

HOW TO PLEASE GOD

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“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”
(Heb.11:1, 6)

According to this Scripture, faith is defined as substance and evidence. Substance is the reality of which something consists and has a tangible presence. **Evidence** is the proof that something is correct and is demonstrable when put to the test.

Faith is believing that God exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him and that He answers the prayers of those who seek Him with all their heart!
According to the Holy Bible, without faith we cannot please God!

Faith is a gift to the searching heart, to the sincere seeker after God, truth and righteousness.

Faith is given to us by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God! It is not natural but a supernatural miracle, because the Bible is God-breathed. “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” (Rom. 10: 17).

Faith is believing that God's Word is true regardless of what others say. There are many reasons for believing the Holy Bible is true, the greatest being that Jesus Christ Himself believed the Holy Scriptures and preached from them.

Faith is believing that Jesus Christ is whom He claimed to be, the Word made flesh: God incarnate – ***True God from eternity and True man by His virgin birth!*** That He Alone purchased our eternal salvation through His holy BLOOD on the cross at Golgotha! Faith is believing that there is power and life in His precious blood to grant us forgiveness for all our sins and an entrance into His eternal Kingdom.

Martin Luther stated: ***“O’ when it comes to faith: what a living, creative, active thing it is. It cannot do other than good at all times. It never waits to ask whether there is any good work to do.”***

The Bible states: “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Holy Ghost which is given unto us. “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that,

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” (Rom.1:1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10)

St. Paul warns: “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today: lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of SIN. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

“While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? ***So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.***” (Heb. 3:12-14, 15, 18, 19)

We know that unbelief is Sin. We know that rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is Sin. And we know that breaking God’s law is Sin. We know that breaking the Ten Commandments is Sin. It is an affront to the Almighty! (Ex. 20: 2-17)

What else do we know about sin? It is doing what is wrong and not doing what is right according to God’s rules. The Bible states: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He

was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.” (1 John 3:4);

“For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men in righteousness, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.” (Rom. 1: 18)

US Psychiatrist Karl Menninger said, ***“The realities of personal guilt and sin have been glossed over as symptoms of emotional illness or environmental conditioning for which the individual is not considered responsible, but there is sin –which cannot be subsumed under verbal artifacts such as disease, delinquency, deviancy. There is immorality. There is unethical behavior. There is wrongdoing!”***

Sin may be likened to Mathematics: Sin adds to your troubles; sin subtracts from your energy; sin multiplies your torments and pains; sin divides your mind; sin takes interest from your work; sin discounts your chances of success; sin squares your conscience! SIN blinds you to the truth. Sin binds you with chains of lust, greed and hatred. Sin deafens your spiritual ears. Sin deadens your conscience. Sin kills! The Bible says, “The wages of Sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life through Jesus Christ the Lord.” (Rom. 6:23)

FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS!

The Love of God brought His only begotten Son from Heaven to earth, and from the

Manger to the Cross! Jesus shed His precious Blood to save us from the penalty of a lost eternity when He suffered, bled and died on the cruel Cross on Golgotha's hill outside the city walls of Jerusalem! Christ's vicarious death and glorious resurrection brings us to repentance and faith, as we see His hand of mercy extended to a lost, fearful and sick world!

The Cross of Christ has been referred to as the Axis of Salvation, the Climax of the Cosmic Conflict between God and Satan and between good and Evil!

The Sovereignty of God demanded punishment for Sin and the cross of Christ provided the Final Solution. For a time, God winked at our sin in His great mercy, by allowing the sacrifice of innocent lambs, goats and bullocks and occasionally a red heifer to suffice.

When the fulness of time had come, Almighty God gave His Son to be the propitiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world, past, present and future! God the Son came down to this sinful world to redeem us from the power of the Devil, through His vicarious death and glorious resurrection from the dead!

The Cross is the expression of God's love toward us! It is the very pinnacle of His mercy and grace to an enslaved people, bound by lust, greed, pride and hate! Jesus

said: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15: 13). Jesus was referring to Himself laying down His life for us all! (verse 14)

The Blood of Christ avails: It is available to all who desire to be washed in that soul cleansing fountain of blood. The blood of Jesus also prevails over every obstacle, temptation, sin, fear, torment and evil power! It prevails over sickness, pain and even over death! The blood of the bleeding Lamb prevails. ***Hallelujah, the blood prevails!***

Jesus said: “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3: 16)

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” (John 12: 32, 33). St. John stated: “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him.” (John 3: 36)

JESUS IS THE PROPITIATION!

The Bible says: “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. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness,”

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2: 1, 2)

The word propitiation means satisfaction, mercy seat, expiation and covering. The vicarious death of Jesus Christ for us all, met the righteous demands of Divine Justice in the Courts of Heaven. It means that God was satisfied with the Redemptive work of Jesus Christ, to atone for the sins of the entire world, past, present and future!

The Bible declares: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil.” (1 John 3: 8); “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.” (Acts 10: 38)

“Forasmuch as then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Heb. 2: 14 15)

“And the great dragon (Satan) was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. “And I heard a voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. “And they overcame him (Satan) by the BLOOD of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” (Rev.12: 9-12)

THE WORLD’S GREATEST POWER!

The world’s greatest power does not reside in Washington, Moscow or Beijing. It resides within the Body of Christ. The Holy Bible says: “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven.

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10: 17-19)

Jesus promised His disciples: “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all

Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost power of the earth.” (Acts 1: 8);

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you: not as the world giveth, give I you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14: 27, 28); **“These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”** (John 16: 33)

The BIBLE says: **“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”** (1 John 4: 4); **“God... hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;**

“Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His Person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High...

“But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy Kingdom... And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands.

“They shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture

shall Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; But Thou art the same and Thy years shall not fail.” (Heb. 1:1-12)

As we observe the great men at the levers of power in this wicked, sinful and desperately evil world and Satan often in the driver’s seat, ***we may be disheartened***, but when we read the Word of Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Scriptures, we get a far different picture!

The Real Power at work is the Holy Spirit in the hearts and minds of God’s people and in His Church. **He has the final word.** Jesus is the Creator of the worlds and the Author of Eternal Salvation and we are so privileged to be members in His Body and ambassadors of His Kingdom of mercy, love and grace. Righteousness and Judgement will rule according to His Eternal Word and Will!

FOUNDATION STONE OF CHRISTIANITY!

Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, there would be no gospel, no hope, no peace, no joy and no salvation! Without the resurrection, there would be no Saviour, no forgiveness for sins, no healing for the sick, no power over the devil and no entrance into Heaven! And there wouldn’t be a Church!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the Foundation Stone of the Gospel! It is the

divine power, impetus and authority that makes the Church stand alone as the House of God and His servants as stewards, representatives and ambassadors of His Kingdom!

When St. Paul preached on Mars Hill in Athens, the message he declared was so profound that many philosophers went away believing that he had presented two gods, Jesus and the Resurrection. Others heard his message and opened their hearts to the Lord!

No one in Athens had heard about the resurrection of the dead. They could not believe that a man who had been crucified and buried, could come back to life three days later, [Commented \[Max Solbr1\]](#): even though more than 500 men testified that they had been with Him. And they had spoken to Him, eaten with Him and touched the nail prints in His hands. And many declared that they were with Him when He ascended into the clouds and returned to Heaven, forty days after His resurrection!

PAUL PREACHED THE RESURRECTION!

St. Paul spoke of his faith before King Agrippa and Governor Festus. He testified that he had persecuted followers of Jesus Christ. He told of his dramatic conversion on the Damascus Road when he met the Risen Christ on his way to arrest Christians.

He declared Christ's resurrection: "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead? At midday O king, I saw in the way a light from Heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, *Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?* It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

"And I said, *Who art Thou?* And He said I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand on thy feet: for have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee.

"To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, *Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.* And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I, except these bonds." (Acts 26:13-29)

PAUL CALLED THE GOSPEL THIS THING?

This Thing had become Saul's life. It was radical and powerful. It was shaking the Jewish Sanhedrin and was starting to make inroads into the Roman Empire! It was not done within closed doors to only a few people of a certain people or region. **He was talking about the death, resurrection and the Living Jesus!**

He knew that his preaching, healing the sick and raising the dead had made such an impact that even the king knew about it! It was not hidden away in a corner but publicly displayed! St. Paul was engaging a pagan king with the True Gospel and it shook him to the core!

St. Paul systematically laid out the Gospel in what is called, 'The Roman Road to Salvation': "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3: 23); "Therefore *being justified by faith*, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1);

"But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, *being now justified through His blood*, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." (Rom.5: 8,9); "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom.6:23);

“There is therefore now no condemnation 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.” (Rom. 8:1,2)

The Salvation of God is freely given to those who appropriate His love and mercy for themselves and receive by faith His gift of eternal life. The Bible says: ***“Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace;*** to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed: not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; ***but was strong in faith,*** giving glory to God: and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was also able to perform. And therefore, it was imputed to him for righteousness.

“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; ***but for us also,*** to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus from the dead; Who was delivered (to the cross) for our offences (sins) and was raised again for our justification,” (Rom.4: 20-25)

As I see it, faith is love in action! God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, knowing that He would be faithful to the end. And God's Son left

Heaven's glory to become a man, knowing that death couldn't hold Him captive because there was no sin in Him. His love for us drove Him to the cross ***and His sinless blood and the promise of His Father, brought Him out of the grave!***

Jesus of Nazareth had complete faith in the Holy Scriptures. He prayed to His Heavenly Father for His disciples, prior to His crucifixion: “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is Truth.” (John 17:17)

BELIEVING GOD'S RECORD OF HIS SON!

St. John warns against the seriousness of rejecting the testimony that God the Father has given of His Son. He says it is tantamount to calling God a Liar: “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:

“He that believeth not God hath made Him a LIAR: because he believeth not the record that God gave of His SON: ***And this is the record, that God hath given unto us eternal life, and this LIFE is in His Son.*** He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5: 9-12)

The Word of God is direct and straight-forward! It doesn't mince words. That is why.

King David prayed: “Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of Thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding to the simple.” (Ps. 119:130)

“There is therefore now no condemnation 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. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***

“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken *(make life in)* your *mortal bodies by His Spirit that liveth in you*. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify *(kill)* the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

The Holy Spirit ***makes life (heals, makes well) our mortal bodies*** that are susceptible to aging and wearing out. If we live in the Spirit, we will live healthy lives,

which also keeps us well! And since we are children of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we are also free from the bondage of fear!

Some teach, that Scripture speaks about God raising us from the dead on that great resurrection morning. The Holy Spirit, however, does not live in a corpse!

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

We, who have given ourselves totally to God, have been adopted into the marvelous family of God. Our hearts cry out, ***‘Abba Father, meaning Daddy God’***. We are His very own sons and daughters of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. We have an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for us.” (1 Peter 1: 4)

HEIRS OF GOD THROUGH JESUS' DEATH!

“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (***takes a hold of against our infirmities***) for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with

groanings cannot be uttered.”

Sometimes, we do not know how to pray so the Holy Spirit (*holds at arms-length the infirmity*) and prays through us (*in the Spirit*) to the Father, for our healing! “And He that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. For whom He did *foreknow*, He also did *predestinate* to be confirmed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

“Moreover, whom He did *predestinate* them He also *called* and whom He *called*, them He also *justified*: and whom He *justified*, them He also *glorified*. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8: 1,2,5-17, 26-31)

What does all this mean? How can we understand all this? We cannot in our limited ability even attempt to understand a plan of such magnitude! By God’s grace, our Lord has granted us the faith to believe it because of Whom He is, the Creator and giver of life!

All this was preplanned in the Councils of Heaven before the worlds were formed. The amazing purposes of God are so great that no human mind could even begin to imagine, that we poor unworthy sinners could be transformed into the image of His pure, perfect and holy Son who through His vicarious death for us all on Calvary's Cross outside the walls of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, are now His children!

UNBELIEF DOES NOT PLEASE GOD!

The Bible states: "For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is Life and Peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ***So, then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***" (Rom. 8:6-8)

Walking in the Spirit pleases God but living in unbelief does not! Believing God's Word and trusting in His promises brings LIFE and PEACE. The opposite is true when you trust in yourself alone!

The Word of God says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." (Prov. 3: 5-8)

Walking with God is a win-win situation, but going our own way is a tragic mistake because the natural man does not understand the things of the Spirit! When the Holy Spirit calls upon an individual, the important thing is to answer Him and allow Him to minister His love, mercy and grace unto you.

It has been said that God always call a person at least three times, even though many may not be aware of it. I believe that He always calls the young and tender because He does not want that person to go astray. Then He calls in the beginning of adulthood when He wants to shape that person's life. And finally, He calls nearing the end of life when people are thinking about dying and eternity!

God called Samuel when he was a lad. He thought it was Eli the priest, who said, ***"If He calls again, say, Here I am Lord. Thy servant heareth."*** Samuel became one God's greatest prophets!

Jesus personally called Saul of Tarsus in early manhood, ***"Saul, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"*** He answered, "Who art Thou Lord?" He changed his name to Paul, the little one, and became the greatest of all the apostles and founded the Church in the Gentile world!

God called ***Abraham*** in his old age and promised him a son. The Bible says: "And when Abraham was ninety years

old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am Almighty God, walk before Me, and be thou perfect; And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was nearly an hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb;

“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able to perform. And therefore, it was imputed to him for righteousness.” (Gen. 17: 1; Rom.4: 20-22)

WE MUST LOVE & EXALT HIS SON!

“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me. And he that seeth Me, seeth Him that sent Me. I am come as a LIGHT into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world but to save the world.

“He that rejecteth Me and receiveth not My words, hath One that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father that sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should

say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.” (John 12: 44- 50)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: **no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.** If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us.

“Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not, that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.” (John 4: 6-10)

All we must do to get God the Father to love us is to LOVE His Son Jesus Christ and receive Him into our lives; to believe the record that God gave His Son as His paschal Lamb to bring us back to Him again. It has been a long journey for the human family to become one with God again, since the fall of Adam and Eve. Through Jesus Christ we have been adopted back into His Kingdom.

Jesus said: “Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and in you. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be ***loved of My Father*** and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and ***My Father will love him***, and We will come unto him and make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father’s which sent Me.” (John 14: 19-21, 23, 24)

HOLY SPIRIT: PROMISE OF THE FATHER!

Jesus declared: “And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on High.” (Luke 24: 49). “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? (Luke 11:13)

“If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you ***another Comforter***, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of

Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

“These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. ***But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name,*** He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14: 15-18, 25-27)

The Bible says: “To whom He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God:

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, ***but wait for the promise of the Father,*** which, saith He, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy host not many days hence.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye

shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1: 4-9)

During one of his last sermons, D.L. MOODY addressed the subject of the Holy Spirit: *“See how He came on the Day of Pentecost! It is not carnal to pray that He might come again and that the place may be shaken. I believe PENTECOST WAS ONLY A SPECIMEN DAY! I think the church has made this woeful mistake that Pentecost was a miracle never to be repeated. I have thought too that Pentecost as a miracle never to be repeated. I BELIEVE NOW, if we looked on Pentecost as a specimen Day and began to pray, we should have the old Pentecostal FIRE here in Boston.”*

TO PLEASE GOD, WE MUST OBEY HIM!

An old Gospel hymn admonished: ***Trust and Obey; For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey!*** The Bible says: “Then Peter and the other disciples answered and said, We ought to OBEY God rather than man. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him.” (Acts 5: 29, 42)

“For by grace are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2: 8-10)

We are in His Kingdom. He is in us and we are in Him. Without Jesus Christ we are nothing and can do nothing, but with Him all things are possible! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! In all human history, there has never been anyone else who could make that claim! (Heb. 13:8; Mark 9: 23; Eph. 1: 3- 14)

We have been adopted into His glorious Kingdom through His great love, mercy and grace and are accepted in the Beloved! Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found. I was blind but now I see!

To sum up this paper, let me say that to please God we must have faith in His Word, love for Jesus Christ and believe the record He gave of His Son. We must obey His laws and be filled with His Holy Spirit. Finally, we must exhibit lives of love, purity, caring and reaching out with the precious message of eternal salvation to as many as possible for as long as possible before Christ returns for His Church, the called-out-ones! Amen.