<u>Hebrews 11:15</u> And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

**Hebrews 11:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works **to serve** the living God?

<u>Matthew 25:23</u> His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful <u>servant</u>; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 24 42Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

**45**Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? **46**Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. **47**Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. **48**But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; **49**And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; **50**The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, **51**And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

We can sometimes forget that God did not only send Jesus so that we could receive salvation and go to heaven. Jesus healed multitudes and cast out demons and preached the gospel and did mighty signs, wonders and miracles. Everywhere Jesus went He did good. Everything He did was according to His Fathers will. He obeyed The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of The Father. Just as we have The Holy Spirit, whom we obey. We are to obey The Spirit — not the letter of the law, but The Spirit. All those things that Jesus did would have been waste, if He did not teach and train and disciple those who followed and believed in Him. Jesus would have risen up to His Father, seated at His right hand, but there would have been no one on earth to continue His work. No body of Christ for Him to form in.

**Galatians 4:19**19My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you**, **20**I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

**Romans 10** 14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

<u>James 2</u> 14What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them

not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit? **17Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead,** being alone.

18Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

None of us can afford to have dead faith. Every believer should make sure of activating their faith through the authority given to each of us. Every brother and sister needs to be discipled to be able. If those who are mature in the faith, elders, preachers, pastors and teachers etc, don't train and disciple new believers then what happens to them? They end up with dead faith — without works. That's vanity. Believing in vain. We all need to learn and be trained to walk in the gifts and the power of The Holy Spirit. We must **all** learn to walk by faith. Using the gifts of The Spirit requires faith. Healing requires faith. Casting out demons requires We prove our faith in doing these things, it proves that we actually have real faith by walking in these things. It shows we believe in our authority in Christ. It's easy to just sit and listen to preachers and think that's enough. God requires faith though. It dangerous and not beneficial to put a man out front and let him be faith for you. God wants relationship with you, every one of you. Learn to be able to walk in the authority God gives each and every believer. All. Everyone. Be in the True Church.

## <u>James 1:22</u> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, <u>deceiving your own selves</u>.

The gifts, healing and deliverance(casting demons out), words of wisdom, words of knowledge, discerning of spirits etc. these things are our faith with works and so the these works prove and justify our faith. We need The Holy Spirit to be able to use them. require faith to operate. Faith without works is dead. We cannot allow vain religion to deceive us through powerless false doctrine. We have Jesus in us, we have The Holy Spirit, we have power. Jesus church can do what Jesus did. Jesus church can do what the apostles did. everyone of us, more and more as we grow in The Lord. The Word comes with power. Every believer has Jesus in them by faith. We all have power, and we all can potentially, walk in the things that Jesus did, and the apostles did. Every believer needs to learn to walk by faith and be <u>led by</u> The Holy Spirit. We have Jesus in us, God with us. We have power and dominion over the enemy. Our victory is in having the faith to use and apply it. It's not just the pastors or teachers role, it's all of us. We all have been given gifts and have a part in the body to play. Remember we all have The Holy Spirit power within us. These things are for you, whoever believes in Jesus Christ and makes Him Lord, and serves God. Obeying The Spirit. believe we have Jesus in us, we can all walk in the power of God. We all need to exercise faith to grow into our spiritual life in Jesus. Otherwise we remain the same carnal lost soul going from carnal to carnal, instead of from glory to glory. Not being transformed by faith. Deadly trap.

**Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.** 

<u>2 John 1:7</u> For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that **Jesus Christ** is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

**1 Thessalonians 1:5** For our gospel came not unto you in word only, <u>but also in power</u>, <u>and in the Holy Ghost</u>, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Those whom God anoints to lead, have this responsibility. To disciple and train Gods children. The Holy Spirit leads Gods church through man. But those men whom God anoints to lead, <u>lead others—to be led by</u> — The Holy Spirit. To walk in the gifts and hear The Spirit for

themselves. To walk in faith for themselves, healing, casting out evil spirits, using the gifts and lifting and edifying the body of Christ, The True Church. We should not put a man before us to lead and guide our lives for us. The Holy Spirits leads us now. God uses men to help as well in situations and difficulties, but it is through The Spirit. We are always listening to The Spirit. We each need to learn to walk by faith to be sure we are part of Jesus body. Taking dominion over the enemies works in the process of being made holy — being sanctified. Repenting of sin and being cleansed and washed. Sometimes we can be so busy finding new converts or believers and bringing them to faith in Jesus, that we forget they need to be discipled as well, or we even forget to disciple the believers that are already with us. Teaching all, to exercise faith, not just be hearers but also doers. The enemy wants to deceive us all back into the love of the world. So we Spiritual babies that never mature because they remain on milk being fed by a man all the time, instead of learning from The Holy Spirit, through faith. The Holy Spirit personally leads us in our own life. When we begin relying on Him instead of a man. Remember under grace, we are obeying The Spirit, and are not under the condemnation of the law. If we are not obeying The Spirit, there is no relationship with God and so we fall from grace and come under the law, being carnal. It is by faith we enter into our spiritual life in Jesus. Our life is in the spirit.

<u>John 6:63</u> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Many believers do not realise that this flesh life is a deadly snare to our souls. The flesh is ruled over by the enemy, evils spirits and demons. **Everyone** that calls on the name of Jesus needs to be discipled, to know that their real life is spiritual now. It requires faith to enter into it. Not a pastors faith or a preachers faith — **but your own faith**. Anyone not walking in active faith needs to be discipled. Just like Peter, John and James and the rest of the apostles were discipled by Jesus. Later they discipled others. Our souls are still in flesh for a while, but our true life now is in the spirit. Born again into Gods family in spirit — God is Spirit. Our spiritual life can be lived right now, fight for it now, here on earth, by faith. It is no use finding one thousand new converts or believers and then leaving them untrained. Leaving them to be picked off one by one by the If we have many believers with us already, and have not discipled them properly, how can any new believers be discipled??? How will they learn to walk in faith if no one else is walking in faith — active faith. Meaning not just believing, but exercising authority over darkness. The more Christians we have trained and discipled, the more we have — to train and disciple and edify the new Christians. Equipping the saints for ministry. Everyone will be left as spiritual babies, still on milk if they are not raised up to use the gifts and ministries that God has given them. part of Jesus body, we all have a part, or are a part of that body. Or is the body sick? parts not working! Satan is terrified of the body unifying and functioning properly as Jesus intended.

<u>Hebrews 5:13</u> For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

**1 Corinthians 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

**Ephesians 4** 7But <u>unto every one of us</u> is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.8Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and <u>gave gifts</u> <u>unto men.9(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that</u>

he might fill all things.) 11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

**14**That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15**But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, <u>which is the head</u>, *even* Christ: **16**From whom the <u>whole body</u> fitly joined together and compacted by that which <u>every</u> joint supplieth, according to the <u>effectual working</u> in the measure <u>of every part</u>, maketh increase of the body unto the <u>edifying of itself</u> in love.

Sometimes we can be so busy finding new believers, that we forget and neglect to disciple the believers right in front of us. And so they are never growing in faith because they trust in the pastors or preachers to have faith for them. They want the preachers to have faith for them because it's easier than approaching a Holy God. Much safer to just hear a man. Much more comfortable, but no faith required. Just believing, but no active relationship with The Holy Spirit. Jesus came to restore relationship with you and Himself. Not with you and a preacher. The people wanted the same thing when Moses was a leader. The same thing happens today. People would rather have a man deal with God for them, than walk with faith themselves. Satan uses false gospels and vain religion to lure unsuspecting Christians Nothing's changed. into this false comfort. To lure them away from the truth. From their relationship with God that Jesus died to give them. Into relationship with a pastor instead. Out from grace into the law and condemnation.

## **Exodus 20** 19And they said unto Moses, **Speak thou with us, and we will hear:** but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

<u>Ecclesiastes 1:9</u> The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.

They are robbed of faith because they prefer the false comfort of allowing others to have faith for them. Or deal with God for them. But faith without works is dead !!! Never learning to obey The Spirit by faith and so not being sanctified. The Spirit heals when we apply faith. He delivers when we apply faith. As we obey Him we are sanctified. Every believer needs to learn to be led by Gods Spirit. To walk in the gifts and power by faith. It's the elders and leaders responsibility to teach this. To lead all Gods children to The Spirit. As newer Christians are trained and discipled, God can then use them as well, to take up and perform their part in the body. In what ever capacity God has anointed each of us—at that time in our walk. As we grow He can trust us with more. Jesus started this process of training His followers — the early church fathers — the apostles, who then continued this — and those they discipled did the same. We also continue this today. The Holy Spirit hasn't changed course. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. A disciple is a learner and follower of Jesus. Learning to do what He did.

**John 4 23**But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit** and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24**God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* **in spirit** and in truth.

Jesus instructed each of us to deny ourself, pick up our cross and follow Him. Jesus came as The Son of man. Everything He did, He did as a man, through the power of The Spirit.

We have that same power, because we have that same Spirit. <u>If</u> we are being <u>led by Him</u> that is. Every Christian needs to be <u>taught to be led</u> by Him. Allow men to lead you, to be led by The Holy Spirit. But don't allow a man to be your head. Jesus is the head. The True Church. This is for all Gods children, not just leaders. We all have The Spirit. We can all walk in power by faith. More and more as we are each discipled and trained. Relying more and more on The Spirit for our guidance as we are weaned off the need to listen to men. Off the milk. Into The Spirit.

**Romans 8**13For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: <u>but if ye **through**</u> the Spirit **do mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live. **14**For as many as are <u>led</u> by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up **into him** in all things, **which is the head**, *even* Christ:

"If we THROUGH The Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body" of flesh, we shall live. We are able to do everything Jesus did, because we have the same power through The Holy Spirit. Jesus had to go so The Comforter could come. So we could have that same Spirit and be able to do what He did. So we could follow Him. The Spirit will lead us to deny our flesh life, as He also led Jesus to do. Listening to and following men will not achieve this. It's vanity. In His own flesh body, Jesus had a mission, and His mission is the same today — through us — Jesus is working through our flesh bodies today. If we allow The Spirit to enable us to crucify the old nature, so that He can work through us. Jesus was led by The Spirit, and we are being led by that same Spirit, and the purpose is still the same. Remember, Christ in us is the hope of glory. We are the body of Christ. Jesus was sent to set up His church — His body.

**1 Corinthians 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

<u>John 17:21</u> That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

His body disciples new believers to maturity. Then those mature disciples can help train others too. This way the church can cope with many new believers being brought into the church. Because there is enough mature believers to help and disciple and train them — in using faith — We each have a part to play in our eternal body —The Body of Jesus. Jesus prepared His disciples to be able to walk in The Spirit. Jesus taught His disciples how to take dominion over the flesh nature and so be able to walk in The Spirit. We are doing the same thing Jesus did. The Holy Spirit has not changed His mind. He is doing today, the same thing through Jesus body(the church), as He was doing through Jesus own body around two thousand years ago. If we look at what Jesus did, we know what to do. The Fathers Spirit has the same purpose for us, as He had with Jesus. We see the same purpose in Paul the apostle. Edifying and building The Church. If we look in the book of acts, we see what the apostles did. They did the same things Jesus did. Somewhere along the line in history, after the early church, deception and lies entered in and the church became powerless through the vanity of religion. Because Gods children began listening to men and vanity instead of allowing The Holy Spirit to lead them to their cross. The carnal nature thrives when The Holy Spirit is blocked from working in a Christians life. The power of the True Church was stripped away, and this time of Deadly deception. powerlessness became known as the dark age. The light and power of the church was almost non Men taking over The Holy Spirits role — and so existent. Due to vain religion and pomp. another fake, useless gospel was preached. Pomp and religiosity. Very very dark times. Putting man between God and His children. It wasn't Gods church, it had no power. allowing men to tell them what to do, instead of being led by The Spirit. No glory for God in that.

**Isaiah 48:11** For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and **I will not** *give my glory unto another*.

We are made alive by The Spirit, not men. True men of God lead Gods children to be led by The Spirit. We teach and preach "be led by The Spirit!!! ", "not by me". We must not try to put a man before us, to take this role in our personal life. It is a deadly snare and pit. Another Gospel. Jesus died to give us grace and restore relationship with God. Don't throw the relationship away, Jesus died to restore this to us. The curse of the fall is taken care of. We can walk with God again. We can talk with God again. But it is done using faith. We must all learn to walk by faith. Do not allow a man to come between you, and your relationship with God!!!

**Galatians 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Romans 8** 9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **10**And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **11**But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth** in you.

It is so very crucially, vitally, and extremely important that all, each, and every believer is taught to walk in the gifts of The Spirit and the power of The Spirit and be led by The Spirit. Sanctified and cleansed by The Spirit. Then the church can expand and grow. It's no use having the leaders walking in The Spirit and then having others following them, that's idolatry. Elders bring believers to The Spirit. To follow The Spirit. None of us should resist The Holy Spirit by trying to force a man to replace Him in our walk—allowing a man to lead us. So we can avoid needing our own faith. Following a man doesn't require faith. Following The Spirit does require faith. Following man is a stumbling block. We each(every believer) need to be led by The Spirit in our own lives. We should not resist the truth, or resist The Holy Spirit.

God wants us to Know Him.

Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

**Isaiah 63:10** But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

It is not Jesus church without The Spirit. Gods children learn and are discipled to walk in power, by the elders of the church. Gods elders of The True Church, lead Gods children to listen to and follow The Spirit. Are we in the True Church? We don't just search out new people to believe, we disciple the ones that already do believe. To walk by faith - obeying The Spirit. Then we have a whole body to train the new believers. Gods uses leaders and teachers and preachers and prophets and pastors to bring His children to hear and follow The Spirit. To raise them up, to eventually mature enough, to do the same. It is all about Gods people being led by The Spirit and not man. The body of Christ — Jesus is the head. Relationship not law. The Word comes with power, the power of The Spirit of God. The proof of the TRUE CHURCH is that it walks in power. In the gifts and healings, deliverance, signs, wonders, and miracles. The proof for each of us that we are in Jesus church is that we have faith with works. Our faith saves us, and our works show that we have faith. The true and genuine church uses the gifts of The Spirit. Elders of the true church oversee this. God uses men to teach and preach and instruct, but all to bring believers to The Spirit and not to themselves. The glory is always Gods.

<u>1 Peter 5</u> 1The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: <u>2</u>Feed the flock of God which is among you, <u>taking the oversight thereof</u>, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy

lucre, but of a ready mind; <u>3Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage</u>, but <u>being ensamples</u> to the flock. <u>4</u>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Without The Spirit, it is simply not Jesus church. We must watch that it is The Spirit leading The Church or congregation, to make sure we are in Jesus church, and not some fake religion led by men — without the Spirit. The Spirit in us leads us. We come out of the carnal mind and allow The Spirit to direct. The gifts are used **by** The Spirit to work through each of us, to encourage and edify one another. We can do nothing that Jesus did — except we do it through The Spirit. We do these things by faith. We must all learn to walk by faith so we know we are in Jesus church. The parts of the body, all working together for the body, need the one mind. Jesus is the head we are the body. The Holy Spirit leads each of us to let this flesh life go, to crucify the old nature and its lusts and emotions and pain. Pride and self pity and self righteousness. To walk in grace — not law. Grace leads us to relationship with God, to obey God, the law leads us to obey rules and laws. The truth leads us to be led by The Spirit. The law is taken away, **because** grace leads us each to obey The Spirit, instead of the letter of the law. We now obey The Spirit The Spirit leads us to walk in Love. Love is the fulfilment of the law. We are righteous by our faith in Jesus. Always. Jesus enables us to walk in love through the power of But it always remains that our righteousness is found only in our faith in believing Jesus redeemed us. Not in our own goodness or works. Our works prove or justify our faith though.

**2 Corinthians 3 4**And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: **5**Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; **6**Who also hath **made us able ministers** of the new testament; **not of the letter,** but of the spirit: for **the letter killeth,** but the spirit giveth life.

**2 Peter 3 17**Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away** with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. **18**But **grow in grace,** and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever, Amen.

The Holy Spirit is leading us to remove every foul spirit from our temple, or house, or body, so that Jesus can be formed is us. The task of elders and pastors and preachers and teachers is the same today as in the early church. To lead people into relationship with God through The Spirit. So that The Spirit can lead us to our spiritual life. To sanctification. Teaching us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. To serve His body and His purpose — saving souls. Therefore we have the same guide Jesus had. Guiding us to do what Jesus did. Our guide is not a man. Our temples/bodies are still being cleansed and sanctified. This is the work of The Spirit.

**John 2:25** And needed not that any should testify of man: for **he knew what was** <u>in </u>man.

The flesh is crawling with Satans kingdom. That's what deliverance is for, to cast them out as we repent of sin. As the Holy Spirit reveals sin in our life, we can repent and cast out the evil spirit behind it. Faith with works. As we let the flesh life fall away, Jesus is forming in us, and can minister and work through us. Remember grace leads us to obey The Spirit, so that we can be free from any condemnation that comes through law. So we cannot put a man before us to replace Holy Spirit in our lives. That would remove the relationship, and put us back under the law. We would fall from grace. We will seperate ourself from Jesus if we do this. We will be under law and not grace. In bondage still. Without grace we are condemned under law.

**Galatians 4** 19My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed** *in you*, 20I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

21Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? 22For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

{we are free from the law, by faith in the grace, that comes through Jesus}
{by believing and applying Gods promises by faith}
{through relationship, and the power of The Holy Spirit, that comes through grace}

<u>John 10:1</u> Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

The body of Jesus continues to grow through the guidance and power of The Spirit of God. It's about the body of Christ, because apart from the body, we are nothing. There is no eternal life for anyone outside of Jesus body. Jesus body operates through faith. Just as Jesus operated through faith. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. Apart from the Spirit leading us we are not in the body. Jesus church is led by The Holy Spirit. Each and every believer needs to be led by The Spirit. If we are not each **personally for ourselves** being led by The Spirit, we are not in Jesus body or church. The bondage of vain religious traditions — **in the carnal mind** can be very hard to overcome.

Let go of vanity, and tradition and come in to relationship with The Spirit.

Allow your ears to hear what The Spirit is saying to the churches.

<u>2 Corinthians 13:5</u> Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**, except ye be reprobates?

<u>Matthew 7</u>
21Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

In the same congregation, some may be led by The Spirit, whilst others may be making the fatal mistake of just following the pastor or preacher. Ignoring faith because it is more comfortable to have a man tell them everything and do faith for them. The reason Jesus came was for His body, and He sent us The Comforter. The Comforter is using us all, to be a part of the body in whatever our capacity, in our maturity in the spirit, allows. Our responsibility before God as we each mature, is to play our part in what The Holy Spirit is doing. Edifying, healing, taking dominion over evil spirits, lifting and encouraging, raising the body of Christ. To be in Jesus body, we must be led by The Spirit. Each of us. The fruit of obeying The Spirit will be good fruit.

**Matthew 7:20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

<u>Galatians 5</u> 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24And <u>they that are Christ's</u> have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Romans 8 12Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the

children of God: **17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with** *him***, that we may be also glorified together.** 

Just as Jesus, we will suffer in the flesh. The Holy Spirit will lead each of us to sacrifice the flesh life, so that we can become useful to God. We really do need The Holy Spirit relationship to bring us to be able, and willing, to do this. The flesh is weak, it cannot, and will not, without The Spirit. The Spirit of God will do this. The flesh is ruled over by Satans kingdom. God cannot use us if we remain carnal. If we do not lose our carnal life, we will not gain our spiritual life. We cannot serve God if our flesh is busy serving Satan. To whom you obey is to whom you are servant. To obey The Spirit we actually need a relationship with Him, which requires faith. We are born again, we have a new spirit, so we take up the spiritual life through The Spirit who raised up Jesus. We take up our new life by faith, and then The Spirit uses our faith to manifest Jesus in If we are obeying The Spirit, we will be learning to deny the body of flesh. Through Love. False churches and false doctrine will allow comfort, to seduce us away from this process. Satan uses the weakness of our flesh to seduce us away from faith and The Spirit. Therein lies the extreme danger of vain religion. The false comfort of the flesh life, the carnal life, the short life upon this earth. If we choose to not to listen to The Spirit in dying to this carnal life, if we refuse to walk with faith, to lay down this flesh life, — then listening to a man and false doctrine will suit us But it won't save. The place of false comfort — refusing to let this life go and serve our Lord Jesus. If this is the case we will run to false comfort religion to please and comfort our To keep ourselves from facing the need to deny self. If we don't deny ourself and take up our cross, we can't follow Jesus. Because we hate The Truth, or at least our carnal flesh nature hates The Truth. This is very very very false comfort. It doesn't save. It's another gospel. A fake false one. The comfort is not worth it. Our hope is eternal life. In Jesus. Follow Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4 10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

2 Timothy 4 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**Luke 6:46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

<u>Matthew 16:25</u> For <u>whosoever will save his life shall lose it</u>: and <u>whosoever will lose his life</u> for my sake shall find it.

<u>John 12</u> 24Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

The carnal man is in bondage to Satan through sin. We sacrifice the lusts and desires of the flesh in order to strip Satan of any power over our souls. We sacrifice the hurt and pain of rejection and persecution, and the emotions and feelings that come with it. By faith we do not allow these things any more. We take dominion, we ask The Holy Spirit to help. Relationship. It

is by faith, <u>we must also believe</u> He will help. We have all the promises to stand upon. We die to self and join with God. We thank God and praise Him before we even see the result. That's how faith works. It is not by sight. **Faith is the <u>substance</u>** of what we hope for.

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

We are no longer self when we are in The Spirit. We are in a body with many others. We don't allow Satan to rule over and enslave us to these things any more— to ourself. Being alone, apart from The Spirit in our carnality. The reason so many fiery trials come when we walk in The Truth is because we are being led into them by The Holy Spirit. He leads us to face the bondages and enslavements that have ruled over our souls. Denying the flesh is a fiery trial for the flesh nature. But the flesh has to diminish in order for our spirit — our born again spirit, to rise up and take dominion over the flesh and Satan. The power of The Holy Spirit, comes through faith and love. The carnal man cannot do miracles, signs or wonders, or heal the sick, or cast out demons, or raise the dead. These are done with and <u>in</u> The Spirit by faith. **The temptation to comfort the flesh** is always ready to drag us away from the Spirit led life, and faith. is now spirit, sons and daughters of God. Our life is eternal and it is spiritual, not fleshly. Our soul is choosing a new life and it is in Jesus body and it is by faith and not sight. Our heavenly hope is not by sight, but after this flesh life, we will receive a new glorified body. We will be like Jesus and we will see Him as He is. Our real life(eternal life) is in heavenly places, not earthly. But our soul has not yet moved fully into this life. It is by faith for now—not sight.

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

<u>James 1</u> 12Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16Do not err, my beloved brethren.

When we come to Jesus and believe the gospel, we are saved by faith. Our sins are forgiven and we have a new destiny. We are joint heirs with Christ. By faith. It's done. But **then we prove that we have faith** by obeying The Holy Spirit as Jesus did, coming into His image through sanctification. As we sacrifice the flesh. As we repent of sin. The Holy Spirit had a purpose for Jesus. As we come into that same image, The Holy Spirit will use us for that very same purpose, in whatever capacity He calls each of us to. We may not all have the same ministry. Or the same gifts or talents. Jesus did much good. He helped multitudes. But His main purpose was to find Gods children, those who would believe, and to train them to be able to do the same things that He did. To walk in the spiritual life. To deny the flesh life. Fiery trials are completely normal in the Christians life. He said the kingdom of heaven is with us. By faith we can enter into it right now, on earth, as we are being sanctified. Dying to the carnal life is a fiery trial and tribulation.

**2 Corinthians 4**7But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

<u>Hebrews 4:6</u> Seeing therefore it remaineth that some **must enter therein**, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in **because of unbelief**:

<u>Matthew 4:17</u> From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Matthew 6:10** Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth**, as *it is* in heaven.

Acts 10 34Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

**Romans 8:15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, **whereby we cry, Abba, Father.** 

Jesus did His Fathers will. We have The Same Father. Jesus prepared for when He departed. He was preparing His body — the church, to be able to receive, follow and obey The Holy Spirit. He knew He needed to sacrifice His flesh, and be crucified, to provide for our salvation. But He also knew He would continue His work through His body The Church. We have The same Spirit. We have the same purpose. Jesus body still has the same purpose. To find Gods children and teach them how to walk as He walked. Jesus came to set up His church. Jesus came to train up disciples(learners and followers of Him). The purpose of the signs, wonders, miracles, healings and delivering people from evil spirits and demons was to find Gods children and to train and disciple them to do the same. Also to prove He was who He said He was — the promised messiah. Jesus body is eternal and is growing everyday. The purpose of the body of Christ today is the same as when Jesus walked the earth. The same as when Paul the apostle and Peter and John walked the earth. It is The same Spirit. The same commission. We are commissioned to train up disciples to walk in the power of The Spirit of God.

<u>Luke 4:18</u> The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Galatians 3 10 foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

**6**Even as Abraham <u>believed</u> God, and <u>it was accounted to him for</u> righteousness. **7**Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are the children of Abraham. **8**And the scripture, foreseeing that God would <u>justify the heathen through faith</u>, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. **9**<u>So then they which be of faith</u> are blessed with faithful Abraham.

<u>1 Thessalonians 1</u> <u>5</u>For our gospel came not unto you in word only, <u>but also in power</u>, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. <u>6</u>And <u>ye became followers of us</u>, **and of the Lord**, having received the word in <u>much affliction</u>, with <u>joy of the Holy Ghost</u>:

<u>Mark 16</u> 14Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he

was risen. **15**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;** but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17**And **these signs shall follow them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **18**They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Romans 8:29** For **those** God foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

**2 Corinthians 3 17**Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. **18**But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The miracles, signs and wonders, are evidence of the power of God, as is healing and casting out evil spirits. But the purpose of all this is the body of Christ. The purpose is to raise up disciples who are able to walk in The Spirit and do what Jesus did. Not just people who say I believe in Jesus — but disciples — learners and followers. To continue building Jesus body. We have need to be in Jesus body, and His body is doing the same thing as Jesus himself did. If we are in Jesus body, we are discipled and trained to take up our part, doing the same things that Jesus disciples did. Some of Jesus disciples matured enough to become apostles. Jesus body continues to grow. The Holy Spirit is still working through the body of Christ. Training up disciples, that are able to train up more disciples. To continue growing Gods family, finding Gods children, and teaching them to become like Jesus. We are not just saved for the sake of being saved. We also have a work to do. Jesus work. Jesus wants to work through each of us to train more disciples. To save souls and bring them into His body to walk like Jesus.

He gave up His own body but His body continues to work up to this day.

<u>Luke 13</u> 32And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, **Behold**, **I cast out devils**, and **I do cures to day and to morrow**, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.

{Jesus is still doing this through His body today and will be tomorrow} {today we cast out devils and we do cures today and tomorrow}

<u>1 Peter 5</u>
1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2Feed the flock of God** which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3**Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being <u>ensamples to the flock.</u> 4And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

<u>John 10:17</u> Therefore doth my Father love me, <u>because I lay down my life</u>, <u>that I might take it again.</u>

{The Father loves us also, and we lay down our lives, that we may take up our life in Jesus} {and He takes up His life again in us}

Jesus takes His life up again in us and continues to do the same thing. It is a wonderful thing to find Gods children and bring them to confession and faith and salvation in Jesus. But believing alone leaves them easy prey for the wolf to devour. True faith is justified. True faith is proven by our works. Works don't save us. They prove our faith though. It is our faith that saves us. Our righteousness is in Jesus, not our works. The word comes with power. Jesus trained His disciples to walk in The Power of The Holy Spirit. In the book of acts we see house

churches, small groups, coming together in prayer, Using the gifts of the Spirit, walking in The Spirit and in power. The works come through our faith. Our faith is what allows the works to manifest. So then the works prove that our faith is real. They prove we trust and believe, just as Abraham. Every Christian proves their faith by their walk of faith, obeying The Holy Spirit.

James 2 18Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Jesus found His disciples and called them, and then trained them and taught them to do the things He did and to walk in the Spirit with power. Eventually He was crucified, He rose and sent The Holy Spirit to them. Then those Jesus discipled, took up where He left off. The apostles and others with them. They became His body on the earth. They found Gods children whom believed the gospel, and trained/discipled them. The body continues to do this, to this day. The true body of Jesus does. Mans religion doesn't.

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. 3Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

## Many Members, One Body

**12**For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. **13**For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14For the body is not one member, but many. 15If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. 24For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked: 25That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. 26And whether one member suffer, all the members rejoice with it.

27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

The best way for each of us to begin walking by faith, is to earnestly desire the gifts and begin practising and using them. The Holy Spirit will teach us as we go, and lead us in the use of them. They only work through The Spirit of God and so they require, and prove, that we have faith. They boost confidence in our faith and grow our faith. Faith with works. As small groups and larger ones gather together in fellowship these gifts are used as The Spirit directs to lift, teach, train and edify The Body of Christ. Walk in The Truth. Walk by faith. Step out and begin using the gifts to help the rest of the body. Men of God lead Gods children to walk by faith and be led and obey The Spirit of God.

God reigns, and we have victory through faith, being led by, and obeying The Spirit. God reigns. The good news.

**Romans 12** 1I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. **2**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**3**For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of** *himself* **more highly than he ought to think;** but to think soberly, according **as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4**For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5**So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

**6**<u>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us</u>, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; **7**Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; **8**Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

<u>Hebrews 11:6</u> But **without faith** *it is* **impossible to please** *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

<u>Isaiah 52:7</u> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, **Thy God reigneth!** 

<u>Daniel 11:32</u> And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but <u>the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.</u>

<u>John 17:3</u> And <u>this is life eternal</u>, that they might <u>know</u> thee <u>the only true God</u>, **and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

That they may know Thee, not know the preacher and pastor but Thee, be led by The Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 3 26**For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27**For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on Christ**.