bible told me to confess. I believe it is important! *“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, **(confession)** Christ Jesus”* Hebrews 3:1 (KJV) I know that works. I know going through all the prophets of old throughout the whole Bible, that the Word of God is the most powerful thing on this planet. There is nothing greater, more powerful or more important. I believe this with all my heart.

The Word of God is what God is bringing forth to us today. It is the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, yielding to the Spirit of God. I know that when I began to pray the Word of God in my life thirty something years ago, all hell broke loose. Just being honest with you. It looked like it didn’t work. It looked like that it was the craziest thing ever.

I am trying to make this easy and simple because I see a lot of people defeated.

There are many people that have asked Jesus Christ to come into their life and are defeated. It bothers me to see people, who are really on a quest to find God, then they get stuck in some short-cut doctrine and get poisoned, thus they never receive their healing. God wants people to walk in divine health. I will say this right now, Brother Charles Shockley is ninety-one, and he is in divine health at ninety-one years old. I do not want to be ninety-one, and not be able to do what God wants me to do. Isn't that right? I do not want to be seventy, and not be able to do what God wants me to do. The Bible says *"...be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience **inherit the promises.**"* Hebrews 6:12 (KJV)

THERE IS A WAY TO INHERIT THE WORD

There is a way to inherit God's Word today. There is a way to get every bit of His Word in your life today. It is not just because you join a "club" or just because you sit around and read His Word. There is more to it, right? *"The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. **When they hear**"* (So, how is the Word sown? When they hear it.) *"Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts."* Mark 4:14-15 (NKJV) Okay now, right away, some people say, "that is a good place to quit reading, because the devil is going to come steal it away from me, so I am going to quit here". However, Matthew 13:19 (NKJV) says this, *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not **understand it...**"* That is when satan can come and steal the Word of God from you. Isn't that right? Now think about it. The whole battle is against God's Word.

THE DEVIL IS AGAINST THE WORD

Think about what happened in Genesis? He (the devil) added a word, he took a word out, and then he changed the words around. He is always against the Word of God! The world is against God. The flesh wars against the Spirit, and the Spirit wars against the flesh. These battlegrounds are going on in our lives every day. Your flesh does not have to win. The more

you feed your Spirit man, the stronger it will become, and you will have more of God's Spirit.

**YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD
THEN SATAN CAN NOT STEAL IT**

Let me throw this one in right now, because these are principles, and I do not think they can be taught too much. *“But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].”* Galatians 5:22-23 (AMPC)

THIS IS THE WORK THAT HIS PRESENCE WITHIN US ACCOMPLISHES

It is not what I do. It is not the fruit of the flesh. I must study these fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, etc.), then what happens? I am taking this seed of the Word of God and sowing it in my life.

**IT IS NOT JUST READING AND STUDYING THE WORD
YOU MUST CONFESS IT**

Let's continue in Mark chapter 4, *“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness”* (They praise God and say, “by the stripes of Jesus I am healed”) *“and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word”* So, they hear it, and guess what else happens? *“and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it (i.e.; the Word of God) becomes unfruitful.”* Mark 4:16-19 (NKJV)

**IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HAVE WHAT GOD SAYS, YOU MUST
CONTINUE TO CONFESS IT. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE**

It says in 1 Peter, *“For to this you were called, because Christ also*

suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps” 1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV) He is our example, and we are to follow in His footsteps. “...He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:16-21 (NKJV) What was that example? That He did not possess the scripture, until He confessed it.

Now, here comes John the Baptist into town, and he was professing to be the one in the wilderness that Isaiah spoke of in Isaiah 40:3. Why all the nerve of him saying that he is that guy Isaiah was talking about! You know that guy had to be crazy! After all he ate honey, grasshoppers, and all that stuff! No, he **FOUND HIMSELF IN GOD’S WORD!** Even now, in our dispensation, His Word is still there for us today! However, let us not miss this principle, if we do not begin to confess it, we will not possess it.

Let me just back up here, and profess a few of these, and I am going to show this to you. I see this problem over, and over again throughout the body of Christ, throughout this planet. It grieves God, because it isn’t being taught. Or it is being taught, and then it gets perverted in some way. God has said “Yes”, and “Amen” to every promise in this book, right? Now think about that. *“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) Then it also says, “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,” 2 Corinthians 1:21 (NKJV) He says, “He that hath anointed us is God.” You are not going to be anointed until you start **confessing** those anointed scriptures. Until you begin to confess them, they will not be manifested.*

Smith Wigglesworth used to look in the mirror every morning and say,

“God dwells in that man”. We need to begin to say: **“I AM THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!”** 1 Corinthians 6:19 **“OUT OF HIS FULLNESS I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED”** John 1:16 When the enemy comes along, we need to say, **“I HAVE OVERCOME EVEN AS HE HAS OVERCOME”** Revelation 3:21. Some people think I memorized the Word of God, but I didn’t just memorize it. I acquired it by sword fighting with the devil. I know he is defeated through the Word of God.

I REFUSE TO RECEIVE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT OF GOD’S WORD

*“Therefore, since a **promise** remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.” Hebrews 4:1-2 (NKJV)*

WHY DOES IT SAY, BY HIS STRIPES I AM HEALED, AND I AM NOT? WHY DOES IT SAY, I HAVE THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT, AND I DO NOT? WHY DOES IT SAY THIS, BUT THEN I DO NOT HAVE IT?

This should make us tremble, according to the Word of God! We try, in the flesh, to achieve and obtain these things. However, it cannot be done in the flesh, it can only be done in our Spirit-man.

THIS IS WHERE GOD BEGAN TO BIRTH ME INTO THINGS, AND GIVE ME REVELATION

I was the kind of guy that prayed in tongues and read the Word of God. I didn’t have anybody really, to teach me. The Holy Spirit would not allow me to read other people’s books either. Besides that, I couldn’t get ahold of the ones I wanted anyway.

Now think about this, *“and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:11 (NKJV) They are either going to do it now, or they’re going to do it later. No one can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. *“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”* Romans 14:11 (KJV) When Jesus came along, and they

wanted money, Jesus said, “...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” Matthew 22:21 (KJV) In other words, give Caesar money because that is what he is. However, give to God, what is God's. What has God given us? He has given us His Word! We must take note, and recognition of this. “...**confess** that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” 1 John 4:15 (KJV)

ULTIMATE SPIRITUAL TEST

You can walk into any church in America and give them the spiritual test. “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” 1 John 4:1-3 (KJV) (Now, here is the spiritual test.) **WHO DO YOU BELIEVE CAME IN THE FLESH?** They will not say that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, I promise you that. Why? Because they are not born of God!

Why isn't there love in the Christian churches? People are not truly born of God. Even if they made that confession, they still did not come up higher. There is more to it. They have been taught to confess something **other than what the Word of God says**, they are stepping into the **spirit of error**. Thus now, they are being born into this other “religious spirit” since they are not really born of God. God's true seed says, “...speak evil of no man...” Titus 3:2 (KJV) Religious people continuously speak evil of others.

**ANGELS DIDN'T GO TO WORK FOR MOSES UNTIL HE SPOKE (Exodus 14)
GOD SAID SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND GO FORTH. MOSES
HAD THOSE LIVING ORACLES OF GOD. OUR WORDS ARE USELESS,
CARELESS, WORTHLESS AND INOPERATIVE WORDS.**

“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession (confession), Christ Jesus;”

Hebrews 3:1 (KJV) Then, it says this in Psalm 103:20 (NKJV) *“Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.”*

I am tired of going to church and hearing people say things like, “my arthritis”, and “my such, and such”. It is not theirs! The devil tried to give it to them, and it became theirs when they started claiming it, and confessing it was theirs.

**THE DEVIL GIVES YOU WORDS, AND YOU CAN HAVE WHAT HE SAYS,
WHEN YOU CONFESS WHAT HE SAYS.**

Abraham is the father of us all, and he called those things that were not, as though they were. *“As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.”* Romans 4:17 (AMPC) Abraham was also an example for us to follow.

How about this one, *“...let the weak say, I am strong.”* Joel 3:10 (KJV) Read that context for yourself. It is even more powerful. Why? **IT IS THE WORD OF GOD WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DECLARE.** We are not supposed to confess, *“I am getting weaker each day.”*

For example, I went to two churches as a kid, and one church said Jesus was poor, and the other church said Jesus was rich. Then I read this in my Bible, *“...though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”* 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) This is powerful is it not? I found out they were both right. They could have even gone to church together, if they had only known that verse! He came and, He broke poverty off people. He came to set the captives free!

I could tell stories for hours of people that did amazing things, and God gave them dreams, and visions, and all kinds of stuff, and broke poverty off their lives. Why? They received a revelation of Jesus Christ! You see, *“...And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”* Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

What about this one? *“God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:”* 2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV) Some people say, “I am so poor I cannot pay attention”. That is demonic, and you are going to possess, whatever you are **confessing**.

WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST

When my son was about seven years old, we went backpacking for a week. We went down in these canyons, and there was this great big throne. It was about a thousand-foot-high, and there was a chair there! It was perfect! I sat in this large seat, and he sat on the little one next to me, just a little below me. Then he says, “Dad tell me how it all works”. I said, “well, God’s sitting on the throne and the people are out there, and you are the great high priest of people’s **confession**”. I went on to say, “when they confess the Word, Jesus turns to God and says, ‘Father he just said _____’, then the **Spirit of God moves upon their confession**”. Isn’t that right? Think about it.

When God spoke in Genesis 1:3 (NKJV) He said, *“Let there be light”*, and then what happened? The Spirit of God moved, and there was light.

GOD SPOKE, AND HIS SPIRIT MOVED NOTHING HAS CHANGED

Just because you do not see instant results, in the natural, does not mean something is not happening! I still have things I am confessing, that I have not seen yet. Abraham confessed for twenty-five years before he saw the manifestation.

True faith does not know an end. True faith does not know when to stop, when it begins to **confess** the Word of God. Unbeliever’s say, “well I tried that, and it does not work”. Well, if you are “trying” it to see if it works, it won’t work. I promise you, because you will quit believing before the manifestation takes place.

A lady came here, and she prayed the Word of God for one year, and three months before she got her miracle. What if she had quit after one year? After one year, and three weeks? After one year, two months and

one week? What if she would have quit? She would not have received that miracle. I believe it with all my heart. You see, many people do not understand how this works. However, let's go beyond healing here, because God wants to anoint everybody.

Why would He say this? *"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our **confession**."* Hebrews 4:14 (NKJV) We must never stop **confessing** His Word! Begin to speak, "He that hath anointed me is God, and He has sent me." *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me..."* Isaiah 61:1(NKJV)

That is not just Jesus, that is everybody! If I lay my hands on the sick they **SHALL** recover! This is a sign of a believer! *"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV)

You see, there is something that happens here. Now the Word becomes a *rhema* Word. It is not a *rhema* Word when I first begin to speak it. It is not really a *rhema* Word until I begin to receive it into my heart. Then, it becomes, *"...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."* Matthew 12:34 (KJV)

DOING ALL TO STAND!

Jesus was trying to teach them this principle all throughout the Word. Never stop confessing! It is not our position to stop. That is why it says, *"...having done all, to stand"* Ephesians 6:13 (KJV) I have seen people get worse, after confessing their healing. However, that does not mean it is not working. It is just the enemy. *"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"* 1 Peter 1:7 (KJV) The enemy is going to come along, and try

the Word of God.

I met a guy in Salt Lake City years ago, and he got saved. He was one of the wealthiest men in Salt Lake City. He took me up to his house. It was on top of a hill, and this place was super deluxe! He threw big parties and brought people there. The place was all set up. He had a huge patio set up like a restaurant with tables everywhere. He even had people come in to cater his parties. Then, he lost everything he owned, but guess what? Today he is far more spiritually wealthy than he was then. “That was the trying of my faith”, is exactly what he told me.

Now, on top of his increased spiritual wealth, he owns a place much nicer than the one he had to begin with. It was all a testing and trying of his faith.

That is why Jesus told the guy that had everything to “sell everything you have and give me all the money...” ha! No, He said, “*One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.*” Mark 10:21 (NASB) Jesus knew he would not do it because, he had great wealth. Let’s think about this, and work this in a little different way.

THE WORD OF FAITH IS IN OUR MOUTHS AND IN OUR HEARTS

“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;” Romans 10:8 (KJV) Now, we must see something here that **in thy mouth**, and **in thy heart**, that is, the Word of faith, which we preach. He is laying out a principle here, that I think so many people read over and do not grab.

I know in my life I still pray the same tons of scriptures. Sometimes I get into warfare. I believe praying in tongues is ultimate warfare. I believe praying the Word of God is even greater warfare. I do it even when I am driving. What is happening, is that it is coming into my heart. I am sowing that seed in my heart, and I am moving the heavenly realm. I am moving that supernatural realm. Why would Jesus say? “*...whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*” Matthew 18:18 (NKJV) Our job as saints is to bring

heaven to this earth

Everything is coming **DOWN** out of heaven, and it is up to God's people to do it. *"But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:8-9 (NKJV)

Okay that all sounds good. However, think about this, *"But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**"* Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) That word "salvation" is **soteria**—Deliverance, safety, protection, preservation, soundness, prosperity, happiness, rescue, general well-being. **Sozo**, is to be whole in spirit, soul, and body. *Sozo* – saved (sode-zoe)- to save, heal, cure, preserve, keep safe and sound, rescue from danger or destruction, deliver. *Sozo* saves from physical death by healing, and from spiritual death by forgiving sin and its effects. *Sozo* in primitive cultures is translated simply, "to give new life" and "to cause to have a new heart". It says, you shall be "saved". That He will sanctify you wholly, in spirit, soul and body. That is the way it is written... spirit, soul and body. *"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)

**SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY!!! EVER BEING FILLED
AND WASHED IN THE BLOOD EVERYDAY!!!**

A lot of times what is manifested in people's flesh, is what is in their spirit-man. **THEIR CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION!** It does not say, having confessed once. *"...though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."* 2 Corinthians 4:16 (KJV) I give my heart to Jesus every morning. I wash myself in the blood of Jesus every day. I didn't just do it once. The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost in Acts 2. They were filled again with the Holy Ghost in Acts 4. If that one filling was good enough that would have been fine, but it was not. You

see, there are situations that come into our lives, and if we are not persistent, like this, *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”* Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV) We can easily lose what has been promised to us. We must hold fast to it. We can’t let it go, no matter what.

I have been healed more times than I can count, and it was never the same way. This is the formula for healing. We must do what this Word of God says, and then, we must confess it.

The Bible says, *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”* Luke 6:38 (KJV) He will multiply the seed sown, however; just giving isn’t enough. We must stand on what we gave. *“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,”* 2 Corinthians 9:10 God said He would multiply that seed sown so, **I expect it to multiply.** *“...God loves a cheerful giver”* 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV) It says He loves a cheerful giver, right? I am just working different things. Just because you did it, does not make it all that active if you are not standing on it, and putting some pressure behind it. *“...he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly...”* 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV) This is not limited to money folks! *“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”* 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

WE ARE NO LONGER SINNERS-WE ARE A NEW CREATION.

You see there is warfare that goes on in everything that we do for God, I do not care what it is, the warfare is there. I used to go to churches and all I would hear is, “we are all sinners saved by grace”. That made me think, “but He told me in His Word He has MADE me the righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus.” This is the new creation, right? *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Then moving on we

have this, “...that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 1 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) The intention is not that you “could be” for just a moment.

HE MADE YOU ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

“to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved” Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) There is nothing you can do about that, just accept it! Do not let the devil lie to you. He made you peace, right? How can you walk into a house and say, “...peace to this house,” Luke 10:5 (NKJV) IF you do not have it to give? You see, these things are not ours until we understand, and we begin to confess them. I do have the peace of God!

When my kids were little, I used to pray, “*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established...*” Isaiah 54:13-14 (NKJV) As soon as I would pray that, guess what would happen? They would start fighting. Then guess what? It would begin to evolve. I would not back off on praying the Word of God. I refused to. I know the enemy comes along immediately to steal that Word out of our hearts to make it look like it is not working. I have good news; it is working!

GOD’S WORD WILL ACCOMPLISH

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 54:11 (NKJV) “*So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*” 1 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)

I have taught this in different ways on confessing God’s Word, and how all of heaven moves on your behalf. Angels go to work when you speak the Word. “*No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.*” Psalm 91:10-11 (NKJV)

God has amazed me, and you will be amazed too when you pray the

Word of God, and watch it work. Or, you could be like Job, *"...the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."* Job 3:25 (KJV) You can confess your fears, but that is demonic. Remember this? *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."* Romans 10:9 –11 (NKJV)

"SO THEN FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."

I used to study the Bible with a man years ago who would read the Word out loud all day long. He never read it silently. Why? Because, *"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* Romans 10:17 (KJV) I believe one of the assets that I had was that I listened to Bible tapes when I went to work. *"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* I was going to get it one way, or another. You see we must do, what God is telling us to do. We must go, where God is telling us to go. Why would His Word say this? *"And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,"* 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)

IT IS NOT THE SPIRIT OF FAITH, UNTIL YOU BEGIN TO SPEAK IT

By His stripes I am healed. My kids used to come in and say "dad, you are listening to the healing tape, are you okay?" I would say, "yeah, I am fine." They then would ask, "but why are you listening to that?" So, I told them, "I am storing up healing, I am putting those healing scriptures into my spirit man." You know what, after being healed many times, that makes you qualified to go out and see other people delivered and healed. Why is that? You have now experienced it in your own life. You begin to say things like what the apostles said. Let me show you a couple things here.

"This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me;

him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the ***lively oracles to give unto us:***” Acts 7:37-38 (KJV) They were given unto us! You see, if we begin to read the Word of God, by inheritance, then we begin to understand, and then we say, “okay God, You said ‘committed unto me are the oracles of God.’ (Romans 3:2) God, I receive Your living oracles, just as sure as Moses spoke them and the Red Sea parted, I have those same oracles behind me!” *“If anyone speaks, let him **speak** as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ...”* 1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV) What am I doing? *“...faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

What about this one? *“For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.”* Luke 21:15 (KJV) This is a pretty good promise is it not? I am not possessing it, and it is not coming into my soil, ***until I begin to confess it.*** The more I confess it, the more I begin to believe it. The more I believe it, the more I begin to receive it. If it is not the Word of God, forget it! I could tell you different stories that God showed me concerning what I am sharing with you today.

God told Jeremiah this, *“And the prophets become wind, For the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them.”* Jeremiah 5:13 (NKJV) Why was the Word not in them? They read the Word, they were prophesying things, but it was not in them. In other words, it was not coming out of them. Now listen to the next verse, *“Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts, Because you speak this word,”* (So, what am I supposed to speak? ***His Word.***) *“behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire”* (It is God's Word in our mouth) *“and this people wood, and it shall devour them.”* Jeremiah 5:14 (NKJV) That is powerful, isn't it? We also know in Jeremiah God said, *“...You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.”* Jeremiah 1:12 (AMPC) Isn't that right? ***“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and***

then thou shalt have good success.” Joshua 1:8 (KJV)

We must realize that there is a fight, there is something spiritual that is rising in the world today. We need to be holding fast to the Word of God. We need to say what God says about every situation! We really need to understand what God is saying. Then, we need to be confessing what His Word says. For example, when fear comes in, we can make our confession, *“I will fear no evil for Your Word and Your Spirit are with me, and comfort me!”* (Psalm 23:4)

WE NEED TO RENEW OUR MINDS

Why would I want to pray the Word of God? *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV) This is where people usually close the book, and that is why we need to renew our mind. That is why we need the mind of Christ. *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”* Philippians 2:5 (KJV) *“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”* Isaiah 55:10-11 (NKJV)

How is that Word going to get back to God? *“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?”* says the Lord. *“Is not My word like a fire?”* says the Lord, *“And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”* Jeremiah 23:28-29 (NKJV) What are you going to **say** unto your mountain? The answer, *“...Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea...”*! Matthew 21:21 (KJV) Then what will happen? You will have whatever you **say**. Think about it, you are having whatever you **say** anyway. You may as well say what God says and have what He says.

This is an ABC lesson but, it is hard to sit around a whole bunch of people that do not understand it and watch them be defeated. To me, it

is the very first thing that God taught me out of His Word. You know, *"...the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."* Matthew 11:12 (KJV)

I am talking to you about a kingdom which is not of this planet. You shall be born from above, anew, from above, right? *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again"* John 3:7 (KJV) Why would He say this? Think about this, *"He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all."* John 3:31 (NKJV) These are life changing things to me. I am a Word guy all the way. If the Bible does not say it, I do not want anything to do with it.

LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE IN HEAVEN

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" Philippians 3:20 (KJV) That is pretty good, isn't it? Some people think, "well how can our conversation be in heaven when I first must die to go there"? NO! He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm now, right? *"...Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!"* Ephesians 1:3 (AMPC) Then we must understand, our **conversation** must be in heaven, right? These are things that really messed me up when I came out of my "religion", since they all have another idea of heaven.

Now, back to John, *"And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. For He whom God has sent **speaks the words of God**, for God does not give the Spirit by measure."* John 3:32-34 (NKJV) This is so powerful. Many people claim to have a double-portion like Elisha had, but the truth is in our dispensation we can have the Spirit without measure! Jesus said, *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."* John 6:63 (NKJV)

One of the first times I ever taught the Bible in my life, I ended up at this meeting, and it was in a very rural area, in the middle of nowhere, in

“Farmville”, you know? Where there is nothing but ranches and farms. They asked me to do a healing service, and I was so scared, because I do not like being in front of people. I had been fasting and praying for weeks. I got out there in front of those people, and I did the healing service. I will never forget that. It was like the devil was on one shoulder, and an angel of the Lord on the other, just like when we were kids. Remember when you had an angel of the Lord on one shoulder, and devil on the other? The devil would say, “you are going to look like a fool, reading all these healing scriptures to these people”. I still remember the very last scripture I read was this one, *“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”* 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

When I stepped off that platform, I will never forget what happened. All of heaven opened to me, and God had His finger on me. It was an unbelievable sensation, and miracles began to happen. We had a full house that night, but the next night, there were three times as many people there! We had miracles happen, such as people falling out in the Holy Spirit from fifty feet away! You know why? I was full of God. I am not a special person, anyone can be used by God *“For there is no respect of persons with God.”* Romans 2:11 (KJV) He will fill anybody. *“ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.”* Ephesians 5:18 (AMPC) There are ways we can be full of the Holy Spirit, just like we can be full of ourselves. You can tell when people are full of themselves, because all they can talk about is themselves.

I have been to hospitals and seen people healed with cancer. One day I was studying God’s Word. God said, “go tell this lady that I have heard her prayers”, so I went there, and I was only two and a half months old in Jesus. She got healed! All I did was quote her about twenty scriptures. I went home, and she walked out of the hospital the next day without any cancer! People were calling me, and the Holy Spirit gave me a vision and He said, “you cut the cancer out of her with those scriptures you used”. Isn’t that powerful? Then I began to realize that it was God’s Word. After that, I came along and did that healing service and, **I KNEW** it was God’s Word. *“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”* Mark

16:20 (KJV)

It is the power that is in God's Word. God works with His Word when it is spoken, and He confirms His Word with signs following! I told people, when all I used to do was nothing but healing services, "I could give the same scriptures I used to this little kid here, and if he reads them God would move on them". Why? He is backing up His Word. Oh, I love it when God is backing up His Word, and miracles happen instantly because His Word is being brought forth. It is like dynamite to know when I am praying, things are happening in the realm of the spirit. *"Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels went forth to battle with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought."* Revelation 12:7 (AMPC) Why?

WHEN WE ARE PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD, WE ARE DISPATCHING ANGELS, AND THERE IS A WAR TAKING PLACE

John G Lakes said over Seattle, Washington there were, "hordes of demons hovering over that city. They could not get in because the saints were praying". That is powerful, isn't it? I am just using his statement, as an example. I read all kinds of testimonies about people of God, that have come into our lives, and every one of them found just what I am telling you now.

IT IS THE WORD

That is why Jesus says, *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV) *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof"*. Proverbs 18:21 (KJV) Just go through Proverbs and look up, mouth, lips, and tongue. You will see that most of all sin, is coming out of your mouth. Jesus cursed the fig tree, and what happened? It died. He has given us an example of the power that is in our words.

I had an apple tree that was dying, so, I went out and laid hands on this apple tree, and prayed in tongues over it, and it lived. It came back to life!

People would come and say, “why don’t you just cut that thing down”? I would reply, “oh no, I have got plans for that”. So, it lived! I have seen that happen other times in my life, so why would I shortchange God now? Just let God be God! He will be anyway!

I had a house one time I was trying to sell. I took the furnace out of it and moved it to another house. Then this guy was telling me, “you can’t sell a house without the furnace in it”. I was in the basement, and I thought he was outside of the house, and I **said**, “house, you are sold in Jesus' name”. I turned around and he was standing there, and said “you talk to houses”? I said, “I am talking to my mountain”. Then along comes this lady, a week later and she gave me cash. Not only that, but she gave me five-thousand dollars more than what I was asking for it. Pretty good huh? That is just how God works, and I believed Him. I am glad I took the furnace out. I was up a furnace and five grand!

You know God has given us dominion. If we do not believe we have earthly dominion, we won’t exercise it. *“Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcame them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.”* 1 John 4:4 (AMPC) If I am not confessing that, I am not really possessing that, right? *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* Luke 10:19 (KJV) Who are you? I am telling you who you are in Christ and the authority that you possess! Every time the enemy comes along and tells you that you are defeated, you must remind him that you are not defeated, and you never will be defeated! You are more than a conqueror in every situation! *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”* Romans 8:37 (NKJV) Why? It is because you have the Everlasting Word of the Everlasting God.

HIS WORDS HAVE CREATIVE POWER

Jesus laid out this example over, and over again. It is in Matthew 12, and then also in Matthew 15, and the disciples still couldn’t get a hold of this. *“When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to*

them, "Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Matthew 15:10-19 (NKJV) That is why we need a new heart!

God says I will take that stony heart out of you, and I will put in a new heart. I will clean you up. I will show you My statutes. I will sprinkle clean water on you. Isn't that good? "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV)

You see we are sanctified by the truth. However, we cannot read just a little bit of the Bible, and go around and confess a whole bunch of baloney, right? **It does not work that way.**

IT ALL DEALS WITH WHAT COMES OUT OF OUR MOUTH, WHAT GOES INTO OUR EARS, AND WHAT GOES INTO OUR HEART

This was Jesus speaking here in Mark, "Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given." Mark 4:24 (NKJV) I cannot sit around and watch a bunch of baloney and think it is doing my spirit any good. Do you understand? If you do that it will rob you of what you have been made an heir of.

I have had gardens around here for years, and the worst thing that can happen is when a tumbleweed rolls through your garden, because you will be pulling tumbleweeds for years. Isn't that right gardeners? How can

that tumbleweed roll through there, and leave hundreds of tumbleweeds behind? Almost unbelievable, but still yet it happens. *“My son, attend to my words; incline thine **ear** unto my sayings, Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for **out of it** are the issues of life.”* Proverbs 4:20-23(KJV) God meant it when He said guard your heart with all diligence. The Amplified Classic says it this way, *“...guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard...”* Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC) We are to guard our hearts, above everything else that we guard in life! The idea is, God has some people who are serious about His Word, and they are real with this deal. I am trying to help you out and get you to realize, God says what He means, and He means what He says. We are talking about possessing the kingdom.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 (KJV) *“...now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.* Matthew 11:12 (KJV)

HIS KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD -YOU CANNOT PURCHASE IT.

You can go to every Bible college in this country, and you can get every doctor's degree, and everything else but that won't change anything for you.

YOU'VE GOT TO CONFESS IT. YOU'VE GOT TO MEAN IT. THEN YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE IT, IF YOU WANT IT.

The kingdom of God dwelleth in you, yes, that is God's Word. That is what it says right? **IT IS WITHIN YOU!!!** It is dwelling in your midst. *“...behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”* Luke 17:21 (KJV)

I called a friend of mine who needed a healing, and he was listening to Bible tapes, isn't that awesome? He knows the source, right? God sent His Word, and what did it do? It healed them! *“He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.”* Psalm 107:20 (NKJV) We live in an electronic age. You can get the Word of God several

different ways. iPods, CDs, radio, DVDs, mp3 players, cell phones, tapes, and many other ways, right?

If you study this gospel here, you will see that there is so much power in His Word. When God's Word is living, and alive in your heart it has a power that is phenomenal. *"And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them], 1 Corinthians 2:4 (AMPC) That is pretty good, isn't it?*

When I used to go to the prisons the guys would tell me, "this is real to you". They would go on to say, "this is alive, and living to you". I have yet to go to a prison where the continued meetings did not triple, because they know that it is real. You are not there playing some religious game. They know that the Word of God is living. You are not ordained of man; however, you are **ordained of God**. *"A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven."* John 3:27 (KJV)

**THIS IS ALL IN THE BIBLE, BUT IT HAS TO COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH,
AND GET INTO YOUR EARS, AND INTO YOUR HEART.**

That is the problem with AA. People have been confessing, "I am an alcoholic" for twenty-seven years, or however long. Now, let's think about this for a moment, *"[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins."* Colossians 1:13-14 (AMPC) *"For sin shall not have dominion over you..."* Romans 6:14 (KJV) Our confession really should be, **"Sin shall not have dominion over me as long as I live!"** YES, THAT SHOULD BE OUR CONFESSION. That is the confession that is going to get you set free! *"Who gave (yielded) Himself up [to atone] for our sins [and to save and sanctify us], in order to rescue and deliver us from this present wicked age and world order, ..."* Galatians 1:4 (AMPC) **"I am delivered from this present evil world"**. This is a confession that is going to get you delivered,

not just another program! The programs are there, and it grieves me, and I know it grieves God. I told our church years ago, “it is a shame that AA delivers more people than the church”. It is a disgrace; I am being serious and upfront with you. I have seen people delivered from alcoholism instantly. I have also seen people get deliverance, but they had to go through a season. It is different for everyone, some people can have just a glass of wine, and some cannot. I will just put it that way. I am not a religious person. I am real with the deal. Only God can set you free, and how is that?

**YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE!
IT IS THE TRUTH THAT YOU “KNOW” THAT MAKES YOU FREE.**

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32 (NKJV) What happens if I quit continuing in the Word of God? What happens if I lose the very truth that is making me free right now? I would be right back into bondage as I was years ago. This building could not contain the people that are in this town right now, that have let themselves go back to the world, because they quit praying, and quit reading His Word, and speaking His Word over their lives. There are some people, that get set free, healed, and delivered for good. Then there are those who get healed and maybe keep their healing for a year or so, and then they end up right back where they were. Why? It is all due to their confession.

Prayer—Father in Jesus name, we thank You for Your tremendous Word today dear God, Your Word is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and Spirit. Father, we know that Your Word is living energy, it is alive and active. We praise You for Your Word today, dear God. Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. We thank You today Father God, that we are Your mouth. We are Your hands. We are Your feet. We are Your temple. We are Your vessels today. Father we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency and the power maybe of You, and not of ourselves today. We thank you Father God, as we take this mighty sword of the Spirit, and we begin to deal with the situations in our lives, in this country, and the nations of the earth today. In Jesus Name. Amen

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CONFESSIONS

I thank You Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Word says, and I declare that:

1. I am the temple of God, and His Spirit dwells in me. I am the body of Christ. Sin has no dominion over me. I overcome evil with good. 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 6:14; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:21

2. I have authority and power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing can hurt me. I am of God and have overcome the enemy, for greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. Luke 10:19; 1 John 4:4

3. I am safe, secure and without fear of evil because I listen to You. I fear no evil for You are with me and comfort me. Proverbs 1:33; Psalm 23:4

4. I am far from oppression; I do not fear. No weapon formed against me shall prosper, for my righteousness is of the Lord, and whatever I do will prosper for I am like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water. Isaiah 54:14 & 17; Psalm 1:3

5. I am delivered from this present evil world, for it is the will and purpose of God concerning me. Galatians 1:4

6. No evil will befall me neither shall any plague come nigh my dwelling. For God has given His angels charge over me and they keep me in all my ways, I walk in the way of righteousness, in my pathway is life and there is no death. Psalm 91:10-11; Proverbs 8:20; Proverbs 12:28

7. I am a doer of God's Word. I am blessed in what I do. I meditate on Your Word, day and night, and You make my way prosperous, and I have good success. James 1:22,25; Joshua 1:8

8. Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law. Therefore, I forbid any sickness or disease to come upon this body. Every disease, germ, or virus that touches this body dies instantly through the stripes of Jesus. Every organ, and every tissue functions to the perfection in which God created it to function and I forbid any malfunction in my body. Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:5

9. I am an overcomer. I overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of my testimony. I am born of God, and I overcome the world through faith in Jesus the Son of God. Revelation 12:11; 1 John 5:4,5

10. In the Name of Jesus, I am submitted to God the devil flees from me, because I resist him. I keep myself, and the wicked one does not touch me. James 4:7; 1 John 5:18

11. Your Word is forever settled in heaven. I will never forget Your precepts, for they give me life. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. Psalm 119:89, 93; Psalm 118:17

12. I am blessed in the city, blessed in the country. Blessed is the fruit of my body, I am blessed when I come in, and blessed when I go out. Blessed in all I put my hand to. I am a lender not a borrower. I am the head and not the tail; above only, and not beneath. I have abundant life. Deuteronomy 28:3,4,6,12,13; John 10:10

13. I delight myself in the Lord and He gives me the desires of my heart. Psalm 37:4

14. I stand on Your Word that says, I have given, so it has been given unto me. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For what measure I use, it will be measured back to me. I sow bountifully and therefore I reap bountifully. I give cheerfully, and my God has made all grace abound toward me and I have all sufficiency in all things and have an abundance for every good work. Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

15. In my life there is no lack, for my God supplies all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

16. The Lord is my shepherd and I do not want. For Jesus was made poor, that through His poverty I might have abundance. Christ is in me, and my spirit is alive because of righteousness. No man shall take me out of His hand for I have eternal life now. Psalm 23:1; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Romans 8:10; John 10:28-29

17. I have received abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness and do reign in life through, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17

18. The Spirit of Truth abides in me and teaches me all things and guides me into all truths. I have perfect knowledge of every situation and every circumstance in life, for I have the Wisdom of God, and I let the Word of Christ dwell in me richly in all wisdom. I know all things. John 16:13; John 14:26; James 1:5; Colossians 3:16; 1 John 2:20

19. Jesus has made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. I have the wisdom of God and I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21

20. I am filled with the knowledge of the Lord's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, I have discernment of spiritual things. Colossians 1:9

21. I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. I have the mind of Christ and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 2:16

22. I have put off the old man and put on the new man, who is renewed in knowledge which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness. Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24

23. I receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God, and that the eyes of my understanding are being enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling. Ephesians 1:17-18

24. I am not conformed to this world, I am transformed and renewed in my mind through the Word of God. Romans 12:2

25. I am increasing in the knowledge of God. I am strengthened with all might according to His glorious power. Colossians 1:10-11

26. I trust in the Lord with all my heart, and I lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge Him, and He directs my path. Proverbs 3:5-6

27. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Psalm 138:8

28. I follow the Good Shepherd; I know His voice and the voice of a stranger I will not follow. John 10:4-5

29. I am delivered from the power of darkness, and I am translated into the kingdom of His dear Son. Colossians 1:13

30. I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

31. The joy of the Lord is my strength. The Lord is the strength of my life. Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 27:1

32. The peace of God which passes all understanding keeps my heart and my mind through Christ Jesus. I meditate on true, noble, just, pure, lovely, kind, excellent, and praiseworthy things. Philippians 4:7-8

33. I let no corrupt communication proceed out of my mouth, but that which is good to edify, that it may minister grace to the hearer. I speak evil of no man. I grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, Who has sealed me unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29; Titus 3:2; Ephesians 4:30

34. I speak the truth of God's Word in love and grow up into the Lord Jesus Christ in all things. Ephesians 4:15

35. I let the peace of God rule in my heart, and I refuse to worry about anything. Colossians 3:15

36. I will not let the Word of God depart from before my eyes, for it is life to me and health and healing to all my flesh. Proverbs 4:21-22

37. God is on my side! God is in me now! Who can be against me? He has given unto me all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Therefore, I am a partaker of His divine nature. 2 Corinthians 6:16; Romans 8:31; 2 Peter 1:3-4

38. I am a believer and these signs do follow me. In the Name of Jesus, I cast out demons, I speak with new tongues, I lay hands on the sick and the sick do recover. Mark 16:17-18

39. Jesus has given me the authority to use His Name, and whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever I loose on earth is loosed in heaven. Therefore, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I bind the principalities, the powers and rulers of darkness of this world and cast down spiritual wickedness in high places and render them harmless and ineffective against me or my family. Matthew 16:19; John 16:23-24; Ephesians 6:12

40. I am complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. I am His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God has before ordained that I should walk in them. Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 2:10

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and be glorified, even as it is with you.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:1

“So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed”

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