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THIRD TEACHING & FOURTH TEACHING

TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

TEXT: Acts 2:38-39

INTRODUCTION

There have been many teachings and controversies around this topic, being that some persons have believed it just designated to some "**special**" set who are in the ministerial line or have graduated to some marvelous degree of spirituality and as such have failed to exercise or experience it. This is the promise which the Lord promised the church while on earth that would remain with the body of Christ after he leaves(**John 16:13**).We pray that even as we go deep in our study the Lord would grant unto us understanding and cause us to walk in the light of His word in Jesus name(Amen).

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third **person** in the trinity, Godhead **(The Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost)(1John 5:7).**When we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive Him, not an" it "to abide in us and with us forever(**John 14:16).**At new birth, the Holy Spirit imparts life into the unregenerated spirit of the sinner(**Titus 3:5-7)** and comes to dwell and live in you of which we have to be conscious of His indwelling presence daily(**John 3:5-8,Rom 8:16).**This is different from the infilling of the spirit, the infilling of the Holy Spirit is for believers and not sinners but the world can receive Eternal life of which the Holy Spirit comes to make his abode in the Spirit of a man (**John14:17,John 3;16).**Through the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Godhead, God himself indwells the believer through the new birth experience.**(1John 4:4).**

- **The Holy Spirit Within**

Being born again is not just an experience but rather it is receiving the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit, a divine Personality, who comes to make his home in us. You can also have the assurance that not only is God for you, but in every place in life and in every situation, God is with you and in you (**1Cor 3:16,1Cor 6:19,2Cor 6:16).**The indwelling of the Holy Spirit within causes us to bear fruits which would help us live holy and it just a measure of the Holy spirit within **(Gal 5:22-23)**, the disciples had great joy but were yet to be filled with the Holy Spirit **(Luke 24:51-53).**

- **The Holy Spirit Upon**

This is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon believers to receive an enduement of power from on high **(Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5,8).** Just as the Spirit within in the new birth is a definite experience, so there is also a genuine Infilling of the Holy Spirit which believers can receive today. The gateway into the nine supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit **(gifts of the Holy Spirit)** is the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with tongues which every believer must experience first**(1Cor 12:7-11).**

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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Speaking with tongues is the initial evidence or sign that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, the bible says "*.....in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established*"(**Matt 18:16**),and two "**witnesses**" which infer that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit(**Acts 2:1-4**).It is good we understand that the Holy Ghost doesn't do the talking, but we do the talking while he gives the utterance. The Holy Ghost can be likened to **water**, Jesus said "*....come unto me, and drink and out of his belly shall flow rivers of water*" (**John 7:37-38**).Now, you don't have to tarry or wait to drink of the water but it is easy to drink by receiving him-which is your part, the Holy Spirit-fills you up to overflowing and you will speak in tongues.

Speaking with tongues is a continual experience for the rest of one's life to assist in the worship of God. It is a flowing stream that should never dry up ,but will continually enrich the life spiritually. All tongues are not prayers, there's the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues which is manifested for the benefit of others. Praying in tongues is for spiritual edification (**1Cor 14:14**). Speaking with tongues is the door into all the other spiritual gifts but it is as the spirit wills, not as we will (**1Cor 12:11**).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLYSPIRIT

There are three categories of the gifts of the Holy Spirit divided into the Revelation Gifts, Power Gifts and the Utterance Gifts.

REVELATION GIFTS

- **THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE**

This is known as the **"Gift of the word of knowledge and not the Gift of knowledge"**. Now, this is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Ghost of certain facts in the mind of God. It is a fragmentary part of the entire knowledge or counsel of God. The word of knowledge is not natural language neither is it as a result of a profound knowledge of the Bible or through close communication with Him (**1Sam. 3v4-10, 2Tim. 2v15**) but it is a gift of the Holy Spirit given to a believer as He wills and not as we will.

The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal, **"for to one (not to everyone) is given by the spirit the word of wisdom; to ANOTHER the word of Knowledge" (1Cor. 12v8).** It is very obvious that all the gifts aren't given to everyone but as the Spirit **wills** and this gift should be operated with the unction of the spirit of God and not by themselves.

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

The gifts of the Holy spirit operate as the Holy spirit wills and this gift isn't just manifested in a public assembly but could also be manifested through dreams, and visions, through a message from an angel, or through the gift of prophecy and also through interpretation of tongues. The word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation of the **mind** of God concerning events, facts, and people which must have been in the past or the present.

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- **THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM**

The nine gifts of the Spirit work according to **"...That one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" (1Cor 12:11).**As a church believer, we are to desire that these gifts be made manifest among us, and we are to leave it up to the Holy Spirit to use whomever He wills. He will not use everyone the same way. This is the **word of wisdom** and not the **gift of wisdom,** we must call spiritual gifts what the Bible calls them or we will become confused. The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose and plan in the **mind** and **will** of God. The difference between the two gifts-the word of Knowledge and the word of wisdom –is that the revelation the word of knowledge brings is always present tense or concerning something that has happened in the past while the word of wisdom always speaks of the future**(Acts 9:15).**

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

Word of wisdom may be conveyed through the vehicle of prophecy, but it really isn't prophecy in and of itself. The gift of prophecy is given for **"...edification, and exhortation, and comfort..."**.There is no element of prediction or foretelling in the simple gift of prophecy whatsoever. When these elements of prediction and foretelling are in operation in one who is in the ministry **(particularly in the office of a prophet)**, although the prediction may come by prophecy, it is really a word of wisdom in manifestation.

- **THE GIFT OF THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

The discerning of spirit gives supernatural insight into the spirit world. **"To discern"** means to perceive by seeing or hearing. Therefore, discerning of spirits is the same as seeing or hearing in the realm of spirits. Now, the revelation of things in this gift is limited to a single class of objects-spirits. There is no such in the bible called the gift of discerning of spirits. This gift is not a kind of spiritual mind reading or mental penetration and not the power to discern the fault of others. In fact, the power to discern the fault of others is absolutely forbidden in the scriptures **(Matt7: 1).** One purpose of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is to destroy, this gift of discerning faults in others, and then to replace it with the sweet gift of gentle forbearance. This gift has to do with the entire class of spirits, including good spirit, bad spirits and human spirits.

MANIFESTATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE DISCERNING SPIRITS

Through the discerning spirits, or seeing into the spirit realm, one could also discern the risen Christ, no one has actually seen Jesus in his physical flesh and bone body **(Luke 24:39)** but you can be able to see into the spirit realm and see the risen Lord.

You could also discern the Holy Spirit, cherubim, seraphim, archangels, or a host of God's angels **(Rev 4:5)**. This gift could also reveal the power, whether good or evil that may be enforcing a supernatural manifestation or influencing a type of behavior. We could also discern the spirit behind an operation because it is good to know that the supernatural manifestations can come from different sources because not all things that seem miraculous or supernatural to us come from God. We must remember that Satan is also a supernatural being so there has to be a genuine manifestation of the spirit of God, because all supernatural **manifestations** are not necessarily a demonstration of the spirit of God. If the discerning of spirits is in manifestation, we can know the spirit behind a given manifestation or operation.

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Now, the inward witness can also be our guide even without having the discerning of spirits in manifestation. If we know the word of God and we are walking in the spirit, we will have an inward witness if someone is operating a wrong spirit. The Holy Spirit on the inside of us, in our spirits will warn us if we are at all sensitive to him **(Rom 8:14).** Not everyone would have the gift of discerning of spirits operating in them but all the sons of God can be led by the spirit of God by the inward witness.

POWER GIFTS

These are spiritual gifts that do something and are categorized into: The gift of faith, the gift of healings and the working of miracles. All gifts of the spirit are supernatural and not natural which are manifested upon one as the spirit wills.

- **THE GIFT OF FAITH**

It is good to know that at new birth, faith was needed and this was given by the Lord: It is a gift of God, this faith is known as a general or saving faith **(Eph. 2v8)**, but it is not one of the nine gifts of the spirit.

Saving faith is given through hearing the word **(Rom. 10v17)**.The gift of faith is actually beyond simple saving faith but it is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is empowered with special faith. This gift of faith is given to the believer in order that he might receive miracles. The gift of working of miracles is a gift of the spirit to work miracles. One gift receives, the other does something. This gift of the spirit operates by faith, simple faith that comes by hearing the word and as such, one yields to the promptings of the spirit. Therefore, most of the gifts of the spirit operate by the gift of faith, they work hand in hand.

- **THE GIFT OF WORKING OF MIRACLES**

A miracle can be defined as a supernatural intervention by God in the ordinary course of nature **(2kings 2v14, John 2v7-11)**. There are many things that are termed miracles, just like the miracle of birth **(which is occurring in the normal or ordinary course of nature)**. The working of miracles is used to deliver people from unavoidable danger or harm. This gift is used to create something; It is also used to display God's power and magnificence.

- **GIFTS OF HEALINGS**

This is divine healing that comes by the laying on of hands, anointing with oil or sometimes just by speaking the word. This comes by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, by the manifestation of these gifts of healing and by the preaching of the word of God **(Luke 4v18)**. A person can receive healing for his own body by using faith **(Mark 11v24)**, but not all healing is the gift of healing in manifestation. Gift of healings are manifested through another person to you. This gift is used to repair something.

UTTERANCE GIFTS

These are spiritual gifts that say something and the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Apostle Paul in the Bible says **"But covet earnestly the best gifts..." (1Cor.12v31)**. The **"Best"** gift is the gift needed at the time.

- **THE GIFT OF PROPHECY**

This gift is the most important because it takes the other two inspirational gifts – diverse kinds of tongues and the interpretation of tongues, to equal this one gift **(1Cor. 14v5)**.

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Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue. It could also mean to speak for God or to be His spoke man according to the Greek translation of the word **"prophesy"**. This gift should not be confused with the prophetic office that may come forth in the prophet's ministry. **"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to EDIFICATION, and EXHORTATION, and COMFORT" (1Cor. 14v3).**

The misuse of the gift of prophecy can cause confusion among believers when we try to bring forth some foretelling. The gift of prophecy is not prediction but is speaking unto men "....to **edification,** and **exhortation,** and **comfort (1 Cor 14:3)**. You must be in the spirit for the gifts of the spirit to operate; gifts of the spirit do not operate in the flesh. Therefore, you must wait upon the unction of the Holy Spirit for the manifestation of spiritual gifts. The gifts of prophecy can be used in one's prayer life. This begins with speaking in other tongues **(1 Cor 14:2)** because speaking with tongues is the door into the supernatural. Every believer should do more than speak with tongues, which is to interpret what we pray in tongues **(1 Cor 14:13).** This gift of prophecy can be manifested when believers are being edified personally **(Eph 5:18-19, Col 3:16)**

- **THE GIFT OF DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES**

The gift of tongues is the most prominent of the three vocal gifts, the reason why it is the most frequently manifested gift of the spirit. Diverse kind of tongues is supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in language never learned by the speaker, nor understood by the speaker. This has nothing to do with the linguistic ability or the intellect of man. Tongues is primarily a devotional gift to be used in one's prayer life for praising and worshipping God, for speaking mysteries to God, and for building oneself up on his most holy faith. **(1 Cor 14:2, Acts 10:46, 1 Cor 14:4, Jude 20).**

- **The Gift Of Tongues In Public Ministry**

There is a public side to speaking in tongues, not everyone would be used in what we call the public ministry of tongues **(1 Cor 12:28-30, 1 Cor 14:29-40).** Not everyone should give tongues publicly at the same time to prevent competitive utterances and for edification **(1 Cor 14:40).**

- **THE GIFT OF INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**

The interpretation of tongues is the supernatural showing forth by the spirit the meaning of an utterance in other tongues. It is not translation of tongues but interpretation of tongues. This gift depends on other gifts thereby the least gift of all the gifts of the spirit.

- **The Gift Of Interpretation Of Tongues In Public Ministry**

In ministering publicly in any one service, let it be done by two or at most, by three people for order in the church **(1 Cor 14:27).**

CONCLUSION

We were able to understand the Holy Spirit as a person. The revelation gifts, power gifts and utterance gifts which is more prominent in the church these times, therefore the Lord would not have us ignorant but to also be in tuned with the move of the spirit and also allow the spirit use whomever he wills so that we might be blessed. We pray that the Lord helps us keep these things and obey his every instruction. Amen.

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FIFTH TEACHING

TOPIC: How to Be Led By the Spirit of God

BIBLE TEXT: Rom. 8:14

INTRODUCTION

As believers **(who are in the process of becoming sons)** even as the bible text implies that **"as many as are led by the spirit of God are God's sons" (Rom. 8v14)**. The Lord guides us through leadings brought to us by the Spirit of God. The issue of being led by the Spirit of God is a major one in the church of which many have misinterpreted to be one that comes with high spectacular manifestations but have failed to realize that it is the Spirit of God living on the inside of them that brings leading. Once a believer understands this, he would be more Spirit-conscious and begins to live inside out. We pray the Lord enlightens us so greatly today in Jesus Name. Amen.

Man is a tripartite being made of spirit, soul and body of which the part of man that receives eternal life at new birth is the spirit part of man **(2Cor. 5v17)** and the part which is the centre of Knowledge of man is the soul of man that has come into the fullness of what the spirit has already **(John 3v16, 1Peter 2v2)** and these two parts of man lives in a body **(1Thess. 5v23)**.

At new birth, the Holy Spirit comes to reside in the spirit of man. If you are born again, the Holy spirit is living and abiding in your spirit and communicates with us not in our mind, neither through the body but through your spirit **(that has received eternal life) (John 14v17-18)**. The process of the soul getting salvation is the Lord communicating, leading his children which he does by the spirit of man **(Prov. 20v27)**. We should look into ways the Lord speaks and directs us.

- **THE INWARD WITNESS**

Every believer has an inward intuition which many persons call a something on the inside on whether to go with a particular option or not. This is different from our natural human feelings or thought. It is always from within us and actually is the inward witness. The inward witness simply put is that which from our inside interprets God's sayings to us at every situation. We check in our spirit on any decision, whether to or not to **(yes or no)**. Every believer needs to train their spirits to know at all times the intent

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of the Lord concerning every area of life; even in minor things. Sometimes, we need to wait a while to get quiet enough to recognize it because this in the real sense is the Lord talking to us through our spirit to get our attention. It is simply a check or go ahead signal. **(Rom. 8v16)**.

- **THE INWARD VOICE**

The inward man who is a spirit man has a voice just as the outward man has a voice. The voice is called **"still small voice"**. Your spirit has a voice which would speak to you. This inward voice is not authoritative. When the Holy Spirit speaks it is more authoritative but the still small voice is the voice of our own spirit speaking which it picks up from the Holy spirit who is in us. There have been many notions around the conscience of a man which is the voice of the mind and this is purged as one increases and grows in the knowledge and light of Jesus Christ, but you will have to keep your spirit tender if you are going to be led by the spirit **(1Tim. 4v2, John 16v7-9)**.

- **VOICE OF THE BODY**

This is what we call **"feelings"**. The leading, voice of the Spirit speaking to us is spiritual and not physical. Feeling is the voice of the body, reason is the voice of the soul or mind and conscience is the voice of the spirit. We are Christians **(born again in our spirits)** and scriptures have classified us as just men who would live by faith **(spirit)**. Whatever decision we are to make or desire to should not go by what we feel but whatever we can find in our spirit in line with the word of God.

- **THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

There is a difference between the inward voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to our spirits, and that still small voice which is the voice of our own spirit speaking to us. When the Holy Spirit within you speaks, it is more authoritative. It is good to know that anytime the Spirit of God speaks to you, it will always be in line with the Word. You can judge whether it is right or wrong simply by judging it by the word.

CONCLUSION

It is good to know that our spirit knows things that our head does not know because the Holy Spirit is in your spirit. So we have to train ourselves to depend on the Spirit and become more conscious of our own spirit and of spiritual things.

Get out of the sense realm, the flesh realm, the human reasoning realm and get over into the faith realm and into the spirit realm. Amen.

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SIXTH TEACHING

TOPIC: The Hope of His Calling

TEXT: Ephesians 1:17-18

INTRODUCTION

In this study by God's grace, we'll be looking into things we have heard and held-on to from the Holy Scriptures which truly has been a measure of light the Lord had thrown open to the church and He is still revealing more to His people. We trust that the eyes of our understanding be enlightened by His Spirit in Jesus Name.

SOME PREVIOUS TEACHINGS

Our God desires that ***"all men be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"*** **(1Timothy 2:4),** the reason is that there is something he has kept hidden even from the foundations of the world and this thing he has kept hidden is what should determine our course of living because in reality, it is our destiny (**Mathew 11:23, Ephesians 1:4).** Since we became God's children, certain teachings have been brought to us and we have grown and held on to them and some as stood to be true while some have fallen short as false. One thing we ought also to know as believers is that the Lord unveils himself gradually per-time to the church (**Acts 2:47**), which makes it impossible for the church to stay in a spot or hold on to a doctrine for too long but rather place it more to the Lord by His grace through His spirit for greater light **(1Timothy 2:4, John 14:6).**

- **TO POSSESSS THE EARTH**

All through some of us stay around preachers of the word of God, the sum of their preaching has been possessing the earth and its riches (**Luke 4:5**) and has **"true Christians"** we have held unto those thoughts even till now. Actually, being rich is not a bad idea neither is it a sin **(2Corinthians 8:9, 3John 2)** but our Lord Jesus Christ, in His wisdom makes us understand that it does not validates our Christianity neither does it stand to be the purpose for which we have been born again **(Luke 12:15, Philippians 3:19, 1Peter 1:3,4, Philippians 3:5-9).**

In John 3, Nicodemus being a man of the Pharisees and also a ruler of the Jews came to our Lord Jesus Christ by revelation **(1Corinthians 12:3, Mathew 16:16,17**) asking questions but the first reply given to him by Jesus Christ in verse 3 of that passage was that ***"verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"*** therefore as Christians we ought to know by now that there is the *"Kingdom of God"* (**Mathew 6:33,Luke 11:2**) and it is for our "seeking", the earth nor the things that are in it is not our Hope (**Mathew 6:19-21**). In **Psalm 24: 1-3**, King David stated clearly that ***"the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"*** but he emphasised ***"who shall ascend"*** there is

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what is in the mind of the Lord for us that cannot change hid in heaven for us and we ought to ascend for beginning to look away from the earth and it things (**Colossians 3:1-2, Hebrews 12:2, 1John 5:4).**

- **TO MAKE HEAVEN**

The preaching of heaven has our hope has been generalised and it is what most of us has held on till now being a measure of light as we stated earlier which the Lord has used in relating with His children and now is pouring out more. It should not be shocking how versed we are in quoting of scriptures amongst our brethren and even how much we quote some during evangelism that ***Heaven and Earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away*** (**Mark 13:31, Hebrews 1:10-12, 2Peter 3:7-12, Isaiah 66:1).** Now, we need to state it clear at this junction that our hope has not yet been seen, it is hid with Christ in God (**1Corinthians 2:9, Jeremiah 29:11, Hebrews 1:1-2**).

OUR HOPE (THE PATTER SHOWN)

Actually, our hope is not yet seen which truly makes it hope and in reality, our hope cannot pass away (**Romans 8:24**). Therefore, if **"all other things has brought us into this fold then it is time that the Lord intends to cause the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened (Mathew 6:33), Ephesians 1:16-17**).

- ✓ **ONE HOPE**

Establishing what took place at the new birth, God's purpose for every believer is to become the express image of His person (**i.e. Eternal Life**) spirit, soul and body (**Ephesians 4:4, Titus 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:23**). The spirit has attained that already (**Eternal Life**) and nothing can be added to the spirit but the soul (which operates by knowledge) was made a new born babe; a child of God (**1Peter 2:2, Romans 8:16**) and the soul is to learn and come into Eternal Life (**i.e. what the spirit has come into**).

We ought to know at this junction that Eternal Life is not just living for Long; Eternal Life is a special kind of life. It is the quality of life that exists only in God. This is the life that makes God to be God. Eternal life makes God divine and separated from all his creatures. It is a life that cannot die, cannot sin, cannot be corrupted, cannot be tempted, cannot lie, cannot turn nor change, and all these can only be found in GOD, Eternal life is the Fullness of God which our Lord Jesus Christ came into by reason of growth (**Numbers 23:19, James 1:13, James 1:17, Titus 1:2,John 1:14, 1Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 1:3,8**) same also is to be done in our soul, by the soul being taught Eternal Life and so doing be conformed into the image of Eternal Life(**Hebrews 1:3,Mathew 11:27-29, John 1:12, 2Peter 1:3-4, Galatians 4:1-2**).

CONCLUSION

From today's teaching by God's grace, we have been able to make some things opened to us from the bible concerning our hope has believers, that Heaven nor earth is our hope but Eternal Life which is the fullness of God (Titus 1:2) by stating clearly what occurred at the new birth in our spirit attaining eternal life and the need for our soul to journey (learn) eternal life to come into it and by so our body partakes. We pray that the Lord would grant us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know His will. (Amen)

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SEVENTH TEACHING

TOPIC: THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD (1)

TEXTS: Hebrews 11v1–40, Galatians 2v20

INTRODUCTION

In the series we are beginning from today, we would be studying the subject of **"FAITH"** with the goal of both properly and comprehensively understanding **"what faith is"** according to Biblical wisdom and teaching and how **"what faith is"**, depicts and foreshadows the faith of the Son, and the faith we are now called to live by in the new-testament. We pray the Lord gives us insight of His Word and blesses us with Understanding by his grace in Jesus Name. Amen

At new birth, there's a hearing of a word of faith that causes the heart to believe unto righteousness and make confession unto salvation **(Rom 10v8-10).** Men are saved by hearing God's Word, because the Scripture says, **". . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17)**. You cannot believe and have faith without hearing the Word.

What is Faith?

Faith, according to Hebrews 11:1 is "the substance of **things hoped for**, the evidence of **things not seen**". This verse of Scripture has been used to explain and explore **Mk 11:20-24** faith as permitted by the Lord in His church and we give God praise for his wisdom in so doing. But looking at Scriptures in details, you can tell that it is not saying anything in the same direction as Mark 11 faith. The Mark 11 faith has its own substance, which is not in the category of THINGS HOPED FOR that Hebrews 11 heroes sought. (**Hebrews 11:8-17**). Also, Mark 11 faith evidence is **NOT** for **THINGS NOT SEEN (which are things of Eternal Life)**.

THE NEED FOR FAITH

When Adam and his wife disobeyed God in eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they swallowed the seed of fear **(sin and death)**into their soul; this act of disobedience gave Satan the right to go ahead and kill their spirit**(Rom 5:12-17; John 8:44).**

Faith became a necessity for man, when fear fell into humanity by the act of disobedience. Fear is the power of the devil (**Heb 2:14-15**), just as faith is the power of God **(Christ's Faith being the true power).** The seed that Adam and his wife ate began manifesting immediately in dark wisdom and fear

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(Gen 3:8-11). God, in His wisdom, knew that if nothing was done to stop the expression and life of the seed that Adam and his swallowed, the human race would be totally lost. For this purpose, God began dealing with man and through His dealings, also planted His seed in the souls of those who walked with Him in different generations and dispensations.

THE TWO KINDS OF FAITH

There are different and many definitions of faith in the Bible, as has been expressed by different individuals. All the people who walked with God demonstrated peculiar types of faith in God. But all these different types of faiths can be calibrated into two heads:

1. **Faith that get things from God, or changes things by/through God (Mark 11:20-23).**
This type of faith is common in the gospels (**Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**). Such faith is what is now called faith in the name of the Lord Jesus. Most believers now profess this type and kind of faith.

2. **Faith that saves a man's soul (Hebrews 11:1-40)**
This is the type of faith that the most part of scriptures speak of and bears witness to. The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 all walked in the faith that saves **(by which also they all lived)**.This type of **"faith that saves"** expressed by the Elders and accounted for in Hebrews 11, foreshadowed the faith of Jesus that the new-testament speaks of.

THE HOPE OF FAITH

The Hebrews 11 faith has a hope which is Eternal Life (**Gal 2:20**). It is the faith of Jesus that receives this promise. In essence, **the hope of faith** is the **hope of eternal life.**

Eternal life which is the life of God gives substances of life which is **FAITH**. Eternal Life which every believer is called to live is a life of faith wherein Faith cometh by hearing (**Romans 10:17**). We heard and believed in our heart, before we can confess it and become again. So, faith is tied to the heart and is what preserves the soul of man and keeps him alive in his soul. Faith is meant for Soul where seeds are planted, which is the core focus of the preaching of the faith of the Son (**Matt 13:1-23**) and is tied to being led.

The more substances (**Faith**) of eternal life are being communicated to us by words coming, the more we get stronger in our conviction of the faith of the son and the hope of eternal life.

THE OBEDIENCE OF THE FAITH OF THE SON

There has to be a following of Jesus for you go begin to receive the commandment of everlasting life and learn His life. The Lord will not be able to open up or unveil Himself to us when there are still things that compete with Him for attention in our hearts. When the commandment of the everlasting life is being taught, some things that flow and you have enjoyed before using the milk faith begins to shut down. It is at this point that some people will draw back. The Lord said "**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...**" The commandments that make up the commandment of

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the Son are numerous and it is required that there be complete or full obedience to that which has ... downloaded to us (**Rom 1:5**). Obedience is attached to His Name and what this delivers to anyone who has obeyed is the stature of that Name. Commandments are given for obedience! The milk faith is one you confess, claim and believe, as you do that you see it work though it does not tamper with the inward configuration of man. The only thing that tampers with the inward configuration of a man is Commandment.

Paul wrote: "**But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the OBEDIENCE OF FAITH" (Romans 16:26)**, we will deduce that this is a faith to be obeyed; and is quite different from the one that requires only your believing to appropriate. You do not just have this kind of faith, you obey it.

- **FAITH AND LOVE**

There are two commandments that the church has to receive; the first being the commandment of the Son and the second, the commandment of the Father. The beginning of these two commandments is the Name of the Holy Ghost (**milk allocation of the gospel**). The things that are around the milk allocation of the gospel are not really commandments. What you will hear within that zone is gifts. You can lose gifts but when commandments come to you and you obey them, they bring stature!

There are two kinds of obedience that is required from us: the first is the **OBEDIENCE OF FAITH**, which will make us son, which the second is the **OBEDIENCE OF LOVE** which will perfect us because love is the bond of perfection (**Col 3:14**). There is that (**FAITH**) which one has to obey to live, and afterwards, there is that (**LOVE**) which one has to obey to abide. The faith of the Son of God pleases God (**Heb 11:6**). The reward he gives to such a man is **LIFE**. Such a man would have mastered eternal life that he would begin to obey another commandment (commandment of Love) for another reward, which is **IMMORTALITY (2Tim 1:10)**. While Jesus was on earth, there was an obedience He learnt for **SONSHIP** and there was another type of obedience he learnt for **PERFECTION** .For us to become sons, there is an obedience of faith that we must do. The ones who obey faith are the ones you call "**the brethren**" and you are not of that company if you are not obeying faith of the Son. Remember the Bible says: "**We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 John 3:14).** To love the brethren is to love their life. They are not just those who endure the faith of the Son but those who love the faith of the Son!

CONCLUSION

One thing about anyone who finishes the course of faith is that he must have lost his life. The faith Of the Son of God is the Life that truly pleases God, it's a life the Lord is calling every believer to obey its commandment and have them. Amen.

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COVENANT CHILD FELLOWSHIP

CCF UNILAG

WORKERS IN TRAINING OUTLINE

EIGHTH TEACHING

Topic: WALK IN LOVE

Text: Ephesians 5:2

INTRODUCTION

According to the Bible which shows the reality of God's standard and judgment, everything hinges on, is propelled and sustained by Love, it is necessary to also state clearly that what holds/sums the Old Testament together is Love and also the New Testament. Today, by God's grace we will go through the study of Love as pertain to the saints and God.

We trust God for sight into His Word by His Spirit to guide and teach us all things that are of God as pertaining to Love.

LOVE TOWARDS ALL THE SAINTS

What the New Testament is to attain in us God's children is Love, out a pure heart and a good conscience **(1Timothy 1:5-6, Mathew 22:36-40)**. What every believer owes all men is **"Love"** which is to emphasize that we are commanded to do Love at all times towards everyman not only those who are believers but even those who are unbelievers and also not just believers in our denomination but much more greatly those not in our denomination **(Romans 13:8, Mathew 5:43-48, 1Thessalonians 3:12-13, 2Thessalonians 1:3)**.

In the Old Covenant given to Moses, what is classified and called **"Love your neighbour"** to a Jew is what we now classify to be **"Love towards all the saints" (Ephesians 1:15, Colossians 1:4)**. After the death of all humanity's spirit in Adam and Eve **(Romans 5:12-15)**, God still demanded man to do Love. Through man's dead spirit also, Cane was able to train his soul to hate to the extent of killing his brother Abel by which God judged him with no restrain **(Genesis 4:9-12)**, by the passing of judgement concerning Cane, God was implying that though man's spirit was dead but his soul could still walk in Love, which is to make known clearly that **"Love"** is a soul business even down to the time of the children of Israel and all through the Old Testament.

Now, in the New Covenant we are born again in our spirit which means our spirit has attained the highest level of Love that there is but we are still commanded to **"Love all the saints"** which is to emphasize that also in this covenant, it is a soul work to Love **(2Corinthians 5:14, 2Thessalonians 1:3)** and to certainly stress that to **"Walk in Love"** is what God has ordained for the salvation of the soul of man **(2Peter 2:14, 1Corinthians 13:1-13, 1John 3:11-14)**. The teaching/learning of **"Love towards all the saints"** and our obedience to it is foundational/prerequisite to seeing God and then loving Him who indeed is Love because greatly is the exercise of Love towards all the saints needful to exercise the soul in creating capacity to carry God through the learning of Forbearance, patience, and longsuffering even amidst the brethren **(Ephesians 1:15-19, John 3:3-6, 1John 4:20, 1John 3:16-18)**.

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THE LOVE OF GOD

In reality, how simple enough we can get to comprehend Love is by seeing that Love is the Conversation of the God-head, which is to say that our ability to know that **"God is Love"** is not just a tag to us but to know that God being love is embedded in His manner of Life and especially to see that what governs God is Love. So also, the measure of the life a man has is not truly seen in his outward day-to-day conduct but in His conversation – his manner of life which is brought forth by what the soul has known, which is to say that how we know what governs a man is in his Conversation (**Colossians 3:14, Ephesians 2:2-3, Romans 7:15-23, Hebrews 13:5-7, Philippians 3:20**).

But, the core of the conversation of the God-head which is Love is seen in its Sacrifice – the ability to serve not just one another but also every creature and most especially Man. Actually, the essence of Apostle Paul's writing to the church in Corinth was not to give guiding rules or fundamentals to Love, rather to make all see the manner at which Love is Cultured and the measure of Love being great, which is to emphasize that the Love of God can be formed in our souls which will be done in our culturing in being sacrificial (**1Corinthians 13:1-13, Ephesians 3:19**).

THE SOUL WORK OF LOVE

At this junction, one very vital aspect of the manner of Love of the God-head which is in their conversation is Submission i.e. their sacrifice, their ability to be servants, being unseen, not exalted: to lay down life (**Philippians 2:6-9, John 16:13-14, Psalm 8:1-5**). We need to understand that Love is what man needs to enter into God, but also that what man cannot bear is Love because of his present soul work, and for the program of God to be accomplished in man, his present state must be dropped to receive this other and that is one of the most difficult aspect for man because the present structure of his soul according to his own will cannot bear pain which makes him hold on to the destructive life which according to the design of the Satan is without pain (**Mathew 10:37:39, John 3:19, Philippians 3:20-21, Mathew 26:38-39, Mathew 7:13-14**).

The measure to our growth in our Christian Journey is in Love, i.e. how meek and lowly we are becoming daily, how much we desire not our own will anymore and submit to God and also how well we submit to those the Lord has placed over us (**Mathew 11:29, Mathew 18:1-4**). And the instruction of the Lord to us His people in attaining this Love is to **"Keep His Commandments"** – which is to do all in obeying the Lord at all times, no matter how difficult it may seem to be and sincere obedience to the Authority (**people**) he has placed over us because greatly is the salvation of our soul tied to this instruction (**John 15:10, 1John 3:22-24, 1John 5:2-3, John 14:23**).

CONCLUSION

The measure of our Love is seen in our manner of life which is also embedded in sacrifice and also our level of submission to those the Lord has placed over us is paramount and our obedience to the Lord at all times no matter how difficult it may seem to be is very vital and these things are really tied to our salvation.

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COVENANT CHILD FELLOWSHIP

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WORKER'S IN TRAINING OUTLINE

NINTH TEACHING

Topic: Stand Fast

Text: 2Thessalonians 2:13-15

INTRODUCTION

In today's final teaching class, we will be considering how man ought to gain Eternal Life which is our Hope by gaining understanding and walking according to how God has purposed.

We trust God for enlightenment and that much more His grace will be made available by reason of today's meeting.

THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL

It is good to know that the purpose of God for man even before the world was made is Salvation. Now, our thoughts of salvation should be higher than being an escape for sin, if Adam had not sin in the Garden of Eden the work of salvation would have still continued. Salvation in its true essence is how man will be made God (**Ephesians 1:4-5, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 1:3**).

God's intention for the sanctification of the spirit is to get the soul into him even with different operations:

- **THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**

It is the journey of our soul to enter into Glory as our Lord Jesus Christ who is the first-fruit of they who shall come unto glory (**1Corinthians 15:20-23, Hebrews 1:1-3).** Therefore, one very vital tool in bringing our souls to glory is the revelation of Jesus Christ (**1Peter 1:13, 2Corinthians 3:18),** we should be sure that our spirit has come into Glory and nothing can be added to our spirit, it is our soul which operates by knowledge that Jesus Christ being the pattern-son is revealed to through continual learning and thereby enters into Glory gradually (**Mathew 11:28-30, 2Corinthians 3:2, Ephesians 4:20, 1Corinthians 1:21, 2Corinthians 3:18, James 1:21).**

THE JOURNEY UNTO GLORY

The journey of glory begins at the new birth. There is no hope of glory without first of all a quickening from the dead. The new birth is what gives us the platform and capacity to journey to the obtaining of the glory of God. At the new birth, even though we came into a small portion of glory that separated us from unbelievers by the signs that follow them that believe (**Mark 16:17-18**), we didn't come into the fullness of the glory of God! We were called to obtain the glory of God **(2 Thess 2:14, 1 Peter 5:10, 2 Peter 1:3).**

- **TRIALS, SUFFERINGS, TRIBULATIONS AND AFFLICTIONS**

One very certain thing on this path (**Mathew 7:14**) is also that we cannot come into glory in our soul without partaking of trials, sufferings, tribulations and afflictions **(2Corinthians 4:17, Romans 8:17-18,**

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1Peter 1:11, James 5:10, 1Peter 4:13, Hebrews 2:10, Acts 14:22, Hebrews 12:2-3). At this point, we should begin to see Sufferings, Tribulations and Afflictions beyond sickness, poverty or something disastrous occurring in the life of a believer.

Suffering in scripture is not just an external thing but internal. When you are not allowed by the lord to have you own way, when you cannot express your own life, but lose it to gain his own life. Though the lord also arranges external dealings and tribulations many times to bring us to the place of relinquishing our life for his (**Acts 14:22**), but we must keep in mind that the goal is to deal with something inward. **The suffering of Christ is the learning of Christ, and the giving up of our own carnal life for his.**

We should know fully well by now in a dimension that what is called good is of God (**Mathew 19:17**). Therefore, we should acknowledge that God in His wisdom uses any situation in the present of a believer to work out Himself (**Romans 8:28, Philippians 2:13**). So, according to the revelation of Jesus Christ sufferings, tribulations and afflictions is attached to the renewing of the mind (**Romans 12:2**), which is the reconfiguration/re-culturing of man's nature in the soul.

- **COMMITMENT**

Faithfulness and commitment is required of those who are learning Salvation. The revelation of Jesus Christ by the scriptures is what cleanses a soul and prepares him for Glory (**Eph 5:26**). There's a place of constant yielding, obedience to every Word not just of the heart but also in the body and in the process not conforming to the pattern of this World.(**Rom 12:1-2**). Every acts of obedience to all that has been said is a determinant to how much the Lord defines faithfulness, commitment in a man.

CONCLUSION

Salvation is the completion of our tutelage into God for the soul. Therefore, we can conclude that to stand fast means to take no other thoughts except and only the thoughts of the salvation of our souls.

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PART 4 (CODE OF CONDUCT AND AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 4

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PRE-WORK REQUIREMENTS

1. Anyone who desires to join the workforce of CCF Unilag must be BORN AGAIN.
2. He/She must be ready to serve God in spirit and in truth i.e the way He wants to be served.
3. He/She must be ready to execute instructions which may sometimes be reasonably not convenient.
4. He/She must be ready to sacrifice e.g time, energy, money e.t.c.
5. He/She must have successfully passed through the Workers-in-training program.
6. He/She must be ready to be disciplined when necessary.

ATTENDANCE & PUNTUALITY

All meetings of CCF Unilag begin at their scheduled times hence, every worker have only 10mins of grace after the agreed time.

1. After the expiration of the grace period, NO worker should be reminded to remain standing and he/she would be disciplined by the coordinator of such meetings (as/and if necessary)
2. In the case of unavoidable lateness or absence in fellowship meetings or intentions to go home at any time, the general secretary and HOD must be properly informed.

DRESSING AND APPEARANCE

1. Dressing is essentially to cover one's nakedness after which other reasons follow, such as; beauty, health reasons, weather and climate, uniformity and so on. Therefore, modest dressing in all is strongly emphasized, and as such, no form of indecent and exposing attire is allowed. All attire (materials and styles) must be such that give glory to God.
2. During special programs and Sunday services, outfits of particular units should be as agreed by the HOD.

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