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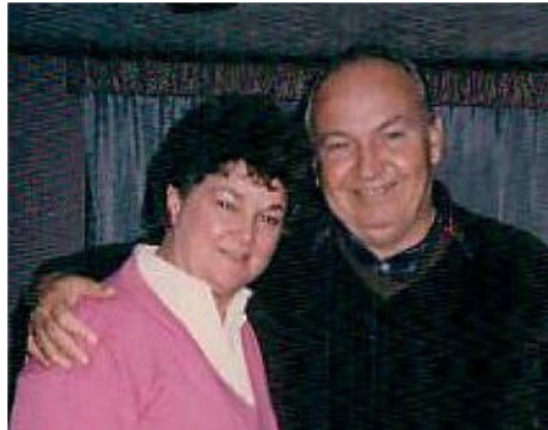
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Introduction



Polly & Les Houghton

It was a hot Florida Summer day, in the early 1960s, when my husband and I attended a lively meeting in South Miami. The little storefront building was crowded with saints, eager to praise the Lord and to hear the Word. A new brother was brought to the front altar and praying hands were laid on him while the entire congregation lifted up their voices in unison. At that point I saw a vision of a man being dipped into the clear, deep running waters of an underground stream. Then the man at the altar, raised his hands and his voice speaking with new tongues! He had received the baptism in the Holy Ghost! This man was Les Houghton. His sister Ellie had brought him here from his Baptist Church...He never turned back!

It was in this assembly of saints that Les found Polly, who was God's gift for his life. So he and Polly married and became

a sturdy team in the Lord. Together, they embarked on a journey led by God's Spirit. They were on a treasure hunt for Truth and never let up until they found Him who is the Truth. Les and Polly moved to New England for a time and we lost connection, but as soon as the Lord brought them back to Florida, we enjoyed times of close fellowship together.

Les Houghton is now on the other side of the veil. But the Lord has shown him to me in a dream. He was sitting at a huge round table, sharing with other saints. He was smiling as only one who is free from the burden of sin and death can smile. Polly is still here in Florida, finishing the race on this side.

God bless each one who reads the words of this book, "The Mystery Of God- Christ In You", written by this brother with a sincere heart for God. *Jackie Caporaso*

The Mystery of God – Christ in You

In *Colossians 1:27* Paul wrote of a mystery ...“Christ in you the hope of glory.” God has hidden this mystery from the foundations of the earth to be revealed in the last day! Again in *Romans 16*, we read of ; “truths that God hid for generations to be revealed in the last days.” *Ephesians 3:9-11* reads, “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God who created all by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” And *1st Corinthians 4:5* reads, “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest (render apparent) the counsels (purpose) of the hearts: (thoughts or feelings) and then every man has praise of God.”

(The coming of the Lord spoken of here is when He comes into our heart and makes us aware of these things). When we discover those hidden truths which have been reserved for the last days, we will also understand the timing of the Lord as explained in *2nd Peter 3:8* – “Beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

Reading the first chapter of Genesis we recognize this is a prophetic, present tense and continuing word. In doing so, we quickly come to the realization that it was on the fourth day God created lights.

Lights

Genesis 1:14 – 16 reads, “And God said let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; The greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.”

We see in verses 14-15 the literal lights. In verse 16 the spiritual meaning of the two great lights represent Jesus and the church, plus the stars (Christians). Four thousand years later, (being the fourth day according to *2nd Peter 3:8*), Jesus and the church appear. (vs.17)

“And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. (vs. 18) and to rule over the day and over the night and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.”

Thus we see the sun is a type of Jesus, the moon is a type of the church and the stars a type of the saints.

It was on the sixth day God finished His work and rested on the seventh day. It was on the sixth day that God created humanity, *Genesis 1:26*. It is at the end of the sixth day (6000 years), when the many-membered son of man is made manifest and that one which was once an image is brought forth. Beloved we are now at the beginning of the end of the sixth day when the climax of creation happens!

The Head / the Body

Matthew 8:20 reads, “the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.” Notice that Jesus often spoke of the Son of Man in the third person. He was not talking about His literal head, for he laid his literal head down in many places. We are aware that the head rests upon shoulders and Jesus, being the Head of the Body of Christ knew He was to lay His head on the shoulders of His body – Christ. But the body “Christ” had not yet been made manifest.

“Wherefore, when He cometh unto the world, He saith, sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared Me”, *Hebrews 10:5*.

See *1 Corinthians 12:27*, “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”

“Thou hast put all in subjection under His feet. For in that he put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not put under Him.

But now, we see not yet all put under Him. But we see Jesus ...” *Hebrews 2: 8-9a*

Isaiah 9:6-7a proclaims, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a *son is given and the government be upon his shoulder: and His name be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there be no end..”

It is important to note here that the aforesaid scripture does not only pertain to Jesus as the head. He must have a body! In a normal birth the head comes first and then the body; last of all the feet (under which death is finally put under). Now we have seen the Head come forth, but the body is still being birthed, (see *Hebrews 2*). God is not going to join a perfect head to an

imperfect body. Yet, there must be a complete Body for Him to join. This my friends is the 42nd Generation, (see *Matthew 1:1*). A perfect body, walking, talking and living people doing only the will of the Father. This is the body where Jesus will lay His head. The many brethren of which He is the first among us, (see *Romans 8:29*). Just as Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches...” so today He would say unto us, “I am the Head and you are the (many-membered) body.”

*Son – Strong’s Concordance #1121 (as a builder of the family name, fig. relationship including grandson, subject, national quality or condition.

Many are looking for the Bride of Christ, not realizing the Groom is still being birthed.

Image/Likeness

“And God said let us make man (mankind) in our image after our likeness.” *Genesis 1:26*

In Strong’s Concordance, the word, ‘image’ is #6754 (Hebrew) meaning, ‘illusion’ resemblance, hence a representative figure, especially an idol. At one time I understood ‘illusion’ to mean, ‘seeing something that was not really there.’ But, according to Webster’s Dictionary, illusion is defined as, ‘the wrong concept of what is there or deception.’

We see then that in our humanity or our human ‘image’ we have the wrong concept of who we are – a mistaken identity. How imperative has it become in this day to know who we are – our true identity! Certainly, a major point to consider is that we are spiritual beings having a human experience instead of human being trying to have a spiritual experience. We are not sinners trying to become Sons. We are Sons, doing (at times)

sinful things. This is why we are miserable in our flesh; we are out of our element and don’t belong there. We are dwelling in our mistaken identity.

Let us take note of the following scriptures in *Matthew 1:16-17*. “And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ are fourteen generations.”

Notice, it does not say, ‘unto Jesus’ is fourteen generations. When we count the names of generations listed we find there is indeed fourteen names and from Abraham to David, and from David to Babylon, but, when we count ‘to Christ’, we find Jesus is thirteenth and Christ is fourteenth. With these calculations at hand, we realize that Jesus is not without the Christ and Christ is not without Jesus. Here is a mystery to be uncovered; one which we will go not go into depth here, but will do so in future writings. Suffice to note that $14 + 14 + 14 = 42$. Forty-two months is three and one half years, the time of the ministry of Jesus. In Biblical numerology, seven is a complete work. In John 17, Jesus told the Father He had finished the work given to Him by the Father. In another place He also mentions a people that would do even greater works, (John 14:12). The ministry of the manifested Head is done; and now the ministry of the Head in the manifested body is appearing on the horizon. More interesting observations concerning this numerical enigma are apparent. For instance, when Jesus was twelve, He first taught in the temple and thirty when He began His ministry. $12+30=42$. There are many more numerical instances to make this point and show this hidden truth, but lest we go down a rabbit trail we will get back to the subject at hand.

Identity

There is indeed a chosen remnant to come forth in these dark times. *Amos 5:18* reads, “Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? The day of the Lord is darkness and not light.”

The day of the Lord is the sixth day and we are at the end of that day. One way we can tell is by what is happening in the world today. Let us not be afraid for He also has said He is preparing a body of people for this time, and they will be light shining out of darkness.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven” ... “That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” *Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:15-16*

“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. 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. For the body is not one member, but many.”

Here we are – recognizing our true identity and beholding the manifesting of the Sons of God, the many membered-body called ‘Christ’ with Jesus as Head!

As we continue in this vein, we read *2nd Thessalonians 2:11* that in the last days God would send a strong delusion upon the

earth, to the extent that perhaps even the very elect would be deceived; if it were possible. But it is not possible! (see *Matthew 24:24*). Concurrently, we were taught that this delusion is coming in the last days and so we have thought of this delusion in terms of the future. However, as we take another glance at the seven days of creation, we recognize that the last days actually began two thousand years ago when Jesus Christ appeared on this earth, at the end of the fourth day (4000 years), (see *2nd Peter 3:8*). Unmistakably, God is and has been revealing hidden truth all along!

Light, Life, Love, Liberty

Some time ago, the Lord placed four words in my mind. Those four words were, light, life, love and liberty. I knew at the time that God was preparing my heart and mind as He began to reveal more of His life. I started to consider how mankind traversed through two thousand years of frustration. A lot of people have been healed and got sick again. Some were delivered and needed deliverance again. There were times when we tried to do good, the more evil was present with us. Some things that we wanted to do and felt we ought to do, we could not do. Some things that we did not want to do, we found ourselves doing: & so the vexation continued, (see *Romans 7*).

As the Spirit of the Lord continued to enlighten our hearts, we were reminded of the law of the Spirit of Life. In the past when deliberating on this law, we were made aware that in the law of the Spirit of life, we are made free from all negatives, all sorrow, all sadness, all sickness, and all the effects of partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In this arena, we would be living in the manifestation of what we have thought to be the ‘millennium’. How we need anointed eyesight in this hour, to see what God is doing.

The Law of the Spirit of Life

The scripture we are considering now is found in *Romans 8:2*, “For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law (of sin and death) could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law (of the Spirit of life) be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Now the word, “law”* (pg 11) literally means, “principle”. The Word is saying here that there is a principle of the spirit of life. On the other hand, it is also declaring a principle of sin and death. The word ‘flesh’*(pg 11) in every place it appears in scripture literally means, ‘human nature’. Thus, we conclude there is a principle of human nature and there is a principle of sin and death.

In *1st Corinthians 15:56*, we read that the “sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law.”

When the law of sin and death is taken away, we eliminate the strength of sin. When the strength of sin is removed, the sting of death is also eradicated. As the Lord continued to speak, we realized that this course of action caused us to move into the manifestation of righteousness or, into the ‘principle of the Spirit of life.’

Romans 8: 10-14 reads, “And when Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But when the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth

in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For when ye live after the flesh, ye die; but when ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye live.”

Notice, we die to the flesh or mortify the deeds of the body, by living in the Spirit! “For as many as are led* by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” *Romans 8:14*

A close examination of the Greek words used in scripture reveals the following: *law - means principle - 3551 Greek - Strong’s Concordance. *flesh - means human nature - 4561 Greek – Strong’s Concordance. *led - literally means driven – 071 Greek – Strong’s Concordance.

Light, life and love! These three attributes of God encompass the fullness of the law of the Spirit of Life. In fact, they envelop who God is and who we are in Him - herein we experience our liberty. They are all characteristic of our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. As we look up the succeeding Scriptures, we will recognize the various interactions, without which we cannot move in the principle of the law of the Spirit of Life!

Duality

Now the other principle which is the law of sin and death, began with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was made manifest by the law of Moses, which is the First Covenant and is conditional.

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he said, Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the

house of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they be to Me a people. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother; saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that He saith, A new covenant He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.” *Hebrews 8:7-13*

Many of us have been taught that the reason we are in the condition that we are is because of what Adam did. Beloved, I have discovered that we are not in the condition that we are in because of Adam’s disobedience when he partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; but rather we are in this condition because this Adam (you and I) are still partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – thus dwelling in duality. From the time dating back to the ‘garden’ in Genesis, man has acquired a knowledge of good and evil. Unfortunately, this did not produce a knowledge of God.

Have you noticed that whenever we find ourselves in the middle of a situation or stressful circumstance, the first thing we try to do is ‘figure it out’? We ponder whether ‘this is going to be good or bad for us’. Then, we try to work things out the way we think it ought to be. This, my friend, is partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – walking in darkness. Here is the delusion! Choosing between good and evil by carnal

reasoning. Trying to overcome evil by doing good, we inadvertently eat from the same tree. Here is where we walk in duality. Choosing our concept of good and evil instead of choosing Life! (single of eye) “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” *James 1:8*

Two Translations for the word - Good

At this point, perhaps it would be pertinent to share what we researched in the Bible concerning the word ‘good’. Over the years we have seen much written and spoken about the evil of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but little about the good of that same tree. While giving this some thought, the Lord impressed upon me that I had been trying to get rid of evil by doing good, not realizing that my good was of the same tree. Needless to say, this compelled me to take a close look in Strongs Concordance. In doing so, I discovered there are two Greek translations for the word ‘good’. In the Greek (Strong’s #2570) ‘good’ is defined as, ‘for appearance or use’ (external or human good) The other ‘good’ is translated in (Strong’s #18) as ‘good in any sense; (intrinsic or inward) in its nature and essence.’ (God good) When God works something into good; He stamps His own character and nature into it.

Following this thread of thought we begin to realize that whenever ‘good’ is enacted externally (humanly) is temporary and will pass away; but that ‘good’ which is done from within (the Spirit of Christ) is eternal and will never pass away. That’s marvelous! The following reflects a few Scriptures to confirm this understanding even further.

In *Romans 7:21*, Paul writes, “I find then a law, that when I would do good (#2570) evil is present with me.”

Romans 8:28, “all things work together for good (God) (#18) to them that love God..”

A scripture that mentions both ‘goods’ is *Matthew 7:17*, where Jesus said,

“Even so every ‘good’ (#18) tree brings forth ‘good’ (#2570) fruit: but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.”

Notice that the tree wherein there is life is rendered as (#18); and the fruit of that tree - the outward appearance, is (#2570). Now the fruit will pass away or be consumed; but from inside that fruit are also good (#18) seeds that can be planted and bring forth good (#18) trees. Suffice to say, the outward is temporary, but necessary, that the eternal be made manifest.

And the scriptures substantiate, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” *2 Corinthians 4:18*

“Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterwards that which is spiritual.” *1 Corinthians 15:46*

Choose Life

Continuing to focus on that which is spirit and life, we take a look at *Deuteronomy 30:10-20*. If thou hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to

heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye surely perish, and that ye not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Is it possible to see, yet not perceive from these scriptures, that out of all that God has set before us, only one thing is to be chosen and that is LIFE.

2 Corinthians 10:5 is a key to this choice. “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Furthermore, *Romans 5:10* reminds us that, "...we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we be saved by his life."

It is so important to note that the moment we recognize Jesus died for us, we begin to change. We are not only beholding Jesus Who died and rose from the grave, but also entering into a state of being – His Life! It is by His power and as we are led by the Holy Spirit, we enter into this life.

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth..." *John 16:13*. Jesus said, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." *John 10:10*. It is only as we live with Christ as our example, that we enter into the abundant life He promised.

Matthew 16:24, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Certainly, He is our Life! What is it when we hear words of life spoken instead of words of condemnation, fear and so forth, that something within us leaps? What is it that quickens within our spirit when we heard the words of Life, or that light dispels darkness? Could it be the resonance of the Christ within witnessing to the promise of Jesus that we have life and that more abundantly?

Walk in light

1 John 1:4-6 "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

Without light nothing lives. Light emanates from God! How often have we heard, "God is in us", and yet, at times, we still walk in darkness and see darkness in one another or in the situations set before us?

Not only is that darkness a lie, but walking in that darkness we cannot DO the truth, which hides from us our true identity and relationship with our heavenly Father and each other.

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." *1 John 1:7*

Now let us ponder our walk in the Light. We just read verse 5 in 1st John 1, proclaiming God is Light. The Word declares,

"...if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and it cleanses us from all sin."

How can He be the Light and still be "in the light for us to walk in that light where there is no darkness"?

Is He not called the "Father of Lights"? *James 5:17*

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a 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." *Matthew 5:14,15*

Again, in *Ephesians 5:8*, we read, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye the light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

For sure, before we walk, we must first become one with the Light and then we can freely partake of all that is in the Light

and we have that blessed fellowship that transcends all earthly realms.

Beloved, we are the light that the Light is in. When we walk (live) in the light that is in each other, and not walk or (be conscious of) your darkness or my darkness, then we will be cleansed from all sin. Because in us is no darkness at all, because God is in us, and God is Light and in Him there is no darkness. He is in us ... there is no darkness in us. Darkness is always outside the light. I have only to walk in God in you where there is no darkness, even as He is the Light and you are the light, that I might be cleansed from all sin. Indeed, only the inflow of Light can dispel darkness.

This brings us to another point. *Luke 17:20-21* confirms that the kingdom of God comes not by observation. “And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither do they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Beloved, it is not observing how one may talk, what color we are, how one may look, nor where one has come from or even what one does or did. “Not by observation – but because of the light that is Christ.” We no longer await the Kingdom in the “sweet by and by” but rather, we behold the Kingdom in our brothers and sisters. This is the Kingdom of God. It is not ‘out there’ or ‘up there’ somewhere. We behold the kingdom of God in each other. The Kingdom is a state of being – a relationship! For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, *Romans 14:17*.

Life

John 8:12-22 “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me does not walk in darkness, but has the light of life. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight.”

Ephesians 6:12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against principalities, against powers,” (etc.)

Passing from death to life

John 5:24-25 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and does not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The

hour is coming, and now is, when the dead hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear live.”

What does it mean to pass from death unto life? We know that when we leave this earthly body, we enter into life after death. Is it possible to leave death and enter into LIFE right here on earth? Let us again take note of *Romans 8:2*, “for the law of the spirit of life make us free from sin and death.”

And now consider *Matthew 8: 21-22* “And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.”

Notice here that Jesus makes no difference in the explanation between the one being put in the ground and the ones putting him there. Taking a further look at the scriptures concerning Lazarus in *John 11: 11-14*: “These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.”

Here Jesus speaks of Lazarus sleeping and the disciples not understanding, say, “Lord if he sleeps he will get well.” Then Jesus said to them plainly, (according to their understanding) “Lazarus is dead.”

It is amazing to see how the Bible speaks to everyone who searches the scriptures, in whatever dimension we are in, and in doing so continues to take us on into deeper depths and higher heights of truth. A prime example is being that I presently use

the same Bible I used thirty-five years ago, yet today, I teach and understand in a brighter (more illuminated) light.

I believe death and life are a state of being, whether here or there. In *Genesis 2*, “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept.”

This word, ‘sleep’ is defined in the Hebrew to, “properly to be slack or languid, i.e.; by implication, sleep (figuratively to die) also to grow old, stale or inveterate.” We understand then that Adam became “un-God conscious” (dead) and Jesus came to awaken us to “God consciousness” (life).

Ephesians 5:14 “Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ give thee light.”

Isn’t it interesting that the ‘dead’ can hear His voice and be awakened? Beloved, I submit to you that we are not talking about ‘out there some day.’ I propose that we are now passing from death to life. Many of us have already passed from a lot of death into life, and we are still passing from death into life!

John 5:25 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear live.” (‘now’ is present tense and continuing). We were the walking dead, (dead in trespasses and sins) doing dead works. But beloved, today, Sons of God are hearing the voice of the Lord and they are coming alive.

Revelation 2:17 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh (come over) will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh is not hurt of the second death. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the

Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh (come over), will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”

Passing from death into life! We are passing out of the law of sin and death by the law of the Spirit of Life that is in us and that we are!

John 5:26 “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son (that is us through Christ, a many-membered son) to have life in himself...”

Again, relationship. Relationship with God in one another. A relationship with the light that is in one another. A relationship of the life that has been given to us with the life that is in Him and in one another.

The Delusion

By searching the scriptures, we quickly begin to see the delusion. The “tree of knowledge of good and evil” causes duality. As long as we are in conflict or warfare and fighting any kind of battle, we cannot walk in the law of the Spirit of Life.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus said in *John 12:31* “Now is the judgment of this world: now the prince of this world be cast out.”

Every time we argue, mumble or grumble and complain we are fighting a battle with one another or even with ourselves. We are denying the finished work of Christ and partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is the very root of the law of sin and death.

Notice in Romans 8:2, the word ‘spirit’ does not appear in the law (principle) of sin and death. Anytime we move in judgment, we move in the law of sin and death. Without spirit there is no life and is temporary, passing away in self destruction. God is raising up a people in this hour that believe God and trust God so much that it won’t make any difference what happens in their lives, they are still going to praise God because they have discovered their true identity and relationship.

Consider Job

Now, let us consider Job. In the whole book of Job, not one time did Job ever mention the name of Satan. Who did mention Satan? Only God, (see Job chapters 1 & 2). You will notice even Job’s wife came to him after everything had been taken from him, and he was laying there full of boils and in pain and his wife came to him and said, “...curse God, and die” and Job answered, “...What, shall we receive good at the hand of God, and not also receive evil?...” *Job 2:9,10*

What a revelation that man had! We get upset if we lose our car, or our job, or our wallet. This man lost everything! Yet he still acknowledged God and His handiwork!

Romans 7:1 “Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?”

We no longer are a man or woman only. We are Sons of God. The old man is dead. He doesn’t live any longer. The law (of sin and death) has no more dominion over that dead man. You have been espoused to another!

I especially like verse 4 of Romans 7 which reads:
“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law, (that is the law of sin and death), by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.”

Look how we become dead to the law. We become dead to the law, “by the body of Christ” – married to another. Beloved, each one of us is a member of the body of Christ. You see, we come together and experience our true identity by living in the light, and in doing so, we become dead to the law of sin and death. Because we have discovered that as hard as we try of ourselves we can’t do a thing. However, we are also realizing that through Christ we can do all things.

To further emphasize the point, we look at *Romans 7:5* “For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”

The law brings fruit unto death herein is the law of sin and death. When we judge one another, gossip, mumble or complain, we are partaking of the wrong tree! When we talk about a relative, or a brother, or neighbor, or tell somebody what someone did against us, we are partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We are moving in the principle of sin and death.

It is indeed a true word that every seed brings forth like kind. We wonder why certain things come upon us. We know God is sovereign and it is for our teaching. But there is a principle involved also. I believe that we will find that when we quit partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and

partake only of the tree of Life, (we cannot partake of both of trees at the same time); then we would find a great change taking hold in our life. Even more, we would find out that everyone we know changes for we see them differently. When we want to see ‘change’ we only need to partake of the tree of Life and we see everyone and everything through our Father’s eyes!

Romans 7:6-9; 17-20, “But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:”

Where have we heard these scriptures put together before? Yes. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Of course, every time I try to do good, evil is present with me, because I am partaking of the wrong tree. When we try to do good in our own natural/carnal way, we are still partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, Jesus, Who certainly knew every truth and Who is all Truth; when they tried to call Him ‘good Master’, He rebuked them, saying,

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.” *Mark 10:18*

This is beyond the issues of good or evil, it is Life! (This is one of the keys to the Kingdom), but is it Life? So then, the people we surround ourselves with – are we ministering life to them? Or are we judging or ministering good or evil?

Romans 7:22-25 “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law (sin and death) in my members, warring against the law of my mind, (spirit of Life) and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin (there’s that tree again) which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who delivers me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind (true identity) I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Notice, not two minds. There is a human nature (outer man); but the mind is the one that is the inner man, (Christ mind) that serves the law of God. Now, the law of God has to be which law? The law of the Spirit of life. But with my human nature, I serve the law of sin and death. Thus, is the frustration of where Paul was, trying to do things and not being able to do them and knowing he ought not to be doing some things he was doing; he began to get a revelation. And then when he got down to Romans 8, he shared it with us because after going through all of those things in Romans 7, he declares in *Romans 8:1-2* “There is therefore now no condemnation, (better translated deterioration), to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

A Law of Instruction

At this juncture, beloved, perhaps we might reconsider then that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, (which is really the basis of the law we have been under), was not a law of destruction, but rather a law of instruction.

Matthew 6:34 reads, “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow takes thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

It is not that there is no evil, but that evil has a purpose. Even creation started in darkness. The law (of sin and death) was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.

Galatians 3:24-25 “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”

As we take a close look we see what has happened. Many of us have come to Christ through the law and then we have just hung there.

Galatians 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hanged on a tree.”

That tree, my friends, is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and many have hung onto that tree during the past two thousand years, not realizing that when Jesus hung on the ‘tree’ at Calvary, the first tree was done away with. That tree that brought us into the knowledge of sin is replaced by the tree of life that brings us into the knowledge of God. Once the instrument has accomplished its purpose, and once we have learned, then it is no longer necessary to have that instrument for the teaching and, we move onto the next dimension, having already learned that lesson. So we change readers. We go from grade to grade and we don’t take the first reader with us to the second grade and so forth. Like in an earthly school, so it is in our spiritual school. All this being a part of our progression into the Father. We need to be ever changeable until HE Who is

unchangeable fully comes in our heart and we live anew as He is revealed in and through us.

Love

Romans 13:10 “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Have you ever wondered what law love is fulfilling? Yes. The law of the Spirit of Life.

1 John 4:7-9 reads, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” And where is He? – In us! It goes on to say: “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”

Friend, this is not just talking about the Son, Jesus, the Head, but also a many-membered body called Christ, the many-membered Son of God, Whom we are! And we live as one with Him, Who is the Head of this many-membered body called Christ – who we are.

Light, life and love is to be found in one another. We cannot find it in any other place. How can we come against our brother, when our spiritual, physical and human experience dwells within him? If we come against our brother we come against ourselves.

“love your neighbor as yourself.” You are myself.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.” *1 John 4:11*

It takes the Spirit of God to cause us to stop observing how one another looks, and how another talks or what another does and acknowledge only the Christ in one another. In doing so we will see the true self and we will experience the love of God in a much greater dimension.

1 John 4:12 “No man hath seen God at any time, (but we are no longer of the old man and we can see God in one another)... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected (completed) in us.”

Many scriptures declare God is in us. As we recognize this truth, we also see that this love is being perfected (completed) and is unconditional. It is this love that requires nothing in return. It does not love in order to get something back. It does not do something and then get offended because someone does not say, ‘thank you’. But it loves, simply because it is His very nature. His love! Many in this day are now recognizing that God is in us and the manifestation of the Christ nature (our true identity) is coming forth! The mystery of Christ in us is revealed. The Secret Place of the Most High is not secret anymore!

Continuing with vs 12, it is worthy of our most close attention to observe, When we love one another, God dwelleth (manifests) in us, and His love is perfected. We cannot love all by ourselves! We really need each other.

1 John 4:11, 13-16 “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another... Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit... And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have

known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”

What Spirit? The Spirit of light, the Spirit of life and Spirit of love. Light, life and love all culminates in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit of God.

Yes, it is an indisputable truth. God is in us! He has always been in us and always will be. Indeed, He was that true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, (see John 1:8,9). There is no place we can go where He is not, for He is omnipresent. There is one place we can go where it seems God is not – that is into our human nature. Yet, in our unawareness, He is even there. How easy is it to move out of the awareness of God, Who is our infinite supply! And yet those things which appear to come against us are not for our destruction but rather for our instruction. Even Jesus had to learn obedience by suffering.

2 Timothy 2:11-12 “It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we also live with him: If we suffer, we also reign with him:...”

In another place in Scripture we find that Jesus Christ looked at the cross He knew He was to be nailed to; and we find that He endured the cross because of the joy that was set before Him. I believe that the joy He saw was all of us living in Him because of His perseverance on the cross of Calvary.

Beloved, when we keep our eyes solely fixed on the Christ in one another; when we see only God within one another and remain steadfast in our belief, then we too will be able to endure all instruction because of the joy set before us!

Hebrews 12:6-7 “For whom the Lord loved he chastened, and scourged every son whom he received. If ye endure chastening, God dealt with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chastened not?” So important to the plan of God is this chastening; and more importantly that we recognize that God does not allow anything to happen to us without purpose. The suffering/chastening of the saints in the light of scripture has often been a great mystery to believers. Nonetheless, I don’t understand the law and mechanics of electricity, but I still enjoy the benefits of it just by turning on the switch. Perhaps understanding isn’t as important as we may think. Maybe we just need to turn on the switch (Christ), and enjoy the benefits, as He continues to lead us into understanding.

Romans 8:28 “For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Love Made Perfect

1 John 4:17 “Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.” You may notice, ‘not as He will be, but as He is’. Not as we be, but as we are, because HE IS. Strange as it may seem, the main issue that separates us from this close relationship is that we lost our God consciousness. Beloved, our soul has never been lost; we have been lost from our soul. Back in Genesis when Adam was put to sleep – humanity lost God consciousness.

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19We love him, because he first loved us.

20If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Beloved, think with me. Most of the time, do we really see our brother? Or do we see somebody that we think we see. If we truly see our brother, we would see our brother in Christ and recognize another Son; Another member of the many-membered Body of Christ, (see 1 Corinthians 12).

I remember years ago teaching we are taught to love our brother and in doing so, said, 'well, if they don't believe, or if they are not a believer they are not my brother.' We often excused ourselves from acting in a good or kindly manner being under the impression that the person was not our brother. God has shown us in these days that there is no one that is not our brother. We missed the meaning of the scriptures that said, God reconciled us while we were yet sinners; enemies in our mind.

Colossians 1:21-22 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:"

We may not be physically related, but we have the same Father. When God awakens us to who each other is, we will then understand that all those things that 'seem' are replaced by the reality of what is. We must enter into the law of the Spirit of Life so the law of sin and death is done away with.

Relationship from Within

1 John 4:20,21 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And

this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

Light, life and love – a relationship from within. Relationship with God and relationship with one another where there is no darkness. The law of sin and death has fooled us. We have so long thought that by doing good, by getting rid of evil that we were going to accomplish good: not realizing that we were still partaking of the same tree from which we were trying to escape.

In Matthew 5 Jesus made the statement with which many of us are familiar. Jesus said, "39' resist not evil..." When we talk about resisting not evil, it does not mean we condone evil, in fact actually, the opposite. We are saying that God placed two trees in the garden. One was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ: and the other was the Tree of Life. Light, life and love is a principle that will take us completely out of and make us free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 3:19-20 "Now we know that what things so ever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Have you ever noticed that the more we come against sin and teach about sin, the more sin-conscious we become? The more we take on battles with negativity, with people and circumstances, the more our consciousness partakes and eats of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thus, the more death we endure. Precious indeed was the Word that came to me one

day saying, “trying to get rid of darkness so the light could shine is backwards. We have only to turn on the light and there will be no darkness to get rid of.” As we continue to confirm the Christ in every person and every situation, darkness disappears.

There is a good that appears to be apparent in human nature. Even in our humanity we do that which we call ‘good’ and we receive that which we call ‘good’. Nonetheless, there is a dimension beyond human good.

Romans 3:21 “But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested...” We are now living in the time when God is being manifested without the law. We are living in the time when God is taking us out of the darkness, outside ourselves and one another and bringing us into the light where there is no darkness. We are living in the time when the Law of the Spirit of Life is making us free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 3:12 “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” (Hebrews 8) 22Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:”

No difference between what? No difference between all and those that believe. Because ALL come into the knowledge and understanding and the experience of the Christ. Every knee bowing. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God – being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 6:1-3 “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, (dead people doing dead works, which is what the law offers), and of faith toward God.” The fruit of the law was death. It is time to leave the commencement of these teachings, the reasoning and the talking about it, and live, be and manifest our Sonship: going on to perfection or completion not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” As we grow up into the full measure and stature of Christ we become the manifestation of all the above. 3 being the key verse: “And this will we do, if God permit.”

Will God permit? I think the word ‘if’ would be better translated here as ‘forasmuch as’ .. Forasmuch as God permits, we will do! For in Him , all are yea and amen! ...This is the word of the Lordsaying, “...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts.”! “A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” *Zechariah 4:6, Proverbs 16:9.*

Two Covenants

Most of us are aware there are two covenants. God made a covenant with Israel and for people in the Old Testament and it is still working today. This covenant says, If you will do so and so, I will do so and so. That is the first covenant.

Now God knew, by His foreknowledge, they could not keep the covenant in the first place. As He knew they could not keep the covenant, why did He seemingly deceive them and say, if you will do so and so, I will do so and so; when He knew they

couldn't or wouldn't? The reason is because they didn't know it. They thought they could of themselves do it. Even today, most of us think we are in control and can do of ourselves according to our own reasoning and purpose. We have been teaching for years that if you do this, that will happen; and if you do that, this will happen. Because God knew that we could not be obedient of ourselves to that which he asked or told us; He made another covenant which did not depend on us. The Scriptures say that He swore by Himself because there was none greater! First, He gave us a contract which said, 'now if you keep this contract this great thing is going to happen.' Knowing we could not do it. Then after we realized we couldn't perform the contract, He says, 'it's alright' – I've done it for you! I just wanted you to see that of yourself you can do nothing. So that you could learn that only through Me, can you do anything.

So, we realize that the law of sin and death was placed in the earth for our instruction so that we learn the difference between good and evil – a school master to bring us to Christ; that we come to the place where the principle of the Spirit of Life indeed becomes our Life and that we no longer walk after the flesh: we are free from sin and death and find that doing all things in Him takes us to the Promised Land (heaven on earth).

Hebrews 8:6 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, but how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second."

We read in *Hebrews 7:19*, the law could make none perfect. Why? Because of the weakness of our human nature. So there had to be another law in place.

Hebrews 8:8-11 "For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of (spiritual) Israel after those days, (after we experienced the first law), saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they will be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all know me, from the least to the greatest."

Yes, He said, 'everybody' – but everyone doesn't know Him yet. The Word today is certainly being unfolded – "Christ in you the hope of glory." *Colossians 1:27*

Light, Life, Love and Liberty

Hebrews 8:13 "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."

As this word continues to come forth, with other lines and precepts our consciousness is being raised our awareness is being made more sensitive to the Christ in one another and ourselves. God is giving us the unction to walk in this light. We are beginning to hear our mouths saying things we didn't know we knew. We are becoming more Holy Spirit sensitive. The more we walk into this the more sensitive we become. One difference is that this no longer troubles us knowing that God is

sovereign, in control, and we are able to say with Job that God is in control of all!

We recognize that God created the Waster to destroy, (see Isaiah 54:16, 17). Destroy what? Delusion, flesh and unbelief. Paul in another place says that we can do nothing against the truth, only for it, (2 Corinthians 13:8). That means that even that which appears to be against the truth is really working for it. We are in a win-win situation! But we have spent our time, effort energy and attention on those things that brought forth sin and death.

Today, God is bringing us in a place where we leave that darkness and live in the Light, in the life and in the love; that all creation be made free from the law of sin and death. (Note: There is no word 'spirit' in the law of sin and death, therefore it is a dead law.)

Amen and Amen!