

two
kinds of
MAN

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APPRECIATION

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PREFACE

So many assumptions has been made over the ages by various schools of thoughts, about the person of Man; who he is? Is man god? And where is man from? The answers to this quest can only be found in the scriptures.

This book “Two kinds of man” is an exposition of the spiritual man and the natural man. It has established the fact that the natural man (soulish nature) is done away with in Christ.

An insight is given to how the first man Adam (a living soul) lost his dominion over the earth to the devil and from then on man became a servant to sin. God came with an excellent judgment and plan which put an end to Satan's dominion over the creature through the death

of Jesus Christ. God said to the devil “the seed of the woman will bruise your head”. This promise made by God in Genesis 3:15 brought about the call of Abraham (Genesis Chapter 12). God blessed Abraham and said to him “I will make of thee a great nation” (Genesis 12:2) and later made an everlasting covenant with Abraham to be God to him and his seed in their generations (Genesis 17:7).

The promise was to a seed as of one, which is Christ and not as many. The seed God promised to Abraham was not Isaac or Jacob but Christ (Galatians 3:16). Jesus Christ victory over sin through death, brought the New Creature into being. The New Creature is the life of God in a man who have received the life of Jesus Christ as his life.

The concluding part of this book, touched briefly on the Holy Spirit. His workings in and through the spiritual man, is clearly explained.

chapter One

A PREVIEW ON TWO KINDS OF MAN

Let me give clarity to some of the terminologies used in the scriptures during the creation of man; it will aid our understanding more on the subject “Two kinds of Man”

Make and Create: These two words were interchangeably used in the scriptures especially the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

See **Genesis 1:26(KJV)** *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”*

In Genesis 1:27(KJV) we saw the word create been used “So God created man in his own image”

Image: God planned man to look like Him in shape and character.

Likeness: Means similar.

Him: The word 'him' used in Genesis 1:27 refers to the man God created. The correct word for 'him' in the scripture is 'male' and 'female'. Therefore the man God created in Genesis Chapter One was both 'male' and 'female'. In Genesis 1:26B the phrase “let them have dominion” was used meaning that God gave responsibility to two persons here and not one person. In the beginning, God created them male and female (man and woman).

Formed: Meaning to mold, shape. God molded the human body from the dust of the earth.

Dust of the ground: The word for 'dust of the ground' refers to elements of the earth. The bones and organs of the human body were composed from the elements or substances of the ground (Genesis 2:7A).

Breath of life: Breath of life means physical life, to make alive, to exist.

Soul: Animated, conscious. The soul is 'life to the body', the breath that God breathed into the nostril was the physical life when Adam's body was formed.

MAN IN GENESIS 1:26-27 AND MAN IN GENESIS 2:7

GENESIS 1:26-27(KJV) “....And God said, Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth”

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created He them”

GENESIS 2:7(KJV) “....And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”

The first time we came across the word 'Man' was in the scriptures contained in the Holy Bible. To know the origin of man and to understand who man is, we must go to the scriptures and find out what it says '**Man is**'. Today science is trying to propound theories of what it thinks man is but in all of its discoveries it still cannot tell exactly who man is. The only authentic source that revealed who man is; is the Word of God because Man is God's creature. Therefore God's word in the Holy Bible is the only source that could and should tell who man is.

The scriptures said “God created man” (Genesis 1:26). The man God created in the beginning lived in the realm of the spirit first, the day God spoke him into being.

See Genesis 2:4-5 (KJV) “....These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground”

The whole creation was a supernatural act of God's Spoken Word acted upon by the Holy Spirit. God spoke that the creation should come into existence. He spoke everything to being and it was so. When He wanted to make man He spoke words “**let us make man**”. Man came out of God's Spoken Word. The Word of God is Spirit and carries with it, the ability to bring

forth life anytime and anywhere.

See John 6:63(KJV) "...It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"

The man in Genesis 1:26-27 was the spirit man which lived in the realm of the spirit the day God created him. God's plan and purpose for man is for him to be in dominion and reign on earth over all creations (habitants of the sea, the land, the air and over all activities in the earth). God wants His glory expressed on earth, and of all of God's creatures, man was the only creature God made with intelligence, character and ability to act like Him and to manifest His glory.

See Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV) “...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”.

See also

Psalm 8:4-6(JKV) “...What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of

*thy hands; thou hast put all things
under his feet:"*

Now let's look at the scriptures in *Genesis 2:7(KJV)* “...*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”*

The very moment God spoke the word “**let there be**” existence took place in the realm of the spirit. God is a Spirit, He sees everything in the spirit realm. This was how He saw the creatures and He said “**they were good**”.

The man in Genesis 2:7 was the first man Adam; whose body was formed from the dust of the ground. God made man in His likeness. The first man Adam was made with an intellectual

ability to reason and make choices. This is the function of his soul. The soul has the mind where reasoning takes place.

God gave Adam the authority and power to be in-charge of the earth, over the creations and to be responsible for how things go on the earth.

See Psalms 115:16(KJV) "The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

The earth is a material world (physical) but its activities are governed from the realm of the spirit. I will like to establish at this point that for man to live and operate on earth; God gave him a body that suit life on earth.

*1 Corinthians 15:38-40(KJV)
 "...But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another."*

The body terrestrial is the body that God clothed man with when he was formed from the dust of the ground. It is a natural body.

1 Corinthians 15:44B (KJV) "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body"

The natural body is the body that every human being living on earth is clothed with. It is what gives man the right of existence here on earth. The celestial body is the heavenly body, which is not visible to the physical eyes; it is a spiritual body.

See again *1 Corinthians 15:44B (KJV)* “...*There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body*”.

Believers in Christ Jesus, who are born again are clothed with a spiritual body when they depart this physical world to be with the Lord; it is a glorified body.

See *2 Corinthians 5:1(KJV)*
“...*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a*

building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”.

The scriptures in 1 Corinthians 15:45 said the man molded from the dust of the ground in Genesis 2:7 was **“A living Soul”**.

*See 1 Corinthians 15:45(KJV)
“...And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit”.*

Now, when the man's body was formed from the dust of the ground, he was 'lifeless' and God breathed on him (Adam) to receive physical life (the soul). That breath was the right to life on earth; it was the right to interact with the creations; the right to reason and to make choices.

chapter two

THE NATURAL MAN - THE FIRST MAN ADAM

Did God create Two Kinds of Man? Or what happened?

*I CORINTHIANS 15:45-46(KJV)
“...And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. How be it that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47A (KJV)
*"...The first man is of the earth,
earthy"*

The scriptures in 1 Corinthians 15:45-47A reveals there are two kinds of man. And that the first man Adam, was a living soul and he's from the earth (earthy).

Let us now see the personality of **"The Natural Man", who he is?**

When Adam was created according to the scriptures, he was made a living soul; he wasn't a life giving spirit. The life in Adam was the physical life (the soul). But his nature was not yet corrupted.

See *Genesis 2:7(KJV)* *"...the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed*

*into his nostrils the breath of life;
and man became a living soul"*

Adam's nature was corrupted as a result of his disobedience. He became subject to Satan willingly when he made the choice to obey the serpent (the devil). Apostle Paul said if a man yield himself to unrighteousness, he is servant to sin. If he yield himself to righteousness, he become servant of righteousness. (Romans 6:16(KJV))

The soulish nature was corrupted the moment Adam sin. From then on man born into the kingdoms of this world through natural birth, are born with the corruptible nature, enslaved to satanic manipulations. But thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, the Lord from heaven who came to reconcile all things to Himself, and set up a spiritual kingdom of the righteous; totally free from satanic manipulations.

See Luke 7:2 (KJV) "...For I say unto you, among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he"

The first man Adam related with things on earth through the senses (sight, taste, smell, feel and touch). The scriptures said that Eve saw with her physical sense (her eyes) that the tree was good for food, but God said it was not good for them to eat of. How come Eve did not perceive that this was a trap of the devil to make her disobey God's instruction, hereby abrogating her dominion right to the devil?

Let's see Genesis 3:6(KJV) "...And when the woman saw that the tree

was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

God created Adam with ability to make right choice. This was the reason God gave them instruction of what to eat and what not to eat.

See Genesis 2:16-17(KJV) "...And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"

Knowledge! Accurate and sufficient knowledge brings us awareness, and based on that which we know, we take decisions that finally reflect in our choices. God expected Adam to choose wisely and rightly. Adam was aware the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not good for them to eat, because God told him ahead of time. They lost their dominion right to the devil because they chose to obey Satan's voice, instead of making the right choice.

When God formed the man (male and female), He put the man in-charge of the earth; the earth was strictly Adam's responsibility to take care of. This was the authority God gave to them. When they lost control over the creations by the wrong choice they've made, they were subject to the devil willingly by choice. They became servants on earth, subject to death (sickness,

disease, failure, limitation, poverty, sufferings and all evils).

God's word, which is God's instruction to Adam was all they needed to exercise their dominion. They didn't need to depend on the outside (the senses) to make choices. What God had said to them (which is His word) was supposed to be the basis for their actions. Moses the prophet of God, said to the Israelites in the wilderness that God's plan was for them to live by every word that He had spoken to them.

See *Deuteronomy 8:3(KJV)*
“...And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live

by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live”

Everything was made by the word of God; whether they be visible or invisible. Therefore all things are answerable to God’s Word.

See Colossians 1:16(KJV) “...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.”

The man that functions with the word of God sees things from God's view point and has insight into God's will. He is not confused about

the will of God because he depends only on God's word. God's word gives him the ability to do right; that's righteousness.

[The scriptures said that Adam heard the voice of God, how was he able to hear the voice of God? It was because Adam was God's creation made in the likeness of God. He was created with intelligence by God so he could hear the voice of God; the same way the plants, herbs, beasts etc, heard the voice of God's word and they came forth. God made them with intelligence to hear and obey His spoken word]. Jesus Christ knew this secret about the creations. He spoke to the creatures and they heard and obeyed Him. God is omnipotent.

God made Adam master over the creations. God made everything to obey Adam but he lost his mastery over creations when he, by choice

gave his dominion to Satan. Since then the soulish man became a victim to Satan's tricks.

It wasn't God's plan for the first man Adam to be dominated in the earth. God gave man the dominion over the creatures. All the animals came to Adam to receive their identity and whatever identity Adam gave each of them they abide so. (GENESIS 2:19 KJV)

What a mandate Adam lost. Satan became lord over the natural man after the fall of Adam. The spiritual man is not a victim of Adam's fall. He is not subject to the elementary forces of the earth (Colossians 2:20)

THE CARNAL OR UNGODLY MIND (TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOUL).

The generations of the first Adam could not walk in God's status, which is love; they were by nature evil because of sin.

Genesis 6:5(KJV) "...And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

God's word is His will and answer to every issue and problem in life. God did not bring Adam into the world and left them in ignorance-totally unaware of what to do. The first thing God gave them was His word to instruct and guide them on what to do (Genesis 1:28).

I want us to give attention critically to this. God said to them (Adam) “be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, subdue the earth, rule over the fishes in the sea, over the fowls of the air, and over every living thing on the earth”. This is God’s direction for them(Adam).

When Satan the deceiver came, all Adam needed to do was to keep focus, that is, take hold on God's instruction to them which was very clear. God said they should be in-charge but they took a decision outside God's word and they lost their dominion; they became corrupted (evil in nature).

Adam's disobedience separated them from God's word; His instruction. They were no more in-charge on earth because they willingly violated God's instruction to them. How will they now live and fulfill their purpose on earth,

since they are separated from God's commandments? God said they should have dominion over the earth. They will have to depend on their senses and not God's word anymore to live in the earth. The LORD told them earlier, if they make the wrong choice they will be corrupted, DIE.

See Genesis 2:17(KJV) "...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die".

Understand that the natural man is destructive (carnal) in his thoughts. He thinks, sees and acts evil because by nature he is a servant to the devil; full of evil and journey in darkness. The carnal mind is anti-godliness. The carnal mind opposes God's word and cannot be submissive to God. He is an enemy of God by deeds.

See 1 Corinthians 2:14(AMP)
“...But the nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless, nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them {of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them} because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated”.

The natural man waits to see first and respond by what he can see externally through the physical eyes, because he is cut-off from God's word. He is limited in life and always at the peril of the devil.

The natural man is manipulated by his master the devil at will; what a terrible state to be! Having the tendency to destroy himself any time; full of evil, because he has not the Spirit of God in him. He is enslaved to fear, hatred, bitterness, envy, jealousy, malice and all evils (Colossians 3:6-9). He carries out the will of Satan, because Satan is his lord. Jesus said to the Jews (carnal men) that the will of the devil they will always do.

See John 8:44(KJV) "...Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it."

The carnal mind delights in evil. The senses leads him to destruction. He cannot see when evil is coming, and he is always troubled; not having peace in him. The carnal mind is in enmity with God.

See Romans 8:5-7(KJV) "...For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit "for to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be"

TRANSACTIONS OF THE BODY (THE NATURAL MAN)

The real man is the inward person. For the first man Adam, the soul was the inward man and the blood is the life of his body; but for the spiritual man, it is not so. The soul (inward person) is responsible for every outward expression of his body. You can now understand the reason why the natural man act the way he does. The soulish man (natural man) act in fear and his body is a servant to all manner of evils. (Romans 7:14-25).

The activities of his body, is controlled by his corruptible mind (the soul). The activities of the natural man through the body does not please God. The body is a slave to his corruptible nature, the soul. His mouth speaks evil and blasphemy; his eyes envy and lust after what does not belong to him. His hands share blood

and take that which does not belong to him. His hands bring sorrow to others; his feet moves him to destruction.

See *Galatians 5:19-21(KJV)*
“...Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”

On a certain day the Scribes and Pharisees came

asking Jesus why His disciples don't wash their hands before meal? The Jews have a tradition of hand washing before meal. They believe if a man does not wash his hands before eating he will be defiled in the body. Jesus Christ said to them that what defiles the body, is not eating with unwashed hands; rather if a man's nature is defile, it will automatically affect his body.

See *Matthew 15:17-20(KJV)*
"...Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceeded evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things

which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man”.

The carnal man lacks the will to tame the body. His members are trained to express evil because his nature is corruptible.

THE NATURAL MAN BEFORE GOD

Anyone who is not born again is a natural man, living in the old sinful nature. He is unsaved, born a natural man, a sinful soul living in a body; an object of wrath and destruction (Ephesians 5:6). The natural man is cut off from the life of God, subject to the devil and limitations of this world. He is hopeless, helpless and a victim of the wiles of the enemy. He cannot love; he lusts after things daily. He is not an authority in the realm of the spirit because he is a natural man.

See *Ephesian 4:17-18(KJV)*
"...This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. Having the

understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart”

The state of the natural man is death; a pitiable creature. Jesus Christ came to die for the sins of all men, to bring to an end the works of the enemy over man and His resurrection brought in the new man (spiritual man). Jesus is the life of the world and any man who believes and receives Him have the life and such a one is passed from death (natural man) into life (spiritual man).

See John 5:24(KJV) “...Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting

life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”.

The reason why the gospel is preach is for men all over the world to believe and receive the life of the second man, the Lord from heaven.

If you are reading this book and you are not born again, it is you I am talking of. You cannot live a soulish man (with your senses) and please God. In the eyes of God, the soulish nature is dead and does not exist. And a day is coming when hell and death will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelations 20:14). Jesus Christ will one day not far from now, judge all things and cast the devil and hell into the lake of fire. God's love towards man is the life of the second man, the Lord from heaven which He has given to man, so man could live in victory and triumph in this

world (1 John 5:11-12).

I trust you are ready to receive the life of the second man, the Lord from heaven?: if so, make this confession with your mouth and believe it from your heart, and you will be saved

Prayer to be born again

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your word says, “whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Act 2:21).

I ask Jesus to come into my heart to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life as my life now. LORD! Romans 10:9 says “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,

thou shalt be saved, "I declare that I am saved, I am born-again; I am a child of God! I now have Christ dwelling in me, and greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). I walk in the consciousness of my new life in Christ Jesus. Halleluiah" AMEN!

If you have said this prayer, congratulations! You are now a child of God (a Son of God)

Now that you are a spiritual man by your relationship in Christ Jesus, your spirit need to be fed for growth. This is done through your constant studying of the word of God; by prayers and fellowship with other believers in Christ. I encourage you to be a member of a Christ doctrine based church, where you live. The Spirit does not eat physical food. Just as you

take in physical food to keep your body nourished so is the spirit. If you fail to feed on the word you will realize your spirit will be weak and will not be able to pick accurately divine signals and information needed for you to enjoy the victorious life here on earth.

The word of God is light; it illuminates your entire life. It is what causes you to see life and its meaning.

See Psalm 119:105(KJV) "...Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path".

True and permanent success is made possible through the light of God's word in the life of a re-created being. How will you know and tell when evil is coming? It is only by the Spirit of God living in you; which is Christ. The born again child of God is alive unto God, he's passed from death into life (John 5:24).

chapter **three**
THE SECOND MAN
- THE LORD FROM HEAVEN

I CORINTHIANS 15:45B (KJV)
“the last Adam was made a quickening spirit”

also

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47B (KJV)
“the second man is the Lord from heaven”

God said to the serpent the devil that he will forever be under and inferior to the seed of the woman, which is Christ the second man.

See Genesis 3:15(KJV) "...And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"

The journey of the second man, the Lord from Heaven (Christ) began in Genesis 3:15. Christ is the seed of Abraham.

See Galatians 3:16(KJV) "...Now to Abraham and his seed were the promise made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ"

The devil was completely ignorant of God's plan when God said that "the seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's heels".

The second man, the Lord from heaven is God who came in the flesh, in a human form to nullify Satan's corruption of the creatures as a result of Adam's disobedience.

See 1 Timothy 3:16(KJV) “.... And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory”

And also 1 John 3:8(KJV) “He that committed sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

The second man, the Lord from heaven was born of the Word of God, that is, He was the word of God.

See John 1:1(KJV) "...In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God".

He came out from God; He was inseparable from God. The word became flesh and came to live on the earth to establish and enthrone God's dominion over the earth from Satan by reconciling all things back to Him.

*See Colossians 1:20 (KJV)
"...And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether*

they be things in earth, or things in heaven."

The word that was made flesh became Jesus. The second man, the Lord from heaven is Jesus Christ. He came in the flesh not to obey Satan but to be obeyed. Halleluiah! When Jesus Christ was on earth, He talked about His Father who is in Heaven. He knew where He came from.

See John 8:23 (KJV) "...And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world."

The scriptures clearly stated that, the second man the Lord Jesus is the word of God made flesh. He is hundred percent human, and hundred percent God (divine).

See John 1:14(KJV) "...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"

The last Adam-Jesus Christ has the life of God in Him, that life is the incorruptible nature of God (The Word of God). He is the same as God; He is not inferior to God. He lived by the power and wisdom of God (The Holy Spirit) and not by the senses. What he felt, tasted, saw, touched and heard did not dictate how things should be for Him. He was led by the Spirit at all times. He had the life of the Father and gave life to everything that made contact with him. He commanded blind eyes to open, deaf ears to hear; the dead He raised back to life. In Him is life. Nothing was impossible with Him because

of the nature of God in Him. He came to put an end to Satan's dominion over man and the creatures. Christ (the last Adam) is "a life given spirit – a quickening spirit".

See 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45(KJV)
"...And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

The Greek word used is *zoopie* meaning to make alive, the indestructible life, the unlimited life. The life of Jesus Christ was unlimited and indestructible; when He was to go to the cross to die for the sins of men, He said to His disciples that He has power to lay down His life and to take it back again.

See John 10:18(KJV) "...No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father"

The scripture in John 6:63 said the word is spirit and is life. The life of the second man, Jesus Christ is not the soul but the Spirit which is the Word of God.

God and His word are one, the same person. The Word became flesh, with an incorruptible nature. This was the first time after the fall of the first man Adam, that men saw God's glory in a man; Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was supernatural, He didn't live by the senses; rather He lived beyond the limitations of men. He was the Word and lived by every word of

God. He was full of grace (divine abilities). He was not subject to the devil unlike the first man Adam, He was always obedient to God's will. He was a master over situations and circumstances. Men in His days could not comprehend Him. But you see, that was God's glory they saw but could not comprehend it. His life was full of unexplainable glory and joy. He was God's glory from Heaven that came to live on earth as man.

See John 1:14(KJV) "...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"

See John 3:13(KJV) "...And no man hath ascended up to heaven,

*but he that came down from
heaven, even the Son of man
which is in heaven"*

CHRIST! "A GREAT NATION"

Christ, is Jesus the anointed. Christ is the life and nature of the second man, the Lord from heaven. Christ is the life of the born again (Col. 3:4)

*See Matthew 16:15-17(KJV)
 "...He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven"*

Christ, is Jesus and His Church. The Church is not the physical building where Christians go for worship. The Church are the born again.

These are believers in Christ who have received the life of the second man, the Lord from heaven.

See Colossians 1:18A (KJV) “....And he is the head of the body, the church”. These are Abraham's seed. See Galatians 3:29 (KJV) “....And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”

There is oneness between Jesus Christ and His church.

See *1 Thessalonians 5:10(KJV)*
“....who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him”.

After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ said to his disciples that they will be translated from the bondage of the soulish man into spiritual men by the Holy Ghost.

See Luke 24:49(KJV) “...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”

Next! He said to them that after they have put on the new man by been born again, they will be empowered with supernatural ability to live above the limitations of the natural man. Then they will start experiencing the victorious life and their victory will be a witness to the unsaved of the life in Christ; and those who believe will be saved. (Mark 16:15-18). This is the state of the Church of Christ.

In Apostle Paul's revelation about the Church, he said “We are of the same body with Jesus Christ, of his bones and of His flesh” (Ephesians

5:30). It takes the Holy Spirit to be a participator and a sharer in the union of Jesus Christ.

See Ephesians 2:18(AMP) "...For it is through Him that we both [whether far off or near] now have an introduction (access) by one [Holy] Spirit to the Father [so that we are able to approach Him].

To be grafted into Christ Jesus is a mystery to the natural man; he cannot understand the life. I have seen men who struggle with the things of God; the reason for this is because they are of the carnal nature (natural men).

On a certain day Jesus Christ told the Jews (natural men) that unless they partake of His death and resurrection they don't have life (spiritual nature). These men on hearing this truth about the new creature could not

comprehend it: they reacted in anger and from then on refused to identify with Jesus Christ any further (John 6:56-66). The church is spiritual. We have the same life with Jesus Christ. He is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:5). When we talk of Christ, it actually means Jesus and His Church. Glory!

ABRAHAM SEED - THE GENERATION OF CHRIST

It is established that Adam's disobedience brought about his separation from his creator. God said to him in

Genesis 2:17(KJV) "...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"

The coming of Jesus Christ was a fulfillment of God's word in Genesis 3:15. Several generations has passed since the time of the first man Adam, to the generation of the flood (the destruction of the world Adam lived in). There were no account that men called upon God or worshipped Him. They were enemies of God; cut off from their creator because of the disobedience of Adam. But in Genesis 8:20 after

the flood, Noah built an altar for worship to God. Noah's sacrifice of worship was accepted by God; he was Abraham's grand-father and for the first time, God made a promise to establish His covenant with Noah and his seed after him; which is Christ.

See Genesis 9:9(KJV) "...And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you"

After Noah's generation passed on, God called Abraham who was from Noah' lineage. God said to Abraham the day He called him **"I will make of thee, a great nation"** which nation is this, that God was talking of in Genesis 12:2? Because there were other nations living on the earth as at then. God was definitely referring to a particular nation, different from those

nations. God made a covenant with Abraham; so let's see the covenant God made with Abraham in the scriptures.

See *Genesis Chapter 17:6-7(KJV)*
“...And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and Kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, TO BE A GOD UNTO THEE, AND TO THY SEED AFTER THEE”

The seed God told Noah about in Genesis 9:9; He repeated the same to Abraham and made a covenant with him. God was interested in the seed and not just Abraham. Secondly, the great

nation God spoke to Abraham about was the nation of Christ. It was not Isaac, it was not Jacob and it wasn't the Jewish nation (The earthly Israel).

See Galatians 3:16(KJV) "...Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and thy seed, which is Christ"

Christ is the Abraham seed according to scriptures, and the nation is the generation of God's children (Sons of God). God is Spirit; therefore the great nation are God's spiritual children living in the earth in their generations that will do the Father's will.

The scriptures in Romans 9:8 stated it clearly that God's children are not the physical Israel as a nation.

See Romans 9:8(KJV) "That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."

The supremacy over Satan and his cohorts of darkness in this world and that which is to come has been given to us-Abraham's seed. Glory! God said to Abraham that his seed (Christ) will always be in-charge of their enemies. The enemy is stripped off power over us; this is so thrilling. We determine the borders of the enemy. This is the beauty, glory and strength of Abraham's seed (the Christ generation).

See Genesis 22:17(KJV) "...That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven,

and as the sand which is upon the sea shore: and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies."

God is faithful to his word and His word is dependable - infallible. In every nation those who trust in God's word don't live a defeated life. His word carries life and gives us the abilities to live triumphantly at all times.

See Psalm 119:92(KJV) "...Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction."

After Abraham passed on, when he had fulfilled his days on earth; God re-affirmed the Abrahamic covenant with Isaac Abraham's son. He spoke to Isaac concerning his seed, which is Christ.

See Genesis 26:4(KJV) "...And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed"

When Isaac passed on, after his days on earth were accomplished; God re-affirmed again the Abrahamic covenant with Jacob who was Isaac's son. This gives us the understanding that Isaac was not the seed God told Abraham of, and neither was it Jacob.

See Genesis 28:13-14(KJV) "...And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and

to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed"

Taking a careful look at what the LORD said to Jacob, we observed that the seed of Abraham will spread all over the four corners of the earth, meaning, they will be in all nations: countries and continents of the world. You will observe again from the same scripture that the phrase "families of the earth" was used; meaning, the same people, with the same nature, with the same life and character, will be seen all over the world in their generations. This is why they are called families. These are the Abraham seed, which is Christ.

Jacob latter became Israel when he had a divine encounter, which transformed his destiny.

See Genesis 32:28(KJV) “....And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”

All of these journey beginning from Noah to Abraham and finally to Israel (Jacob), was only leading to the generation of Christ (Abraham seed).

The story about Jacob's life was indeed remarkable. Jacob had twelve sons who later became the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. When it was time for Jacob to depart the earth, he gathered all of his twelve Children together and by the inspiration of the LORD, spoke

about God's plans for each of them (their future).

When Israel (formerly Jacob) was speaking about the future of his son Judah, he said to Judah “The kingship (rule) over Israel will not depart from Judah, until Shiloh come (which is Christ); and unto Christ (Shiloh) shall the gathering of the people be” meaning when Christ comes into the scene all attention and nations will be focus on Him, bringing an end to the law and prophets. Glory!!!

See *Genesis 49:9-10* (KJV)
“...Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stopped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a

*lawgiver from between his feet,
until Shiloh come; and unto him
shall the gathering of the people
be”*

Establishing this facts about Abraham's seed from the scriptures, helps us to understand the journey of the spiritual man-Christ; the new creature.

We must understand that God's transaction with the children of Israel was because of the promised seed Christ; they weren't the sons of God. **Christ was the focus.** From the first man Adam until Christ, the sons of God were not revealed. The Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus to live in Him, empower Him supernaturally as God’s son and for the first time God publicly declared that Jesus was His Son.

See *Matthew 3:16-17(KJV)*
“...And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”

The second time in scriptures that God said Jesus was His Son was when Jesus Christ was transfigured before his disciples (Peter, James and John) on the mount, in the witness of Moses and Elijah which represent the law and the prophets.

See *Matthew 17:1-5*(KJV)
“...AND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him”

Jesus Christ came in the flesh as a man. His blood was the only acceptable sacrificial offering for the sins of the whole world. Sin must be condemned in the flesh (body), for the reconciliation of all things by Himself and to bring in a new man; the new creature. (*Hebrews 10:4-10*)

Jesus Christ offering as a sacrifice for sin through death, ushered in a new and living way for man (*Hebrews 10:20*). His victory on the cross paved an access way to the Father for all men. The scripture in *Act 4:12* said, Jesus Christ is the only way for salvation for all men in the earth.

There are those who because of ignorance and corruption of their minds, are still seeking the way to God. Jesus Christ is the way, there is no other way to God except Him. Just take a close

look at religions of the world; men are setting for themselves their own ways to reaching God but the question to ask is "Do they know who God is?" Most of these religions based their practices from the holy bible which they've misunderstood and have wrong interpretations of. This is dangerous because the lives of many all over world are being misled and destroyed by these religions daily.

See! It take the Holy Spirit in us to have an accurate understanding of the scriptures and it applications. The Holy Spirit is the author of the bible. (II Pet. 1:20-21)

The God that the religions of the world are seeking for, came in the flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ and gave life to the world; that is the life of 'the New Creature' (the born again).

See 1 Timothy 3:16(KJV) "...And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"

They did not receive Jesus Christ then, when He came in the flesh; even as some are rejecting Him today. Men reject Jesus when they reject the gospel about Christ which we preach to them. These men are deluded, working in deception of religion and blindness of their minds.

The gospel of Christ is the putting to an end, of Satan's dominion over man. The gospel of Christ is the manifestation of God's love to man. God gave man the superior nature over the

devil. This is the gospel and any other news outside this is mere religion, having no power.

See *1 John 4:9(KJV) “...In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him”*

Jesus Christ came from the Father (John 8:42B). He was the only one who boldly declared that “He is THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE”. No religious leader in the world had or can boldly and truly say this.

See John 14:6(KJV) “ ...Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”

We are living in the last and final dispensation (Christ) in God's agenda for the whole world. When God said to the serpent that “the seed of the woman will bruise your head” He was talking of Christ victory over Satan. We are the Christ generation: we subject, subdue and rule in the midst of the enemy. We've arrived in the scene now, glorious things are spoken of us because our nature is the supernatural nature, better than the soulish man (Psalm 87:3).

The world could not have known God unless they see us, the generation of Christ. God shines from us now.

See Psalm 50:2(AMP) “Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth” Glory!!!

chapter four

ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal life is the life of the spiritual man. It is the life of the second man, the Lord from heaven. Eternal life is the indestructible nature of God, which is not subject to death: sickness, disease, failure, poverty, lack and evils. It is the life which is superior above Satan and his cohorts of demons. It is the life from heaven. It is the life that quickens the dead. God's word is eternal life. Jesus Christ came forth from the word of God with that eternal life.

See 1 John 1:2(KJV) "...For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us"

The life that Jesus lived while He was on earth was eternal life. He came to reveal God's plan for man. Man's responsibility is to believe in Jesus Christ, that He is the life of the world and without Him there is no life. The life in us the born again is eternal life - indestructible.

John 5:24(KJV) "...Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life"

Jesus Christ is the author of eternal life and He gives this same life to as many that believe in him and receive Him today. Eternal life is God's life in the new creature; same life with Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:11-12(KJV) "...And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"

Eternal life is the life of the spiritual man. It is the life Jesus Christ told Nicodemus about, which he could not comprehend.

*See John 3:1-4:6-7(KJV)
 "...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 again when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born again? (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again"

Jesus Christ was the first, to live on earth with the supernatural life here on earth. The supernatural life is a life of constant victory. The Holy Spirit is the one who enables the believer to live the supernatural life. It was the Holy Spirit that enabled Jesus Christ to live above sin on earth. The scriptures tells us that He was tempted just like we are tempted today but He was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15B).

See Act 10:38(KJV) "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him"

As Believers in Christ Jesus, we are empower by the Holy Spirit with the supernatural life in this world; therefore we don't sin, because by nature we are righteous.

See 1 John 3:9 (KJV)
“...Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God”

Jesus Christ is the giver of eternal life. He is eternal life; and he gave us believers in Christ eternal life when we got born again (John 10:28). Eternal life is to be lived now on earth and not when we get to heaven. Jesus Christ has set up a spiritual kingdom in the heavens where we the born again now live in this world. That kingdom supercedes the earthly kingdoms.

See Ephesians 2:6 (KJV): “And hath raised us together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”.

chapter five

SONS OF GOD

Who are we?

The Holy Spirit gave birth to Jesus (Matt. 1:18), but when His fullness came and dwell in him, He became the only begotten of the Father (John 1: 14). His resurrection from the death made room in heaven for uncountable numbers of men; the saved ones to obtain the status of God's Sons (Hebrew 2:10(KJV)).

Today any man who believe on the redemptive work of Christ at Calvary and makes confession of his/her believes in Jesus Christ;

automatically receive the status of God's Son's. God's sons are those who have received eternal life and live only by God's Word. These are spiritual men, not natural men (Romans 9:8).

Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection brought salvation to mankind; it is the legal aspect of salvation. Those who accept and confess their beliefs on the redemptive work of Christ at Calvary are saved; this is the vital aspect of salvation, which is righteousness at work in a man.

The moment a man receives Christ as his Lord and Saviour, the human nature is immediately supplanted by the Spirit of God. That man is no longer a natural man but a spiritual man.

See John 1:12-13(KJV) "...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; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”

Beloved! Now we are the Sons of God. The world can't tell us who we are, we are like Jesus and lights of the world. We are the ones that bring God praises here on earth, and He's glorified in us; He has accepted us as His beloved Sons.

See Ephesians 1:6(KJV) “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

THE STATUS OF GOD'S SONS

1). **Fruits of redemption:** As Sons of God we came from redemption and have the same life with Jesus. (Hebrews 2:10).

See *John 15:5A (KJV) "...I am the vine, ye are the branches"*

2). **Influence by the Spirit:** As Sons of God, we are not ruled by the senses; we live daily by the Spirit.

See *1 John 4:13(KJV) "...Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit"*

3). **Ecclesias (Called Ones):** As Sons of God, we are the Church of Jesus Christ called the body of Christ.

See *Colossians 1:18A (KJV)*
*"...And He is the head of the body,
 the church" Glory!*

4). **Now citizens of heaven:** As Sons of God we came from heaven; and we live now in heaven in this world. We don't depend on the world or her ways of doing things. We are blessings to the world.

See *John 3:13(KJV)* *"...And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven"*

See also *John 3:31(KJV)* *"He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthy, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all"*

5). **Diplomats from Zion:** As Sons of God we are not marching to Zion; we've arrived in Zion the city of the living God now. We live in God's kingdom while in this world. We are peculiar spiritual diplomats to the nations of the world.

See *Hebrews 12:22-23(KJV)*
"....But ye are come unto Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect"

6). **We have insight into life:** As Sons of God, we live daily by the knowledge of our inheritance in Christ. We have insight into the secrets of life, with supernatural

understanding. We can determine how things should go with us through the word of God.

See *1 Corinthians 2:15(KJV)*
"...But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man"

7). **God's Righteous Ones:** As Sons of God we've been made God's righteousness in Christ Jesus. God made us so; in right standing with Him. We have ability (grace) by the Spirit to do right and fulfill God's will at all times.

See *2 Corinthians 5:21B (KJV)*
"....that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"

8). **We have direction for life:** As Sons of God we perceive and have knowledge of how things

should go from within us, through the Word of God in us. We don't see or depend on the physical eyes. We perceive and have insight of what to do and how to do what we should do by the Spirit of God.

See Psalm 119:105(KJV) “....Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”.

9). **We behave like God.:** As Sons of God we have the characters of God's personality manifested and expressed from us; which is Love. Therefore we are full of Joy, Peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance which is self-control. (Galatians 5:22). We don't struggle to love, that's our nature. We grow daily in love, and it is normal for us to walk in love all the time.

10) **Cultured by the Word.:** As Sons of God, we live by God's Word. We are instructed by the word of God and we train ourselves always to move in the direction of the word.

See Romans 8:14(KJV) "...For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"

11). **Christ, our life:** As Sons of God we've put on Christ as our new identity. The old is gone and buried. We think, talk and act by God's word. We've been baptized into Christ.

See Galatians 3:2 (KJV) "...For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ".

To be baptised in the scripture above, is not water baptism; rather it is “the New Birth”, which is, to be born again.

12). **Mentally Sound:** As Sons of God we have the mind of Christ. We meditate on God's word and the word gives us the mindset of victors.

See 1 Corinthians 2:16(KJV) “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ”

13). **We go upward and forward only:** As Sons of God, we journey on a glorious path' in life. Through the scriptures, we are aware of the past; and have accurate understanding of the present and the picture of a glorious future in Christ.

See Proverbs 12:28(KJV) "...In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death".

See also Proverbs 4:18(KJV) "...But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

We don't wait to arrive at the future before we can tell that tomorrow will be great. From the present we already know through God's word that the future is glorious for us. We are not afraid of the future, it really does not matter how challenging the beginning may be or the difficult processes we may go through in life. There is a mind-set in us, and we know that irrespective of what we may face in life; there is

only one outcome: *“For we know that all things work together for our good” (Roman 8::28)*. We refuse to think impossibilities because there is no death in our path way. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE with us. Glory!

14). **No past in Christ:** As Sons of God we don't have a past in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our old nature was crucified with Christ on the cross. No more existence or transfer of generational curses; it doesn't exist in Christ. When we were born again we were transported from our earthly lineage into Christ, therefore the negative transactions of our earthly kinsmen and their effect do not have a hold on us.

See *Romans 6:6 (KJV)*
“...Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be

destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin”.

See also Galatians 2:20(KJV) “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”

16). **Prosperity in our nature:** As Sons of God we prosper in all we do. The environment or country we live physically has nothing to do with our prosperity, rather we determine the well-being of such place. We carry God's presence with us everywhere, that's our life. We are influential and we influence things to work in our favour by the Holy Spirit in us. It is not

the location that matters, what determines success for us in life, is the location where we are now, which is Christ (Colossians 1:27).

See Psalm 1:3(KJV) "...And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever He doeth shall prosper" Glory!

THE GODLY MIND (THE SPIRITUAL MAN)

It is the mind of the Spirit; a mind centered on God's Word. The word of God should be our thoughts as spiritual men. God's word is life and as we focus our mind on the word, it cause us to see and speak life all the time.

Proverbs 23:7 said "as a man thinks so is he". The mind is a great asset that God gave to man.

[Jesus Christ focused his mind on the Word, that was the reason for his victory when he was tempted. He spoke based on the abundance of scriptures stored in his mind and was able to subject the body to do the Father's will. His thoughts were always aligned with the Word]

As spiritual men, we don't lust through our minds. Our minds stay on God's word. Jesus

Christ did not live by the senses (the sight, feeling, smell, taste and touch); He had spiritual perception. His Spirit took hold of God's word at every situation. He subjected his mind to divine instruction and did please the Father always.

See John 8:29(KJV) "...And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him"

There is a connection between our thoughts and the words we speak. Words are pictures of thoughts form in our minds. If we see and think wrongly, it will show in our talking; and it will be seen in our actions (Matt. 12:37). As believers, we must constantly renew our mind with the Word of God. Training our mind with

God's word, helps us to subject the body to do God's will at all times.

Think anew. Don't see yourself as the same old person. Understand that you are now Christ. You don't belong to your earthly lineage anymore. God sees you glorious, victorious and triumphant over the world. Maintain the discipline all the time to think and see yourself through God's word. Don't limit yourself in this life through the standards of carnal men.

See Ephesians 4:23(KJV) "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind" See also Romans 12:2(AMP) "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs,] but be transformed (changed) by the

[entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the things which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]

Beloved! In Christ, we don't focus on challenges or troubles. We keep our minds constantly fix on the word of God even in trails. We meditate on the word of God day and night. The more we meditate on the word of God, the more we are conditioned to become one with the word and by default we will act the word. [Being at peace irrespective of what is going on in the world]

See *Colossians 3:15(KJV)* “...*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful*”.

See also *Joshua 1:8(AMP)* “...*This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success*”

I would like to state here, that the account of Jesus’ life recorded in the scriptures, shows to us how our lives ought to be in this world.

The more of God's word in us the more we glow in Him. His word is our real person. The spiritual man is God's word in flesh: We shine, reign and exercise dominion on the earth over the creations by the word of God. We see life, understand life and speak only by the word of God (Psalms 119:130).

OUR BODY, GOD'S TEMPLE

The real man is our spirit and not our physical body. We control the body through renewing of the spirit of our mind, in the way of the word. The word of God always keeps us in perfect peace.

See Isaiah 26:3(KJV) "...Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"

Our body is edified by God's word. If sickness invade the body, righteousness gives the body life and a defense against infirmities.

See Romans 8:11(KJV) "...But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the

dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"

We control the body and it deeds from our tongue (James 3:2B). As we speak God's word we go in the way of life; no death in our pathways daily (Psalm 23:3)

Our body is not use as instrument for evil or unrighteousness. We act in love and instruct the body to respond with love. It is important for us to understand that our bodies are spiritual temples where God's business: [righteousness, cleanness, godliness, holiness, peace, joy, goodness and soul winning] is carried out daily. Our works should bless the lives of others and bring glory to God.

See *1 Corinthians 6:19-20(KJV)*
"... What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Our mouth speaks forth righteousness only. Our words carry life with it and those who hear us receive instruction for life and they live (Ephesians 4:29). Glory!

Every action, be it in words that you see men express outwardly is from within. When a spiritual man talks and acts, you see righteousness in manifestation because of God's word at work in him. When an ungodly

man (natural man) speaks and acts you see unrighteousness in manifestation. What determines the expressions and outward manifestations (characters) you see men exhibit is from their inward man. The spiritual man has the nature of love, joy, peace, goodness, gentleness, temperance, longsuffering, faith, meekness. These are the outward manifestations you see the righteous express through the body.

chapter Six
THE NEW BEGINNING
– THE HOLY SPIRIT

The new beginning is when God came to live in man. This was not possible in the dispensation of the first man Adam. God spoke through prophet Ezekiel about His Spirit that He will put in man (the new creature) Ezekiel 36:27. God also spoke through the prophet Joel of this new beginning (Joel 2:28). The Holy Spirit coming to live in the believer in Christ is the new beginning of an extra-ordinary life of victory; which is living godly in this world.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

See *Genesis 1:2B (KJV) “...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”*

The Holy Spirit is God.

See *1 John 5:7(KJV) “...For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*

The worlds were made_“framed” by the Holy Spirit. He created the heavens and the earth (Genesis Chapter 1). When God spoke during creation, it was the Holy Spirit who went into action to bring into existence the creations as spoken by God.

The Holy Spirit is the author of the scriptures. He inspired godly men with abilities to write the scriptures.

See 2 Timothy 3:16(KJV) “...All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”

and also 2 Peter 1:20-21(KJV)
“...Knowing this, first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”

The operations of the Holy Spirit has being, since creation; right from the dispensation of the old. The Holy Spirit led the Isrealites from Egypt through the wilderness. It was the Holy

Spirit that was with them like a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21-22 & 14:19-20). During the era of their judges, [Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson], it was the Holy spirit who influenced them to carry out specific assignments; but He never lived in them (read Judges Chapter 3 to Chapter 13)

The Holy Spirit was the one that came upon King David to do great works in his days (1 Samuel 16:13). David was able to defeat Goliath because of the anointing of the Holy Spirit that came upon him.

All the prophets of old, the likes of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Obadiah, Micah, Zephaniah and Zechariah who spoke about Christ, were all influenced by the Holy Spirit; but they never had the Holy Spirit dwelling in them .

The Holy Spirit gave birth to Jesus; he's the Father of Jesus.

See Matthew 1:18(KJV) "...Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost"

See John 14:10(KJV) "...Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"

The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus Christ for the

godly or supernatural life while He was in the earth.

See *Acts 10:38(KJV)* “...How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him”

The Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church of Jesus Christ (study the following scriptures: Acts 1:5, Act 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:31-32, Acts 6, Act 9:31). He is the life of the Church.

See *Luke 24:49(KJV)* “...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”

Without the Holy Spirit no man can be born again. He is the one that convict the world of sin unto righteousness.

See John 16:8(KJV) "...And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"

The Holy Spirit is the Lord of the harvest; without His enablement and influence; evangelism / soul winning will not be fruitful (reaping of souls into the kingdom of God).

See Luke 10:2(KJV) "...Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest"

Our worship, prayers, praises and offerings are sanctified and made acceptable to God by the

Holy Spirit. God is a Spirit; and it is the Holy Spirit that makes us have an acceptable fellowship with the Father.

See John 4:23-24(KJV) "...But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"

Without the Holy Spirit the faith life is not possible. The faith life is the life of the New Creature who is a born again.

See Philippians 2:13(KJV) "...For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure"

ENCOUNTERS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are two compulsory experiences everyman on earth must and should have. The first is the baptism of the Holy Spirit; this is an encounter for a rebirth, that brings salvation. The Holy Spirit convicts the natural man of sin. He cause the unsaved to believe the gospel of Christ when they hear the preaching of the gospel of Christ, and all He's done for mankind.

This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is same as being born again. Example of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was Cornelius and his household in Acts 10:44-45. Jesus Christ before ascending back to heaven told His disciples about this new birth by the Holy Spirit, that they will be baptised with.

See Act 1:5(KJV) "...For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence"

In similar case was in Ephesus, when apostle Paul met twelve men who were disciples of John the Baptist; and they were not born again. Paul preached Christ to them, they were convicted, got born again and that same moment received the in-filling of the Holy spirit (Act 19:1-7).

The second experience is the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. This was what the disciples of Jesus Christ experienced during the celebration of the feast of Pentecost at Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-4). They were empowered to live the godly life. Their personalities were completely taken over by Christ, He was now the new life in them; visible

for all to see outwardly.

One of the evidence's that proved they've received the Holy Spirit was speaking in tongues. Speaking in other tongue is the language of the Spirit. Study the scriptures carefully, you will observe that every time believers receive the Holy Spirit they spoke in other tongues the same moment.

Without the Holy Spirit the things of God will not make meaning to man. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us insight and perfect understanding of the word of God.

See *1 Corinthians 2:14(KJV)*
"...But the natural man receiveth not the things of Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned".

If you are born again and have not experienced the in-filling of the Holy Spirit; desire him. He will make your journey in this life blissful (John 16:13); and you can constantly be filled with the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brings God's presence to us and make God's presence real to us.

See Isaiah 63:9A (KJV) "...In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them"

EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A CHRISTIAN

Speaking in tongues and prophesying are two of the fundamental evidences of the presence or indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer in Christ beside others. The account of the early church show this. Immediately the disciples of Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4, about one hundred and twenty of them, they spoke in tongues.

When the household of Cornelius heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ through Apostle Peter, they were baptized by the Holy Spirit, (born again), and they all spoke in other tongues that same hour (Acts 10:44-46).

You recall again in Ephesus, how the Apostle Paul led twelve men to Christ and they received the Holy Spirit that same moment and spoke in other tongues and prophesied (Act 19:5-6).

Glory!!!

Speaking in tongues is not a gift of the Holy Spirit, reserved for some Christians. It is a spiritual language of communication between us and our heavenly Father. When you are speaking in other tongues, you are talking to God one-on-one direct (1 Corinthians 14:2).

Speaking or praying in tongues builds your faith in Christ daily and makes you to be alert in the spirit to pick spiritual signals quickly and accurately (Jude 1:20). When your spirit is attuned to divine frequency you avoid evil easily and able to work in God's plan.

The Holy Spirit in a believer in Christ teaches him all things (John 14:26). It is the Holy Spirit who reveals or gives us insight into the secrets of life and we can know all things.

See *1 John 2:20(KJV)* “....*But ye*

have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things”

The Holy Spirit in the life of a believer in Christ makes the glorious future known to him in the present and guides him on to how to journey in the path of victory.

See John 16:13(KJV) “...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come”

If you gave your life to the Lord Jesus Christ through studying of this book, or you are born again and have not receive the Holy Spirit, you can receive the in-filling of the Holy Spirit as you are reading this book now; so you can be empower for the godly life.

Prayer to receive the Holy Spirit

Say this prayer by faith:

Father in the name of Jesus, I thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to us the believers in Christ to empower us to live the supernatural life and to be a witness of the gospel of the grace of God to the world. I receive this moment the Holy Spirit into my life to influence me in all righteousness. I receive right now by faith the utterances to speak in other tongues and prophesy of your greatness to the world, thank you Father, thank you Lord Jesus, thank you Holy Spirit for giving me the ability to speak in tongues as I open my mouth now, glory!

The unction is on you now! Go ahead and release your tongue in faith to speak in the language of the Holy Spirit as He grant you utterances. Make sure you open your mouth now and speak in other tongues, don't keep quiet; is an act of faith.

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO US.

See the scriptures in *John 14:16(AMP)* “....And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever”

According to the scripture above, the Holy Spirit:-

(1). Comfort us in every situation in life. He brings ease; and peace to our lives.

See *2 Corinthians 1:3-4(NLT)*
 “....All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source

of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us"

(2) He is our Helper in this world. He brings help our way; even in trouble times. We are not helpless.

See Psalm 46:1(KJV) ".....God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"

(3) The Holy Spirit enables us to carry out 'Intercessions/prayers in accordance to God's will. The Holy Spirit have a perfect understanding of all things and God's will for us. Therefore He guides us to pray in the right direction always.

See *Romans 8:26-27(KJV)*
“...Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

(4) The Holy Spirit advocate on our behalf. He's always on time to orchestrate the right circumstances that make things work in our favour. He intervenes on our behalf; even in critical times.

See Psalm 149:4(AMP) "For the LORD takes pleasure in His people, He will beautify the humble with salvation and adorn the wretched with victory"

(5) He is our Counselor. He gives advice and direction to us on what to do and how to do. He makes the future clear to the believer.

See John 16:13(KJV) "...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come"

(6) He strengthens us from the inside with the right abilities at all times.

See *Colossians 1:11*(KJV)
*“...Strengthened with all might,
according to his glorious power,
unto all patience and
longsuffering with joyfulness”*

(7) He is the standby. He is always there to go along side with us. He never leaves us in life's journey frustrated. He is the secret for our daily victories. He simplify life for us in difficult situations.

See *John 14:16*(KJV) *“...And I will
pray the Father, and he shall give
you another Comforter, that he
may abide with you forever”*