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# Times of Refreshing

Reflections

Articles

# **TIMES OF REFRESHING**

(Words of Life)

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To my wife Teresa and children for their love and support

## **Preface**

This booklet is composed of articles that have been written as a result of hearing the voice of God from my readings of Scripture. God often works in two directions. He will either add or remove something from our lives. Let me illustrate: The first article deals with pride. God began the process of speaking into my life by convicting me about my pride. This conviction led me to study God's Word. I drew every reference to pride from Scripture. As I reviewed God's view of pride, I was then able to craft the message I receive into a concise communication from God. The same process has been applied to every article in this booklet. The Bible is universal in its message and application and relevant to every human being. The divine downloads in this booklet are based on the content of Scripture. God's voice has been the source of constant renewal and revival. I hope that you experience times of refreshing as you read.

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## **ARTICLE ONE**

### **PRIDE AND ITS NEGATIVE EFFECTS**

Scripture records, “These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination to the LORD – a proud look...” David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah, Malachi, Mark, John and Paul among others all speak to the issue of pride. It is said to be a dangerous sin because of its destructive effects. It flows from within and causes the heart to become cold in any human or divine context. It is said to bring shame, contention, destruction and deception. It defiles those who keep company with it and drives men who embrace it to self-destruction. Pride stands by as a witness when men fall into the condemnation of the devil. History supplies many examples of men and women who have spiraled downward due to its appeal. Pride has taken its toll on those who entertain it. The list is long, of those gripped by its power, who have been deposed and abased. Take heed. God does not tolerate this grievous sin long. He silences, cuts off, rebukes, judges and brings low those with the proud look. The Scripture declares that the proud will be punished and judgment will burn up those who bow to this idol of self-love.

## ARTICLE TWO

### MY TESTIMONY ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS

As God purged me this year, He made me aware of several things regarding my condition before I was plucked out of the present evil age. As I studied the epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, I became aware of the following.

Before being rescued by God, I was in a helpless and hopeless state. I was dead in my trespasses and sins. I walked according to the course of this world and was governed by the prince of the power of the air who now works in the sons of disobedience. I conducted myself according to the lusts of the flesh, fulfilled the desires of my mind, and was by nature a child of wrath.

I was without Christ, without hope, and without God in the world. I was an alien from the commonwealth of God's people and a stranger to His covenants of promise. In relation to God, I was far off and a wall of separation divided me from others. There was enmity between God and myself. I was a stranger and foreigner.

I was like a child tossed to and fro and carried by every wind of doctrine and the trickery of men. I was carried about by the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting and walked in the futility of my mind. I had my understanding darkened and was alienated from the life of God. There was ignorance in me and blindness permeated my heart.

I was past feeling and gave myself to lewdness. I worked all uncleanness with greediness and conducted myself according to deceitful lusts. I was a liar, a thief and corrupt words proceeded out of my mouth. I was full of bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and malice. Some of my sins included fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, and coarse jesting.

I had no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God because I was an unclean and covetous idolater. I was in fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness and the wrath of God was upon me. My actions were shameful and I faced all the battles of life without armor, but my story does not end with my deplorable state of being.

## **GOD'S GOOD INTENTION**

I discovered that God, rich in mercy, was moved by His great love to take action on my behalf. He unveiled His heart. He revealed

His good intentions toward me. The evidence is in the facts. He chose, predestined and made me accepted in the beloved. He redeemed, forgave my sins, and made known to me the mystery of His will. He granted me an inheritance, sealed me with the Holy Spirit of promise, give me a foretaste of His inheritance and promised to work in me until the redemption of the purchased possession.

He has good intentions toward me. He gave me a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself. He enlightened me by revealing the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and the exceeding greatness of His power.

He has good intentions. He made me alive, raised me and made me sit together with others. He is revealing the exceeding riches of His grace and desires to save me by granting me the gift of salvation. He has made me His masterpiece, created me for good works and has brought me near by the blood of Christ.

He has good intentions. He is breaking down walls of separation and abolishing the enmity in my life. He brings me peace, has reconciled me, and gives me access to Himself every day. He has made me a fellow citizen with the saints and a member of His household. He is building me on a firm foundation and has caused me to grow into His holy temple. He is building me together with others and has made me His dwelling place.

He has good intentions. He is making known His mysteries. I am enjoying the unsearchable riches of Christ. I see the fellowship of His mystery and His many-sided wisdom. He gives me boldness and access to Himself. I enjoy stepping into His presence with confidence. He strengthens me according to the riches of His glory. Christ now dwells in my heart. I am being rooted and grounded in His love. I am coming to know the love of Christ which passes all knowledge. I am being filled with all His fullness.

He has good intentions. He has granted me ministry-gifts. I am being equipped by them. I can now do the work of ministry and edify the body of Christ. I am being brought to the stature of the fullness of Christ. The spirit of my mind is now being renewed.

He has good intentions. I have now put on the new man. I have received an inheritance in His kingdom. He has made me a light. I can now find what is acceptable in the Lord. He shines on me as I come to understand His will. He fills me with the Spirit, gives me a song to sing and a melody to hum. He sanctifies, cleanses, nurtures and treasures me.

He has good intentions. I now do His will from the heart. Because of Him, I am strong. I stand because He has clothed me with His own armor. Because of Him, I love Jesus.

## **GOD'S SELF-REVELATION**

This year, I was blessed to see a fresh and wonderful vision of God. I was struck by the unity between Father-Son-Holy Spirit. Father conceived a plan, the Son accomplished it and the Holy Spirit is today applying it to my life. As I reviewed the epistle to the Ephesians, I was blessed to discover the following.

### **Father's Self-Revelation**

All missions on earth are assigned according to the will of Father who works all things according to the counsel and good pleasure of His will. When His grace flows, peace always follows.

He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all. He is above all, and through all, and in all. He is the Father of glory, source of every spiritual blessing, a rewarder, and a master. He is rich in mercy and His love is great toward us. He is known as the revealer of mysteries. He owns a kingdom. He is not partial and dwells both in heaven and in all saints.

He chooses, predestines, makes us accepted in the Beloved, and gives us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself. He opens the eyes of our understanding and enlightens us by revealing the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ.

He has created all things through His Son and is going to gather together in one all things in Christ – in heaven and earth – in Him. Father raised Him from the dead and has seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. Father put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.

Father makes us alive together with Christ, saves us by His grace, raises and makes us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Father is going to display to us the exceeding riches of His grace for ages to come. He is kind toward us in Christ Jesus. He is the giver of the gift of salvation and a creator of masterpieces.

He has created us in Christ Jesus for good works which He prepared before-hand. He makes us fellow heirs, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. His manifold

wisdom will be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. He has accomplished His eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Father strengthens us with might through His Spirit in the inner man according to the riches of His glory. He has forgiven us in Christ and directs wrath toward the sons of disobedience. The fellowship of His mystery has been hidden in Him from the beginning of the ages. Father desires that we be rooted and grounded in love. He wants us to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height of His dimensions. He desires that we know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

Father desires that we be filled with all His fullness, understand and do His will. He commands us to be being filled with the Spirit. He desires that we use His armor so we can stand against the wiles of the devil and withstand the evil day.

Father would have us understand that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. He desires that we use the following armor: truth, righteousness, the preparation of the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word, and prayer

### **Son's Self-Revelation**

A review of Paul's epistle to the Ephesians reveals a wonderful vision of the Son. He is our peace, chief *cornerstone* and Lord. He is an offering and sacrifice. He is called God's sweet-smelling aroma. Jesus is the giver of light, head of the church and Savior of the body. He is its sanctifier. He cleanses the body with the washing of water by the word. He nourishes and cherishes the church. The whole family in heaven and earth is named according to Jesus Christ. He loves the church.

He desires to dwell in our heart through faith. Jesus redeems, forgives our sins and makes the riches of His grace to abound. He makes known the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.

Jesus has granted us an inheritance. He predestines us and draws us to Himself by His blood. He unites us, breaks down walls of separation, abolishes enmity and reconciles us to God through the cross thereby putting to death the enmity that exists between God and us.

He gives us the gift of the grace of God by the effective working of His power. He leads captivity captive, and endows the church with gifts. He has ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things. He has also descended into the lower parts of the earth.

He teaches us. He has given us the following ministry-gifts: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Through Him we have access by one Spirit to the Father. Christ gave Himself for the church and will present us to Himself a glorious church. He desires to dwell in our heart through faith. We now make a melody in our heart. The Lord desires that we submit to one another in the fear of God. Grace flows to us and peace follows from the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth is in Him. Peace and love with faith proceed from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Holy Spirit's Self-Revelation**

Paul also reveals some wonderful things about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is said to be the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. He is the revealer of secrets. Through Jesus Christ, we have access by the Spirit to Father. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and enjoy the unity He brings men. There is one Spirit and he will continue to seal us unto the day of redemption. The fruit of the Spirit *is* said to be in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

## **GOD'S EXPECTATION OF ME**

In the epistle written to the Ephesians, Paul also reveals that God has called us to take action. We are to be holy and without blame, to trust Him, to hear the word of truth, believe and praise Him. We are to have faith in the Lord Jesus and love for all saints. We are to know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance and the exceeding greatness of His power.

We are to be saved through faith and walk in preordained good works. We are to remember our previous condition, be built, and fitted with others. We are called to understand His mystery and make known His manifold wisdom. We are to allow God to strengthen us. We are to be rooted and grounded in love as we comprehend with all saints all His vast dimensions. We are to know the love of Christ, be filled with all the fullness of God, and walk worthy of His calling.

We are called to bear with one another, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, equip the saints, do the work of ministry and edify the body of Christ. We are to come to the unity of the faith, come to the knowledge of the Son of God, become a perfect man and come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

We are to become children who are not being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. We are to speak the truth in love, grow up in all things and do our share. We are to be careful not to walk as outsiders. We are to be taught by Him.

We are to put off our former conduct, be renewed in the Spirit of our mind, put on the new man, put away lying, speak the truth. We are to be angry and sin not. We are called to ensure that the sun does not go down upon our wrath, or to give place to the devil.

We are to labor in order to give. Corrupt words should not proceed out of our mouth. We are called to speak words that edify and impart grace to the hearer. We are to ensure that we do not grieve the Holy Spirit and that we put away things contrary to God's standard. We are to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving. We are called to imitate God, walk in love and give thanks.

We are to avoid the snare of deception and walk in light as children of light. We are to be diligent to discover those things that are acceptable to the Lord. We are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, rather, we are to expose them. We are called to awaken,

arise, walk circumspectly and not as fools. We are to walk as wise, redeem the time and understand the will of the Lord. We are not to be drunk, but instead be filled with the Spirit. We are to sing and make a melody, give thanks, speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We are to submit to one another.

Wives are to submit to their husband in everything. Husbands are to love their wives and leave father/mother and be joined to their wives to become one flesh. Children are to obey and honor father and mother. Fathers are to ensure that they do not provoke their children to wrath. They are to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Servants are called to obey their masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity, not with eye services, but as to the Lord.

We are called to do God's will from the heart, be strong, put on the whole armor of God and stand against the wiles of the devil. We are to take up the whole armor of God and withstand in the evil day. We are called to gird our waist with truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, take the shield of faith and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. We are to take the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit and pray always.

## ARTICLE THREE

### WHAT ABOUT FAITH?

(Paul's View of Faith)

The idea of faith has always been difficult for me. In this study, I focus on the 13 epistles of Paul. As a result of my review of Paul's epistles, I was able to answer the following questions. My desire is to live by faith.

**Question One:** In Paul's epistles, what is **the source of faith**?

Faith is foreign to us. It is a gift from God. Paul informs us that it is resident in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is said to deal to each believer a measure of faith. Faith is in Christ Jesus and can be granted as a gift by the Holy Spirit. It comes to us by hearing the Word of God.

**Question Two:** In Paul's epistles, what is **the object of faith**?

Paul informs us that the object of faith is God and His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. When we exercise God-given faith, we not only draw near to God, but learn to trust Him without any reservation or hesitation.

**Question Three:** In Paul's epistles, are there **levels** or **degrees of faith**?

Paul suggests various degrees of faith. In regard to the nonbeliever, Paul states that not all have faith. Those among the nonbelievers that have a claim to faith, possess empty and futile faith.

In reference to the believer, Paul indicates that God deals a measure of faith to them. The believer is said to possess sincere and genuine faith. Though some are said to have weak faith, God intervenes to strengthen it. Faith can both increase and grow exceedingly. Men can abound in faith, become steadfast in faith and even perfect it. Faith can move out. Paul states that some can receive the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit.

**Question Four:** What are the **channels through which faith travels**?

Paul informs us that the word of faith is preached. Faith is latent in the content of Scripture and travels into the ear when the Word of God is communicated. This process is called the hearing of faith. When we communicate faith through words, men receive the Spirit. When we speak the Word, we are said to supply the Spirit to the hearer. When we speak the Word of faith, God is said to work miracles and nourishes the hearer. Faith is said to work through love.

**Question Five:** What are we **called to do** in relation to faith?

The epistles of Paul state that we are called to stand, walk, and live by faith in the Son of God. We are to minister according to our proportion of faith. We are to be faithful in all things and be an example of the believer in faith.

**Question Six:** When we exercise and speak faith into others, what are some of **the products that faith produces?**

The faith-producing Word causes us to both receive and become the righteousness of God. The faith-producing Word causes us to see that Jesus is our propitiation. The faith-producing Word justifies us, causes us to receive the promise of Abraham, and gives us access to Father. We are saved through faith. We receive the Spirit, supply the Spirit, work miracles and nourish others through the faith-producing Word. Faith brings blessing, causes us to become sons of God, allows us to receive the hope of righteousness and makes us members of the God's household of faith. Because of faith, we receive boldness with confidence, Christ indwells us, and we become sons of Abraham. Paul declares that we are buried and raised with Him through faith.

**Question Seven:** What does Paul tell us about **faith as doctrine?**

Paul speaks of faith as both internal and external. He makes reference to faith as both belief and as a body of teaching. All are called to be obedient to **the** faith. We are to stand fast in **the** faith, examine ourselves as to whether we are in **the** faith. We are to preach **the** faith. Paul states that there is one common faith and that we are to work toward the unity of that faith. We are to strive together for the faith of the gospel, continue in the faith, be established in the faith, and hold the mystery of **the** faith. We are called to be bold in **the** faith and ensure that we do not depart from it, deny it, stray from it, or overthrow it. Those that deny that faith are said to

be of corrupt mind and disapproved. According to Paul, we are to keep and be sound in **the** faith. We are to love those in **the** faith and are also responsible for sharing our faith.

**What are other uses of the word faith:** Faith is accounted for and produces righteousness. Those who have embraced Christ are said to be of the faith and are said to seek righteousness by faith. Faith is said to speak. Paul states that the Word of faith is near us. It is in our mouth and in our heart. We are to have faith to ourselves before God. What is not done from faith is considered sin. Our faith should rest in the power of God. Men are said to possess the spirit of faith. Our peace and love move with faith. We are said to joy in faith, serve through faith and produce works of faith. Faith brings good news as it is made known. We are to comfort others by our faith. God fulfills the work of faith with power. Faith produces godly edification. Grace becomes exceeding abundant with faith. Paul states that women will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith. We are called to hold fast the pattern of sound words in faith. Those things we have heard from God we should commit to faithful men who are apt to teach. God's elect are said to possess faith.

**What are some metaphors for faith:** Faith is portrayed as a shield that quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one. It also said to serve as a breastplate to the believer.

**What are some characteristics of Faith in the believer:** Our faith is to spoken of by others. We possess a mutual faith with other believers. As stewards, we must be found faithful. (i.e., faithful son, faithful minister in the Lord, faithful minister of Christ, a faithful and beloved brother) God counts us faithful. We are to be true sons in the common faith of believers. Bishops are to have faithful children and hold fast the faithful word.

**Characteristics of Faith in God:** God is revealed from faith to faith. He is faithful.

**Mechanics of Faith:** Law of faith

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

This year, I was burdened to review every reference to the Holy Spirit in the Scripture. I was refreshed to discover the wealth we possess as a result of the indwelling Spirit.

### **The Holy Spirit?**

(This is a message I received when I asked Father, Who is the Holy Spirit?)

“He bears witness in heaven and earth. He is sent as a gift by My Son and I. When My Son became flesh, the Holy Spirit descended upon, anointed, and filled Him without measure. He testifies concerning My Son and speaks what He hears from Us. He is eternal in nature. He is power and holiness. He is the Spirit of Life and Truth. Where he is present, there is liberty. He will be your guide, teacher, comforter, helper, healer, justifier, sanctifier, and intercessor. He loves fellowship. He wars against the works of the flesh. He has the power to quicken, renew, fill, sanctify, and seal.

He is by nature a giver. He conceives those who come to faith in my Son. He is the one who sends forth those with a mission to accomplish. Fruit flows from the Holy Spirit. His tree bears the fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith. He is a revealer of secrets and a searcher of deep things. He is writing an epistle about My Son on the tablets of your heart.”

### **The Holy Spirit in Action**

(This is a message I received when I ask Father, “What does the Holy Spirit want to do in me?”)

“He will quicken, justify, seal, impute righteousness, baptize, perfect and provide you access to Myself. My Son and I have sent Him as a gift to you. He will speak on Our behalf. He will minister to you and make known all things concerning the future.

If you surrender to His working, he will make you his temple and transform you from glory to glory. He will come upon you, fill you, grant you power, and renew your mind. He will teach and guide you into all truth. He will bear fruit in and through you.

The Holy Spirit will make known to you all those things freely given you. He will reveal all the deep mysteries hidden in Us. Listen, He is speaking to you and desires to speak through

you. When you declare My Word, he will anoint you and grant you utterance. He will lead, move and carry you.

When you are weak, he will strengthen, comfort, give you joy and increase your faith. You are not alone. Do not be discouraged, he intercedes for you according to My Will. He is writing the epistle of Christ in your heart. He desires to grant you the gift of faith, wisdom, prophecy, the word of knowledge, the working of miracles, the gift of healing, discernment of spirits, tongues, and the ability to interpret them.

He will make you fervent and zealous for My work and will bring about unity and liberty among My people. He seals you unto the day of redemption. Take heed that you do not grieve, lie to, quench, resist or tempt Him. Men who speak and blaspheme against him will not find forgiveness and will be in danger of eternal damnation.”

### **Respond to the Holy Spirit**

(This is a message I received when I asked Father, How should I respond to the Holy Spirit?)

“You are to seek, ask for, and receive him. My Son and I have sent Him from heaven as a gift. He is sent to minister to you. You will know his strength and comfort. He will fill you with joy and peace when your faith is tried. He will seal you and granted you a taste of himself. His presence will enable you to live in and be led by him. He will lead you to walk according to and in him. He will cause you to speak, bless, sing, worship and serve in newness of life. Today, you are to sow in the Spirit, enjoy his fruit and receive His gifts.

Fellowship with him and he will lead you into all truth and will reveal all My secrets. Expect great things. Receive his power. Be filled. Allow him to change and renew you. Allow him to quickened and baptize you. As you partake of him, allow him to move and carry you along. You will see visions and dream dreams.

Become spiritual. Mind spiritual things. Sing spiritual songs. Desire and be zealous of spiritual gifts. He will refresh you with spiritual drink and fill you with spiritual meat. Receive his gift of faith, wisdom, prophecy, the word of knowledge, working of miracles, the gift of healing, discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretations. When you stand to minister the Spirit by the hearing of faith, allow him to speak through you. Receive his utterance. He will reward you with life everlasting.

## **Spirit of the Living God, breathe on Me**

(This is the word I received when I asked the Holy Spirit, “If I surrender to Your working, what will become of me?”)

“You will have access to heaven and enjoy fellowship with Us. You will hate sin and become holy. You will confess that Jesus has come in the flesh, know all truth and understand those things freely given you by Father. You will understand My mind and know His secrets. You will possess wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of His eternal plan. You will understand the future. You will be transformed and become the recipient of divine power. You will experience and know my manifested presence. You will become spiritually minded and seek to restore the fallen. You will bless, speak, pray, serve, sow, and worship in newness of life. You will be zealous for and desire spiritual gifts. You will sing spiritual songs, and think about spiritual things. I will indwell you and will work through you.

Walk in Me. Walk after Me. Live in Me. Do not fear the change I will secure in you. You will become a channel of spiritual blessing and will bear my fruit. You will be filled with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance. As I see fit, I will grant you the gifts of faith, wisdom, prophecy, the Word of knowledge, the gift of healing, the working of miracles, discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretations.

I have anointed, baptized and filled you with myself. I have conceived you and you have been born from above. I will assign you divine missions. I will teach and lead you. I will quicken, renew, and cause you to become fervent in spirit. I have sealed, made you righteous and will sanctify you. You will know my joy and strength.

I will speak to and through you. You will doubt nothing. You will wield my Sword to battle the enemy. I will move you, granted you a spirit of love, power and of a sound mind. Be bold! You will see visions and dream dreams. I will perfect and give you power to mortify the deeds of the body. I will make you a habitation of God and you will become my temple. I will intercede for you in the presence of your Father.

Through the laying on of hands and the hearing of faith, you will minister Life to others. You will enjoy all spiritual blessing, be refreshed with spiritual drink and filled with spiritual meat. I am writing a letter in you. Many will read it and glorify God for His provision. Rejoice, you will reap life everlasting.”

## ARTICLE FOUR

As I reviewed the 13 epistles of Paul, I became aware of the fact that we are called to be spiritual. What follows is a list of characteristics and experiences that every believer should be enjoying on a daily basis. Ask God to grant you the experience that is missing.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SPIRITUAL?

To Fellowship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Hate sin and model Holiness  
Acknowledge that Jesus has come in the flesh  
Be anointed, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit  
Be conceived and born from above  
Know all truth and understand those things freely given by God  
Understand the mind of the Spirit and experience the deep things of God  
Possess a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
Understand things to come  
Receive divine assignments  
Be a temple of the Holy Spirit  
Be spiritually-minded  
Seek to restore the fallen  
. Bless, speak, sing, pray, serve, sow, and worship in newness of life  
Be zealous for and desire spiritual gifts  
Sing spiritual songs  
Think of spiritual things  
Be indwelt by the Holy Spirit  
Walk in the Spirit  
Walk after the Spirit  
Live in the Spirit  
Be taught of the Spirit  
Be led of the Spirit  
Through the Spirit, mortify the deeds of the body  
Become a transformed being and possess power

Experience and know the manifestation of the Spirit  
Be quickened, renewed, and fervent in spirit  
Be sanctified, sealed, and made righteous  
Be filled with joy and strengthened  
Be filled with love, joy and peace  
Be filled with long-suffering, gentleness, and faith  
Be filled with meekness and temperance  
Manifest the gifts of the Spirit:  
Faith, wisdom, prophecy,  
the Word of knowledge, the gift of healing,  
the working of miracles, discerning of spirits,  
tongues, and interpretations  
Be a habitation of God  
Be a temple of the Holy Spirit  
Be a mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit  
Wields the Sword of the Spirit to battle the enemy  
Moved by the Holy Spirit  
Partake of the Holy Spirit  
Expect the Holy Spirit to pray for you  
Possess a spirit of love, power and a sound mind  
Be perfected in the Spirit  
Prophecy, see vision and dream dreams  
Enjoy and receive the gift of the Spirit  
Lays hands on believers to transfer the Holy Spirit  
Minister the Holy Spirit through the hearing of faith  
Enjoys all spiritual blessings  
Be refreshed with spiritual drink  
Be filled with spiritual meat  
Be a letter of Christ  
Reap life everlasting  
Enjoy the unity of believers

# ARTICLE FIVE

## THE DIVINE TRANSITION

As I reflected on the writings of Paul, I was amazed at his use of contrast. He provides a portrait of the human being before and after God's intervention. I call the contrast a divine transition. The moment we surrender to Jesus Christ and receive His gift of forgiveness, we are miraculously transferred out of the old creation and into the new. Check out the miracle.



In his epistles, Paul also uses the body as an example of the divine transition and how each member of our body was restored to reflect the character and nature of God.

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|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Body</b>                          |
| Dishonor the Body                    |
|                                      |
| <b>Conscience</b>                    |
| Rejected Conscience                  |
| Seared with hot iron                 |
|                                      |
| <b>Mind</b>                          |
| Carnal                               |
| Corrupt                              |
| Darkened                             |
| Defiled                              |
| Earthly things, Seeks                |
| Enemies                              |
| Enmity with God                      |
| Fleshly                              |
| Futile                               |
| Ignorant                             |
| Lust                                 |
|                                      |
| <b>Eyes</b>                          |
| Blinded                              |
| Darkened                             |
|                                      |
| <b>Ears</b>                          |
| Deaf                                 |
| Itching                              |
|                                      |
| <b>Mouth</b>                         |
| Full of Cursing                      |
|                                      |
| <b>Lips</b>                          |
| Poison of Asps                       |
|                                      |
| <b>Tongue</b>                        |
| Corrupt words                        |
| Double-tongued                       |
| Filthy language                      |
| Foolish talking                      |
| Idle talk                            |
| Obsessed w/ arguments                |
| Obsessed w/ disputes                 |
| Professes to be wise                 |
| Speaks lies                          |
| Practices deceit                     |
|                                      |
| <b>Throat</b>                        |
| Open tomb                            |
|                                      |
| <b>Heart</b>                         |
| Darkened                             |
| Full of lusts                        |
| Veiled is over heart                 |
|                                      |
| <b>Belly</b>                         |
| Belly is their God                   |
|                                      |
| <b>Feet</b>                          |
| Blood, swift to shed                 |
| Walk according to coarse of this age |
| Walk according to flesh              |
| Walk in passion of lusts             |

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|----------------------------|
| <b>Body</b>                |
| Glorify God in my Body     |
|                            |
| <b>Conscience</b>          |
| Commended Conscience       |
| Good Conscience            |
|                            |
| <b>Mind</b>                |
| Spiritual                  |
| Pure                       |
| Enlightened                |
| New                        |
| Heavenly Things, Seeks     |
| Friend                     |
| Union with God             |
| Spiritual                  |
| Full of Knowledge          |
| Informed                   |
| Love                       |
|                            |
| <b>Eyes</b>                |
| Clear Sight                |
| Enlightened                |
|                            |
| <b>Ears</b>                |
| Hear God                   |
| Practicing Word            |
|                            |
| <b>Mouth</b>               |
| Boast in God               |
|                            |
| <b>Lips</b>                |
| Full of Blessing           |
|                            |
| <b>Tongue</b>              |
| Words of Grace             |
| Single Minded              |
| Wholesome words            |
| Words of Wisdom            |
| Speak the Gospel           |
| Witnessing                 |
| Boldly Speaking the Word   |
| Preaching Christ           |
| Speaks the Truth           |
| Practices faith by Love    |
|                            |
| <b>Throat</b>              |
| A fountain of Life         |
|                            |
| <b>Heart</b>               |
| Enlightened                |
| Full of Love               |
| Veil Removed in Christ     |
|                            |
| <b>Belly</b>               |
| Serve in the Spirit        |
|                            |
| <b>Feet</b>                |
| Feet Bring Good News       |
| Walk as worthy of the Lord |
| Walk according to Spirit   |
| Walk in love               |

## **OTHER BOOKS AND QUICK READS**

### **BOOKS**

The Narratives of Christ (Gospel)  
Is God Speaking? (Minor Prophets)  
God's Life-Changing Curriculum (An Agent of Change)  
Worship (In the New Testament)

### **QUICK-READS**

The Authority of the Believer  
Transforming Power  
Redeemed from the Curse (Entitled to the Blessing)  
Emotional Intelligence (Models: A Brief Review)  
Why He Came  
The Kingdom (13 Parables)  
Divine Transition  
Divine Expectation  
Unclaimed Wealth  
Times of Refreshing  
Unlocking God's Diary  
The House of James  
The Will of God (In James)  
The Pure Gospel (Galatians)  
Paul's Vision of God (Ephesians)  
The Journey

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