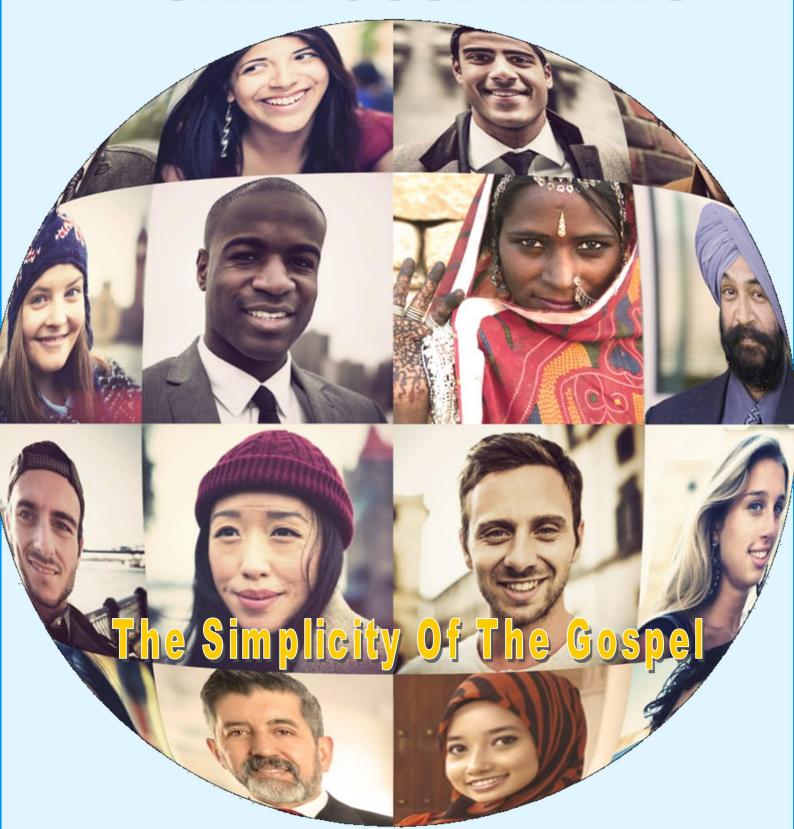
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THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL

IN HIM SHALL ALL THE PEOPLE FIND HOPE

Look at my servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put My Spirit on Him and He will proclaim justice to the nations (Matthew 12: 18 NLT).

The mission of Christ is well stated in our opening bible verse: "He will proclaim justice to the nations."

It means that He will declare the eternal rules of righteousness or the will of His heavenly Father, not only to the single nation of the Jews, but to all nations. One thing is certain, if the world ever needs hope, peace, deliverance and justice from the powers of evil to which they were in bondage, it is now.

Matthew 12: 21 tells us, "And in His Name, that is, in Him, shall the gentiles (nations; non-Jewish people) trust (hope) for salvation, deliverance in the present and eternal" (paraphrase).

I've heard people who tried to interpret the deadly diseases in the world today, as God's judgement or punishment. Some don't even know if God is the One doing it or the devil is behind it. Jesus said in *John 10:10: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly."*

The sign of the last days is clear in Bible prophecy, which tells

us, that as the end draws nearer, the wicked will do more wickedly, because the devil knows that he has a short time.

Revelation 12: 12: "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe tot the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

I want you to settle this in your heart, if you are in Christ, you have nothing to fear. The power of God is superior to all the evil works of the devil.

The Word of God declares in Philippians 2: 9: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him (Jesus) and given Him the Name which is above every name.

Understand that coronavirus is a name of a disease, and therefore it has to bow to the Name of Jesus. It makes no difference that disease or affliction the wicked has afflicted you with: be it cancer, diabetes, lupus, arthritis, leukemia, glaucoma, goiter, stroke, paralysis, blindness, deafness or dumbnes! bring everyone of them into total submission and command them to vacate your body right now, in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

YOU ARE MY SAFE PLACE. 00000000000000000



SAFETY IN THE EVIL TIMES

I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, He will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture (John 10: 9).

There is a flood rising in the world today: a flood of trouble, fear, unrest, panic, chaos, confusion and anxiety.

Just as in the days of Noah, there is only one way to safety. Noah's Ark was designed to save people from the flood, but thank God! Today we have a greater Ark., the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in John 10: 9: "I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

That is to say, If anyone enters by Me, He will be saved or He will find safety; like a sheep in its fold is safe from the wolves. He shall go in and out under the care, protection and watch of the Shepherd.

Sadly too many people have become victim under the prevailing circumstances in the world. There is a continuous rising of wickedness, unleashed by satan and his cohort against the world. As foretold in the scriptures, that the wicked (the devil) will do more wickedly as the end draws nearer." Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knew that he has a short time." (Revelation 12: 12) Jesus Christ is the ark of safety from the evil flood of this end time.

If you'll enter through the Door (Jesus Christ), the good Shepherd you can live in this terrible world with all of its danger and still feel secure.

You don't have to be frightened by the things that are happening around you because even in the worst of times, the Lord will be your Shield and Comfort.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16: 33).





RESTORATION IS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. (2 Kings 5:1)

I would like to draw your attention to how Naaman was depicted in our opening verse. He was described as a man of great influence, powerful, highly respected, honorable, great authority, wealthy and valiant.

Naaman has all the qualities and traits one could wish for in life, but the Bible says: "He was a leper." He had an incurable disease such that all his worldly possession was not able to cure." Leprosy is a type of sin. Leprosy is certainly not a sin itself, but is a symbol of what sin causes or the consequence of sin. Leviticus 13: 44: He is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his sore is on his head.

Certainly there are many people today who believes if they could get plenty of money, fame, power, sex, influence, everything will be just fine...that's not true.

With all the power, fame and prestige Naaman has there were flaws in his life. The bible says he had leprosy.

Everyone has his or her own deficiency or weaknesses in life.

The question is what is your own blemish or the negative

habits that you were not able to overcome in your life?

Naaman experienced the same thing until he had an encounter with God, and his flesh was restored like the skin of a child. 2 Kings 5: 14: "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

If you will obey and embrace God's instruction in the same way as Naaman did, you will experience the healing and restoration power of God. 2 Kings 5:10: "And Elisha sent a messenger to him (Naaman), saying: "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

In this context, restored means to make the spirit, soul and body whole.

Restoration is God's plan for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 23: "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."





The Throne of Grace





COME TO THE THRONE OF GRACE

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

This is an invitation to draw nigh the throne of grace for weary and overburdened souls.

Jesus said:"Come to Me, all you who labor and and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28).

The foregoing clearly shows that true rest is only guaranteed in Jesus Christ. Nothing in the world could satisfy, relief, ease and refresh your souls. This world offers temporary happiness, while God offers everlasting joy. Material things can never satisfy you, they will only increase your hunger for more.

Jesus offers rest that surpasses any sort of rest man can give or provide. In John 4: 13 Jesus said: "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

The Lord distinguishes between the use of the two kinds of water; that one serves the body, and only for a short term, while the power of the other gives perpetual vigour to the soul.

What is the rest Jesus gives?

- Jesus gives us rest from worries and cares of this world. 1 Peter 5: 7: "Casting all your care upon Him (Jesus), for He cares for you.
- Jesus gives us rest from the dominion of sin. John 8: 36: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."
- Jesus gives us rest from fruitless effort. John 15:16: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."
- Jesus gives us rest from living a directionless life. John 8: 12: "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying," I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
- Jesus gives us rest from the enemy of our soul. John 16: 33: "These things I have spoke to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

RESCUED FROM THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS





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"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed (transferred) us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love." (Colossians 1:13)

Our opening scripture above reveals God's original purpose for you, for example, He didn't just want to bring you out of the domain of darkness, He also wants to transfer you into the Kingdom of His dear Son. The power of darkness represents authority, jurisdiction, influence, dominance, grip and control of the devil. There is a great number of individuals, families, and relationships being ruled and influenced negatively by the forces of darkness today, due to the ignorance of people.

This is one of the reasons why we often find people who have no control over their thoughts, harmful addiction and bad habits. Their decisions are always being influenced and controlled by the powers of darkness. Majority of them always regret what they did afterwards, it's because they're being controlled or compelled by evil spirits.

It reminds me about the story of a demon-possessed man who was always crying out and cutting himself with stones in Luke 8: 35-36: "Then they (the people) went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon – possessed was healed."

There are many in this category today, they are tied down with all kinds of filthiness, terrible habits and all the

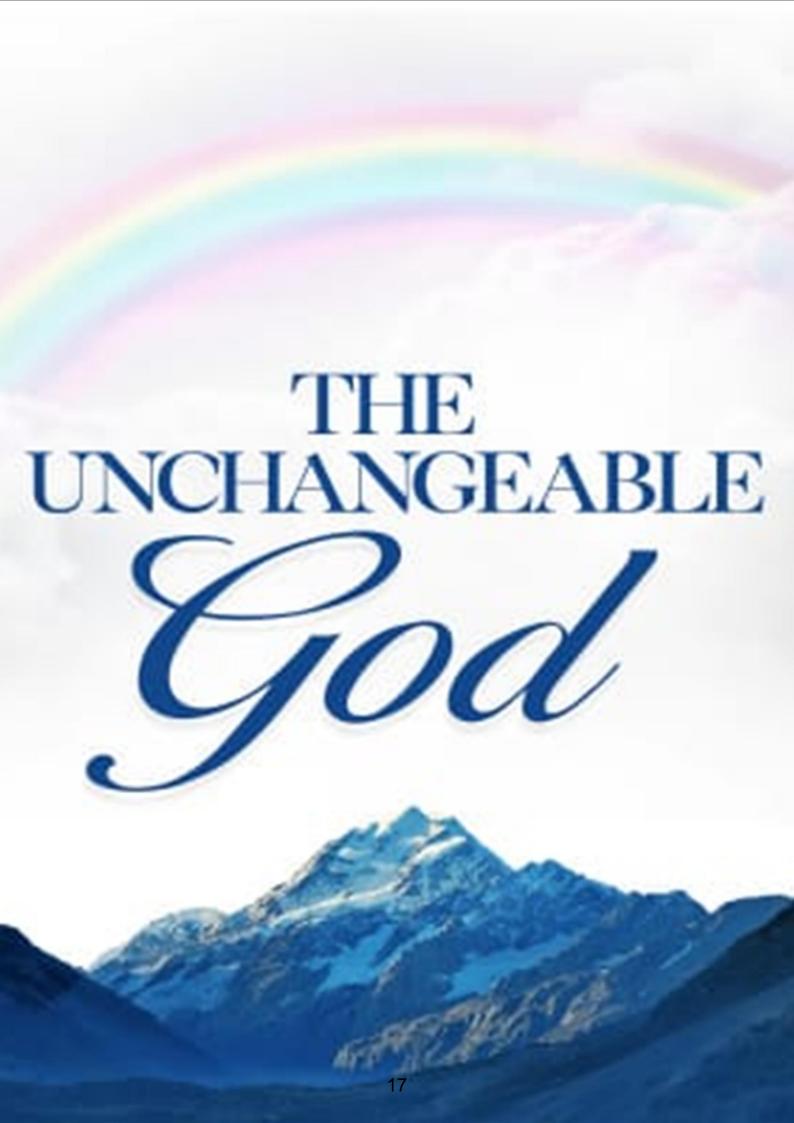
negativities with the kingdom of satan; including sin, evil, oppression, bondage, sickness, disease, frustrations, destructive habit etc.

Until and unless a man is born again and made Jesus Lord and Saviour of his life, he has no power to resist or withstand these compelling evil spirits.

This is the reason Jesus said to Nicodemus in *John 3: 7, "You must be born again."* The one who is not born again abides in darkness, in satan domain and can't see and experience God's Kingdom.

He can't even understand it, because he is not a part of the Kingdom of light. In John 3: 3: "Jesus answered and said to him: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." For anyone to come into the Kingdom of light and have the God-kind of life and nature, he must be born again.

Being born again into God's Kingdom means you've been brought out of bondage, oppression, affliction, sin, torment, servitude and everything associated with the devil and darkness, into the Kingdom of God's dear Son – where you will reign and enjoy the benefits of the Kingdom of God and divine immunity against every assault of the devil. Jesus says in John 16: 33: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."





THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD

"For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." (Malachi 3:6)

The above scripture shows us that God is unchangeable in nature. It means He is unfading, constant, stable and steadfast, reliable, dependable, and endless. We live in a world where everything is changing, climate change, people change and system change. Nothing is stable, everything is shaken under threat. Only God remains unshakeable and unchangeable.

Hebrews 13: 8 says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." That is to say, what God did before, He will do it again, because God has not changed. Everything written in the scripture about the love and ministry of Jesus Christ is the same and unchanged today. The good news is that the healing ministry of Jesus is the same today.

Jesus said in Luke 13:32: "Go, tell that fox: "Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures (healing) today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected."

Sometimes I wonder why those who believe in Jesus Christ don't believe in miracles. Everything about the life and ministry of Jesus was a miracle, i.e. His conception was a miracle, His birth was a miracle, the news about His name was a miracle, His ministry was a miracle, His death was a miracle, His burial was a miracle, His resurrection was a miracle, and His ascension was a great miracle. Jesus' miracle ministry still continues and is the same today. Hebrews 13: 8: "Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and

forever. "

God has proved Himself times without number in our special Healing services and Evangelistic Gospel Crusades that He has not changed.

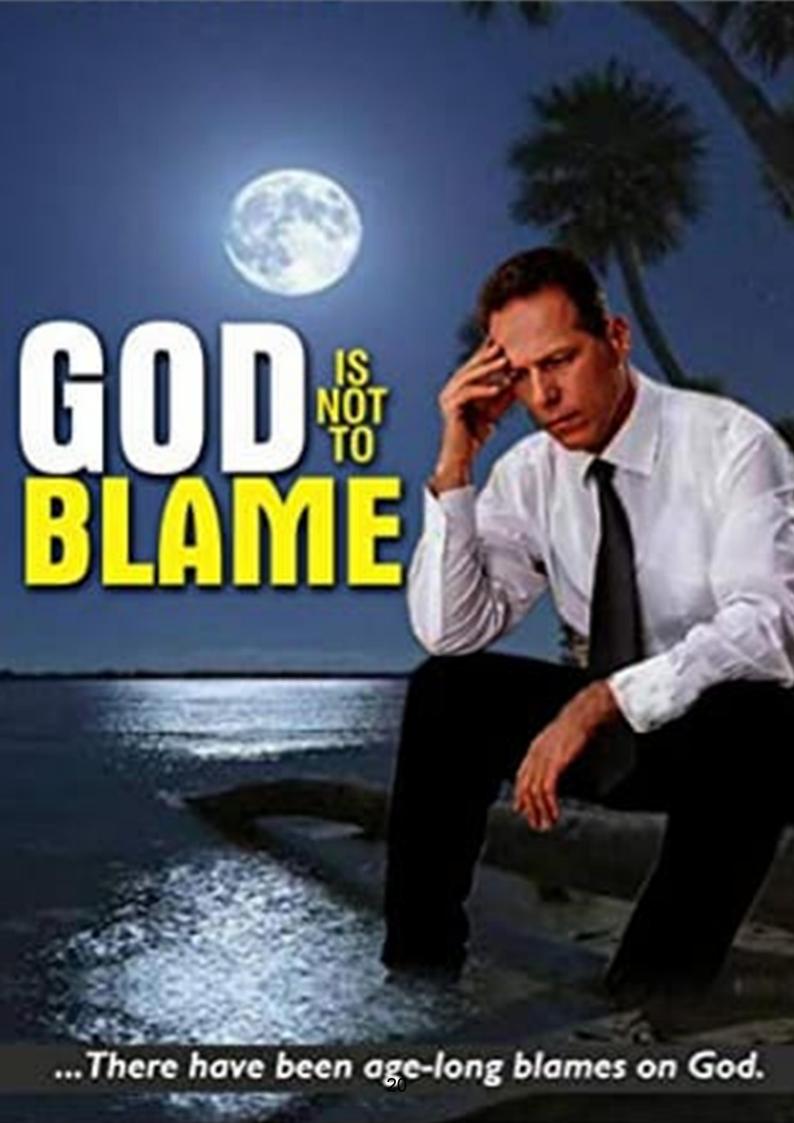
I have included a few testimonies of men and women, who were healed during one of our Healing services and Evangelistic Gospel Crusades.

Incurable arthritis miraculously healed

My brother in law invited me to one of the Healing services of Christ Mission. I came because I have been suffering from back pain for 18 years and my hand was stiff and could not function well. When the man of God prayed for me I fell under the power of the Holy Spirit and I was instantly healed (Testimony of Mrs Monica)

Tooth pain miraculously healed

Some time ago I was having a very terrible pain in my teeth, so I went to see the dentist for treatment. The dentist told me that particular teeth where I was having pain had to be removed, which I didn't really wanted because I didn't want to stand the risk of my jaw bone being broken. So I came to the Healing service of Christ Mission and the pastor prayed for me and the pain in my teeth was gone (Testimony of Mr Yukka)





GOD IS NOT TO BLAME

"People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord." Proverbs 19: 3 (NLT)

There are those who always blame the Lord for the crimes, tragedies, misfortunes, unrest, wars and epidemic diseases that's sweeping the world today.

This kind of belief or judgement is incorrect, because it's based on faulty thinking and misconception. The Lord is not responsible for evil or the calamities that people experience; it's not consistent with His nature. He is love personified; there's no darkness in Him at all.

The Bible says: "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1: 5)

There is another group of people who believe God is using the suffering in their lives to teach them something; that is inconsistent with the provision of the gospel of Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father, who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him." This reminds me of a lady I saw at the street market during one of our outreach evangelism. As I was sharing the gospel with her, she said to me: "If God is so good, loving and caring, how come there are so many atrocities and evil in the world?" She narrated an incident, about how some grown up men maltreated her young child one week earlier.

The truth is, God is not behind mishap or violence against humanity. The Word of God says: "The thief (the devil) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it

more abundantly." (John 10:10).

It is quite clear according to the scripture that satan is the unseen hand behind every evil thing. If everyone would obey and listen to the Word of God, the world could have been a better place to live in.

The problem is the refusal of people to adhere to layout instructions in the Word of God to live peacefully.

"Oh, that you had heeded My commandments. Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea." (Isaiah 48: 18)

Walking in the New Life



A NEW LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Jesus said: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10: 10)

The eternal or everlasting life Jesus came to give us is the very life, substance and nature of God. This new life is the life of righteousness, it is the reason you can live a righteous life. Receiving eternal life is the most miraculous incident in life. It is, in fact, God imparting His very nature and being to our human spirit. (1 John 5: 11, 12)

1 John 5: 11: "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." 1 John 5: 12: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Religion has taught that if a man would live right, then God would qualify him to be a righteous person, but that's a negation or contradiction. No one can live righteously, until he receives a new life in Christ. God's righteousness in your spirit is what gives you the ability to live right.

2 Corinthians 5: 17 says:"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

It is the life and nature of God coming into your spirit that makes you a new creature. It makes the inward man a new man.

This new man, the hidden man of the heart, is to dominate the body. The body is not to dominate you.

Romans 8:9: "But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all. (NLT).

This new life or God's nature produces certain changes in man. You can see the effects of this new life. Almost at once, you can see it in a person's habit. You can see it in his speech. It changes conduct, correct habits, destroys negative patterns and addictions, and forms new ones.

When a criminal, drunkard, prostitute, thief, wife-beater, husband snatcher, or wayward child receives this life, they will be changed completely because they have received it.

No case is incurable. This eternal life will destroy the cause of discord and friction in families and heals every broken marriage or home. It will eliminate selfishness, and there's a new kind of love as well as a new kind of life that comes into man.



THE CHURCH AND YOU

"But If I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:15)

Our theme scripture says..."the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

The "House of God" which the apostle Paul, the writer of the book of Timothy has just defined to be the Church, or congregation, belonging to the living God, is also defined to be "the pillar and ground (or basis) of the truth."

In the church, you're taught God's Word, the truth, which enables you to deal wisely in the affairs of life.

The local church is a group of believers in Christ, meeting at a specific location under the leadership of a pastor, who provides spiritual guidance and knowledge and equips God's people to do better work for Him. It is also for the building of the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity, and growing until we become like Christ, who is the standard.

As a result, we will no longer be infants who can be tricked by deceitful people, with their false teachings, and manipulation of the devil.

Some of the duties of a pastor are well spelled out in Ephesians 4: 12-13: "For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting." Attending church is therefore imperative in spiritual development, you need to identify a local church, where you can be fellowshipping and worshipping God with other believers, so as to be firm and not miss out on God's primary design for your spiritual growth and being.

Every christian begins as a spiritual babe in Christ when they are born again. But God doesn't intend for us to stay as spiritual babes. In other words it is God's desire for us to grow into spiritual maturity. It is vitally important that you understand that growing into spiritual maturity is a process. Psalm 92:13 says "Those who are planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of the Lord."

In other words, you need to be planted or established (stable) in the church before you can experience growth in your spiritual life.





BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of the Holy Spirit

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7: 37-39) The Holy Spirit baptism is one of the most important thing that you need in order to live a bonafide christian life. People in the world and those who do not believe in Jesus cannot receive this experience of the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised those who believe in Him.

If you want to see your life changed and transformedb, you must be filled with the Holy Spirit, He is the glory and beauty of christianity.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon your life, God ceases to be mystery. He will help you to know who God is. You will no longer walk in darkness, because He will cause you to see what others can't see. Jesus said in John 16: 8: "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment.

The word <u>convict</u> means "cause to see".

This is in consonant with what Jesus said in John 16:13: "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come."

The question is often asked: "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?" After you have accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour of your life and you have been born again the infilling of the Holy Spirit is very important to you and is a vital part of your spiritual growth, and a blessed part of your inheritance in Christ. It is God's plan for you to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit will produce a new walk, new speech, new conduct, and a new manner of life.

Your life will be directed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit will come in and produce a new life and ability in you.

The Bible says in *Ephesians 5:18: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit."*

How to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

After accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and you have repent of your sin, ask Jesus to baptise you with the Holy Spirit. Turn yourself and all you have over to Him. The Bible says in Luke 11:13, "how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOUR.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You today in the Name of Jesus, ask that You will cleanse me from all my sin with the precious blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

I believe with all my heart that Jesus is the Son of God.

I believe He died for me and on the third day He rose again that I may be justified.

I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Right now I believe my sins are forgiven. I am saved. I am born again. I have eternal life. Thank You Jesus for saving me.

Congratulations! You are now a born again child of God. If you need further assistance or counselling about your new decision for Christ, and how to grow in your relationship with God and establish in faith, please get in touch with us through our contacts below: *tel.* 06-23629869.



YOU ARE SO SPECIAL TO GOD

The primary purpose of this book is to invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, and you will never be the same again.

God has great plans for you, He has not created you for hardship, defeat, sickness, hopelessness or to be nobody.

You are somebody because God never waste His time to make nobody.

Realise that He never plan Failure. He fashioned you for excellence, distinction, good works and to live a good life.

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