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NKJV -New King James Version

AMP -The Amplified Bible

AMPC -The Amplified Classic Bible
TANT -The Amplified New Translation

TLB -The Living Bible

CEV -Contemporary English Version
NASB -New American Standard Bible
ISV -International Standard Version

NIV -New International Version
MSG -The Message Translation
WEB -The World English Bible
TNLT -The New Living Translation
ASV -American Standard Version
TEV -Today's English Version
RSV -Revised Standard Version

GNB -Good News Bible

WNT -Weymouth New Testament
NRSV -New Revised Standard Version

MOFFAT -Moffatt New Translation
WESNT -Wesley New Testament

EBR -Rotherham's Emphasized Bible

DRB -Douay-Rheims Bible
TPT -The Passion Translation
CJB -Complete Jewish Bible

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# Introduction

This month's edition of your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success in all your endeavours.

The life-changing truths in this edition will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful and rewarding experience with God's Word.

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# Rhapsody of Realities ... A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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MONDAY 1

# HE WAS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them... (2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NIV).

There was only one sacrifice that was necessary for our salvation, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Acts 13:38-39 says, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." This is amazing. Everybody who believes in Jesus is justified from all things from which they couldn't be justified by the law of Moses.

Jesus took your place in His death. When He was dying on the Cross, you were dying on that Cross, because He was your representative before God. He did it for the whole world. If He was your representative on the Cross, then He was still your representative when He was buried. That means you were buried when Jesus was buried; the



whole world of sinners was buried with Him because He was our representative.

Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD had laid on him the iniquity of us all." Now, this Jesus, because He was our representative on the Cross when He died and our representative in the grave, when God raised Him up, we were also all raised together with Him. Everybody, regardless of nationality, race or religion, was raised together with Jesus.

So, if you're reading this today and you've never been born again, turn to page 68 of this devotional and pray the prayer of salvation. Receive the salvation that Jesus consummated for you by His death, burial and resurrection. He paid the penalty for your sins, and now, God is not counting your sins against you. Hallelujah!

#### CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for the vicarious sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, in His death, burial, and resurrection. Through Him, I've been justified from all things and made righteous. I walk in the consciousness of this truth, knowing that no charges can be laid against me. I'm free from sin, guilt and condemnation. Hallelujah!

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 4:23-25 ESV; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 2:15-3:1-10 & Ezekiel 45-46

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 16:23-33 & 2 Chronicles 3-4



TUESDAY 2

#### THE VALUE OF A SOUL



For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul (Mark 8:36).

To God, one soul is worth more than all the wealth, resources and power in the world. That's a staggering truth, yet it's the reality of Kingdom values. Nothing compares to the worth of a human soul. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The Lord Jesus didn't die for the systems, buildings and vegetations of the world; He died for people. Every soul you meet carries eternal value. Every person, regardless of background or behaviour, matters deeply to God. Their value is the blood of Jesus Christ: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

When you truly grasp the value of a soul, evangelism becomes more than a legality; it becomes a love mission.

You'll weep over the lost. You'll pray for them. You'll go out of your comfort zone to reach them. The devil wants people distracted by fame, wealth, and pleasure so that they forget eternity. But as a child of God, you must see beyond the surface. See every soul as a treasure waiting to be reclaimed.

To further let us know the value of a soul, the Bible says, "...joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7). Think about it: If all heaven rejoices over one sinner that repents, how much more should we labour to see it happen again and again. Therefore, make soul winning your habit and lifestyle. Rescue destinies. Deliver the souls of men from darkness into light and from the power of Satan unto God. Nothing could be more fulfilling.

## **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, thank you for opening my eyes to see people the way you see them. Thank you for helping me appreciate and recognize the true value of a soul; this makes my heart burn with compassion for the lost as I passionately preach the Gospel, delivering them from the domain of darkness into your marvellous light, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 15:3-7; John 3:16-17; James 5:20

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 3:11-24 & Ezekiel 47-48

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 17:1-10 & 2 Chronicles 5-6



WEDNESDAY 3

## THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD



...to testify the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

Blessed be God! The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not a religious message; it's the good news of God's grace. It's the announcement of His love, His favour, and His kindness toward humanity. The Apostle Paul described his entire ministry as being focused on one central message: preaching the Gospel of the grace of God.

This same Gospel was first preached to Abraham. Galatians 3:8 says, "And the scripture...preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." That blessing was not just material; it was the promise of the Spirit and the outpouring of God's goodness. It was grace in prophetic form.

The Hebrew word for this covenant grace is "hesed", a term that describes God's lovingkindness, mercy, and unchanging favour. It's what David spoke of when he asked, "...Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Samuel 9:1). That was "hesed", grace on covenant terms. Through Jesus Christ, this grace has now been poured out

upon all humanity for anyone who believes.

Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith...." The Gospel brought salvation, health and healing, deliverance and righteousness, not because we deserved it, but because God is good. His goodness leads men to repentance (Romans 2:4). This is the message we carry: that God loves the world, and He gave His Son so that everyone who believes might have eternal life.

The Gospel of grace is not about condemnation; it's about justification. It's about lifting the fallen and calling the lost into a glorious inheritance. No wonder in Acts 20:32 the Bible says, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the blessed Gospel of your grace which is committed to my trust. I preach it boldly and passionately as a dispenser of your lovingkindness, a messenger of your mercy, and a witness of your salvation. I walk in the fullness of the grace and blessings of the Gospel, as I share it boldly with others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 1:16-17; Galatians 3:8; Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 4 & Daniel 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 17:11-21 & 2 Chronicles 7-8



THURSDAY 4

# LIVING BY THE SPIRIT AND BY THE WORD



But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).

Christianity is living by the Spirit and by the Word of God. Your life came from the Word of God. The whole universe was created by the Word of God. God spoke creation into being by His Word: John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

Notice that He gives personality to the Word of God. All things were made by Him, the Word of God, and without Him was not anything made that was made. God upholds all things, He keeps them in place by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). This same Word is who John tells us became flesh and dwelt amongst us (John 1:14).

The Lord Jesus is the incarnate Word, the living Word. When He walked the earth, He was the Word of God encased in a human body. Are you aware that the same is true of you? Being born again, you've been born of the Word and have the life of the Word: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23).

This therefore means that you don't live by your blood; you live by the Spirit of God and by the Word of God. No wonder Jesus said, "...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). It's also the reason He said, "...if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them..." (Mark 16:18). Your life came from the Word, not from blood. Read our opening scripture again.

Also, Romans 8:11 says, "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." This is your reality in Christ Jesus: the Spirit of God has quickened, vitalized and given life to your physical body. Divinity has taken its abode in you.

You've been brought into life and immortality, begotten by the Word of truth (2 Timothy 1:10). This is why we say Christianity isn't a religion. It's life in the Word, by the Word, through the Word, and by the Spirit. It's the supernatural walk of God's heavenly children in the earth. Hallelujah!

## **PRAYER**

Blessed Father, thank you for making me a living expression of your Word. I function by your Spirit and walk in the reality of my divine origin. My life is regulated by your Word, upheld by your power, and filled with the glory of your presence. I flourish in health, wisdom, and strength, demonstrating the supernatural life everywhere, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 1:12-14 NIV; Romans 8:10-11 ESV; Luke 4:4; Colossians 3:16

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 5 & Daniel 3-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 17:22-26 & 2 Chronicles 9-10



FRIDAY 5

## YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS



...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this (Esther 4:14 NIV).

The verse we just read is part of the words with which Mordecai challenged Esther to take a stand against the heinous and devious plan of Haman to annihilate the Jews. Esther didn't know she was part of a divine setup until Mordecai opened her eyes. Her position as queen wasn't for comfort; it was for a purpose. The same is true of you.

There's nothing accidental about your life. Predestination is at work in you. Your birth, your placement, and your assignment in the Kingdom are all divinely orchestrated. You were born for such a time as this, strategically positioned by God to influence and impact your world for His glory.

God placed you in your family, workplace, city, and nation as a soul winner and Kingdom ambassador. Everything about you—your education, talents, resources, and personality—has been given to you for Kingdom use. Don't withhold your voice when it's needed. Don't retreat in fear when you're meant to speak up and take a stand for the Gospel and advance in faith. Live unto Christ and fulfil His purpose for your life.

2 Corinthians 5:15 says, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." Let nothing hinder or deter you from passionately spreading the good news of Christ's salvation. That's your number one job in the earth: "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Let your light shine where and when it matters most. Like Esther, you must boldly declare, "If I perish, I perish," because living for the Lord, fulfilling His will and purpose is worth everything. You've been trained and called to this. Now is the time to act and say like Paul, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for choosing and positioning me for such a time as this. I am bold, ready and willing to fulfil your purpose for my life. I declare that my light shines brightly, and I make lasting impact for the Kingdom wherever I go, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Esther 4:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:8-9; Acts 20:22-24

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 John & Daniel 5-6

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 18:1-9 & 2 Chronicles 11-12



SATURDAY 6

## LET THE GOSPEL BE YOUR PASSION



For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth... (Romans 1:16).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God to save, heal, deliver and transform lives. That's why it must be a message you understand, live by, and burn with passion to share with others especially as the coming of the Lord draws nearer than we've ever known.

Paul the Apostle declared that he was not ashamed of the Gospel. That statement came from a place of deep conviction and unwavering commitment. For him, preaching the Gospel wasn't optional but life itself. He lived for the Gospel and was willing to die for its advancement.

Read His inspiring and heart-stirring words in Acts 20:22-27, "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my

face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

In our world today, persecutions are many, and boldness in the Gospel can often be met with criticism, indifference and severe threats. But you must rise above that. Don't let the fear of rejection or of death silence your voice. Don't let comfort make you complacent. The world needs Jesus, and the same Gospel that changed your life is their only hope.

Let the Gospel dominate your thoughts, your words, and your pursuits. Make it your ambition to win souls and populate heaven. That's what truly matters. Every time you share the Gospel, you release divine power that impacts and transforms the lives of your listeners. Even those who pretend not to be listening while you speak or act defiantly to the message will one day succumb to its power as the Word is sown in their hearts. So, preach the Gospel undeterred, for every soul you reach is a victory for eternity.

#### **PRAYER**

Precious Father, I thank you for entrusting me with the Gospel. Thank you for your boldness and passion to preach the Gospel in the power and dominion of the Spirit. I seize every opportunity to share your love and truth with others, transforming their lives with the good news of your saving power, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Mark 16:15; 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Corinthians 9:16

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

3 John & Daniel 7-8

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 18:10-18 & 2 Chronicles 13-14



SUNDAY 7

# SERVE THE LORD STEADFASTLY AND WITH JOY



Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Our Christian life is not a game; it's serious, and it's based on spiritual principles. It's a spiritual life that we're actually living. The rapture of the Church is nearer today than ever before. Therefore, every day, you must stir up your pure mind, examine yourself and make sure your life as a Christian is as the Word says.

Stay focused on the Word. The Bible says, "...turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:7). Let the Word have dominion over your mind and over your spirit, over your thoughts and opinions. The Bible says the Word is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path (Psalm 119:105). When journeying through a dark alley, you use a lamp to illuminate your path. That's the Word; it shows you the path of life and keeps you in the way of righteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 warns, "...for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first...." Then in Matthew 24:12, the Master said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

So, remain fervent in your love for the Lord. Let nothing dissipate your faith and zeal for spiritual things.

There'll have to be a difference between those who truly love the Lord and are serving Him rightly and those who aren't. You need to watch yourself. Watch your heart. Protect your spirit. Walk in love, for He said in John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The Christian life is a journey. Every day is a new day to walk in love. Every day is a fresh day to serve the Lord joyfully. Every day is a new day to walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). Every day is a new day to bear fruits of righteousness and manifest works of righteousness. So make every day count by serving the Lord steadfastly and with joy.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the honour of knowing and serving you, and for the privilege and blessing to be called by your Name. I remain steadfast, fervent and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. My love for you is ever-increasing as I serve you with a joyful heart, full of passion and purpose. I shine ever brightly in these last days, revealing your glory and manifesting your righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Hebrews 12:1-2; Hebrews 6:10-12; Galatians 6:9

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Jude & Daniel 9-10

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 18:19-27 & 2 Chronicles 15-16

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# PREDESTINATED, CALLED, JUSTIFIED AND GLORIFIED



Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified (Romans 8:30).

want you to notice what we just read: We've been predestinated, called, justified and glorified. What's predestination? Who are those predestinated in Christ? The predestination is done through the Gospel. That means anyone who hears the Gospel was predestinated to hear it.

The call is in the Gospel; if you accept the call, then you win because it says those who He predestinated, He also called. That's why He told us to preach the Gospel in every nation and to every creature; anyone who believes and is baptized shall be saved, and anyone who doesn't believe shall be damned (Mark 16:15-16).

But in Romans 8:1, the Bible says there's therefore now no condemnation or damnation to them who are in Christ Jesus; why? That's because they've been justified: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). What is it to be justified? It means acquitted, to be declared not guilty.

So, before God, you are washed, sanctified and justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of

our God (1 Corinthians 6:11). In Christ Jesus, through the Gospel, you were predestinated, called and justified. But there's more: you've also been glorified: "...and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Romans 8:30). Hallelujah!

Your life is endowed with and adorned in divine glory. The Lord Jesus said in John 17:22, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them...." No wonder the Bible says as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). You've become the effulgence of the Father's glory, just like Jesus.

Knowing this, therefore, why should you be sick another day in your life? Refuse to be poor, weak or ignorant. Every so often, you say, "I'm glorified; therefore, I will not allow sickness or disease in my body; Christ is magnified and glorified in me." Hallelujah! This should be your consciousness. You're predestinated, called, justified and glorified! Glory to God!

#### **PRAYER**

Righteous Father, I thank you for the revelation of your eternal purpose in my life. I walk in the light of my calling; predestinated, called, justified and glorified! I live with boldness and confidence, knowing that nothing in this world can unsettle my destiny in you. I walk in preordained paths, functioning in divine excellence, and fulfilling your perfect will every day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Ephesians 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:9; Romans 8:30 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 1 & Daniel 11-12

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 18:28-40 & 2 Chronicles 17-18



TUESDAY 9

## THE URGENCY OF THE GOSPEL



I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work (John 9:4).

Time is one of the most precious resources you have, and the urgency of the moment demands that you use it wisely. Jesus knew this. He spoke of doing the Father's work while it is day, revealing the urgency of the times and the shortness of the window we've been given.

There's coming a time when the opportunities we have now to freely preach the Gospel will be gone. The doors we now walk through freely may one day be closed. That's why you must act with urgency, preaching the Gospel. Impact your world with the light of Christ's salvation now.

Delay in evangelism can mean eternal loss for someone who needed to hear the truth from you today. That co-worker, neighbour or friend may not have another chance. You're their light; you're God's point of contact to bring them out of darkness into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Don't let them live another day without God. The Bible paints the gloomy state of those who live without God and without Christ in the world (Ephesians 2:12).



They're hopeless, in despair, and doomed to destruction. But you're their hope.

This is not a season for complacent Christianity but a time for bold action, a time to complete the full preaching of the Gospel in all nations. Let your life be aligned with heaven's urgency. Every moment matters. Every soul counts. Therefore, be led by the Spirit and seize the moment. Do all you can while you can!

Recall the words of the Master, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). The night approaches, but for now, we shine, proclaiming God's truth, turning sinners to righteousness. We're compelled by Christ's love, and in the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:16, necessity is laid upon us to preach the Gospel. Woe unto us if we don't preach the Gospel. The nations are ready and ripe with harvest, and we're bringing in the sheaves.

# **CONFESSION**

I recognize the urgency of the Gospel and I act swiftly. I am sensitive to divine timing, and I seize every opportunity to preach, to shine, and to win souls. I will not delay, and I will not be silent. Hallelujah!

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Corinthians 6:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Romans 13:11-12

## 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 2:1-17 & Hosea 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 19:1-12 & 2 Chronicles 19-20



WEDNESDAY 10

## **USE EVERY PLATFORM**



...I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The world has never been more connected than it is today. Technology, media, travel, and communication have opened platforms that were once unimaginable. As a soul winner, you must see these, not as trends but as tools: tools for evangelism.

The Apostle Paul had this mindset. He adapted this approach to reach as many people as possible without compromising the message. His goal was simple: by all means, save some, if not all. Today's 'means' include social media, blogs, text messages, podcasts, emails, radio, and television. Your voice can now travel faster than your feet through these platforms. Use them to spread the message of Christ's salvation.

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In these last days of the Church age, as we complete the full preaching of the Gospel in all the world, leverage every platform God places in your hands. Be intentional, creative and consistent. Use your gifts, talents and influence to win souls.

#### CONFESSION

I maximize every opportunity and platform to preach the Gospel. I am wise, creative and effective in reaching people for Christ. Multitudes are being saved daily through me. Hallelujah!

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Proverbs 11:30; Mark 16:20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 2:18-3:1-6 & Hosea 3-6

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 19:13-22 & 2 Chronicles 21-22



THURSDAY 11

# THE HARVEST IS NOW



Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest (John 4:35)

The Lord Jesus corrected a mindset in His disciples that still persists in some people today—the idea that the harvest is in the future. But the harvest is now. The fields are ripe for harvest. Ponder again the words of the Master; He said, "Lift up your eyes…the fields are already white!" In other words, the time to act is now.

There are people all around you who are ready to receive the Gospel. They may not look it. They may not act like it. But in their hearts, they're searching, yearning, and waiting for God's truth. It reminds of what the Bible says in Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

You're the one they're waiting for to bring them into the liberty of the sons of God. You're the one to deliver them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto



God (Acts 26:18). Don't assume people aren't interested in the Gospel; many are simply waiting for someone to expound it to them. That someone is you. They're waiting to see, hear, and experience the love, grace and compassion of Christ through you.

When you lift your eyes with the Spirit's insight, you'll see opportunities in your school, office, family, community, city, town, village, and even online to spread the message of the Gospel and impact many lives with the love of Christ. The harvest is right where you are. So, be available, be sensitive. The harvest isn't only ripe, it's urgent, and the time to reap is now!

## **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for opening my eyes to see the harvest around me. I respond with love, faith, boldness and compassion to this challenge of the harvest, taking my place as a faithful labourer in your field, bringing many to salvation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Matthew 9:37-38; Acts 8:29-31; Acts 26:16-18

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 3:7-22 & Hosea 7-10

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 19:23-37 & 2 Chronicles 23-24



FRIDAY 12

# COMPELLED BY HIS LOVE TO BE A WITNESS



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV).

The ensuing 15<sup>th</sup> verse of 2 Corinthians 5 is equally very inspiring. It says, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." This is about living a purposeful life, compelled by Christ's love and invested in soul-winning.

When the love of Christ takes hold of your heart, it fuels your passion and dismantles fear. It motivates you to preach the Gospel. Remember what the Scripture says: Jesus died for all; that means every person you meet is as valuable to God as Jesus is. This is the conviction of an effective witness for Christ.

The Bible says, "... it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye



are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48). How then could you be quiet? In your sphere of contact, be it a hospital, prison, school, village, wherever; preach the Gospel.

The glorious Gospel of the blessed Lord has been committed to your trust (1 Timothy 1:11). This Gospel is real and true; it's the power of God unto salvation to those who believe. Be compelled by His love to preach it. When you're motivated by His love, excuses dissolve. You won't need to be pushed; you'll be propelled. Let that love compel you today to speak to someone, pray for someone, and lead someone into the Kingdom.

#### **CONFESSION**

I'm compelled by the love of Christ, and I see people through His eyes and reach out with His compassion; I'm bold, loving, and an effective soul winner. I'm sensitive to the leading of the Spirit to minister the Gospel to the weary and bring healing and health to the sick because I'm marvellously helped of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10-11

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 4 & Hosea 11-14

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 19:38-42 & 2 Chronicles 25



SATURDAY 13

# **BOLDNESS BY THE SPIRIT**



And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).

n the early Church, spiritual boldness was a mark of those filled with the Holy Spirit. Even in the face of severe persecution, they didn't shrink in fear or retreat in silence. Instead, they preached the Gospel with boldness. When Peter and John were arrested and threatened not to speak in the Name of Jesus (Acts 4:3 NLT), they didn't cower but continued to speak boldly in the Name of the Lord.

When you study further into verse 8, it specifically tells us that Peter, being filled with the Spirit, began to expound the Gospel to the people, including the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees. He spoke the Word with courage, clarity, and conviction, even in the face of persecution.

That same Spirit dwells in you and has made you a bold and effective minister of the Gospel: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of

ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 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 Corinthians 3:5-6).

This boldness is a spiritual force. It comes from deep communion with the Lord and a heart convinced of His truth. When you're full of the Word and full of the Spirit, you're never timid or reluctant to speak to anyone about Jesus. It's also one of the reasons you must pray fervently in tongues every so often. It edifies and emboldens you: "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself..." (1 Corinthians 14:4).

Like the apostles, make prayer your launching pad. Remember what happened when they prayed in Acts 4:31; power was released and boldness was stirred. Hallelujah! So, step out and speak up; the Holy Ghost is your advantage. You're bold in the Spirit!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for filling me with your Spirit. I speak your Word today with boldness, authority and love. I'm fearless, unwavering and fruitful in every opportunity to share the Gospel and bring many into the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Acts 13:44-46; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; Ephesians 6:19-20 NKJV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 5 & Joel 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 20:1-10 & 2 Chronicles 26-27



SUNDAY 14

#### YOUR WORLD NEEDS YOU



And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:15-16).

There's a divine urgency in this hour. People everywhere are searching, longing and eager to know the Lord. Yet, they cannot believe without hearing the message, and they cannot hear it without a preacher: "How 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" (Romans 10:14). That preacher is you.

You're God's answer to their cry. Heaven is counting on you to speak, to go, to reach out and to love. The responsibility of soul winning is not for a few; it's for all who have received the life of Christ. Don't wait for a special calling; you've already been called and commissioned as read in our opening scripture. Don't wait for better timing; now is the time.



You may never know the full ripple effect or impact of your obedience to this call: One person saved can change a family, a city, or a generation. Every soul matters, and every effort counts; let this truth stir you deeply to win souls. Answer the call with joy and urgency. Your world needs you now.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for trusting me with the message of salvation; I respond with faith and obedience to this call. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I take the message of your love and grace to impact everyone in my world. I'm your ambassador of love and truth, and through me, many are delivered from darkness into the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-17 NKJV; Romans 10:13-15

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 6 & Amos 1-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 20:11-18 & 2 Chronicles 28



MONDAY 15

# IMPACT YOUR WORLD WITH PURPOSE AND URGENCY



...Occupy till I come (Luke 19:13).

The Lord Jesus used the words above when He spoke to the people in parables about the Kingdom of God. The statement is a call to active engagement, a call to impact your world with purpose and urgency. Take territories. Grow the Kingdom, and maximize every opportunity to impact and transform the nations with the Gospel until the Master's return.

You've been entrusted with the Gospel, and with it comes responsibility: "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust" (1 Timothy 1:11). So, make an impact with the Gospel. There's work to be done: souls to reach, systems to penetrate, and lives to transform. Don't be idle or distracted.

Your manner of life has to reflect and show that you're waiting for the Master's return. Mark 13:35-36 says, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly



he find you sleeping." Don't let Him come back and find you sleeping or doing nothing. Let Him find you working.

He said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." This is the example He set for us: to be active in soul winning. Be that faithful servant, fully engaged in leading sinners to salvation. You've been empowered to be a witness of the resurrected Christ.

Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The Holy Spirit is your enabler; He grants you wisdom, boldness and guidance as you influence your world with the Gospel.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for entrusting me with the Gospel and empowering me by your Spirit to be a witness of Christ. I function with divine wisdom, urgency and purpose, taking territories and transforming lives everywhere, fully engaged in the end time global harvest of souls into the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 1:16; John 9:4 NIV; Mark 16:15-16

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 7 & Amos 5-9

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 20:19-31 & 2 Chronicles 29



# THE LOUDEST SERMON IS YOUR LIFE



...Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people (Philippians 2:15 NLT).

Preaching the Gospel isn't only or always about standing behind the pulpit or on a platform, holding a microphone. Sometimes, the loudest sermon is your life. The way you live, speak, respond, and relate should draw men to Christ; that's God's purpose. He said in Isaiah 60:3, "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Then in Matthew 5:16, He said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." God has called you to be a living epistle, the visible expression of His righteousness, grace and power. In a world filled with compromise and confusion, your consistency in godliness becomes a compelling testimony.

People are watching you; your friends, family members, colleagues, and even strangers. Your life is a message.



Even when they haven't read the Bible, they're able to "read" your life and see Christ, His perfection, integrity, love and compassion. So, live in the awareness and with the consciousness that you represent the Kingdom.

This is important because when your life is aligned with your message, your impact multiplies. Walk in love, truth, and humility. Let Christ be seen in your eyes, heard in your voice and felt in your touch. Let your manner of life reflect the Gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27).

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Lord, I thank you for making me a living epistle of your grace. My life reflects your nature and inspires others to follow you. I'm a bright and shining light in my world, drawing men and women to righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Philippians 1:27 NKJV; Philippians 2:14-16 NLT; Titus 2:7-8

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 8 & Obadiah

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 21:1-12 & 2 Chronicles 30



WEDNESDAY 17

## EXCELLENCE—OUR KINGDOM CULTURE



Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him... (Daniel 6:3).

n the Kingdom of God, excellence is our culture. We don't strive for excellence; we do excellent things. Excellence is the nature of the Father, and because we're born of Him, we express that same nature in everything we do. Excellence distinguishes you; it positions you above mediocrity and gives you the advantage that skills alone can't give you.

Daniel's elevation above his peers wasn't based on mere skills, politics or connections; it was the spirit of excellence in him: "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm" (Daniel 6:3). That same spirit is in you because the Holy Spirit lives in you.

Excellence is about character, consistency, and distinction in your work and attitude. God didn't call you to be average; He anointed you to shine, to show forth His glory: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter

2:9).

2 Peter 1:3 says, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." You were called to glory and virtue; virtue means excellence. So, whether in ministry, business, academics, or in your daily life; manifest excellence. Let it reflect in your vision, speech, appearance, the way you execute tasks, and in your punctuality.

Manifest precision, diligence, and distinction. Don't excuse mediocrity. Excel. Give your best, not because men are watching, but because you represent the Kingdom. You're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and excellence is part of righteousness. Every task is an opportunity to express that divine excellence. Therefore, be detailed, diligent, dependable, and exceptional.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the spirit of excellence working in me by the Holy Ghost. I function in precision, diligence, and distinction. I represent your Kingdom accurately and gloriously. My life and work are expressions of your excellence. I refuse to settle for average, for greater is He that is in me than he that's in the world. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Proverbs 22:29; Philippians 1:9-10; Daniel 6:3 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 9 & Jonah 1-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 21:13-25 & 2 Chronicles 31

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THURSDAY 18

#### **ENTHRONED TO REIGN**



...That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority... (Ephesians 1:19-21 NIV).

The Lord Jesus, when He was raised from the dead, was enthroned far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this present age but also in the one to come. He has the supreme authority in all the universe. But guess what? He raised us together with Him and seated us together with Him.

This is because, according to the Scriptures, when Jesus ascended to heaven and sat on the right hand of God, which refers to the place of power, dominion and authority, we were in Him. Therefore, we're seated together with Him in the place of power and authority. We're enthroned to reign. Ephesians 2:6 AMPC says, "And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

It explains why He gave us His Name to live by, to use in the earth: because in heaven He represents us. We stand in Jesus' stead and enforce the will of the Father here on earth. He said in Mark 16:17-18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast

out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 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."

In Matthew 10:8 NKJV He also said, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons...." So, exercise your authority and dominion in Christ over sickness, disease, death and the elements of this world. Live and operate from the very seat and presence of divine power. In Christ, you're in the place of the greatest influence.

The forces or elements of this world may want to exert their negativities on you and get you to believe or act contrary to the Word. But you must maintain your composure and reign over them in the Name of Jesus. Christianity is a life of reigning, and we reign through words. This consciousness and understanding changes how you pray, speak and make decisions.

Don't react to Satan's antics; instead, dictate outcomes. Speak with divine authority because you occupy Christ's seat, functioning with His divine power. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for raising me up with Christ and seating me together with Him in the place of power, dominion and divine authority. I function from this place of glory and authority, ruling over darkness, circumstances and every opposition. I declare peace in my world today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Ephesians 2:6; Romans 5:17; Colossians 3:1-2

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 10 & Micah 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 1:1-11 & 2 Chronicles 32



FRIDAY 19

#### STEWARDS OF KINGDOM RESOURCES



If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches (Luke 16:11)?

rom the words of the Master in our opening verse, if you're not faithful in handling earthly riches, you'll not be entrusted with heavenly treasures. That means your attitude toward money is a test. God watches how you handle resources to determine the weight of spiritual responsibilities He can commit to you.

In Christ, we're stewards, custodians of divine resources entrusted to us for Kingdom purpose. Every blessing, every increase, every opportunity, every gift and grace that comes to you is a trust. You're expected to manage it with Kingdom intent and purpose.

The Bible tells us to use our gifts, in their various forms, to serve as faithful stewards of God's grace (1 Peter 4:10). This includes finances. God wants us to be good financial stewards. Financial stewardship is about aligning your resources with His agenda. It's about being conscious

that your supply is for Kingdom impact, expansion, world evangelization, and not for you to hoard.

Stewardship demands wisdom, planning, excellence, and accountability. It requires diligence in both little and much. Whether it's a salary, a gift, or a business profit, treat it as a sacred trust. Use it to advance the Gospel. Honour the Lord with your finances. When you prove yourself as a faithful steward, the Lord multiplies your capacity and entrusts you with more, both spiritually and materially.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for making me a steward of Kingdom wealth. I handle all you've given me with wisdom and integrity. I align my resources with your will, and I'm found faithful in little and in much. I declare that I'm a channel of blessings to my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Proverbs 3:9-10

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 11 & Micah 4-5

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 1:12-26 & 2 Chronicles 33



## WE'RE HIS AGENTS FOR GLOBAL IMPACT



Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end... (Isaiah 9:7).

The Church of Jesus Christ isn't a mere organization or association of worshippers. It's God's agency for executing His will and agenda across the nations. The Church is the pillar and ground of Truth (1 Timothy 3:15).

Everything God wants to do in a nation, He initiates through the Church, which is His body (Ephesians 1:22-23) and you're a member of that body: "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (1 Corinthians 12:27). This means you're part of something global and divine, something powerful, full of glory and dominion.

When Jesus said I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, He emphasized the dominion and supremacy of the Church over hell, Satan and the forces of darkness. God put all things under the feet of the Church: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23). How glorious this is!

Can you see why no one in the Church should be a weakling or live as a victim? We're the expressions of His



reality, of His fullness, His grace, glory, Kingdom, power and personality. Glory to God! We hold the keys. We carry His divine presence and authority. Through the Church, God enforces righteousness in the earth and unveils His manifold wisdom to angelic beings and principalities: "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10).

Take your place in the Church; contribute to its growth, strength and expansion. Ephesians 4:16 (NIV) says, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Participate actively in soul-winning. Think impact; be effectual for Christ in your world, for He wants to change the world through you.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for placing me in the Body of Christ to be a vital part of your strategy for global transformation. I take my place, functioning effectively and contributing to the expansion of your work on earth, enforcing your righteousness in the earth and impacting the world with your glory and presence, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Matthew 16:18-19; Ephesians 1:17-22; Colossians 2:9-10

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 12 & Micah 6-7

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 2:1-13 & 2 Chronicles 34



SUNDAY 21

#### **POWER OF A RENEWED MIND**



And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind... (Romans 12:2).

God's plan for your transformation and dominion begins with your mind. The realities or truths of His Word become your experience only when your mind is aligned with them. Thus, the renewal of the mind is so important; it's God's instrument for shaping your life. A renewed mind is a mind that's regulated by the Word, an excellent mind.

To renew your mind is simple: it's by the Word of God. It simply means to exchange your thoughts for God's thoughts, to stay your mind on His Word in meditation: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3). A renewed mind produces peace with prosperity; that's the Hebrew connotation of the expression "perfect peace"— 'shalom'.

A renewed mind thinks only on the Word: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there

be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). This will produce in you the mindset of the just—the mindset of excellence, victory, success and prosperity.

That's why God is more interested in changing your way of thinking. As you meditate on the Word, it restructures your beliefs and upgrades your understanding. Therefore, consciously inundate your thoughts with God's Word. Refuse to allow worldly philosophies or fear-based reasoning to dominate your perspective. Let God's Word be the lens through which you interpret life.

When your mind is renewed, fear disappears, faith rises, and boldness takes over. You talk, think, and act like God. You make decisions from a position of wisdom and dominion. So, continually expose your mind to the realities of the new creation. Think like Jesus. See possibilities. Expect results. Align your thoughts with God's truths, and your life will be excellent and full of His glory. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that renews my mind and transforms my life. I reject every thought that contradicts your truth. I think possibilities, I think dominion, I think excellence, and I walk in the light of your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Joshua 1:8; Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:8 NKJV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:1-10 & Nahum 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 2:14-24 & 2 Chronicles 35



MONDAY 22

## CHRISTIANITY—A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26).

've often said that Christianity is not a religion, and there're those who have difficulty understanding this. But once you get a hold of the real teachings of Christianity, you'd realize it's not a religion at all. Think about your relationship with your biological father; is that a religion? Certainly not!

Therefore, in a very simple definition, Christianity is the relationship between God the Father and His children. There was no relationship of this nature until Jesus made it possible. He came to take us from being mere worshipers, from being merely religious, into fellowship, a love-fellowship with our heavenly Father. He brought us into a real vital relationship with God. It's a family relationship.

Ephesians 3:14-15 tells us about this family; some are in heaven and some in the earth. This will also help you understand why the redemptive sacrifice of the Lord Jesus in our behalf is so profound. He's our Lord and Saviour, yet, He's also our brother. When He resurrected, before His ascension, the Bible says Mary saw Him and ran toward Him to hug Him, but Jesus said, "...Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17).

Notice what He called His disciples, "my brethren,"



meaning my brothers. Before His resurrection, He called them servants, and then they graduated and He called them friends: "Henceforth I call you not servants... but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (John 15:15).

But after His resurrection, where is the origin of Christianity, we became His "brethren", members of the same family. He made us one with Himself. Another scripture where that is even made stronger is Hebrews 2:11. It says, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

How remarkable this is! As holy as He is, as righteous as He is, as glorious as He is, the Bible says He's not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters. So, you see, it's a family; He's brought us into this wonderful relationship with our heavenly Father. Make it part of your celebration this Christmas to bring many into this family relationship with the Lord by organizing soul-winning outreaches.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for bringing me into such a glorious, intimate, and loving relationship with you. I'm a member of your divine family, one with Christ and an heir of the Kingdom. I live in the consciousness of this oneness, walking in love, dominion, and righteousness. Thank you for calling me your own and making me part of your eternal plan, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 1:12; 1 John 3:1-2; Romans 8:16-17 NKJV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:11-14:1-20 & Habakkuk 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 2:25-36 & 2 Chronicles 36



## THREE IMPORTANT THINGS JESUS BROUGHT TO US



For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

There're three important things that the Lord Jesus brought to us which every Christian must study diligently, understand and live by, especially this yuletide season. These are righteousness, eternal life, and fellowship. These are three things we receive from Jesus Christ that no one could have any other way. There's no religion in the world that can give them, and in our study today, we will focus on one of them—righteousness.

Righteousness or the righteousness of God is the manifestation of His excellence, love and purpose. When we talk about the righteousness of God, we're dealing with His excellence in everything; He's at the top of everything. He's excellent. Then, it's also the manifestation of His love and His righteous purpose in everything. There's a righteousness about God in everything. When that righteousness is manifested toward man, something happens: man receives that righteousness and it produces in him the rightness of God.

This is so important because God is faultless. If you can fault Him, that means He falls short, but He never falls



short. He's ever and always right. Whatever He thinks, says, or does is just right. He's imparted the same nature to us. Now we can think right, talk right, act right and live right.

This is what happened when you received Jesus into your life to be born again. It wasn't a religion you got; the rightness of God was imparted to you as a gift (Romans 5:17). It had to be imparted because you couldn't attain it or make it happen for yourself. It can never be gotten any other way. But through Jesus Christ, we have the rightness of God manifested in us by divine impartation.

This righteousness of God is what gives us right standing in the presence of the Father without guilt, fear, condemnation or the sense of inferiority. We never could have served God or lived for Him until His righteousness was given to us. This is something amazing you got from Jesus when you believed in Him; righteousness. We'll review the other two in our subsequent studies.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of righteousness. I walk in boldness and confidence, knowing I have right standing with you. I live in the consciousness of who I am in Christ, free from guilt, condemnation, or fear. Thank you for making me your righteousness in Christ Jesus. I reign in life and express your nature of excellence and love, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 5:17; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Philippians 3:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 15 & Zephaniah 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 2:37-47 & Ezra 1



WEDNESDAY 24

#### **ONLY JESUS GIVES ETERNAL LIFE**



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

In our previous study, we began discussing three important things we got from Jesus, and we reviewed righteousness as number one. In today's study, I'll explain the second one which is eternal life. Until Jesus Christ died and resurrected, it wasn't possible for anyone to have eternal life. But what is eternal life? It's the organic and existential attributes of deity.

Eternal life is the very essence of divinity, the divine life of Deity. That divine life is what Jesus made possible for us. This is what every religion in the world yearns to have. Everyone in the world, whether they believe in God or not, somehow or another, all want this divine nature. They're looking for that life, but they don't know how to get it or what it's all about. They have the intuition within themselves that the human person was created to be much more. The human being isn't supposed to merely exist, die like an ordinary animal and be forgotten forever. They believe there's something about the human person that lives forever, and they're looking for that "thing."

Yes, they are right, but the only way to get it is to know Jesus and receive Him into your heart. He is the true God and eternal life: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom



thou hast sent" (John 17:3). 1 John 5:20, "...and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

Then in John 10:27-28, He said something most remarkable, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish...." Ponder again what we just read! You have to have or be something to be able to give it. Jesus Christ gives eternal life because He is eternal life and He imparted that life to you when you were born again. Blessed be God!

Now that you're born again, you've passed from death to life (John 5:24). 1 John 5:11-12 says, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Notice the tenses; it's in the past: God's testimony, His witness is that He has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son, Jesus. Anyone who has Jesus has life. Anyone who hasn't received Jesus doesn't have that life. Only Jesus gives eternal life. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of eternal life, the very life and nature of God that's in my spirit. I live above sickness, disease, defeat and death, because your divine life is at work in me. I walk in victory and glory every day, knowing that I've been made a partaker of your divine nature, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 6:47; Romans 6:23; 2 Peter 1:3-4

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 16 & Haggai 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 3:1-11 & Ezra 2



THURSDAY 25

#### FELLOWSHIP WITH THE GODHEAD



That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3).

n Christ, we've been brought into fellowship with the Father, with the Son, and with the Holy Spirit. In line with our ongoing study, this is the third thing we get from the Lord Jesus—fellowship. The word fellowship is translated from the Greek "koinonia," and it has several connotations.

Some beautiful synonyms in English include communion, which is a very strong word; it means oneness, a drinking together, we're taking from the same source. Another one is communication and because of that communication, there's transportation.

Through the Lord Jesus, we're able to enjoy this awesome oneness with the Father. While the world gropes in darkness, searching and yearning for fellowship with God, we have been brought into this extraordinary fellowship with the Godhead. This is huge. This is the true essence of Christmas. We've been made partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), which means we've become "associates of the God-kind."

1 Corinthians 1:9 declares, "God is faithful, by



whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." As great and glorious as Jesus is, we're now in fellowship, association, and union with Him. It means that we're in friendship and in oneness with Him. No wonder the Apostle John tells us, "...truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). Hallelujah!

This same truth is reinforced in 2 Corinthians 13:14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." That "communion" is the same word as fellowship. So, we are in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

This is not a future promise. It's our present hour reality. We're no longer on the outside looking in. We've been brought into the inner circle of the Godhead, in deep, intimate fellowship. Let this consciousness rule your life. Walk daily in this divine fellowship. It's the key to living victoriously every day.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of fellowship with you, with the Lord Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit. I live in the consciousness of this oneness, knowing I'm an associate of the God-kind, inseparably one with you. My life is full of glory and excellence, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 6:17; John 14:23; 1 Corinthians 1:9 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 17 & Zechariah 1-3

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 3:12-26 & Ezra 3-4



#### THE LORD JESUS AFFIRMED HIS DEITY



Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not... (John 10:24-25).

There're those who tell us Christians that even Jesus never said He was the Christ or the Son of God; therefore, why are we claiming what He never said about Himself? Well, anyone who thinks like that has never really read the Bible. Take for example our theme scripture above; the Jews came to Jesus and said, "How long are you going to keep us doubting; if you're the Christ, tell us plainly."

The Lord's answer was very simple, clear and direct. He said to them, "I already told you but you refused to believe." Then He added, "The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness." In other words, besides me telling you that I am the Christ, the miracles, the works that I do in my Father's Name are further proof that I am

the Christ; they testify to who I am.

The Master minced no words in affirming His deity. He made it clear that He was the Christ. He even emphasized it further in the ensuing verses 27-30, saying, "...My sheep hear my voice...And I give unto them eternal life; ...I and my Father are one." This is amazing. You have to be God to talk like this. Only God gives eternal life, and Jesus is the true God and eternal life; that's why He can give it: "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath

given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life" (1

John 5:20). Hallelujah!

Then He also said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). What a declaration. The Jews, because they understood the gravity of that statement, took up stones to stone Him to death, saying, "How can you, a mere man, dare to make yourself equal with God?" That's because they didn't know who He was. He declared that He was the Christ. He declared that He could give eternal life to men. He declared that He was the Son of God, which means God in human flesh. He said these things Himself.

In John 5:26 He said, "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." Now you can understand why He gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. He has the authority. He has life as the Father has life. He's one and co-equal with God. So, when you preach Jesus, when you talk about Him, when you believe in Him, you're not dealing with an ordinary man. Titus 2:13 calls Him the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. He's Himself God. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for the revelation of Jesus Christ as God in human form, the Word made flesh. I believe and declare that He is the Christ, the true God and eternal life. I walk in the boldness and authority of His person, power, name and lordship, proclaiming His reign and divinity to the ends of the earth. Through me, His truth prevails and His glory is revealed, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 10:30-38; John 14:9-10; Colossians 2:9

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 18 & Zechariah 4-6

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 4:1-12 & Ezra 5



SATURDAY 27

#### THE TRUE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL



Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

Sometimes I ask Christians, "Where does Christianity begin?" Oftentimes, many are not sure; they think Christianity began from the Cross, when Jesus was crucified. But no; Christianity began from the resurrection of Jesus Christ and was made possible by the presence of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The true message of salvation is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This is important because it'll show you whether or not you're living the true Christian life or practising religious Christianity. Until Jesus died, it wasn't possible for anyone to receive eternal life. His death only paid for our sins—the sins of the whole world. So, when He died, everybody's sin was paid for.

The Bible says God required one sacrifice, one perfect sacrifice, for sins because the blood of bulls and goats which the priests offered every year could not take away sin. Hebrews 10:11-14 says, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

His death was only to pay for our sins, but the sacrifice for our sins was not enough; God needed to



have something better than that. He wanted us to have a sinless life. That became possible when Jesus resurrected. Remember, when He died, we died in Him. When He was buried, we were buried with Him. When He resurrected from the grave, we were raised together with Him.

At His resurrection, He was born again; rebegotten of God, "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee" (Acts 13:33). The first begotten of the dead (Revelation 1:5). Notice He's called "first begotten" because of the rest of us, for as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). Romans 6:4 says, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

We're products of His resurrection. When you were born again, you were born with a new life; the resurrection life. This is the true message of salvation. Hallelujah!

#### **CONFESSION**

Dear Father, thank you for the resurrection of Jesus Christ that made it possible for me to receive eternal life. I'm a product of His resurrection, born into a new life of righteousness, victory and dominion. I walk in the reality of this truth, conscious of the very life and nature of God in me. I live above sin, sickness, defeat and the systems of this world. Hallelujah!

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 8:11 NIV; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 10:11-14 NIV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:1-10 & Zechariah 7-8

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 4:13-22 & Ezra 6

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SUNDAY 28

#### YOU'RE GOD'S CONSUMMATE MAN



For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew]... (Ephesians 2:10 AMPC).

ave you ever thought about the fact that you're God's consummate man? He made you without any form of defect, limitations or inhibitions. You're His excellently crafted masterpiece, perfect and complete. This is God's perfect will; this is what He had in mind when He made you, and this is what's on His mind today.

Hebrews 10:14 says, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." That's you; you've been perfected forever, and you can't improve on perfect. Hallelujah! Even David understood this and said in praise to the Lord, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Psalm 139:14). When God looks at you, He sees a consummate you; nothing missing, nothing broken.

It reminds of the Scripture that says, "...whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it..." (Ecclesiastes 3:14). Whatever God does stands the test of time. His works are perfect. His works are eternal. When He created you, it wasn't part of the plan for your kidneys, your heart or your lungs to fail or for you to have a blood condition.



It wasn't part of the plan for your body to be bruised or mangled by sickness, disease or infirmities. You were perfected in health because there's a perfection to the work of God. Genesis 1:31 says, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...." Notice what it says: God saw everything that He had made, and He said they were very good, not partially good. You must see yourself in this light.

You're consummate; that means you're excellent, perfect, ideal, flawless, complete, supreme, whole. You're replete with everything good, godly and divine. It helps you understand why the Bible says you're complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10). This is why you must stand your ground and refuse to be sick. Refuse to be a failure or a victim in life. Walk in dominion and supremacy over Satan, his cohorts, and circumstances of this world. You're God's peculiar treasure, perfected in righteousness and holiness. Glory to His Name forever.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for fashioning me in excellence and perfection. I'm your consummate workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. I walk in preordained pathways of success, victory, health and righteousness, complete in Christ, replete with your divine nature and life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

James 1:18; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC; Titus 2:14

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:11-21 & Zechariah 9-11

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 4:23-37 & Ezra 7



MONDAY 29

#### **WE REIGN BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**



For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

Did you notice from our opening scripture that righteousness is a gift from God? It's not something you're going to work out or attain by your good works or "performance." Rather, it's a gift you have to receive. It's been given to the whole world, but have you received it?

You've got to receive it if you haven't done so; all you have to do is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and say, "Lord, I accept and receive your righteousness. I confess that you're Lord of my life, believing in my heart that God raised you from the dead. Amen." He makes you as righteous as Himself because what He gives you is His own righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Also, Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Notice it didn't say being justified by how much money you have or how much you struggle to please God. Rather, it says being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. What is it to be

justified?

It means to be declared righteous. It actually means to be declared not guilty, discharged and acquitted. How gracious the Lord is! He acquitted us; so, what about our sins? Before we were born again, they were washed in His blood; when we believed and confessed His Lordship, we became new creatures without a past and thus justified. Hallelujah!

Then He tells us something remarkable that happens with those who receive this gift of righteousness: they reign in life: "...much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness...reign as kings in life..." (Romans 5:17 AMPC). In Christianity, we're not victims, paupers or beggars. In true Christianity, we reign in life by Jesus Christ. He gave us His Name to live by; so, we live and walk in His Name, reigning by grace through righteousness. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness by which I reign in life through Jesus Christ. I live triumphantly every day, walking in your righteousness, excellence, and exercising dominion over Satan and the systems of this world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV; Romans 5:17-21; Revelation 5:10

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 20 & Zechariah 12-14

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 5:1-11 & Ezra 8



TUESDAY 30

#### **CALLED TO INHERIT ALL THINGS**



In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Ephesians 1:11).

God's purpose in Christ wasn't just to save us from sin; it was to bring us into our inheritance, an inheritance rooted in the blessing of Abraham. The Bible says we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). That means everything that belongs to Christ belongs to you in the same way and measure that it belongs to Him.

So, what are the things that belong to Christ? What's the extent of His inheritance? The Bible says the whole world and everything therein belongs to Him: "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:8 AMPC also gives us a glimpse into the limitless and unfathomable extent of His inheritance: "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints (God's consecrated people), this grace (favor, privilege) was granted and graciously entrusted: to proclaim to the Gentiles the unending (boundless, fathomless, incalculable, and exhaustless) riches of Christ [wealth which no human being could have searched out]."

This describes the degree or magnitude of your inheritance in Christ. You own what He owns because



you're one with Him. This isn't something to be hoped for in the distant future. Ephesians 1:11 says you've already obtained an inheritance. That's past tense. You're a possessor now. Through Christ, you have access to everything that belongs to the Father—wisdom, wealth, peace, authority, and glory.

Even more, Ephesians 1:14 calls the Holy Spirit the "earnest" of our inheritance, the deposit or down payment that guarantees we own everything in Christ. If God gave you His Spirit, then everything else is included. It helps you further understand the words of the Spirit through the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:21-22, "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours."

Refuse to think small. Don't see yourself as disadvantaged. You're chosen, predestined and positioned for greatness. Think, talk, and live with the consciousness that all things are yours in Christ Jesus: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3).

#### **CONFESSION**

I've obtained an inheritance in Christ; all things are mine. The blessing of Abraham is working in me. I walk in dominion, fruitfulness and divine favour. I live in the reality of my inheritance in Christ today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 8:16-17; Galatians 4:7; Ephesians 1:11-14; 1 Corinthians 3:21-22 NIV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 21 & Malachi 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 5:12-23 & Ezra 9-10



### YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE



Ye are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:14,16).

ight is that which describes; it gives direction. Light doesn't argue with darkness; it simply shines and dispels darkness. You're the light of the world; that means your presence in any environment dispels darkness and brings enlightenment. It brings guidance and reveals truth.

Your life as a Christian is meant to expose deception, bring hope, and illuminate the path of righteousness for others. God expects His glory in you to radiate through every part of your daily living. He wants His life and righteousness to be visible through your words, your conduct, your love-walk, and through your witnessing.

Notice again the profundity of the Master's statement about you: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let



your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

Refuse to be a hidden Christian. Let your faith speak. Let your compassion lead. Let your words, actions and outlook on life reflect your convictions about Christ and His glorious Gospel. Even those who are yet to read the Bible should read Christ in you, for you're His Epistle (2 Corinthians 3:3). You're the effulgence of His glory.

Therefore, illuminate your world, your environment and the lives of those around you with the life and light of Christ that's in you. Isaiah 60:1 declares, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." This isn't optional; it's a divine mandate. God has made you a burning and a shining light. So light up your world with the Gospel of His truth, righteousness and grace. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for making me the light of the world. I shine brightly in my world today, illuminating lives with your love, truth and grace. My light draws men to Christ and glorifies you always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Philippians 2:14-15 NLT; Isaiah 60:1-3; Ephesians 5:8; Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 22 & Malachi 3-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 5:24-32 & Nehemiah 1-2

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