THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION

This book is specifically revealing the present state of the Church of Christ. Going by Modern English, the word 'Church' is used in five ways: (1).). All who profess faith in Christ regardless of particular theological beliefs. (2). A denomination. (3). A single organized Christian group that is, a local Church and (4). The body of Christ that is the universal Church. (5). A building designated as a place of worship, that is a Church building.

In the context of this book, the word Church is used as, all of the above excepting the last, i.e. not as a church building.

This book reveals reasons why the church of God was called out even right from the Old Testament until now, the attack on the church, the church and the grace given to her to accomplish the purpose of her calling. It talks about how the world has entered the church and the church into the world. Likewise, the way to discover the world in the church and the result of the world in the church are not left out untreated.

The church has been blindfolded and in this wise, she never sees herself not to talk of coming out of her bad, polluted state. Meanwhile, the steps to take for the church to discover herself are also highlighted in this book.

The book comments on the shortness of the time of the church here on earth. The proof of this is made known through what our Lord Jesus Christ is doing now and the warming up of emergence of the anti-Christ; the fulfillment of the prophesies of our Lord Jesus Christ in respect of the sign of the end-time.

The Church is urged to get prepared and make sure she returns to Christ fully. Also, life-changing prayers are included in this book. As you read meditatively, surely the Lord will reveal Himself to you more and more and at the same time give you the grace to be delivered indeed from the pollution and corruption of the world, in Jesus name.

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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Many think that the building where they are gathering together to call upon the name of the Lord, to read the word of God and generally worship the Lord is the church. No, it is not. The Church of God are the called out ones, the church of God are those that accepted Jesus as their Lord and saviour, the church of God are the chosen ones of God. The church of God are those that God Himself has severed from the pollution and corruption of the world Lev 20: 26

Abraham the father of faith was called out of his people to an unknown land, where he would be able to concentrate on the holy worship of the Lord God Jehovah. When Abraham was called out, he was away from the idols of his father and he had a new touch with Jehovah the creator of the whole universe, and so he became the chosen one of God among the people of the whole world.

His seed, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons continued with the worship of Jehovah on the land that the Lord gave to him, before the church of God went down to Egypt.

When they got to Egypt, they were there for about four hundred and thirty years before they came out. There they were made to forget the worship of Jehovah God of their great grand father Abraham. There they were enslaved by the Egyptians and were made to serve them with rigour "And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage" Exodus 2: 23

The church of God in Egypt was in trouble but at last the Lord God of their father heard their cry "And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters: for I know their sorrows" Exodus 3:7

You church of God, don't you know that the Lord knows the state of your life? Don't you know that God whom you are serving knows what you are passing through? Don't you know that God heard your open and secret cry which you are daily crying unto him?

The church of God sold themselves to Egypt by first of all selling their saviour Joseph to Midianites' traders, and as a result they needed to voluntarily go and meet their saviour in Egypt. When their saviour was no more, the Egyptians also forgot what this saviour of Israelites did to them by saving them from that dreadful famine and what they then used to pay Joseph back was affliction on the people of Joseph.

Yes! It is possible that you have voluntarily sold your self to the affliction you are passing through. It is possible that the power that are working against your peace, joy prosperity, and health is the device of your very self. Now, you cannot bear the affliction and the torture again, now by reason of your affliction and torture you are a prayer warrior, by reason of your affliction, you are daily going to church to worship God and cry unto him for deliverance.

Look! If indeed, you have amended your ways and you have recognized Jesus as your only Lord, God and Saviour, he hears your cry and he will rise for you.

Also, note that those that walked down to Egypt were no more; all of them had died before the affliction started on their seeds. It is like the scripture that says, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." The fathers ate the sour grapes of going down to Egypt and the children suffered the torture and afflictions.

Brothers and sisters, you may be passing through the same thing. It is possible you are not the cause of your affliction. It is possible the affliction you are passing through is more and older than your age. Yes! You cannot say how you came about your problems, those idols and the demons behind your problem are not your making, those curses and covenants troubling you in every aspect of your life are not what you bargained for. You just find yourself in them just like that.

Well, he that heard the sigh, cry of Israelites in Egypt, and saved them will hear you even right now if you can only make your way right with God, if you can accept the only son of God that conquered Satan, sin, death and all forms of his affliction on the cross of Calvary. God said that "for I know their sorrows". God knows your sorrow, he knows your pains, he knows your troubles, he knows your affliction and as he arose for the Israelites in Egypt, so he will arise for you even as you open your mouth and pray these prayers:

- Oh Lord, I am dying by the reason of my affliction, arise and undertake for me in Jesus name.
- You have said that this proverb will not be in the mist of your church again that the father ate sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge. Oh Lord reverse the curse and liberate me now in Jesus name.
- Almighty God, restore back to me freedom as your church for me to have the power to serve you.
- I cannot serve two masters, I have decided for you oh God; please destroy every other master putting me into slavery in Jesus name.
- Demons of the idols of my fathers, you are judged and condemned by the blood of Jesus in Jesus name.
 - Evil covenant and curses behind my affliction, you are broken by the blood of Jesus, in Jesus name.
 - By the blood of Jesus, my sorrows and afflictions cease in Jesus name.

THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS

The church in the wilderness came into being when the Lord arose for his church in Egypt. God arose for his church and gave them victory over their taskmasters, God arose for them and destroyed the land of their enslavers, God arose for them and killed the entire first born of the Egyptians; just for the freedom of his church.

- Oh lord, all those that need to go for me to have my liberty, let them be no more in Jesus name.

The church triumphantly walked out of the land of slavery. By the powerful arm of the almighty God, went through the red sea undrown while their pursuers that said that "----- I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will drawn my sword, my hand shall destroy them" Exodus 15; 9 ended up been drown in the red sea.

- You my stubborn pursuers, as the enemies of Israelites ended up in the red sea, I command that all of you should end up your life in the sea of this world in Jesus name.
- The church in Egypt escaped through the red sea, and found themselves in the wilderness, where God started to reform them afresh.

THE PURPOSE OF CALLING THE CHURCH OUT OF EGYPT

Exodus 4: 22-23 "And thou shall say unto pharaoh, thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my first born:

And I say unto thee, let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold I will slay thy son, even thy first born"

-The number one purpose for calling Israel out of Egypt is for them to be able to serve God without fear of their taskmasters. "That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant. The oath which he sware to our father Abraham that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered

out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" Luke 1:71-75

The people of God in Egypt will not be able to serve God the way they should if they were not out of the midst of Egypt into the wilderness. The service that the taskmasters were forcing them to render will hinder them. Harassment and all kinds of assault against the church in Egypt will hinder them.

More so, the beasts for sacrifice were abomination to the land of Egypt. Therefore, for their safety, they must be out of Egypt "And pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land".

And Moses said, "It is not meet so to do for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the Lord our God: lo, shall we sacrifice abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes and will they not stone us?" Exodus 8:25-26

How can you, a Christian having a drunkard as your best friend, be free from drunkenness, or how will you be able to preach to your Muslims brethren when you are eating their Ramadan sacrifice with them? How will you be able to preach to your sinner friends after you have both messed up together? First thing first, check out of them "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from them, touch no unclean things, go ye out of the midst of her be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD" Isaiah 52:11

Another purpose for calling out the church out of Egypt is for God to know the level of their determination to serve him. "We will go three days journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us" Exodus 8:27 three days' journey away from distraction, three days journey into the jungle to meet with the Lord. This is indeed a serious determination, which God is also expecting from every church in these times.

-The church of God was called out of Egypt so that God may have the whole of her. God wants to have the whole of you and that is why you should give your life to Him totally. The purpose for calling the church out of Egypt is for them to be able to serve God in holiness and righteousness. He wanted her to be out of pollution and corruption. He wanted her to be away from wickedness and land of violence. He called her out so that he may be dealing with her divinely through his divine commandment that was given to her on Mount Sinai, just to help her (church) to be holy unto the God of heaven and the earth. God called his church out to the wilderness, so that, they may learn another better holy and divine way of life.

He wanted her to forget the way she was living in Egypt, he wanted her to forget her misery, and he wanted her to forget violence, which she learnt in Egypt.

Also, God called her out to heal her of all her diseases, he called her out to heal her spiritual sickness e.g. sin, transgression and iniquity. He also called her out to heal and deliver her from physical ailment that is known and common among the Egyptians where she came from. "And said, if thou will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of those diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

The Lord also called his church out so that he may be able to bless her divinely. Blessing gotten divinely will attract no evil and when there is no evil then there will be no reason for sorrow therein. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow with it," says Proverb 10:22.

-The Lord called her out, so that he may prepare her for the promise land that he promised and already given to her great grand father. And at the same time to give the land back to her for possession; even the land that is flowing with milk and honey as described by the Almighty God himself.

-He called them out to teach and instruct them concerning the laws of that land. As a result, He gave them the Ten Commandments, which will save and guide her against the pollution and the defilement of the land.

THE CHURCH IN THE TIME OF GRACE

The unbeliever and constant disobedience of the church in the wilderness has made God to declare in Number 14:20 - 23, "And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: but as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. Because all those men which have seen my glory, and miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers...."

More so, before this error was discovered the blessing of God to Abraham had ensured that through him (Abraham) the whole world shall be blessed.

No wonder, we have the church under the grace that is now extended to the gentiles like me and some of you reading this book. By the virtue of the law, no gentile was allowed to approach the inner court of the temple not to talk of the holy of holies, where the ark of God was kept.

However, through the grace of God, we the gentiles are now qualified through the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even while on the cross as he gave up the ghost the veil of the temple that separated the holy of holies from the inner court rent which now give as many as come to God through Jesus' death and resurrection the access into holy of holies. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest, which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrew 4:14-16.

Jesus Christ has reconciled every believing gentile back to Jehovah God through his death. Therefore, we are not just ordinary people of God again but a peculiar people, royal priesthood that are ordained by God to offer spiritual sacrifices to God 1 Peter 2:9.

The church in this era of grace is saved not by the work of the law but by grace; saved not as biological children of Abraham but by grace; saved not by circumcision on the eight day but by the divine circumcision of the heart obtained through the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ the son of the living God.

The church in this era of grace finds herself in Jesus while on the cross crucified and was crucified with him. And when he died and was buried was buried with him. When he also resurrected she resurrected with him. "know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" Romans 6:3-6.

The power of sin, Satan and death has died through Jesus and is also dead in us because we were in Jesus when he was buried with all the loads of the sin of the world and when he resurrected he resurrected with a glorious body void of sin, void of restriction or limitation and so are we in him.

Jesus, in short, has conquered sin, death and Satan for the church. Hear what the bible says in 1 John 3:8 "...for this purpose the son of God (Jesus) was manifested, that he might destroy the work of the devil". Work of Satan has been destroyed by Jesus for the church under grace. Sin is destroyed already. Satan's head is bruised by Jesus already Gen 3:15, Death and grave are also conquered.

1 Corinthians 15:54 - 55 says "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" The sting of death which is sin, and the strength of sin which is the law, the Lord Jesus has brought to naught now and forever through the victory He has given the Church by His resurrection.

No wonder Romans 6:14 says "for sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law but under grace." Hallelujah. The church is under grace. Even though she does not merit it yet the favour of God through Jesus Christ planted her there. The work of grace is not done by power or might but by the spirit of the Almighty God (Zech. 4: 6). The righteousness of the church under grace is gotten through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Apostle Paul has this to say through the spirit of God in his book to Titus 2:11-12 "for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." The grace gotten through Jesus is the one that is teaching his church divinely in this dispensation of grace.

Church under the grace is dead to sin automatically. But if you who professes to be a Christian, still find yourself in sin no matter how small the sin might be, even if it is the sin of 'it doesn't matter' does your conscience not judge and condemn you? If yes, you are dead already to the grace and righteousness of God. Apostle Paul through God asked this question in Romans 6:1-2 that "what shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that the grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein".

My brother or sister, are you not in one-way or the other justifying yourself for the sin you are committing? Is your conscience not condemning you as you go about tonguing and yet committing fornication and adultery with both small and old opposite sex? Don't you feel bad for the way you are dressing? By exposing the sensitive parts of your body for people to see? Are you free from lying, cheating, backbiting, gossiping, drunkenness etc? Or don't you remember what Apostle James through God said in his book that "for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" James 2:10.

My brother and my sister are you still in the faith at all? If you are, are you not giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils?

For the bible says "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with hot iron". (1Timothy 4:1-2

Why are you so hardened to the truth if your conscience is not seared with hot iron? Why do you go on promoting heresies and immorality in the church given birth to by our Lord Jesus Christ? Why do you continue to wear dresses of the opposite sex which bible vehemently spoke against; "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abominations unto the LORD thy God" Deuteronomy 22:5.

Well, you may say that God did not specify the type of dresses for man and the one for woman. Yes, it is true but what does your tradition or culture say about dresses for different sex? Through the ways of dressing dictated by your tradition (i.e. culture), you know the dresses that belong to man and the one that belong to woman. Apostle Paul in Romans 7:7 says, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shall not covet. You wouldn't have known the attire that belongs to different sex if your tradition and custom had not made it clear. Therefore, when you wear attire of opposite sex in your community, you will be looked upon as a mad or odd person in that society. That dress that belongs to the opposite sex in your society is the one that heaven also recognizes, as opposite sex attire in that society, especially the one that is in tune with the law of God. Your being in Christ ought to cause you to know what and what you should adhered to in the law of your society and the one you should discard. Your being in Christ will cause you to reject idolatry and sexual provocative dressing code of your society which your societal law also condemns. Your outright disobedience to that societal law (tradition) which the Word of God approves becomes a disobedience to the law of God. May God help you (Amen).

I know that if your conscience is not seared with hot Iron, you will surely not repent only on the Issue of dressing but of all sins of 'it doesn't matter' that you have been committing excitedly before. For God said in Isaiah 52:1 "that henceforth, there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean". Come into where? The New Jerusalem where the Lord Jesus will reign in holiness and righteousness. No small fraction of sin will be there. Because Jerusalem will be in her perfect glory then. For you to be there, cut off from all sins you have given yourself to.

- Oh Lord, you have called me out of the world, don't let me perish with the world in Jesus name.
- Every unholiness I have ignorantly embraced and practiced, by the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit, I am separated from them in Jesus name.
- I am already out of Egypt, every sickness and disease of the Egyptian in me, by the balm of Gilead be healed in Jesus name.
- Covenant of hell on me, break by the blood of Jesus in Jesus name
- I am in Jesus, Jesus is in God; therefore Satan, sin and death you are conquered forever in Jesus name.
- Sin of it does not matter; I renounce you in Jesus name.
- I give my mind, thought and feeling to Jesus to take over in Jesus name.
- I become sensitive to the spirit of the Lord from hence forth in Jesus name.
- Powers, spirits and people pushing me to the state of had I known when it is too late are right now separated from me and are destroyed in Jesus name.
- God, thank you for the victory given unto me in Jesus name.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Psalms 106:35 "But we were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works" "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself and the people: Ephraim is a cake not turned" Hosea 7:8

For God to separate the Israelites from the Egyptians, it was not at all easy. If not by the strong arm of the Lord, how would they leave Egypt? In power, population, weapons, Israelites were nowhere. How would they be free from the bondage of the Egyptians if not for God?

It cost God many signs and wonders, which did not move pharaoh until He was pushed to do what he wouldn't have done; by destroying all the first-born of the Egyptians for His own first born the Israelites ("....thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my first born" Exodus 4:22) to be delivered from slavery, shame and reproach which they were. "For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men"Lamt.3:33.

The hardness of pharaoh's heart pushed God against His wish. I pray you too will not push him against His wish, will and plan for you through your disobedience and stubbornness against him and his commandment.

God said in Hosea 7:8 that Ephraim he hath mixed himself and the people. Ephraim as the church of God has mixed himself with the world. He has embraced the worship of the idols of the gentiles to the worship of Jehovah God.

The system of the world has become a legalized mode of worship of Jehovah in our churches today. In the olden days when I was small the magicians used to come with their magical power to my town and to other towns and villages performing signs and wonders through their magical act. But now adays, you can't see them on the streets again, you can't see them in the markets any more. Why, because they also claimed to be Christians and at last became pastors, prophets and Evangelists in different churches where they are now practicing the magical powers that their fathers committed into their hands.

They are now miracle workers in churches though calling the name of Jesus for people to hear but inside them are other names, which they must not make a mistake to call out openly, but only in their closet. Some of them have dedicated the altar of God to demons through the type of sacrifices they have buried on the altar. No wonder you see them only talking about the mercy of God. They will never speak about the judgment of condemnation and destruction that will befall sinners in the last days. They talk so much about the love of God; they talk so much about what God can do for people and not what people can do for God for them to end up in eternal life.

Yes! Christians have mixed with the people and become very difficult to separate from the people. Well, God showed nine signs to pharaoh so that pharaoh may repent from holding down his first born in bondage. But he refused bluntly until the 10th sign that caused pharaoh himself and all his citizens wailing and crying was performed by God, before he could see himself human and his idols dead before the almighty God.

God will one day come and separate his church from the world. But as it was not a palatable day or night for pharaoh, so it will not be a joyful day for sinners and all hypocrites. He says in Matthew 13:30 "Let both grow together until the harvest; and in time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn"

This is the commandment of the Lord to church and the world that is now in the church. The reapers will come one day to harvest the wheat from the tares and the tares will then know on that day, that they are not useful for any thing but for burning.

KNOWING THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles...wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" Mathew 7:15-20. Satan is a miracle worker. His agents too are miracle workers. Moses before pharaoh performed miracle, Satan through Jannes and Jambres also did the same. But the rod of Moses swallowed their own. Halleluyah.

To know the world in the church is not at all difficult for a standing righteous believer. Why? Christians are not known by tonguing, prophesy or by working of signs and wonders. You know Christians, as the bible says, by their fruits. The so called Christians, Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers of the word of God or Apostles or Bishop; what type of fruit are they bearing, apart from their wonders and signs which you don't know the origin of.

Look! Satan can work signs and wonders at will. But Satan can not practice holiness, righteousness and purity. Hear what Jesus said concerning him and his children that are in the church today. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was murderer from the beginning, and abode not in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it" John 8:44.

Satan is known to be a liar. Even when he is revealing himself as angel of light he is only subtly carrying out his own desire out. In John 10:10 He was also referred to as a thief that come into the church of Christ to steal the pure and

unadulterated word of God in order for him to kill and to destroy people of God in hell.

Satan can never do without sin. Holiness and righteousness is a taboo for him. Also his children that are in the church can never do less or higher than their master. This is the reason why they themselves can never be righteous and be holy at all.

The type of fruit they bear is filthiness and corruption of all kinds.

Making it any how is part of their messages. They themselves never see divorce and remarrying as a sin. Therefore, they encourage it the more. They are the pioneer of polygamy in the church for many of them are husbands of more than one wife.

The sin that made God to destroy Sodom and Gomorra is their new invention today and now they are trying to get it legalized. With them are common with the sins of it does not matter. All what God frown at is what they are subtly bringing to the church just to make sure the church is corrupted. Some body prayed that "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines... song of Solomon 2:15 Little foxes of small lie in the name of defense mechanism is now the life style of many Christians and even pastors; Little foxes of wearing of dresses of opposite sex; Little foxes of dressing anyhow to the church of God and places of work which shows no difference between unbelievers and believer; Little foxes of hair – do among Christian sisters, brothers and pastors. You pastors with punk and Tyson hairstyle, has God not warned you against such in Leviticus 19:27 that" ye shall not round the corner of your head?"... The world in the church has made the church of God different from the original purpose of God.

That little leaven you allowed in your life will mar your whole righteousness and get you disqualified from being a candidate of heaven.

Jesus is coming back for the perfect undefiled and unpolluted church.

You pastors that want money at all cost God says in Deuteronomy 23:17-18 that "There shall be no whore (Prostitutes) of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shall not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abominations unto the LORD thy God". But because of your quest for money at all cost you push your church members into evil.

Sir; please stop preparing people for hell. Even though the bible says in I Timothy 4:1 that "Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrine of devils." This saying is a prophecy and it is not a good type. But I want you to know that it is not meant for you. You can disallow this prophecy from coming to pass in your life and ministry by repenting today. Go back to Calvary and begin to preach the true word of God.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE WORLD MIXING WITH THE CHURCH

"And the mix multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again and said who shall give us flesh to eat"? Numbers 11:4.

The mix multitude that came out with the Israelites from Egypt were those that gave Moses the most difficult time. They were the ones that stirred up the Israelites against Moses. They were the ones that made the road to the promise land very difficult. They were those that made God to be annoyed against his children. They were the introducers of evil ideas to the people of God. They were the ones that confronted Aaron and forced Aaron to make unto them the god of calve.

Remember for this purpose the Lord decided to wipe out the inhabitant of the land they were going to possess for there possession of which God fore warned them of in Deuteronomy 18:8 that "when thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations".

This they have started even before getting to the land because of the move and the suggestion of the mix multitude. This is what is happening in the church of God today. But Lo and behold, the consequence of what they did is not hidden and if the mix multitude in the church of God failed to repent, the same will be their reward.

The mix multitude both with those that took to their suggestions were destroyed before getting to the promise land, some of them died miserably I pray you the reader of this book will not die miserably in Jesus name. The tares that grew together with the wheat were cast into the fire. So also, the world in the church will find themselves in hell at the end of their journey here on earth.

Why can't you examine yourself now? Has the world not mixed with your faith? Has the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life not taken over your sound and genuine salvation? Are you not a tare in the wheat of the church of Christ? Look! in as much as you allowed the mundane things of this world to rule your thought, sight, speech and action you are a tare already. In as much as you have no interest in the holiness and purity that bible has commanded us to practice you are a tare already. In as much as you accepted the bible partially by disallowing the spirit of the Almighty God to give you the real meaning of his word but rather give your own private interpretation to the bible, you are a tare already. "knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation for the prophecy come not in old time by the will of man but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" II Peter 1:20-21. Also, hear what the bible says in Revelation 22:18-19 ".... if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and

out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Brothers and Sisters, why don't you repent now and retrace your steps back to Calvary. Jesus is ready now to return you to your real spiritual estate. He is not willing that you should be destroyed as those tares were destroyed. You can become wheat of God today if you renounce you lustful ways of life and you completely embraced with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21) and so shall you be saved from destruction to come in Jesus name.

- Jesus, I love you and for this reason I retrace my steps back to Calvary in Jesus name
- Lord Jesus, forgive me of all my sins and receive me back in Jesus Name.
- My Father and my God, ignore my time of ignorance and purge my life from curses I incurred on my self in Jesus name.
- By the fire of the Holy Ghost and by the blood of Jesus, I separate myself from the affairs of this world in Jesus name.
- Seeds of lust in my life, jump out by fire in Jesus name.
- Demons of 'it doesn't matter', you are killed by the blood of Jesus in Jesus name.
- Desire of the flesh against the spirit of God, you are dead by the righteousness of God in Jesus name.
- Program of hell, from today fail over my life in Jesus name.
- Memory of the evil works I learnt be wiped away by the word of God in Jesus name.

- I become a qualified candidate of eternal life by the grace of God in Jesus name.
- Thank you Jesus.

HALF-BAKED CHRISTIANS AND THEIR ROLES IN THE CHURCH

Half-baked cake is not useful for anything than to be cast into the dustbin. Why, because the side that the fire burnt will become inedible because of the burnt; while the other side too will become uneatable because it is undone. ".... Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not...." Half baked cake is not at all good for anything. Even if given to beast to eat it will not be able to take it.

Effort or labour on half-baked cake is a wasteful effort. Since it will end up bringing no profit or benefit to the exactor of the labour. Half-baked Christians in the church are the same. They make the church unnecessarily large, but full of rottenness. Church is large indeed but majority are not good for anything. Half-baked Christians in the church are producers of pollution, producers of spiritual maggot and all kinds of corruption one can ever think about.

CARNAL CHRISTIANS

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the thing of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit the thing of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God". Roman 8:5-8. Half-baked Christian are carnal Christians. They claim to be born again, but they are carnal in everything they do. Their speech is carnal, when they reason, they reason carnally. They never see what pastors or other spiritual leaders in the church are seeing; because they are carnal. Carnal Christians are Christians that are yet to be broken down. They are Christians that serve God in the flesh when bible says in John 4:24 that "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth".

There is no way a carnal Christian can worship God in the spirit and truth. If you see him/her worshipping God he/she is only doing that for what he will gain. A carnal Christian will not like to pay tithe and offering and if pays, he will like to know how the tithe and the offering are expended.

Carnal Christians are divisionists in the church. They are confusionists. They are those that confuse pastors or ministers to pull out of the church for their own ministries. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal,

even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? I Corinthian 3:1-4. If not the grace of God that was in Paul and Apollos, problem would have happened to the Christians of Corinth; because of the carnal Christians among the church. The church at Corinth would have separated but thank God for the grace of God in the life of Paul.

Carnal Christians can not be fed with hard things, if you try it they will go, because you only see them in the church bodily but spiritually they are outside the church. John 6:60 have this to say about some disciples of Jesus "Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, this is an hard saying, who can hear it? Verse 66 "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." why? because of the hard saying of Jesus. Carnal Christians will stay where they will be given the chance to lead; they will stay where adulterated word of God is preached; .carnal Christians are too mindful of the things of the flesh. They care so much for what they will eat, drink and put on. A carnal Christian may refuse to go to church because of lack of better cloth to wear.

A carnal Christian, can never give him/herself to serious prayers. Because he will see prayer as punishment; especially when prayer is now becoming longer than expected. Infact, he may not come to the fellowship next time because of that. Carnal Christians cannot fast because they care so much for their belly

even though God said that both food and belly shall be brought to judgment one day.

Carnal Christians are problems in the church except the Lord arrest them afresh and they become genuinely converted.

Carnal Christians are given to carnal ways of dressing. They dress seductively because they claim that holiness is of the heart and not of what they put on. Though they are walking almost naked on the streets yet their slogan is that "what I wear matters not, holiness is of the heart".

God said "ye shall be holy unto me for I the Lord I am holy and I will sever you among the people that ye should be mine". Lev. 20:26. What then makes you carnal Christians dressing as the children of Jezebel different from them? What message have you for the children of Jezebel dressing in that way. No wonder, many harlots are now rushing to church to hide since, carnal Christians have adulterated the dress code for genuine Christian.

Carnal Christians never see far. It is what a carnal Christian is eating that he knows. Once he/she is full, nothing is done by whosoever might have given him/her one thing or the other in time past.

Also carnal Christians seldom think of the future. Carnal Christians will find it difficult to do the will of God. Though they may be crying for the will of God in marriage, yet in their hearts are the images of those they would like to marry.

If God leads them to somebody that is not of their taste, they will not hearken. Carnal Christians are often worse than the real unbelievers are. Why? Because they are already acquainted with the scripture no pastor or leader can counsel them again, for it is

what is in their mind they will do and they will establish their act in the bible.

My brothers and sisters why can't you be ready now to pray this prayer that Apostles Paul prayed in I Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Brethren, you know that you are tripartite in nature. (Soul, spirit and body). For you to be blameless now and in the day of Jesus Christ, you must be sanctified spirit, soul and body.

The sanctification of your spirit that does not reflect in your soul and body will bring condemnation. You have compassed the state of carnality enough, move on now to perfection in every area and it shall be well with you.

- Oh Lord, take me above the level of carnality in Christianity in Jesus name.
- I refuse to be a half-baked Christian in Jesus name.
- Worldliness that has choked my life, I renounce you now in Jesus name.
- Curses and evil covenant against me and my heaven break by the blood of Jesus.
- My spirit, soul and body be sanctified by the blood of Jesus in Jesus name
- Every stinking part of my life; receive healing by the blood of Jesus in Jesus name.
- I escape divine curse that is waiting for carnal Christians at the end of their journey on earth in Jesus name.
- I am back to Calvary for the perfection of my faith in God in Jesus name.

THE TRUE STATE OF THE CHURCH

"Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not" Hosea 7-9.

The strength of the church is the Saviour of the church. The God that delivered his church from bondage, slavery etc. is the same he never changes. Hebrew 13:8 says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." The strength of the church never changes. As he was, so he is and shall be forever. As the strength of the church use to save so he is saving now and shall continue to save until the time of grace shall be no more.

In essence, the strength of the church cannot be devoured by any power, spirit, or people. But from Hosea 7:9 we were told that strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth not. The strength of the church to do the will of God is what strangers have devoured and he knoweth not. The strength of holiness and righteousness is being devoured by the strangers and he knoweth not. The strength of faith in God and faith of God to do good, love, care etc is devoured and he knoweth not. The strength of sound doctrine of the bible as our fathers handed over to us is devoured and we knoweth not. The strength of publishing of the gospel as our strength (Jesus) commanded us is devoured and we knoweth not. The strength of godliness with contentment as a great gain is devour and we knoweth not. Strength of prayers and purity that bring power is devoured and we knoweth not.

As people say: "he that knows not and know that he knows not can be helped to know." But he that knows not and know not that he knows not will die in his ignorance. Except the Lord has mercy upon such. In John 9:41 "Jesus said unto them, if ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, we see therefore your sin remaineth." Because they claimed to see, the help which they would have received through Jesus could not be rendered, therefore, they remain in their ignorance and if they failed to humble themselves, in their ignorance they will die.

In Revelation 3:17; Jesus said to the Laodiceans Church thus "Because thou, sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable and poor, and blind, and naked."

We are now in the era of Laodiceans Church. Of course, the church is rich in terms of money, materials and in manifestation of the gifts of the spirit be it genuine or counterfeit. This speaking in tongues does not allow many Christians to know that they have died and have been buried spiritually. This is because they never

cease speaking in tongues but at the same time never ceased from committing sins. So many today are speaking in tongues yet the powers that ought to back up their tongues never stop them from fornicating, stealing, backbiting, lying, cheating and so on. Yet they are serious tongue talker, how will you now say that such are not born again?

They never see themselves and that is why they remain in their sin till today. Many holiness preachers today have not yet overcome malice and bitterness against their fellow brethren. Many today that claimed to be sanctified are not but only sanctimonious in their speech, walking etc.

Imagine a fornicator or adulterer that will commit evil with the opposite sex and he/she will still mount the pulpit and be preaching against fornication and adultery. Eh? Peoples' hearts are already hardened except God help his church in a divine way. Brothers and sisters you think that you are rich with the gifts of the Holy Spirit though, still committing evil? Know you not that power without purity will lead to grave, or know you not that gift without grace for righteous living will take you to the grave?

Why can't you today hearken to the counsel of our Lord Jesus in Revelation 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou, mayest be rich: and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness does not appear and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see".

Brethren, where Christ is, is more than the way you thought it is. Your hypocritical life will hinder you of being there. You may be thinking that you are covered, look! Satan knows that you are naked and if not for the mercy of God he would have struck you dead and sent you to hell.

Why can't you repent now by embracing complete holiness and righteousness of the Lord?

STEPS TO KNOWING THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

As it was earlier discussed, without knowing that you know not, you cannot get the assistance or help that you supposed to get. please answer these questions below:

- Do you think that heaven is pleased with the way you are practicing your Christianity?
- Don't you know or is your conscience not telling you that you are deceiving yourself and not God?
- Sir/Ma, do you think that, the standard of God has reduced from the level it has being from foundation of the world?
- Do you think you can make heaven like this without keeping the whole law?
- 1. Well, the first step I think you need to take is to be sincere with yourself. For if you are not sincere to yourself, you will be justifying yourself.
- 2. The next step is for you to humble yourself by accepting all your errors and be ready to repent of them.
- 3. Go back to the way our fathers accepted Christ and served him during their own time. I.e. Apostle Peter, John, James, Paul etc. "And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and smite the earth with a curse". We are now in the season of children turning to the ways of their fathers in the faith. Be ready to go back to old time ways of serving the Almighty God.

- 4. Be ready to embrace the whole bible and not just the one that you think does not affect you too much. James through the Holy Spirit says that if you keep the law and you offend in one you have offended in all.
- 5. Cease from giving private interpretation to the bible (2 Peter 1:20) "knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation". Where so ever the word of God hits you, be ready to adjust and don't try to spue the bitter pill of the word of God while you keep on swallowing the one that affects you not.

The word of God is to make you perfect and be thoroughly furnished as it is written in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Therefore, don't try to severe the word of God. All the written words of God are for your consumption.

6. Be ready also, to endure the chastening of the Almighty God; for if you are in deed a child of God, you will be chastised, whenever you err. Heb. 12:6 says "for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" verse 11 also says "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Brothers and sisters, don't despise the chastening of the Almighty God. Peradventure, you decide to go and start your own ministry when you were disciplined, Look, the foundation of your ministry is wrong,

- go back to your leader, serve the punishment and receive his blessing before you then go back to start your own ministry.
- 7. Apostle Paul in Acts 20:28 said: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Sir/Ma, Why did you decide to start floating your own ministry? Is it because you want to merchandise the gospel of Christ? Or is it because you want to indeed depopulate the kingdom of Satan and to populate the kingdom of Christ? Hear what the word of God says in 2Timothy 3:1-5 "This know that in the last days perilous time shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy ... Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." It is whatsoever or whosoever calls you in to the ministry you are that you will be preaching. If it is Christ Jesus, surely you will not cease preaching him even when you don't have anything to eat or wear. However, if it is your need and Satan that calls you into the ministry; definitely, it is Satan and your need that will dominate your messages and not Christ, heaven and holiness.

The flock of God must be fed with correct pastures or else, you will be judged and be condemned by he that used his blood to purchase the church for himself. What I am saying in essence here is that, when we leaders like: Pastors, G.Os, Prophets, Evangelists, Apostles, Bishops, etc discover ourselves, then the church we are pasturing will discover herself also.

- Strangers that entered into my faith and belief, jump out by the fire of God in Jesus name.
- Every subtle move of Satan, to hijack my ministry from me be intercepted by the spirit of the Lord and be destroyed in Jesus name.
- Spirit of the last days, you have nothing to do with me, fail and be roasted by fire in Jesus name.
- I recovered back, strength for holiness, righteousness and for prevailing prayers in Jesus name.
- You powers, robbing me of my knowledge to the standard of God, be flushed away from me in Jesus name.
- Spirit of self deception, fail over my life in Jesus name.
- Oh Lord, open my eyes to know myself better in Jesus name.
- Almighty God, reveal to me my present state before you and give me the grace to meet up with where I ought to be in Jesus name.
- Every imperfection in me, be destroyed and be replaced with perfection in Jesus name
- Hell is not my portion. I escape hell by the blood of Jesus and by his righteousness in Jesus name.

THE TIME HAS GONE

".... yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not" *Hosea 7:9b*.

Age is not on the side of the church again; time also is not on the side of the church again. The program of this world will soon end whether we know it or not, or whether we believe it or not. The time of the gentile will soon close for the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The dispensation of man's innocence has come and gone. The dispensation of man under conscience; that is, the knowledge of good and evil has ended. The dispensation of human government or man in authority has also come and gone, so also, the dispensation of promise went into silence at Mount Sinai to give way for the dispensation of Law. We are now in the dispensation of grace, and this dispensation will soon close with the rapture of the prepared saints of God. This time, the blood of

the Lamb will cease to work for the saints that will still remain after the rapture. It is the time that those that will be saved will pay for their salvation by shedding their own blood. This is the time of the Anti-Christ, the time that all people on earth will be forced to receive the mark of the beast 666. For without this mark, no selling, no buying. Infact, it is the time of tribulation for the unraptured saints. This is the time that all money in the bank will become government money. The time all houses will be converted to government's property together with other assets of the people. Oh, it is the time of Jacob's trouble. I pray you and I must have gone with the Lord through rapture.

Already, the Anti-Christ is at the corner and he is manifesting himself indirectly but unprepared saints do not know his programs are being run almost everywhere today, even in some churches, yet unprepared saints are not putting it into mind. Jesus said in Mathew 24:32-33 that "now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." For several years back, the fig tree of Israelites has started springing up again; it has started bringing forth leaves as the Jews are returning back to their land.

The watch or time of the world is the Israelites and by their clock, the program of the world will soon round up. The abomination of Jerusalem will soon be demolished while the temple of Solomon will come in place. All these are only preparing ways for the Anti-Christ to manifest physically.

Jesus said in Mathew 24:14 that "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come"

This scripture is still fulfilling speedily. For now a day gospel of our Lord Jesus is fastly penetrating the eastern countries. Even where the seat of Islam is, the gospel of Christ has got there. If this is so, brothers and sisters, you will agree with me that the time is not on our side any more.

Do you know that Jesus himself has started doing the work that was committed to you and me? When he sees that, the time is no more on our side. He has taken some people to hell and heaven and still gave them the grace to come and tell you and me what they saw there e.g. Mary Baxter who wrote what she saw in her books titled "Divine Revelation of Heaven" and "Divine Revelation of Hell."

Also, Choo Nam Thomas wrote what she saw in heaven and hell in her book titled, "Heaven is so Real." Another person that died for more than thirteen hours and later came back to life (*Bro Michael Thomas Sambo*) also wrote about what he saw both in hell and in heaven in his book titled, "Divine Revelation of God's Holiness and Judgment".

Christ has appeared to many and he has told them how the Angels of God are set to blow the trumpets. Angels have appeared to people even inside taxis and preached the gospel of Christ to people and after, disappeared. What of the baby that was born at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital with his two palms stuck together and when it was opened by operation, they saw the letter that was written to the world "JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON".

Look! We are now in extra time, the full time has ended. We must be prepared for the coming of our Lord Jesus. Many through dreams and revelations have seen what rapture will look like. Many have seen how the Antichrist will take over the government of this world and how he will deal with the saints that do not rapture. Eh! It is not going to be a time of joy at all. Please Sir/Ma, get prepared and be raptured when the trumpet of God shall sound.

Christians, how serious are you in the work of evangelism? Are you serious with holiness and righteousness? Are you not concerned the way people are making jest of the word of God? Are you not touched, the way the mighty are falling and the weapons of war are perishing?

Lamentations has this to say in chapter 1:12 "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me where with the **LORD** hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger." The day of fierce anger of God is coming when many unraptured saints will cry and there shall be no answer; when they will call upon the blood of Jesus but there shall be nothing; the time when wickedness shall be empowered; the time when the fallen angels that were reserved in darkness with chain will be loosed to afflict the world. Oh! Do everything possible through Jesus and your obedience to his word and escape those dreadful days of sorrow, pain, anguish and torture. Hell indeed has enlarged her mouth and many are descending into it but you can be free if you let in Jesus into your life.

I have no portion in hell, therefore hell is not for me in Jesus name.

- Old age in Christianity is not a barrier to my agility in God's work, therefore the older I am in Christ the more fervent I am for God in Jesus name.
- Time to do God's work shall not be against me in Jesus name.
- Jesus told Peter in John 21:18 "verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not." We are already approaching this very time or period.

What is happening in the world now is giving us the signal. The time when you will not be able to do anything for God is coming. The time when you will be forced to do what you will not is already knocking on the door. Therefore I say again, be prepared and don't miss the rapture, God bless you.

THE SIGN OF THE END-TIME (TESTIMONY AGAINST THE CHURCH)

"And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this" Hosea 7:10.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous time shall come" 2 Timothy 3:1

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Mathew 24:3.

Going through the book of Mathew Chapter 24. there you will see different signs of the end time that Jesus Christ talked about all of which are already happening. Verse 5 of Mathew chapter 24 talked about many that shall come in the name of Jesus saying that they are Jesus Christ. This has happened in Nigeria. There was one Jesus of Ovigbo, and so many others like him in other countries. In verse 6 He said "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of war". Is this not happening also? What of the war between Iraq and Iran, the Liberian war that lasted more than three years, and that of Somalia. The one that happened in Niger Delta where many lives were lost through the Bakassi boys is another instance. Nigeria/Biafra Civil war, which also claimed the lives of many citizens of Nigeria is yet another. What about the Golf war, Kuwait and Iraq, Afghanistan war that is still on presently. Stock pilling of warheads and developing nuclear weapon that can terminate the whole world is also there. Indeed rising against nations, and kingdoms against nations are kingdoms as stated in verse seven.

The sign of the end time is seriously increasing daily, no good news again on television or on radio. News casters are carrier of bad tidings because there are no good things to report about. News everywhere is fear instilling to people. But as for students of eschatology, they see all the present happening as the preparation for the emergence of the son of perdition (the anti-Christ). The massive killing of Christians from one Church to another by Boko-Haram sect is the fulfillment of what Jesus said in the book of Matthew 24:9, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated by all nations for my name sake." In John 16:2 Jesus said further that, "They will put you out

of the Synagogue; yes, the time is coming that whosoever kills you will think that he offers God Service..."

In some Eastern Countries, Christians are killed publicly just because they were counted or tagged for criminals. Well, they are only fulfilling the prophecy of our Lord Jesus Christ and that is all.

Furthermore, the government of USA has passed into law and the judiciary council has also endorsed Obama Health-Care bill and it will be implemented by 23rd of March, 2013. This bill entails that all American must have radio frequency а identification chip implanted in their right hand or forehead in order to have access to medical services. Revelation 13:18, "...He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name..., for it is the number of a man: his number is 666." Is this prophecy not coming to pass gradually? Surely, the sign of the end has started manifesting, if not, why must the chip be implanted on the right hand or forehead just as the Bible declared? We must be watchful.

Flood happening in different part of the world is also an indication that the programme of this world will soon roundup. Though God said He will not destroy the world with flood. But strange occurrences that will precede the end of the time has started and is increasing from year to year.

In Lokoja, many people were killed by flood and houses were carried away. What about that of Delta state of Nigeria, that of Lagos State, that of Ibadan and that of Cameroon that carried some cars to Nigeria, surely the prophecies of our Lord Jesus Christ are fulfilling to the letter.

Sometime in August, 2012, I heard the story of a man that was traveling with his car towards Akure and he saw an Old man walking along the road, so he decided to help him by giving him ride, while in the car, the old man told the driver that there was great happening in Heaven over the night, that God told the angel to blow the trumpet. But Jesus immediately intervened, but God would not listen and so He turned His back at Him and until Jesus showed God his pierced hands ... So the old man told the driver to go and be telling the world that the trumpet will soon sound and "NOW AM TELLING YOU THAT JESUS IS COMING SOON, PLEASE BE READY."

Look, before the man of perdition will be finally revealed, and the world will be forced to receive the mark of the beast, the saints must have been in the air with Jesus. Therefore, don't mortgage your soul by receiving what will give the anti-Christ the legal ground to force on you that mark called 666.

In addition, famine, pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places are on high rate now, which are also fulfilling the second part of verse seven. e.g. Nigeria where earth tremor occurred in Ibadan some years back, famine, because of global economic melt down and food crisis worldwide, great draught in Chad republic, food crisis currently in Zimbabwe, Chile etc. Earthquake happened recently in America and China; while of recent, flood happened in certain parts of America and fire disaster which they used helicopter to put off after much damage has been done etc.

Verses 11 also talked about the revival of false prophets. And this is really in place. There are many more false prophets than ever recorded in the bible. Everywhere you see them calling on the name of Jesus but using diabolical power underneath. You see them actually calling on the name of Jesus, but the queen of the coast is their power. They see vision at will; they work miracles and wonders at will. Why? Because their source of power is not of God and no wonder, righteous and holy living is a problem unto them. The more they perform sign and wonder, the more they go into different sin of immoralities: (fornication, lesbianism, and homosexual, incest etc). You see them talking much about the goodness of God, his mercy and love but will never talk about holiness of God. They will never talk about God's judgment and condemnation that is coming upon sinners at the last day. Infact, they are many now all over the world.

God said in the book of Daniel that in the end time like this, that knowledge shall increase. This is also on a very high side. Knowledge has increased and it is still increasing. Talk about internet, satellite, computer, different types of handsets etc. All these, have made the whole world a global village. This definitely is really preparing conducive atmosphere for the reign of Anti-Christ.

Through browsing on the internet, you are free to see nudity and unrestrained sex between men and women created in God's image. No wonder Jesus says in Mathew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold".

We are in the era of killing human beings anyhow for ritual for money; era of using hired killers to kill those that offend one another etc. life of fellow human beings is now valueless in the sight of many. Except God comes to rescue man, we are indeed in the end time. God said in 2 Timothy 3:7, "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth". Churches are multiplying but the numbers of those that are of God are very few. People are learning the word of God but the podium spirit never allows them to see God truly in his word. No wonder, they became teachers of heresies. They encourage and promote wickedness in their churches against God. The knowledge of the truth they ought to have through the learning of the word of God is becoming even more abstract than before. Maranatha! All the signs of the end time mentioned and many yet unmentioned that you yourself has known and seen, are they not testifying against the church?

Ever before Jesus came in the flesh, God had spoken of this period through some of his prophets i.e Daniel. And Jesus himself said so over 2000 years ago. Now we can see them happening in our presence. Surely, all these signs are testifying against the church. The Church that ought to be a healing centre is no more, because of the pollution that has come into the church of God.

Many big ministers of God that have erred away from the truth are not ready to retrace their steps back to Calvary to see again the way they first received Jesus in to their lives. The quest for money and material prosperity is their delight they are not ready to labour hard for the salvation of the unsaved. Their preoccupation is to milk even both believers and the unbelievers that are within their reach.

The standard of GOD cannot be compromised. Look, if you deny him, He will not deny himself. Sir, Ma, how do you feel, when you see a man marrying a man even in the church. How do you feel, when you see a woman marrying a woman in the church of

God. Is it not because of this sin God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? Look, God's standard is constant.

You young pastors that are rebelling against your faithful God chose senior pastor, why can't you repent today, go, and reconcile with your father in the Lord. Dathan, Korah and Abiram rebelled in that same manner against Moses, it was the earth that swallowed them. How are you sure that the hell that has enlarged it self beneath will not receive you too if you should fail to repent.

You born again Christian, that is shameless in dressing almost naked to churches, and places of work, you need to repent also. Jezebel's Own was not up to that, it was dog that ate her up. Look, if you had a bum, a scar, have burnt or rashes on you navel or chest, would you be exposing that part like that? If your answer is no, surely it is your pride; pride of your beauty that is pushing you unto it and don't forget that it was the pride of Lucifer (Satan) that pushed him against God. For the bible has this to say concerning Satan, "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering,...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created "Eze. 28:13.

Satan was created with beauty and this beauty and great glory that was created with him pushed him against God. Today his pride has caused him to be a vagabond in the earth. Job 1:7 "And the Lord said Satan, whence comest thou?' Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, 'from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." A prince before, became a vagabond because of the sin of pride that emanated from his beauty. Yet that is not all, but hell that is already prepared for him is still there.

Is your own pride because of your beauty not testifying against you? The beauty that is given to you to show forth the glory of God, has Satan not taken it over?

Look! Hell is not for you, it is for Satan. You can repent now and it shall be well with you in Jesus name. Is our technological development not testifying against us? Yes it is. Little children have learnt wickedness faster through browsing, internet, satellite cable etc. Crime is learnt fast, and all forms of corruption you can think about. Through internet, knowledge of how one can be initiated into one occult or the other is learnt. Our children now know more wickedness than we can imagine as a result of all these so-called technological development.

JESUS, DELAY NOT TO COME BACK!

- Oh, Lord keeps my soul, spirit and body away from pollution in Jesus name.
- Lord, I shall not make you regret creating me in your image in Jesus name.
- Pride that is manifesting in me against the will of God, you are destroyed in Jesus name.
- Every sin testifying against me, be terminated by the blood of Jesus.
- Wickedness of the end-time shall not take me away from the Yellow line in Jesus name.
- I shall not bring forth for destruction; therefore, all my children both biological and spiritual you are secured from destruction in Jesus name.
- I and the children God has given to me we are for signs and wonders in Jesus name.

CHURCH! RETURN TO GOD

"And when he came to himself, he said, how many hired servants of my fathers have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father; and will say unto him, father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee" Luke 15:17-18

As this prodigal son, so is the church of God, the church has detached from the vine. The church has started going her own way. But this is the time for you as a person to return to God, for your physical and spiritual prosperity.

A church starts from an individual; for it is an individual that will grow into family and the church comprises of different families. If you as an individual can return to God in holiness and righteousness surely, it will affect your family positively and so shall the church of God become what she should be.

The prodigal son realized himself and returned to his father.

You too need to realize your errors; you need to know that you have erred from the true word and doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. When you discover yourself, be ready to humble yourself, by confessing your errors and by begging God to have mercy on you by forgiving you your sins.

Christ is ready to forgive you; he is ready to pardon you and to accept you back. Even if you have committed sin unto death. That is, even if you have denied the power of the Holy Ghost that once worked in you when you first believed. It means even, if you have gone to the state of apostasy. Yet if you can sincerely call upon the Lord for repentance, he may still have mercy on you and pardon you your sin. Though I know God cannot denied His word; for He has said in His word that sin against the Holy Spirit is without forgiveness (1 John 5:16,17; Heb 6:4-6), but I believe in His mercy that endures forever. He said that he is not willing that sinners should die and perish but to come to repentance. God said "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Christ is waiting for your return, for your sake he is still delaying his coming back. He is waiting for your repentance. You can repent today and he will accept you back. God said through his servant Malachi 4:6 that "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" John the Baptist came as that Elijah who actually turned the heart of the fathers to the children then. The children then are now our fathers' i.e Apostle Peter, James, Paul, John etc. that we as children of this age have turned against. For the way our father received Jesus we their children did not receive him so. Even the way our contemporary fathers like Apostle, Joseph Ayo Babalola and a host of others received Jesus we their children did not receive him so.

But now, my brethren, let us retrace our steps to Calvary. Let us begin to live our lives as Jesus commanded. Let holiness and righteousness be the order of our lives.

Let your holiness go beyond holiness of the heart. Jesus says that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Yes, from the abundance of the evil of your heart you talk, behave and dress. If actually you are holy within, let your holiness be seen through your mode of dressing, let it be seen in your hair-do, let it be seen in your speech, let it be seen in the life of people you move with. Let it be seen in all your endeavours.

It is time for the church to return to God. God is looking for a perfect church; that is why he gave his son Jesus to come and suffer and die for the church. "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish" Ephesians 5:26-27.

Every effort to make the church of God perfect has been put in place. Therefore, we have no excuse any longer. Church! Return to God and cause His church to be what it should be. Enough of delaying the coming back of our Lord, through our lackadaisical attitude to the word of God. Enough of erring away from the truth. It was the sin of Miriam that held the Israelites down from progressing in their journey for seven good days.

It was the unbelief of the ten spies that came back with evil reports that turned the journey of some months or years to good forty years. Your failure to turn to God is really delaying the coming back of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this is making the true church of God to experience what they have not bargained for. The evil that is fast catching up with the church of God would not have happened if the church had actually and fully returned to God.

Look! Whether you like it or not the program of this world will surely end one day. Whether you return or not, the long-suffering of our God one day will expire. Then shall the time of grace for the church end for the emergence of full manifestation of the Anti-Christ.

Church! Return to God and it shall be well with you in Jesus name. Come, Lord Jesus. Maranatha.