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### **Dedication**

I ArchBishop Professor Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah PhD, dedicate this book to God Almighty for His grace and faithfulness to me all these years and for giving me the insight to write and publish this book to empower, direct and inspire other ministers or believers who have the calling to do the work of God in order for us to live up to the expectation of the Almighty as we focus on the advancement of the kingdom of God.

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# **Confession**

It is God who has made me what I am today and I will like your life to be transformed as well in order for all of us to meet in Heaven. In case you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal savior say this:

Lord Jesus I'm a great sinner. I've sinned all my life but today I acknowledge that you came to die for me. Today, I take you as my Lord and my personal savior.

Thank you Jesus for saving me. Bigger Mega Amen.

Please look for a bible believing church to worship with after making this confession in order to build up your faith.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah (now His Lordship Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah PhD) was born on **6th January, 1972** into a Presbyterian family to a former Police Chief Inspector and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Asamoah as an only child.

He began his primary education at the Half-Assini Roman Catholic Primary School at the age of Ten (10). Due to the gross hardship the family faced at that time, one of his maternal relatives known as Kweitsu came for him to Sikape from there his uncle Kweitsu took him to Kpala in the Volta Region of Ghana, a fishing community, where he was taken

on series of fishing expeditions as a young boy with only one shirt and a pair of shorts instead of being enrolled in school. His parents willingly gave him out to his maternal uncles to a strange place or area because there was no means to fend for him right after his birth. This was so because his mother had him at a time when she wasn't yet ready to have a child, his mother was then a young girl who was staying with someone in the of a guardian. He walked barefooted right from infancy. He got drowned in a river one day during fishing with his maternal uncles while trying to bring out fishes that had got entangled in the fishing net which had been thrown

into the river to catch fishes. He saw many people and many things under the river but couldn't describe what he saw and also couldn't tell how long he had been under the lake because he hadn't been to school before at the time of the incident. All he later saw was that he was lying on the bank of the lake with a bloated stomach (due to the quantity of water that ad filled his stomach with stuffy ears), he was able to vomit much his stomach when water continuously pressed but unfortunately water and blood were coming out of his ears as well. However, due to the gross financial challenge he wasn't taken to the hospital and unfortunately he became

deaf in both ears. He couldn't hear anyone or the sound of anything around him, his mum was quickly contacted and she came for him, how he regained his hearing loss is still a mystery to him. He was later taken to Togo for fishing by one of his maternal uncles Sammy's brother as a young fisherman (still at a tender age) to work with a different crew of fishermen in a fishing community called "Kpalime" on contract bases, he was given an amount of money as payment for being part of the crew, which he in-turn gave the money to his mother to as capital to start a business since she was unemployed at that time. He was always taken to fishing except on

'sacred days'. The new fishing crew he worked with in Kpalime - Togo always had a good catch but in the midst of all he realized God was absent because the fishermen were involved in idol worship and did nothing profitable with the money they made from their fishing expeditions. Though he wasn't involved in their idol worship he didn't have the courage to speak against it because he had no-one. He was able to return to Ghana with the help and direction from God. While at the Half-Assini Roman Catholic Primary School he was elected as school prefect due to his level of intelligence. He then proceeded to Half-Assini Secondary School on

September, 1988 on a scholarship after he had successfully passed his common entrance exams which he wrote in 1988 while still at Half-Assini Primary School. From Half-Assini Secondary School, he continued his studies at Kikam Technical Institute [Kintech] where he studied "electrical installation" as a course. He always had the first, second or third position in class. He however failed in his final year exams when he decided to turn to other sources for help instead of turning to God and lost his position in the end. He later attended churches like "Methodist", "Presby", etc. because he needed a solution to certain challenges he was facing in life at that time This and

other subsequent events frustrated and compelled him to kill himself in the absence of his parents because he had noone to either talk to or share his problems with, to end it all. He heard a voice telling him to go ahead and end his life but while he was in the process of ending his life he heard another voice telling him: "don't kill yourself, I have a lot of good things for you, I will help and guide all your life and I will also help you to pass your exams successfully". The second voice also gave him a scripture: "Matthew 11:28" and he quickly desisted from killing himself he didn't have a bible then to be able to read and understand what the scripture meant and

had no money to buy one. He however, chanced upon a book entitled "Bediako The Adventurer' which really inspired and motivated him when he read it and he learnt a lot from the story. He didn't know it was the voice of God speaking to him at that time because he was neither a believer nor a born-again by then was He later proceeded to RADISCO (Radio Advanced Communication Technology) where he studied "electrical technology also known as "electrical engineering" for his "A" Level, he became the school's chaplain while at **RADISCO**... Unknown to him, God was preparing him for His work while he was in school. The second voice led him to worship at "Refreshing

Hour International Church" under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Stephen Baiden (resident pastor) through the effort of lady called Sis. Akos in Aterkyem police barracks where he then resided with his parents. Deep within him he had developed the zeal for the work of God but because he lacked nurturing that zeal was suppressed. Rev Dr. Stephen Baiden nurtured him in the things of God between 1994 - 1995, he begun to do a lot of things which seemed to be mysteries to him and to all who witnessed them. The voice which later became known to him as the voice of God directed him to register for exams again (remedials) which he did. On the

day the exams begun he heard the voice again which directed him to go out for evangelism which he also obeyed. After the evangelism he boarded vehicles back to the examination center (he had to take two vehicles because the examination center was far from where he had gone for the evangelism). When he got to the examination center he heard one of examiners saying "this is Paul Johnson Asamoah, the guy who failed to show up for exams". He quickly went on his knees to beg the examiners and immediately one of the examiners from Accra said: "for your sake I will wait till the next day before returning to Accra" in order to help you finish your exams

today. I was able to write my exams successfully that day and in the subsequent days God made me a lecturer in the exam hall instead of a candidate just like He (God) did with Moses and others in the bible and aided them to write books in the bible. I studied electrical engineering and on the day of our oral exams, the voice (God) asked him to speak in tongues and he did just that, suddenly someone appeared physically standing before him and he answered the questions Bishop Dr. Paul (then Paul) had been asked as an interpretation to the tongues he (Paul) was speaking, I wrote the remaining papers and passed successfully just as

God had promised. "Even though he was born into a Presbyterian family, he wasn't a staunch member, he only attended church once in a while and on festive occasions. He later worshipped with the Roman Catholic Church when he was enrolled into the Half-Assini Roman Catholic Primary School at age ten (10) because it was compulsory for all students of the school to join the Roman Catholic Church. He attended church like any ordinary "church goer" because he had no-one to nurture him in the things of God at that time. Bishop Paul (then Paul) realized that anytime he was praying evil spirits that were tormenting people manifested and the

people were delivered. He also realized that anytime he joined others to pray something happens. For instance, in Pentecost (one of the churches he was attending then) demons were making even pastors fall under their power but they couldn't make him fall. It was God himself that made him accept Him as his Lord and personal saviour because is the type that hardly believed in anything so he was never convinced to even come out during altar call to accept Christ in all the churches he attended then. He started a fellowship at Boaponsem Park in Dunkwa-on-Offin when his parents relocated to Dunkwa-on-Offin transfer due to the nature of his father's

work as a policeman. He begun the fellowship by praying alone at the Boaponsem park because God had not asked him to start a fellowship then until one day he saw a crowd of people gathered around him while praying with his eyes closed, according to those who joined him to pray at the Boaponsem Park, they were directed by God to join Bishop Dr. Paul (then Paul) at that specific location to fellowship with him, this was how he begun a fellowship in 1995 under the name "Dr. Jesus Fellowship" a name given to him by God without taking any offering whatsoever from anyone. The fellowship was conducted after church everyday except

Sundays regardless of the weather condition. Both Christians and Muslims as well as people who belonged to other religious groups joined him at the fellowship to worship. Most of the people who joined him were servants of God and majority of those who weren't are into ministry today. People who came to him or to the fellowship for prayers and prophetic directions always received the solutions they desired. During prayers at the fellowship grounds, he saw fire descending from Heaven, whenever it was raining and he declared that the rains should stop because they were having a prayer meeting it stopped, he often did that because he was then having

the fellowship on a park without any form of shade or shed then. These and more was what made him have a firm believe in God because he realized that whatever he asked God to do He did it. He also discovered that in all our services as denominations of churches we must involve or have a non-denominational fellowship or prayer meeting as well this was because he noticed that nondenominational fellowships seemed to be more powerful than the church itself. Bishop Dr. Paul fasted for a period of 21days during the period he was handling the fellowship in order for God to open doors for him to have access to a bible school without having any bible

school in mind. While praying one day, God asked him to take a piece of paper and pen to write something, after he had written it as directed by the spirit of God it read: "Victory Bible Training Institute". He didn't know the location of the said Bible School, all that God told him was that it was located in Accra. On the day he decided to set off to Victory Bible Training Institute, he met a great woman of God who had a ministry known as "Destiny Chapel" Mankessim where she resided by then. Through a conversation we had she told me of a bible school she owned and tried to convince me to enroll there but I politely declined the offer and told her

that God had already given me a specific location which she understood. He enquired from a lady also in the vehicle whom he got to know as Edna about the direction to Victory Bible Training Institute and she replied by saying that she was also going to the same place for admission into the bible school. Today, that lady Edna is handling a ministry together with her husband. He proceeded to "The Victory Bible Training Institute" under the leadership of Bishop Tackie Yarboi after God's direction. He handed over the fellowship he had established to one of the leaders he had appointed when he gained admission into the Bible school and they also did a great service

to the glory of God. Later his spiritual father Rev. Dr. Stephen Baiden contacted him and said that pastors in the whole of Dunkwa-on-Offin were complaining that they were losing their members to his fellowship (Dr. Jesus Fellowship). This was because their church members decided not to attend church but rather attend the fellowship which was conducted everyday. So, he (Bishop Paul) decided not to establish any church in Dunkwa-on-Offin but rather dissolved the fellowship. The leaders he appointed had won many souls for their various churches through the fellowship. One day while in Victory Bible Training Institute, he was called by the leaders

who asked him to establish a church for them because his name and how God was using him then had spread across the length and breadth of that place too. He established a fellowship again while in Victory Bible School between 1996-1998 decided to end it because he didn't have a place of his own neither did he have a place for the fellowship as well. This is what made him realize that ministry was not about multitude rather it was about God and also when God calls/appoints you he gives you specific assignments to do. Bishop Paul establishes churches as led by the spirit of God and not because others were doing it. He does things as led by the spirit of God just like

Abraham and others in the bible did. His focus in ministry is to do the work of God for the glory of God and not for money. His mates in Bible suggested a name for his future ministry, they suggested **Powerlife International** Ministry but at the time he was ready to finally establish and register his ministry after he had successfully completed his course in Bible school he found out that the name had already been used (registered already by someone). He then called on God for another name but God asked him to add prophetic to it thus making it Powerlife Prophetic International Ministry. Bishop Tackie Yarboi posted him to one of his church

branches in Osu as a form of service before he finally commissioned him to go ahead and establish his own ministry. He was finally ordained by a white missionary from the United States of America in 2002 under the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministries International of Oregon, Inc.

Today by the grace of God, God has used his ministry Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries to set lots of people in the entire world free. Today, the ministry has lots of branches all over the world according to the mandate given to govern by God. Every ministry has its own location that God wants to put it and until you know you may have challenges.

Most of the leaders of Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries are people who came to join to help because the church was then yet to settle. His ministry Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries has been through lots of challenges and difficulties and this made a lot of people leave the church. By the grace of God Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah's ministry survived all the storms and challenges that came its way, today, the ministry has developed to the glory of God and does not lack. The ministry is able to achieve any form of target set by the grace of God. The church has now got new set of leaders that can be boldly declared to the

world.

Bishop Dr. Paul Asamoah has undertaken the "Special Chief Executive" program for church managers at the University of Excellence or World Missionaries in the U.S under the leadership of Apostle Handley (president), Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah has also got credentials from Abiding Life Christian Ministries, Apostolic Faith Bible Institute (an organization that seeks to build effective leaders under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Sam Kurian Thomas (Malaysia). He is also one of the leaders of The Ministers and Evangelists Network (USA). Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah has also hosted the "Storm Harvest Ministries"(Australia) under the leadership of Robert Holmes, the International Fellowship of John G. Lake, Global Discipleship Alliance (U.S. missionaries), Global Leadership Lead (U.S), Maranatha Ministries (U.S/Canada) under the leadership of Bishop Devon Laird as well as the World Revival Missionary League from Nigeria where he was the director in charge here in Ghana.

Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah is currently the Presiding Bishop of Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries, the Chairman of The Executive Apostolic Councils and also

the leader of the governing bodies of the church (Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries).He is the President and Chancellor of Powerlife Bible Training Institute, Powerlife University College, Ghana International School of Missions, Pastors Network Ghana, Faith Bible Institute (USA), Apostolic Bible Institute (Malaysia), School of Ministry (Malaysia), Jesus Christ Encounter (U.K), International Bible School (USA), International Fellowship of Apostolic Faith Ministries (with Dr. Sam Kurian Thomas as the head in Malaysia and Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah as the head in Ghana). He is the founder and proprietor of Powerlife Prophetic

Academy. He also oversees many branches of the church within and outside Ghana and also the Senior Pastor at "The Solution Centre "(Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries headquarters, Alhaji-Kweikuma -Accra). Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah is also the director of Heritage Village Orphanage.

Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah has also got credentials from institutions such as Jilce International University and Seminary (he was ordained as a bishop), he was also rewarded with a "certificate of ordination" from the International Fellowship of Apostolic Faith Ministries (Malaysia), he also has a certificate in

"evangelistic work in ministry" from Jilce International University and Seminary.

Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah hosts a daily radio broadcast called "Prophetic Voice" and also ministers on Jesus FM radio station. He is also the administrator of "All Believers Prayer Team", "Fullness In Christ, "Nation's Together", "Pastor's Network Ghana", "General Ordination/word"," Pastoral Training courses", "Christian Marriage Counseling", "Christian Singles Counseling", "American and African Gospel", "Midnight Prayer Crying In Jesus name"," Mentorship Certificate"," Interpretation of Dream", "Global Pastors Network", "Global Professors Network", "International Ministers", "Universities in the world", "ISO and Grade Certification and Training Services", "IFAFM GLOBAL", "Power Life Bible Library", "Sharing Christian Books 1, 2, 3, 4", "Christian Books Sharing", "Power Life University Library", "Salvation Training Courses", "Apostle Paul Audio", "School of Prophets", "Kingdom of God Seekers", "Healing Ministry", "Everyday Global Prayer" among a host of many others. Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah's ministry Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries has got branches in Ghana, Canada, U.S, Sierra Leone,

U.K just to mention a few. There's no place that Powerlife Prophetic International Ministries cannot locate to because God's servant Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah has been to several countries in the world on God's mission trip by the grace of God.

Information of this sort about the humble beginning of a dynamic servant of God is not meant for boasting or anything of that sort rather the reason behind is to let all and sundry who fortunately chance upon it to know that regardless of the challenges anyone is facing God has a way of turning that situation around no matter how hopeless the situation may seem. Bishop Dr. Paul

Johnson Asamoah believes it is always good to serve people especially people with vision. Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah has helped lots of people both locally and internationally, spiritually and physically, the rejected, destitutes, orphans etc by paying their school fees among other things. He has adopted some of the people that came his way as his children into his family and this can be proven physically when one comes to ministry. Powerlife Prophetic the International Ministries as a ministry tends to the problems that concern humanity both physically and spiritually.

Some other credentials of Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah are:

FABCWA Global Christian University –
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Divine Intervention Bible Institution – Doctor of Divinity

Divine Intervention Bible Institution – Diploma In Advanced Pastoral Study

Divine Intervention Bible Institution – Doctor of Philosophy In Prophetic Ministry

Global Ministry And Discipleship
Institute – Honorary Doctorate of
Theology

Anointed Bible College University (Ghana) – Certificate of Doctorate Degree In Church Administration

Anointed Bible College University (Ghana) – Certificate of Doctorate Degree In Human Service

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Degree In Public Business
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Global Ministry And Discipleship Institute – Honorary Doctorate Degree In Ministry

Ethan College of Biblical Studies (Nigeria) – Honorary Doctorate Degree In Prophetic Ministry

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Anointed Bible College University
(Ghana) – Certificate of Doctorate
Degree In Theology

Divine Intervention Bible Institution – Doctor of Philosophy In Apostolic Ministry

Anointed Bible College University (Ghana) – Doctor of Philosophy In Evangelism And Discipleship

International Commission For Education Accreditation Seminary – Doctor of Social Work In Social Services

International Kingdom University USA – Honorary Doctorate Degree In Counseling Psychology

International Commission For Education Accreditation Seminary – Doctor of Philosophy In Educational Counseling

European Institute of Applied Research

Estonia – Master of Arts In Development Studies

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International – Nelson Mandela Noble
Peace Award

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– Advanced Certificate In Evangelistic
Network Ministry

Anointed Bible College University (Ghana) – Master of Arts In Theology

Global Institute of Peace And Research
Centre – Master of Arts In Peace And
Conflict Studies Dynamic Peace Rescue
Mission International – Global
Ambassador 2022

Dynamic Peace Rescue Mission
International - Gautama Budda Golden
Peace Award

Anointed Bible College University (Ghana) – Doctor of Philosophy In Leadership

European Institute of Applied Research – Master of Arts In Development Studies

Revival Bible University – Honorary Doctorate Degree In Christian Education

Angaza Bible College –Honorary Degree Certificate

Angaza Bible College –Honorary Doctorate Degree of Church Missions And Leadership

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In addition to the work of God, Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah is a problem solver and has the anointing to solve problems. Bishop Dr. Paul Johnson Asamoah is married to a God-fearing Woman Rev. Dr. Mrs. Bernice Asamoah who has been a huge support to the ministry. Their union has been blessed with four kids. The family resides at Kuwait-Central in Kasoa, Accra Ghana.

#### **FOREWORD**

This book "Daily Devotional Quotes" captures short quotes of the word of God with the sole aim of empowering believers, servants of God and Christians at large. The purpose of this book is to help equip us with the word of God, His promises, unravel His mysteries and to give the assurance we desire from the word of God

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### **CHAPTER 1**

## THE NATURE OF AFRICA

The number one nature of Africa is that in Africa we are lost of truth and the moment someone is lost of truth it means that the person is lost of trust and this does not mean that people have not come across it, they have and as I am talking about Africa it doesn't mean that the rest of the world is without faults, Jesus did not come for Africa alone, He came for the whole world. [john3;16] One thing

you ought to know is that, in life, it is very important for you to know your stand or where you live and you will be able to speak of where you live better than any other place where you don't live so I'm trying to help Africans in order for us to change our ways or our nature and that does not mean that those outside Africa are hundred percent or more better than Africans, we are almost equal but there's something wrong with the African nations especially our lives and that is what I want to address.

It's been so many years that I began to deal or interact with people in the world through this office God has called me into. It's been about thirty-years (30) of having an experience with God and having had an experience with God for this long it means that at least I have something to tell the world and that is why sometimes I come up with articles based on some of the experiences I've had because sometimes experience also counts. For instance; the problem with Solomon in the bible was due to

inexperience and that was why he made lots of errors but God had to accept his errors and sort certain things out of his life because God knew he was inexperienced before ascending the throne as king. We often say that those who know of sin and yet go ahead to commit them have serious issues than those who are ignorant of it. For example; assuming you know your actions and inactions will bring shame or accident or incident or reproach or may cause you to die, you will die before the

one who is not aware of the consequences of his or her actions, God will spare the life of the inexperienced fellow and take yours.

Now here in Africa, Christendom seems to be struggling, this is because, pastors, churches are not united but recently the leadership/chairman of Pentecost and also the leader-elect of Assemblies of God have come together in unity to see how best the church or both churches can run the race within this generation or dispensation or era, this is a very good

idea and I thank God for that and also for their lives but this shouldn't be about these two churches alone it should be general and we can all learn something great from this. We must know this: Jesus did not come for one just one or two churches, He came for all churches in general so let's try to dip in to bring unity not to churches or Africa alone but to the entire world and this is possible. Sometimes when you find yourself on social media platforms you will notice that there's something erotically

happening and we need to turn to or draw our attention there, that is, unity is slowly dying in Africa or the whole world, most often, when I make comments about Africa I'm not just referring to Africa but the whole world in general if the bible was about Africa it will always refer or address issues about Africa but since it's for the whole world it addresses issues confronting the general world. I often refer to Africa in my articles because I am an African. "Sometimes, you can

learn something from someone in order to turn over a new leaf".

Did you know flamingoes have a season where they travel from Australia to Kenya or Africa to rest, enjoy or ease themselves just to find out how uniform or strong they see themselves? They move from Australia all the way to Kenya or Africa and return, this is all about practicing themselves, they (the flamingoes) come very early in the morning and return in the evening to rest only to return very early in the morning

the next day. Note this: "if you want to learn anything in life, learn it from an animal or animals, the way animals behave or act is so powerful". Take a critical look at the animal's kingdom, you will notice that no matter how sharp the teeth or claws of a lion seems to be you will never see it attacking another lion with it. What does this scenario tell you? what it means is that as a pastor you must not fight your fellow pastor and as a Christian you must not fight your fellow Christian or as you belong to a religion

you must not fight or attack others who also belong to your religion or other religions.

I often travel and in my observations I realized that at the various airports Africans were well checked from the beginning to the end unlike the Europeans or "the whites", why is this so? it is so not because the 'whites' or "Europeans" are more special than we the "blacks" rather it is due to our nature as Africans which is known by the world at large. Here in Africa, some of our

human nature which we exhibit or show is very bad and it is about time we as Africans change these habits or nature. In reference to the bible, we have Ham and Shem (the sons of Noah), Ham represents the "Blacks" and Shem represents the "Whites (Europeans)", all what I'm trying to put across is about nature and like I said earlier on, the kind of nature we exhibit here in Africa is very bad and attention must be drawn to it before it's too late. Read Genesis 9

## **CHAPTER 2**

# THE RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND OF AFRICA

Our origin or religious background as Africans is idol worship, I've been to Ethiopia and most of the African countries by the grace of God and what I got to know is that in the whole of Africa where Christianity seems to be unique, powerful and dynamic is Liberia. Liberia's level in Christianity is about 85% while that of Ghana is about 58%, this is just rough statistics though based

on my findings. From 2012 till date we (Ghanaians) have not yet reach up to 70 or 80 or even 90% in the way we serve God. You may sometimes look to a nation and say that, that particular nation is so powerful in the way they serve God but in the end you may realize that they have actually not reached anywhere. For instance, I also realized that people who are seen to be learning very seriously prior to exams are often the ones that fail, if you are always learning because of exams you will fail but if you learn

constantly not just because of exams you will pass your exams successfully. I remember back in school, students who placed their feet in buckets of water in order not to sleep just to learn to pass exams always failed unlike those who were constantly learning. This is similar to the way some of us as believers serve the Lord, we serve the Lord just like our origin of idol worshipping, we will fill up a church auditorium today and desert it tomorrow to please or go after our pleasures. Idol worshippers mostly serve

their idols together once in a while only to desert it later and come back to worship it together again after some time and this has been a habit of most Christians. Most of us as Christians are not permanent worshippers but God expects us to be permanent worshippers. Permanent worshippers will not wait till it's time for church service or programs etc before they worship God just like idol worshippers do and this is not a good spirit thus we have to kill this kind of spirit because it's not a good thing, read

John 4:23-24. It reads: "at this time we are no longer going to Jerusalem to serve God". In chapter one I made a statement that, Christianity didn't originate from Africa rather it's from Europe. Some confused people may argue that it is Africa but I say emphatically that it was not Africa because if it was let me pose this question: "why is it that when most Africans become well –to-do, fulfilled or settled in life you will see them (Christians) travelling to Jerusalem, now ask yourself what is the problem? Now

take note of this; "you cannot ignore your place of origin, it is impossible" and what do I mean by this? It means that even if you can there's always something that will struck you, for example have you ever heard of the meaning of a landmark?, even though some of us have become believers, once in a while something evil comes to mind or comes into our thoughts, that's into the brain or into our lives and that is why the bible states that we ought to be in the spirit always or be spiritual people and not

canal people, this is because, a canal person will never allow the spirit of God to work or flow in him/her. So I often say that if you want to verify or find out that now that you have turned from idol worship into Christianity then the final place of all Christians is to see or visit their final destination which is Jerusalem to see "The Holy Land". Most believers especially here in Africa put it in their minds that they ought to visit Jerusalem, this is because Jerusalem seems to be your origin as a believer or Christian.

Formerly you belonged to idol worship and every African nation or most African nations comes from idol worship especially Ghana even Egypt, till now Egypt is still struggling with idol worship. What does Egypt mean? Egypt simply means "the world" and the world means "flesh" which also means "carnal" or "carnality", soaked with the flesh, they (Egypt) are still struggling with Christian life. So, it's almost impossible to convince me that Christianity started or originated from Africa because Africa

seems to be struggling with Christian life and Jerusalem seems to be "Asia", where Christian life started from is Asia and when you talk of Asia then you are talking of Europe. In Asia there are about forty-eight (48) countries, I will not list all these countries rather you can do a research on your own about them. A country like Malaysia comes from Asia and it was Jerusalem that brought all these nations into existence through Christianity so there are some special places where it seems easy to serve God

or to live for the Lord. For instance; you will not struggle to serve God in a place like Malaysia. I remember when I was in Ethiopia it wasn't easy to serve God even though Ethiopia seems to be a place where most Christians have been to, even the wife of Moses was an Ethiopian woman so Moses lived and served the Lord in Ethiopia because of his wife, I have been to Ethiopia several times but I've not seen anything happening seriously in Ethiopia with regards to Christianity or Christendom till date and

it's similar to Egypt. Most people may say that Nigeria seems to be the country where Christianity has gained established grounds now but Nigeria is not even up to fifty percent, Ghana is not even up to sixty percent but the place or country where Christianity has been set up well is a small nation called Liberia, if you have ever heard of the series of wars that took place in Liberia then you will agree without doubts that if you do not turn to God then what else will you choose as an option? Looking critically

at the population of Nigeria you will realize that even though most people or thousands of Nigerians are serving God yet still there are lots of others who aren't or even in comparing the whole world you will agree that although majority of the world's population are serving God yet there are still lots of people that are missing from the system, many people are still not involved and which we must look for or sort their issues out. One of the challenges that every man of God or everyone in Africa

seems to be struggling with is the "truth" or "trust". I found myself in a shop sometime ago, it was a very huge shop and I saw all the shop attendants out I knew whom their manager was so I asked one of them a question that why are all of them out? And she replied by saying that their manager, a young white lady says she doesn't trust any African and this is not just that rather the problem lies with almost all Africans, we can't be trusted the number of people who can be trusted in Africa are just a few but this

shouldn't be so, it ought to be the other way round. I got to know in life that any African man or woman who will be able to perform and make himself or herself sound in a very systematic way seriously serving God, seriously taking nature that God has put for us to obey becomes great wherever he or she may find himself or herself.

Whenever I mention or refer to Africa it doesn't mean that I'm condemning The African Continent, "NO", some of the European countries or "The Whites" as

we normally refer to them equally have serious issues or problems just like most Africans do but I refer to Africa simply because I'm an African and it is my wish or desire that at least majority of Africans will be able to change the negative perceptions people from other nations have about Africans through their positive nature

Christianity first arrived in North Africa, in the 1<sup>st</sup> or early century AD. Christian communities in North Africa were among the earliest in the world. Legend

has it that Christianity was brought from Jerusalem to Alexandria on the Egyptian coast by Mark, one of the four evangelists, in 60 AD.

Christianity originated in the ministry of Jesus, a Jewish teacher and lawyer who proclaimed the prominent Kingdom of God and was crucified AD 30-33 in Jerusalem in the Roman province of Judea

# THE INTRODUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY

We know that Christianity, as a religion, originated in the early first century following the teachings of Hebrew leader Jesus Christ of Nazareth and his disciples. It started around the Eastern Mediterranean region, ranging from roughly Greece through the Levant and spread from there. So Christianity first entered Africa along the Mediterranean and Red Seas, moving into Northern

Africa and the Arabian Peninsula by the late first or early second centuries. According to tradition, the disciple Mark the Evangelist, was the one to first start preaching Christianity in Alexandria, Egypt, meaning that Northern Africa may have practiced Christianity even earlier than most of Europe.

The Coptic branch or Egyptian branch of Christianity took root and began to spread across Northern Africa. The religion was popular largely among the lower classes, although it also seems to

have been favored by many scholars in Alexandria. In particular, it became seen as a form of resistance against the pagan Roman Empire that was securing more and more of a hold over Northern Africa.

### THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

Christianity spread as a popular religion across Northern Africa, reaching into what is now Ethiopia and other regions along the Red Sea. For a long time, it was practiced by the people but still persecuted widely by various kingdoms and states including those areas controlled by the Romans. So, it was largely practiced in secret. This begun to change in the fourth century.

In what's now Ethiopia was an extremely powerful kingdom, called Axum, which drew its wealth and power from international trade routes along the Red Sea. Axum was ruled by a man named King Ezana who around 327 CE became one of the rulers in the world to make Christianity the official religion of his kingdom. Axum was the first African kingdom to fully embrace Christianity and it became a major center for the religion as well as home to the Ethiopian Orthodox church. As a wealthy, powerful

and internationally respected state, in many ways it was seen as the first real Christian success story and ideal model for other kingdoms. In fact, the city was so important to early Christians that it has been proposed as a potential resting place of the lost Ark of Covenant.

### THE SLAVE TRADE

In the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, slaves became the major commodity for European trade. The Portuguese begun the slave trade around 1510. The Dutch took over all Portuguese possessions along the African coast in 1642.

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Christianity developed in Judea in the mid-first century CE, based first on the teachings of Jesus and later on the writings and missionary work of Paul of Tarsus.

Originally, Christianity was a small unorganized sect that promised personal salvation after death.

## WHERE DID CHRISTIANITY SPREAD TO?

Christianity quickly spread around the entire known world. Just as Jesus had commanded his followers in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go into the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, teaching to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of age".

It begun by spreading through the Roman Empire through diligence of the loyal and energetic disciples of Jesus – the most prolific which was Paul.

He took the gospel message straight to Rome and straight to the most powerful and influential people in the palace of the Emperor.

## WHERE DID CHRISTIANITY ORIGINATE SPIRITUALLY?

Christianity's spiritual origins are rooted in Jewish faith. Though Jesus was from Galilee, He was of the Messianic line – the line of David. This is why Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem for the census. Bethlehem was the hometown of David. It was the same place a young David raised sheep and rescued them from the lion and the bear.

Christianity and the teachings of Jesus did not come from left–field. They are inherently Jewish as before the coming of the Messiah. Abraham, Noah, Moses – these men of the Old Testament were set apart for the Lord to show his plan of salvation to the nations.

When Jesus began his spiritual teachings, he did not introduce a new Deity but showed the fulfillment of the promise. Jerusalem is a city in Western Asia situated on a plateau in the Judean Mountains between the Mediterranean

and the Dead Sea, it is one of the oldest cities in the world and is considered to be a holy city for the three major Abrahamic religions:

Judaism,

Christianity, and Islam

The term Asia refers conventionally to the eastern portion of the Eurasian landmass plus the island country of Japan and the island nations of Maritime Southeast Asia. The continent is situated almost entirely north of the equator except for some Southeast Asian island an Eastern icon depicting the Descent of the Holy Spirit. The date of Pentecost is considered the "Birthday of the Church".

The Christian Church originated in Roman Judea in the first century AD/CE, founded on the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, who first gathered disciples. Those disciples later became known as "Christians"; according to Scripture, Jesus commanded them to spread his teachings to the entire world. For most Christians, the holiday of Pentecost (an event that occurred after Jesus' ascension to Heaven) represents the birthday of the

Church, signified by the descent of the Holy Spirit on gathered disciples. [Acts 2] The leadership of the Christian Church began with the Apostles.

## 15 Rules for Success:

- Be Kind
- Be Useful
- Be Strong
- Be Loving
- Never Quit
- Never Fear
- Stay Happy
- Be Thankful
- Stay Faithful

- Stay Healthy
- Be Honorable
- Be Respectful
- Stay Confident
- Refuse To Lose
- Remain Humble

I tasted all that is sweet, but I found nothing sweeter than good health.

And I tasted all that was bitter, but nothing was more bitter than being in need of good people. And I carried

both, iron and rocks, but nothing was heavier than debt. I discovered therefore that life comprises only of two days: A day for you and a day against you. So when it is for you, do not be reckless; and when it is against you, be patient. Because both days will expire!! If you can't be a bridge to connect people, then don't be a wall to separate them. If you can't be a light to brighten people's good deeds then don't be darkness covering their efforts. If you can't be water to

help people's crops sprout, then don't be a pest destroying their crops. If you can't be a vaccine to give life, don't be a virus to terminate it. If you can't be a pencil to write anyone's happiness, then try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness.

We can only be each other's keeper.