

How To Prepare To Be Qualified To Serve In The Army Of Jesus Christ

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Brothers and sisters in Christ I only ask this of you. I pray that you be open minded like the people of Berea in Acts 17:10. Please search the scriptures day after day to check up on what I have written in this booklet by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit witness to you and see if it is the truth.

We are in the latter days of the last days and we should be asking ourselves hard questions. How do we know if we are Christian soldiers prepared for our daily battles and the tribulation battle that is ahead; being overcomers until the end and loving our lives not unto death? How do we know if we are awake, dressed and prepared for the Master when he comes again? How do we know if we are using the key of knowledge and wisdom entering into the kingdom of God not being hindered by the instruction of man? How do we know if Christ is among us?

Paul said we are to examine and test ourselves making sure we are not reprobates being unworthy or unacceptable in our service to Christ? **2 Corinthians 13:5** *5 Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine. Test yourselves. If you cannot tell that Jesus Christ is among you, it means you have failed the test.* (NLT)

If we are to examine and test ourselves, doesn't there have to be a standard that we must compare to? Would that standard at least have to be the teachings of Jesus Christ and Paul? Jesus obeyed the Father in all things and Paul obeyed the teachings of Christ and lived his life as Christ did. Jesus set the example coming from heaven, was born of woman and did his work as a man by the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul followed the example of Jesus Christ. So how do we know that Jesus Christ is among us or in us that we may do the works Jesus did and greater works than his?

Brothers and sisters to know and be prepared we must search for the truth and cry out to God for more truth of God and power from God that will make us ready to serve in the army of Christ. God will hear our cries and it will be given. But are we ready to accept what the Holy Spirit will reveal and how he will reveal his message? Are we so bound by our finite thinking as to who God is and how he operates by the Holy Spirit; that we turn God off fearing that evil spirits are directing us? Or are we so wrapped up in the box that we have made God out to be that we even reject the truth of the Word of God because it does not fit our thinking on how we are to serve God? Where is our faith? Jesus asked the question—'will he find faith when he returns'. **Luke 18:8** *8 I tell you, he will grant justice to them*

quickly! But when I, the Son of Man, return, how many will I find who have faith?"
(NLT)

It is by faith that we serve God. **Romans 1:17 17** *This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."*
(NLT)

What is this faith we need to have to serve God? **Hebrews 11:1-3 1** *What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see. 2 God gave his approval to people in days of old because of their faith. 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.* (NLT)

How do we allow our faith to grow as we work out our own salvation daily with fear and trembling? **Romans 10:17 17** *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* (KJV)

Is it by faith alone that we serve God? No, we must have works with our faith because faith alone is dead. Look at the statement James made about faith alone. **James 2:14 14** *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?* (KJV) and **James 2:26 26** *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.* (KJV)

What are these works James is speaking of? Is it love thy neighbor as thy self and do unto others as you would have them do unto you? Is it doing the works that God has planned for you on this earth? How do we know what those works (the will of God) are in our life? What if the works we think we are doing for God are all in vain and are actually works of iniquity when we are judged on that day? Will our works be burned and we will be saved as by fire or will Jesus speak and say depart from me you who work iniquity?

If we truly want to serve God and his Kingdom in the army of Christ, then we must be in the Word of God putting off the old man and putting on the new man in the image of Christ allowing our faith to grow. If we are going to walk in the image of Christ, we must become like Christ and obey his teachings in the four gospels. We must let the Holy Spirit, the one sent by the Father in the name of Jesus, become our teacher. The Holy Spirit is the one who will guide us into all truth and he will show us things to come. **John 14:26 26** *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.* (KJV) **John 16:13-15 13** *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. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All*

things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (KJV) How do we know when the Holy Spirit has come? Read on for the answer.

If the Holy Spirit is to be our teacher, then what must we do to be able to communicate with the Holy Spirit to receive what Jesus Christ said we shall receive? Paul asked a very important question in Acts. It would do us well to look at that question. *Acts 19:2^a 2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?*** (KJV) Why did Paul ask this question to the believers he found? Did he discern by the Holy Spirit there was a problem? Could it be he was obeying the commands of what Jesus taught him and are commanded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts?

What are the teachings and commands of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts?

Matthew 28:19-20 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. (KJV) It is mandated from heaven the authority to teach and observe what Jesus commanded. We must observe and obey the commands of Jesus Christ because that is the standard we must test ourselves with to see if we are worthy and acceptable in our service to Christ. But what else to we need from heaven besides the authority given to by Jesus Christ to do these works? Read on and the answer will be found below in Luke 24:49, which is after Mark 16.

Mark 16:15-18 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV) Jesus said these signs shall follow us. Jesus did not say maybe or might. How many of us confessing Christ and saying we are believers has just one of these signs following us? What must we do to have these signs follow us? I will be bold and make this statement. If all believers in this day would take the time to compare and test ourselves and measure up to the standard of Christ's and Paul's teachings we would all have one of the signs in Mark 16 following us. What is that sign? Read on to find the answer

Luke 24:49 49 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. (KJV) Again how are we endued with power? There is only one way and that is

by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit fills you what will be the evidence? Some Christians will state that they received the Holy Spirit when they were born again by confessing Jesus Christ. Continue this study and you will find by the Word of God that statement is incorrect. There are two births, one of water to receive the Spirit of Christ and one of the Spirit to receive the Holy Spirit. Read on to find the answers and proof.

John 3:3-7 ³ *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.* ⁴ *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?* ⁵ *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* 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.* (KJV) Jesus said we must be born again to see and born of water and Spirit to enter into the kingdom of God. We as professing Christians cannot pick and chose what we want to obey from Jesus' teachings. We must obey all of what Jesus taught to be his disciples in this day with signs following us as described in Mark 16. We must examine and test ourselves.

Acts 1:4-8 ⁴ *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.* ⁵ *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* ⁶ *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?* ⁷ *And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* ⁸ *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* (KJV) We need the Holy Spirit and power. We must wait and receive that power by the Holy Spirit that we may enter into and serve the kingdom of God according to Jesus' commands. We must be born again of water and of the Spirit. What happened to those who waited being born of the Spirit and received power? The answer is found in *Acts 2:1-4* ¹ *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* ² *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.* ³ *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* ⁴ *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* (KJV) This answers the question of the one sign that is to

follow all believers from Mark 16 in Acts 2:4. The answer to the question of what happens to us when the Holy Spirit fills us is found in Acts 2:4.

Many Christians will claim they followed, obeyed ate and drank with Jesus. But when he comes again and he shuts the door, look what he told those workers of iniquity that were doing evil. This is the stern warning Jesus gave in *Luke 13:28 28 "And there will be great weeping and gnashing of teeth, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets within the Kingdom of God, but you will be thrown out.* (NLT) They did not obey Christ's commands and could only see the kingdom and were thrown out. How sad it will be for those many who think they can serve God their way and enter into the kingdom. They never examined or tested themselves.

Jesus shows us that we must have the Holy Spirit and power for signs to follow us. One of the signs is speaking in new tongues, which is the evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism. Did the apostles fully understand what Jesus spoke in Mark 16 before he was taken up into heaven? I would say not, especially about speaking with new tongues. Most of the other signs listed in Mark 16 the apostles did when Jesus gave them the authority and sent them out in -- *Matthew 10:7-8 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.* (KJV) This was part of their training and in that training they received understanding when casting out devils and healing the sick themselves and their faith grew daily. Only on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came and filled them, did they understand the speaking with new tongues.

Consider this thought. Here are the twelve apostles that were taught by Jesus and by the authority of Jesus had cast out devils and healed the sick. But now Jesus told them to wait for the Holy Ghost before doing any of the works Jesus did. They obeyed Jesus along with the others in the room that day numbering about 120. If any people were ready to do the works of Jesus it would have been that 120 and yet they waited and obeyed. Have we examined and tested ourselves and obeyed? Or do we go out because man said we were ready and told us to go and we did so without searching the scriptures?

Let us review what Paul did with the 12 or so believers. *Acts 19:2-7 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the*

Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. ⁷ *And all the men were about twelve.* (KJV)

Acts 19:5-6 proves there are two baptisms. One is born of water to receive the Spirit of Christ. One is born of the Spirit to receive the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the evidence. Search the other scriptures in Acts for further proof of receiving the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. The Word of God gives witness to itself.

Paul knew the truth and the truth had set him free. He tested himself by the standards of Jesus Christ. He obeyed all the teachings of Jesus Christ and brought the message of the Good News according to the commands of Jesus Christ. He corrected the errors of the teachings of others. Then the twelve or so men could continue to receive further teachings from the Holy Spirit and were set free from the bondage of incomplete teachings and were able to enter into the kingdom of God.

Paul wrote that he depended on the power of God to seal his message of the Good News. ***1 Corinthians 2:1-5*** ¹ *Dear brothers and sisters, when I first came to you I didn't use lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God's message.* ² *For I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and his death on the cross.* ³ *I came to you in weakness--timid and trembling.* ⁴ ***And my message and my preaching were very plain. I did not use wise and persuasive speeches, but the Holy Spirit was powerful among you.*** ⁵ ***I did this so that you might trust the power of God rather than human wisdom.*** (NLT) Later in the letter that Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he challenged some of the arrogant people in the church about being big talkers or whether they really had God's power. He also stated that the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. ***1 Corinthians 4:18-20*** ¹⁸ *I know that some of you have become arrogant, thinking I will never visit you again.* ¹⁹ *But I will come--and soon--if the Lord will let me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people are just big talkers or whether they really have God's power.* (NLT) ²⁰ *For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.* (KJV)

Paul carried the teachings of Jesus with writings and examples as shown in his letter to the church at Corinth. ***1 Corinthians 6:11*** ¹¹ *There was a time when some of you were just like that, but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.* (NLT) or the Kings James reads ¹¹ *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

Paul examined and tested himself and lived by example and spoke the Good News obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ. I pray that you will let the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the truth and be set free from the bondages of the paradigm walls

erected about who and what the Holy Spirit is and what his power is about. Then you can examine and test yourself to see if you have been truly set free by knowing the truth.

We must have the Holy Spirit and power this day to do spiritual battle against Satan and his kingdom to keep him defeated in our lives. **Ephesians 6:10-13** **10** *A final word: Be strong with the Lord's mighty power.* **11** *Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil.* **12** *For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.* **13** *Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm.* (NLT) The armor of God is Spiritual power from the Holy Spirit and we put it on and wear it by faith. Some will say that the armor only protects our front side with our backside uncovered exposed to the devil. That is an invalid statement made by many. The glory of the Lord protects us from behind or is our rear guard. **Isaiah 58:8** **8** *"If you do these things, your salvation will come like the dawn. Yes, your healing will come quickly. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.* (NLT) When we have the Holy Spirit and power, God is our protection and our defense shield. We live under his shadow.

Listed below are verses showing the workings of the Holy Spirit and power from heaven in the lives of God's people of old. It shows why we need that power today. I pray that the commentary after each scripture will help open your eyes and you will receive greater understanding of the Holy Spirit and power that you may examine and test yourselves against the standard of the truth which is the Word of God.

Luke 1:35 (NLT)

35 *The angel replied, "The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the **power** of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.*

But while Mary was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. The child within her had been conceived by the Holy Spirit. The power, the miracle working power of the Most High from heaven is the Holy Spirit in operation as he comes upon those as directed by God. If we come into disagreement with God or question God's ways, we could be chastised like Zechariah was when he would not believe Gabriel a messenger of the Lord. He was not allowed to speak until his child was born.

Luke 24:49 (NLT)

49 *"And now I will send the **Holy Spirit**, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the **Holy Spirit** comes and fills you with **power** from heaven."*

1. That the Holy Spirit might be upon and in them, a sanctifying comforter, fortifying their souls and bringing to their remembrance whatever Jesus had before spoken to them.

2. That their preaching might be accompanied by the Holy Spirit's demonstration and power to the hearts of their hearers, so that they might believe and be saved.

3. That they would be able to work miracles to confirm their pretensions (a claim or an effort to establish a claim) to a Divine mission and to establish the truth of the doctrine of Christ they preached.

4. God changes not and Jesus Christ is always the same. What right do we have in trying to do the Lord's work without waiting for the Holy Spirit and power? Look at the statement Peter made in *Acts 5:32* **32** *We are witnesses of these things and so is **the Holy Spirit**, who is given by God to those who obey him.*" (NLT)

How many in this day are without the Holy Spirit and power thinking they are doing God's work, but are in disobedience of Jesus Christ's commands? Where in the Bible does it say you no longer need the power and teaching from the Holy Spirit? Where in the Bible does it say that you may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues? Acts 5:32 above says the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Christ. If we are not obeying Christ by finding we have failed the test, it is only with repentance and by asking God's forgiveness that we may receive the Holy Spirit. *Psalms 7:12-13* **12** *If a person does not repent, God will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow. **13** He will prepare his deadly weapons and ignite his flaming arrows.* (NLT)

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

8 *But when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you, you will receive **power** and will tell people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

The disciples were to be made instruments in the establishment of the kingdom of God; but this must be by the energy (power) of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; nevertheless, this energy would be given in such times and seasons, and in such measures, as should appear best to the infinite wisdom of God. Remember God changes not and we are disciples of Christ and sons and daughters of God if we obey the teachings of Christ.

Acts 8:18-19 (NLT)

18 When Simon saw that the **Holy Spirit** was given when the apostles placed their hands upon people's heads, he offered money to buy this **power**. **19** "Let me have this **power**, too," he exclaimed, "so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the **Holy Spirit!**"

When Simon saw and heard those that had received the Holy Spirit speaking with different tongues and working miracles, he offered the apostles money. Simon supposing that the dispensing of the Holy Spirit belonged to them and that they could give it to whomsoever they pleased. When Simon saw them to be poor men, he imagined that they would not object to taking money for their gift. It is probable that he had gained considerably by his sorcery, and therefore could afford to spare some money. He hoped to make it all up by the profit he expected to derive from this new influence. God tests all hearts and knows our thoughts and motives. God gives the Holy Spirit to those pure in heart.

Acts 10:38 (NLT)

38 And no doubt you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.

Peter reminded those around him who Jesus was and what he did and how he was able to accomplish what God anointed him to do. Jesus set the example and told us to follow his example. The apostles in Acts did so and turned the world upside down. If we are in the fullness of Christ we must be doing as Christ did in the four gospels and as the apostles and the early Christians did in Acts. Christ said we would do what he did and greater works, but we must follow Christ's examples and obey Christ's teachings to become like Christ.

Romans 8:12-14 (NLT)

12 So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. **13** For if you keep on following it, you will perish. But if through **the power of the Holy Spirit** you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

If we live after the flesh doing what our sinful nature desires, we shall afterwards die by the flesh; being separated from God and Christ. But if we through the power of the Holy Spirit seek that grace and spiritual help which comes from heaven and by the Gospel of Christ and by resisting, mortify the deeds of the flesh, against which the law gave no assistance, we shall live a life of faith, love, and holy obedience in our life on earth. We will enjoy in this world the things of the world to come, and a life of glory hereafter with Christ. **Romans**

8:23 23 *And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us. (NLT) It is by the Holy Spirit and power that we can be lead by the Spirit. It is by the Holy Spirit and his power that we can break the bondages of the sin and corruption that we have been salves to before we confessed Christ. It is only by the Holy Spirit and power that we can finish the work Christ began and keeping the devil defeated and under our feet. Without the Holy Spirit and power can we keep the devil under our feet and not fall back into world and its wicked ways? Peter gave us this warning--***2 Peter 2:20-21 20** *And when people escape from the wicked ways of the world by learning about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up with sin and become its slave again, they are worse off than before. 21* *It would be better if they had never known the right way to live than to know it and then reject the holy commandments that were given to them. (NLT)*

Romans 15:13 (NLT)

13 *So I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through **the power of the Holy Spirit.***

May the God of this hope who caused both Jews and Gentiles to hope that the gracious promises which he made to them should be fulfilled; and who, accordingly, has fulfilled them in the most punctual and circumstantial manner; fill you with all joy giving you true spiritual happiness; peace in your own hearts, and unity among yourselves; in believing not only the promises which he has given you, but believing in Christ Jesus, in whom all the promises are yes and amen. That you may abound in hope being excited to take more enlarged views of the salvation which God has provided for you, and have all your expectations fulfilled by the power of the Holy Spirit, enabling you to hope and believe; and then sealing the fulfillment of the promises upon your hearts coming to maturity in the fullness of Christ. It is only with the Holy Spirit and power that we may come into maturity and the fulness of Christ in our life.

2 Corinthians 6:6 (NLT)

6 *We have proved ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, our sincere love, and **the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Paul shows us five characteristics that we must exhibit externally as we work out our own salvation daily growing in our maturity and unity in Christ. The sixth characteristic is Spiritual and from heaven. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us power, knowledge, wisdom and ability to prove ourselves in our service to Christ.

Without the Holy Spirit and his power, we are incomplete, incompetent and incompatible having a form of godliness; but denying the Holy Spirit power that can make us godly. **2 Timothy 3:5** *5 They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.* (NLT) Without the Holy Spirit and his power can we pass the test to see if Christ is among us as we examine ourselves?

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

18 *Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.*

Praying in the power of the Holy Spirit is not turning in a grocery list to God. It means that you and I recognize our enemy and he is not of flesh and blood. We lay hold of God for spiritual resources from heaven by praying in tongues. **Romans 8:26-28** *26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.* (NLT) We lay hold of God for that which is spiritual that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. We who truly are serving God must serve him in spirit and in truth because God is a Spirit. Effective prayer must be spirit to Spirit by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then how shall we pray? Paul answers this question in **1 Corinthians 14:14-15** *14 For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. 15 Well then, what shall I do? I will do both. I will pray in the spirit, and I will pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will sing in words I understand.* (NLT) We are to pray in the spirit in harmony with God's will and to pray with words we understand as directed by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NLT)

5 *For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with **power**, for the **Holy Spirit** gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know that the way we lived among you was further proof of the truth of our message.*

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (KJV)

5 *For our gospel came **not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost**, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

This commentary for
1 Thessalonians 1:5
is taken from

Adam Clarke's Commentary.

For our Gospel - That is, the glad tidings of salvation by Jesus Christ, and of your being elected to enjoy all the privileges to which the Jews were called, without being obliged to submit to circumcision, or fulfill the rites and ceremonies of the Mosaic law.

Came not unto you in word only - It was not by simple teaching or mere reasoning that the doctrines which we preached recommended themselves to you, we did not insist on your using this or the other religious institution; we insisted on a change of heart and life, and we held out the energy which was able to effect it.

But also in power - With miraculous manifestations, to your eyes and to your hearts, which induced you to acknowledge that this Gospel was the power of God unto salvation.

And in the Holy Ghost - By his influence upon your hearts, in changing and renewing them; and by the testimony which ye received from him, that you were accepted through the Beloved, and become the adopted children of God.

And in much assurance - **The Holy Spirit which was given you** left no doubt on your mind, either with respect to the general truth of the doctrine, or the safety of your own state. Ye had the fullest assurance that the Gospel was true, and the fullest assurance that ye had received the remission of sins through that Gospel; **the Spirit himself bearing witness with your spirit, that you are the sons and daughters of God Almighty.**

What manner of men we were - How we preached, and how we lived; our doctrines and our practices ever corresponding. And for your sakes we sustained difficulties, endured hardships, and were incessant in our labors.

Remember -- *1 Corinthians 4:20* ²⁰ *For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. (KJV)*

1 Peter 1:12 (NLT)

12 *They were told that these things would not happen during their lifetime, but many years later, during yours. And now this Good News has been announced by those who preached to you in **the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven**. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.*

The prophets did not understand the meaning of their own predictions. They had a general view of God's designs (an outline of what was to be); but of particular circumstances, connected with those great events, they seem to have known nothing, God reserving the explanation of all particulars to the time of the issue of such prophecies. When they wished to find out the times, the seasons, and

the circumstances, God gave them to understand that it was not for them, but for us, that they did minister the things which are now reported unto us by the preaching of the Gospel. This was all the satisfaction they received in consequence of their earnest searching; and this was sufficient to repress all needless curiosity, and to induce them to rest satisfied that the Judge of all the earth would do right. If all succeeding interpreters of the prophecies had been content with the same information relative to the predictions still unaccomplished (to wait upon God to fill in the outline he gave), we would have fewer books with less confusion, and more wisdom.

Even the holy angels are struck with astonishment at the plan of human redemption, and justly wonder at the incarnation of that infinite object of their adoration. If then these things be objects of deep consideration to the angels of God, how much more so should they be to us; in them angels can have no such interest as human beings have. We learn from the above that it was the Holy Spirit in the prophets of Israel that prophesied of Christ; it was that same Holy Spirit which revealed him; and it is the same Holy Spirit which takes of the things of Christ, and shows them unto us. Christ was never known by prophecy, but through his own Spirit; and he never was known, nor can be known, to the salvation of any soul, but by a revelation of the Holy Spirit. It is he alone that bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

Jesus has made it very clear in his Word about being born again to see the kingdom of God and being born of water and born of the Spirit to enter into the kingdom of God. I have read about and heard from Christians saying they want the baptism of the Holy Ghost but they do not want tongues. Brothers and sisters if you have searched the scriptures in Acts, you will have found it is a package deal and a gift from God. *Luke 11:11-13* **11** *"You fathers--if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."* (NLT)

If we are truly students of the Word of God, we will see the need to examine ourselves. If we find that we do not measure up to the standard of Christ, then we must seek the Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We shall then remain standing on that day having defeated all the tricks of the Devil. Don't be discouraged if you ask and don't receive immediately. Don't use the excuse 'I asked and did not receive it must not for me' We cannot use excuses but we must be persistence in our asking as Jesus commanded in *Luke 11:9-10* **9** *"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. 10 For everyone who asks,*

receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. (NLT)

Paul said he laid the foundation, but whoever is building upon that foundation must be very careful. We must ask ourselves how we are building our lives in Christ. Is our foundation on the rock by obeying Christ or on sand by disobeying the teachings of Christ? Jesus and Paul warned us what could happen with improper building.

Let us look at what Paul said in *1 Corinthians 3:10-15* **10** *Because of God's special favor to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. 11 For no one can lay any other foundation than the one we already have--Jesus Christ. 12 Now anyone who builds on that foundation may use gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. 14 If the work survives the fire, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames.* (NLT) Paul said at the time of testing, if our work is burned up we will be saved, but with great suffering. We as Christians do not have to be saved with great sufferings on that day. Let us receive the reward with proper building today in this time by the Holy Spirit and in his power and obeying what he speaks and obey the teachings of Jesus standing ready to receive with great joy the rewards Christ is coming to give.

Jesus gave a greater warning. *Matthew 7:15-23* **15** *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* (KJV) It is the will of the Father that we must do. How do we know what the will of the Father is? It is by the baptism of the Holy Spirit who is our teacher and the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth from the Father.

What was the first warning Jesus gave us in the above scriptures? Who are these false prophets in our day? Are they not found on radio, TV and in pulpits across America and the world? Are they leading the way as Paul did teaching the truth of the Word in Holy Spirit power with signs and miracles following? Are they hiding the key of knowledge as they speak, not entering into the kingdom of God themselves and hindering all that try to enter in? Are they following the example of Jesus Christ as he walked in this world and doing the works Jesus did and greater works? What works did Jesus do? Jesus summed up the works he was doing in Luke 7:22 when John the Baptist sent two of his disciples to question Jesus if he was the Messiah. *Luke 7:22-23* **22** *Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard--the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. 23 And tell him, 'God blesses those who are not offended by me.' "* (NLT) Paul warned us to let no man deceive us with vain words. Ephesians 5:6-7 **6** *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.* (KJV)

Have these 'preachers' listened to the Holy Spirit to find out what the will of the Father is for their lives by obeying the Holy Spirit? Are their fruits the works of Christ or are they working iniquity? Jesus said we can identify them by the kind of fruit they produce. *Matthew 7:16-20* **16** *You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit. You don't pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles. 17 A healthy tree produces good fruit, and an unhealthy tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. 19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. 20 Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced.* (NLT)

Brothers and sisters the Word of God makes it very clear as to what we must do to fully serve and worship God in the spirit and in the truth. Then we will be saved without sufferings and we will not hear 'depart from me you who work iniquity' on the day of our salvation when Christ returns. We ourselves are responsible for our salvation and can blame no one else if we fail or suffer greatly on that day. Paul warned us in *Philippians 2:12* **12** *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* (KJV)

Brothers and sister in Christ what choices are we going to make on this earth in our life time in serving Christ? If we are in the Word of God daily seeking and obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ; our answer to Paul's question "***Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?***" will be yes and amen. We will have found the truth. The truth will have set us free from the bondage of the false

prophets Jesus warned about in Matthew. We will be working out our own salvation daily with fear and trembling seeking knowledge and wisdom and getting understanding of who God is and what God's will for our lives as we serve him. The Holy Spirit will be our teacher and we will be one in Christ as Christ is one with the Father. We will be living our lives as Christ did and doing what he did and greater works when commanded by the Father through the Holy Spirit.

There are many other scriptures in the New Testament that warns us about our salvation. Remember that all the events that happened to the Children of Israel when God lead them out of Egypt were examples and warnings to us so that we will not fall as they did. We are to be holy as God is holy through Jesus Christ and by his shed blood. But if we as Christians sin as the Children of Israel did disobeying God, worshiping idols, feasting, drinking, indulging in pagan revelry, sexual immorality, grumbling, and tempting the Lord and putting him to the test and dying from snakebites, can we expect our outcome on that day when Christ comes to be any different from the Children of Israel? The Children of Israel that refused to believe and enter into the promise land by faith never had their day of rest but died in the wilderness

The Lord Jesus Christ has made us many wonderful promises in his Word. But in all of those promises there are conditions and commands from Christ himself that we are to obey so that we may receive those promises made by Christ.

Remember the warning from Jesus himself-- **Matthew 7:14** ¹³ *"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way.* ¹⁴ *But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.* (NLT)

How many have entered in by the narrow gate and sat down beside the narrow road never seeking the knowledge and wisdom, saying I have Jesus and I am going to heaven? But are they haven bound? Listen to what God says about his people that deny knowledge and wisdom. **Hosea 4:6** ⁶ *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.* (KJV)

Praise God that he never gives up on us and the Holy Spirit is always wooing us, if we will just listen and obey. Study what Solomon wrote about the Holy Spirit and the wonderful promises the Holy Spirit makes to us in proverbs. **Proverbs 8:1-21** ¹ *Listen as wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!* ² *She stands on the hilltop and at the crossroads.* ³ *At the entrance to the city, at the city gates, she cries aloud,* ⁴ *"I call to you, to all of you! I am raising my voice to all people.* ⁵ *How naive you are! Let me give you common sense. O foolish ones, let me give you understanding.* ⁶ *Listen to me! For I have excellent things to tell you. Everything I say is right,* ⁷ *for I speak the truth and hate every*

kind of deception. **8** My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing crooked or twisted in it. **9** My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those who want to learn. **10** "Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge over pure gold. **11** For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can be compared with it. **12** "I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. **13** All who fear the LORD will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech. **14** Good advice and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine. **15** Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just laws. **16** Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments. **17** "I love all who love me. Those who search for me will surely find me. **18** Unending riches, honor, wealth, and justice are mine to distribute. **19** My gifts are better than the purest gold, my wages better than sterling silver! **20** I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice. **21** Those who love me inherit wealth, for I fill their treasuries. (NLT)

As the Holy Spirit calls out to us, if we refuse to listen or if we listen and refuse to obey there will be trouble for us in our life on this earth and on that day when Christ comes again. James warned us about listening and not obeying. **James 1:22-24** **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (KJV) Solomon explains these troubles very clearly if we refuse wisdom and also what happens if we listen and obey wisdom in **Proverbs 1:20-33** **20** Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. **21** She calls out to the crowds along the main street, and to those in front of city hall. **22** "You simpletons!" she cries. "How long will you go on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools fight the facts? **23** Come here and listen to me! I'll pour out the spirit of wisdom upon you and make you wise. **24** "I called you so often, but you didn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. **25** You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. **26** So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you-- **27** when calamity overcomes you like a storm, when you are engulfed by trouble, and when anguish and distress overwhelm you. **28** "I will not answer when they cry for help. Even though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. **29** For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD. **30** They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. **31** That is why they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way. They must experience the full terror of the path they have chosen. **32** For they are simpletons who turn away from me--to death. **They are**

fools, and their own complacency will destroy them. 33 *But all who listen to me will live in peace and safety, unafraid of harm.*" (NLT)

Why sit down on the narrow road being complacency denying knowledge just inside the narrow gate and suffer God's discipline, when we can celebrate our life in Christ with joy and peace. This is not to say we will not suffer in our service to Christ. That is promised in **1 Peter 4:1-2 1** *So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you are willing to suffer for Christ, you have decided to stop sinning. 2* *And you won't spend the rest of your life chasing after evil desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.* (NLT) Why chance losing our salvation by rebellion. Peter wrote in **1 Peter 4:18 18** *And "If the righteous are barely saved, what chance will the godless and sinners have?"* (NLT) Let us fear God gaining knowledge on how to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling by faith and in Holy Spirit power knowing we are walking the narrow path being ready everyday for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is only by Jesus Christ and obedience to Jesus Christ that we have righteousness. **1 Corinthians 1:30 30** *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:* (KJV) **2 Corinthians 5:21 21** *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.* (NLT)

I write this as directed by the Holy Spirit. I write this that the Holy Spirit may convict you the reader of denying sections of the Word of God and not applying the Word of God in your life so that you may fear God. Remember--**Proverbs 1:7 7** *Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.* (NLT) You may ask, why should I fear the Lord? Jesus answered that question in **Luke 12:5 5** *But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill people and then throw them into hell.* (NLT)

At the age of 52 I quit running from God and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior on August 6, 1995. As I studied the Word, I saw the need of the Holy Spirit and power in my life. I prayed and called out to God and he gave the gift in June of 1999. God called me in August 1999 and the Holy Spirit has taught me with signs, dreams, visions, speaking directly to me and has sent me to places for on the job training. I know what my job for God and Jesus is on this earth. It is to harvest out of the current churches the seed and to train that seed to be soldiers for the Church Jesus Christ is coming for. This job will be fulfilled in God's time frame and not mine. This job will be done as God judges this nation of its sin, wickedness murder and idol worshipping. The training has not been easy and I have

made many mistakes, but by asking for forgiveness of my short comings I have been forgiven and I move forward by faith in this service to God doing his works.

I share the following testimony to show how easy it is to put God in our little box with our mind set on what we think Gods will is for us. Thank God, that as long as we walk by faith, believing and obeying the teachings of Christ working out our own salvation with fear and trembling God will gently correct us

When the Lord moved us from Meade, KS to Rogers, AR I have been telling other brothers and sisters that ask the question of ‘what are you doing’ and I have been saying ‘waiting upon God’. The Lord has since corrected me with the answer I have been giving. He said you have been ministering unto me and doing the works I have given you. He then showed me that all of the dreams visions, and recording of his teachings since 1999 was his will for me. And this year his will has been for me to publish the book titled “The Holy Spirit Comforter Teacher and Revealer” in February of this year. The material for the book was from the dreams, visions and teachings I recorded over 3 ½ years. In the spring of this year upon awaking one morning, the Spirit of Christ came into my bedroom and I lay in his present for over thirty minutes. He never spoke a work to me, but after his Spirit lifted I knew I was to write and publish booklets like this one. The booklets are for the seed that is to be harvested out of the churches in judgment, Christians seeking the truth today and to whoever the Holy Spirit says to send them to. In the days to come, Christians will need training material that will bring them to maturity quickly and the training will be intense. This booklet is number 20. I am guided and directed by the Holy Spirit in what God wants taught in the booklets and he is the final editor sometimes down to sentence structure.

I put God in my box by telling those who asked what I was doing by answering waiting upon God, when God was using me. I was blind on how God was using me according to his will until the Holy Spirit opened my eyes even though I was still waiting to do the other job God gave me with a sign.

What if I had never sought the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What if I had refused to record the messages from the Holy Spirit? If I was in disobedience to the Holy Spirit and Christ’s teachings, would you be reading this material today? I still have the other job to do, but in God’s timing. In the mean time I continue to seek knowledge and wisdom daily and minister unto God obeying the Holy Spirit and trying not to put God into a box with my finite mind as to who God is and how he wants to work in my life.

Paul wrote, I work to please God and not man. I make you this promise, if you serve and fear God and fear not man; man will come against you. This can be your family, friends, other Christians, churches and definitely the world who serves the antichrist. But we all must overcome as Christ overcame in the days ahead and in many cases it will be you and Jesus alone standing and confronting crowds of multitudes as Jesus did in his time. But fear not, for greater is he that is

in you and he that is in the world. James wrote that when our faith is tested and it will be tested by doing the works and will of God, that our endurance will have a chance to grow. God blesses those who patiently endures testing and afterward we will receive the crown of life that God has promised those who love him. To love God and belong to Christ we must obey the commandments of Christ. **1 John 2:3-6** **3** *And how can we be sure that we belong to him? **By obeying his commandments.*** **4** *If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.* **5** *But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.* **6** ***Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.*** (NLT) How did Christ live his life? Study the four gospels.

May God bless you with all his blessings as you come into the truth the Holy Spirit teaches freeing you from the millstones of man's teachings and doctrines. In that freedom you can serve God by faith in Holy Spirit power as taught by Jesus Christ knowing what the will of God is in your life and doing the works God wants you to do. Keep this thought in mind of what Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. **2 Corinthians 5:3-5** **3** *For we will not be spirits without bodies, but we will put on new heavenly bodies.* **4** *Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and have no bodies at all. We want to slip into our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by everlasting life.* **5** **God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.** (NLT)

If we deny the Holy Spirit in our lives on this earth, how can we be prepared to receive all the promises of God and the rewards in heaven from Jesus Christ when our tents on this earth are folded up and put away? We live by faith and belief to do God's will, not by seeing. We will all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies and whether we obeyed the law of Christ or rebelled against Christ. Remember what happened to the children of Israel in the wilderness.

What choice do you the reader make concerning the Holy Spirit and power? Will you examine and test yourself against the standard of Jesus Christ to qualify and become a soldier in the army of Christ and serve with other Christians obeying Christ with Holy Spirit power and loving your life not unto death? Are you qualified to serve in the army of Jesus Christ? Are you born again of water and Spirit? Do you have signs following? Is your answer to Paul's question yes and amen? Brothers and sisters time is short and Jesus has spoken--"I tarry not, I come."

Remember Jesus Christ gives the gifts to the church (the leadership) to equip God's people that they will come into maturity and the fulness of Christ. **Ephesians 4:11-13** **11** *He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.* **12** *Their*

responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, **13** until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ. (NLT) In verse 12 the body is to be doing the work of Christ. What work did Christ do? Read the four gospels.

The Holy Spirit gives the gifts to the body of the church as a means of helping the entire church to do the works of Jesus Christ and greater works. **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** **4** Now there are diversities of gifts, but the **same Spirit**. **5** And there are differences of administrations, but the **same Lord**. **6** And there are diversities of operations, but it is the **same God** which worketh all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **9** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: **11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (KJV) Remember churches are not buildings, but two or more believers that meet together in the name of Jesus Christ and he will be in their midst.

In closing remember what the Word says about the LORD and Jesus. **Malachi 3:7** **I am the LORD, and I do not change.** That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already completely destroyed.⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my laws and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?'" (NLT) **Hebrews 13:8** **8** **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** (NLT)

The LORD and Jesus want all to be saved. The prophets of long ago spoke God's warnings by the Holy Spirit to the children of Israel. **Amos 3:7** **7** **Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.** (KJV) The Holy Spirit is still calling out and speaking warnings today through those who have an ear to hear and listen. The following cries from the Holy Spirit shows that God changes not and still warns in these days. As you read these warnings from the Holy Spirit, ask yourself after searching the scriptures day by day, are these warnings any different than the warnings made to Israel by their prophets in the power of the Holy Spirit? **Revelation 3:22** **22** **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.** (KJV)

1. I am your protector when you live under the shadow of My wings and listen and obey My voice. Those who chose Me through Jesus Christ and disobey,

will have the same troubles as those who chose Me not. Walk with ME, as I am your creator and want to be your protector in your life on earth. What is your choice? I have spoken this day.

2. Man thinks he knows all and through My Word, he even tells lies. I change not and Jesus is always the same. I do what is needed to accomplish My ends. The churches have failed Me. My Word is distorted to suit man wants. Do not listen to man and his babbling. Listen to My Spirit and see what I am doing this hour.

3. For not obeying My Word and My Spirit is a sin unto death and the grave.

4. My Word says renew your mind and body upon accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Without this renewal there is no salvation and eternal life with Me.

5. I judge and discipline man for I love him. Without discipline there is no obedience and salvation. I want all to be saved from the grave and death. What will be your choice when trouble comes? Will you chose Me and My ways or the world and its ways? The choice must be made in the days to come. I love all forever, but judgment is final in death and I cannot change the choice man makes before death and the grave.

6. Your church cannot save you, your works cannot save you, your friends cannot save you, your money or live style cannot save you. Only Jesus Christ can lead to salvation and life in heaven. If you fully repent, renew your mind, soul, spirit and body and seek My Kingdom first, then you will have salvation and eternal life. Don't be sold short by mans lies and distortions of My Word. My Word does not lie or change meaning. My Word was alive yesterday, it is alive today and it will be alive forever. I have made the path straight and narrow. I change not, My Word changes not, My Spirit changes not and My Kingdom is alive forever and ever. So are hell and the lake of fire for I made them also. Where do you choose to spend eternity?

7. Man and his doctrines do distort My truths to fit what he thinks My Word says. Examine mans doctrine and My Word. Do they line up? You say, I can't tell. I say you are lacking in knowledge and wisdom of My Word. I ask you, why are you lacking? You don't know. I know, for you are not seeking Me or My Word enough. When you accepted Jesus Christ you became a priest in My Kingdom, but you have failed to devote your time and energy in fulfilling the office. Seek Me and I will give you knowledge and wisdom. By seeking Me, the Devil will flee from you. For I am light and life, I am not death. Again, what is you choice, heaven or hell? I want you in Heaven. I love you. The choice is yours. I tarry not. I come.

8. You are My warriors, My soldiers, My sons and daughters, My children; but only through Jesus Christ My son can you be these things. Only if your mind, soul and body are renewed daily are you these things. I cannot and will not tolerate anything less. Remember you are in a spiritual war. There will be casualties and even death in this war. Remember this is not your home but your battle field. Your home is with me in heaven. Remember your time is not your time but My time. As soldiers you cannot do what much of the world does. Prepare yourself with knowledge and wisdom to reduce your casualties and death. Remember you have the authority, power and might. The battle is already decided and you are the victor IF--. YOU PREPARE, PREPARE AND PREPARE.

9. Many have received Jesus Christ, but not all have received the grace and gifts or the fullness of Christ. Who is to receive the grace, the gifts and the fullness of Christ? Only those who obey Christ's teachings, come into the truth with love and being in unity with Christ.

10. Answer you call as a Christian and be holy by Jesus Christ as I am holy. Accept all My gifts and power by the Holy Spirit. So he, the Holy Spirit can train you and make you ready. I tarry not, I come.

11. The life of a Christian is not about pew setting each Sunday singing a few songs, listening to a twenty minute sermon and discussing the worldly events that were participated in the past week. A true Christian is a soldier preparing daily in My Word, in prayer being filled daily by the Holy Spirit to receive power, knowledge and wisdom being able to stand everyday against the schemes of the devil keeping him defeated by using the full Spiritual armor that is to be put on everyday and using the nine gifts of the Spirit as they are given out allowing all to be overcomers being ready for the day of salvation when Christ comes again loving their lives not unto death. Where is My army this day? My army will be made ready and will be marching before I come. Not all will serve in My army, but the rewards in heaven will be great for those who do.

12. You cannot and must never make any deal with the devil. With his smooth words and sweet talk, he will cause you to believe a pack or covenant can be made with him. He is a liar and will always be a liar. All in the past who compromised their walk with Me to cover up sin are in Hell today. No man wins. All lose. Remember the devil comes to steal. What does he steal? Your soul is his catch. Who represents Satan? Any man or woman or child who will lead My children off of my path. Beware it will be a small compromise to start with and that will be only the beginning. Once the first step is taken other steps will follow more easily.

13. My people have eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear what the prophets are saying about the warning of judgments that I have sent. I change not and my people change not. My people's sins are piled high and wide. The stench is overwhelming to my nostrils. I will judge as in the past and make ready a

remnant that will be my church. Judgments have started and will be completed. Woe unto those who speak words against what I am doing or raising their hands in defiance to me and my remnant. I am God. Read my Word and you will find I change not. You must change to serve me. The old wineskins of past traditions and doctrines must go. Become a new wineskin in me and be part of my remnant. Change not and die or change and die to live.

14. In the days to come I will be present and known to all My people. I again will be the living Word and My Spirit will be known among you. I am pouring out My Spirit upon all My people to prepare them for the final days of this age. Those who accept My Spirit will rejoice in the knowledge and wisdom I will impart to them and the gifts of the Spirit in which they will operate. My church for the closing of this age will be by those who accept all the blessings from heaven that I freely give. Woe to those who deny My Spirit, for they will have no part in My army of the closing of this age.

Revelation 2:29 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

God Bless and Amen.

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