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# WHAT IS THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT

Dearly beloved,

The Holy Bible is the absolute truth of God's words that is infallible! When I mention the infallibility of the Holy Bible, I am not referring to the language structure, spelling error or punctuation mark but rather the essence of the messages. The Lord God is the author of the whole Bible and He wrote it through the Prophets and the Apostles or the Saints that are filled with the Holy Spirit. Even though, these Prophets and the Apostles could be a few hundred years of difference, such as Prophet Daniel who wrote in 605-530 B.C., while the Apostle John who lived after our Lord's ascension, they would see the same vision, as the author is but God Himself. First of all, we must comprehend that God is a Spirit and He is Almighty (omnipotent) by nature. Secondly, He is not limited with time or distance and He is present everywhere (omnipresent). Furthermore, the Lord God that created the whole universe is omniscience which means He has all the knowledge of past, present and the future.

Without question, the Holy Bible is the only book in the whole world that is filled with His divine prophecies that are constantly being fulfilled all the time. Take for example, the **prophecy of the birth of Christ** written by Prophet Isaiah who lived in the era of 740 B.C, about the virgin birth of Christ written in Isaiah 7 verse 14; this prophecy was fulfilled 740 years later when Christ was born through virgin Mary, recorded in Matthew 1 verse 23. Obviously, there are many more such prophecies etc.

#### Holy Bible made alive under the hand of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Bible is so amazing that it can be compared to the riches and the mystery of a vast and the depth of the ocean that contain so many creatures and plants, as well as the hidden treasures that no human mind can totally or completely fathom or comprehend. For the **unbelieving world** that are **spiritually dead**, it manifests itself as an ordinary history or literature book or the religious book of laws for the Pharisees etc. (read <u>Spiritual Food for Thought</u> <u>volume 2</u> on 'The hidden manna'). It would at best stand still like 'a car with no key' when tampered by the religious institutions of our days.

However, under the **Almighty hand of the Holy Spirit**, the divine power of the Lord is able to harness and manoeuvre the Holy Bible to be **the most powerful spiritual feeder for God's children**, once born again of the Holy Spirit.

Hand in hand with the voice of the Risen Saviour, the words of God become alive acting like 'a wheel within a wheel' as recorded in Ezekiel 1:16, when guided and control by the Holy Spirit that lives within our heart.

Consequently, for God's children born again of His Spirit, the Holy Bible becomes the **power of the Risen Savior**. Under the instructions and act upon by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bible unveils the mysterious spiritual world, foretelling the world's future destiny as well as God's plan for all mankind and His salvation through Christ Jesus His precious son etc. Furthermore, it has the **power to transform our mind** from the **lies of satan** to **the truth of God's words** so as to **conform us** unto **the image of His Son**, when we ingest and live out to God's commandment in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Undoubtedly, it has now become a car with its key, ready to transport us to wherever the Holy Spirit want us to go.

It is crystal clear that the Holy Bible is not a theory but a reality, as I have hundreds of personal testimonies that experience God's words into reality in my life (please patiently listen to my preaching and testimonies). So are the thousands of other saints in the past as well as those living presently in all parts of the world. What is more amazing about the Holy Word of God is the **power** and the **flexibility** for the Holy Spirit **to customize the word of God on a personal level**, especially when we are under the ferocious attack of our spiritual enemy and amidst critical times of danger, where God's children are needed to be warned ahead of times etc (listen to the testimonies of Miss Esther Wang and mine).

Likewise, the Holy Spirit will also customize God's plan in our life through the Holy Bible, acting as '**Urim and Thummim**' that are used by the priest in the Old Testament whenever they seek to ask God for direction.

Nonetheless, I shall hereby give you simple illustrations so that you can comprehend what the Holy Bible is like under the hand of the Holy Spirit.

#### Illustration No. 1: Acting like a turbine

We all know that electricity power can be harnessed from the waterfall and generated by the machine call the turbine, isn't it? Without the turbine, a waterfall is but water and we would not be able to experience the electricity power in the water itself, right? However, under the power of turbine machine, we know that it can extract the electricity power, sends light into our home, so that we do not live in darkness but enjoy the comfort and the joy of having electricity in order for us to see clearly.

Likewise, the Holy Spirit does the same thing by acting as a turbine to the Holy Bible. Once, we are born again of the Holy Spirit and filled by His present, the words of God act as a light that can detect the presence of sins in our heart as well as the presence of satan. In the meantime, the Holy Spirit will remind us of God's words and His commandment whenever our sins are washed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus, permitting the Holy Spirit to harness and act as our source of electricity in the light of God's words, whenever we spend the quiet time reading the Holy Bible.

As a born again believer, automatically you will become very sensitive to the spiritual world. However, whenever we **falter in sin** or walking in our flesh, you will become spiritually blinded and drunken as you have grieved the Holy Spirit by **unplucking the source of electricity**, the power to the switch. Consequently, whenever you are in the **state of walking in darkness** and **without light**, **you will lose the divine peace and your heart will feel very trouble, unpeaceful and heavy**. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit will ring in your heart and remind you of your sins, instructing you to repent immediately. Since the Holy Spirit is **Holy** by nature and cannot indwell in the heart that is **defiled**, we must instantly obey the Holy Spirit by confessing and repenting of our sins from our heart through our lips in prayer and wash them by the blood of Jesus. Thereafter, it is through the **blood of Jesus** that we are made **sanctified** and **holy**, when we genuinely ask for His forgiveness. Thus, permitting the Holy Spirit to continue joyfully living within our body so that the **baby life of Christ** can continue to **grow**.

Finally, It is best to always check for sins and confess the sins that you have committed for the day and wash them by the blood of Jesus prior to reading God's word, so that the Holy Spirit can effectively **impart** and **reveal the truth of God's words** and **feed** you spiritually to the **maximum**.

#### Illustration No. 2: Acting as a nutritionist

The Holy Spirit in His wisdom will use the Holy Bible and God's words to feed you according to your spiritual age. Take for example, if you are a baby, He will feed you with '**milk**' and as you grow older, He will feed you with '**semi-solid food**' and obviously as you grow into an adult, He will feed you with '**meat**'. So, do not worry about trying to understand every single word of the Scripture! Just '**eat**' whatever you can understand, so long as you ingest your daily spiritual food by **spending quiet time reading God's words** and **praying** as well as **acting** upon His words and **obeying** the Holy Spirit, in time your spiritual comprehension will grow as you grow spiritually. Likewise, if you force a baby to understand the things of an adult, it is impossible as their mind set is

not there! Consequently, just like the physical law of life, the spiritual law of life works in the same way.

# Illustration No. 3: Acting as our tour guide to the map

The Holy Spirit will begin to guide us spiritually to journey from the **entrance of the path of the cross** to the **finish line**, once you are born again of the Spirit of God. Hand in hand with the **Holy Bible as our map** for our journey, the **Holy Spirit will act as our tour guide**, detailing and illustrating our journey along the map. So long as you pay a close attention to the voice within your heart and the touch of the Holy Spirit and keep on reading and acting upon God's words, He will guide you, protect you and warn you when you go on the wrong direction. He will also chastise you like your dad, if you stubbornly and intentionally sin and continuously disobey despite His repeated warning. Personally, I have been burnt by fire for rebelling and stubbornly disobeying His voice (listen to my preaching for this testimony), even though He had warned me repetitively. Nonetheless, I praise God for His heavy chastisement as I **overcame the lust of my eye** on watching movies and up today I had not touch the movies screen ever since, as my Heavenly Father is **holy** and wants me to be like Him, **'holy and without blame'**.

# Illustration No. 4: <u>Acting as a pair of shoes</u>

When our Lord Jesus ascended, He had instructed for the Holy Spirit to come (read Acts chapter 1 and 2) in order to fill us with power to witness for Him. Once we are born again of the Holy Spirit, He will come to indwell within our heart in order to aid and help us.

First and foremost, He will act as our **teacher** in order **to teach** us the truth of God's words as well as **reveal** our sinfulness, so that we know what is right and wrong. Secondly, the Holy Spirit will act as our **advocate** or **counsellor** in order to unveil the trap and the presence of satan etc. (please read <u>Spiritual</u> <u>Food for Thought volume 1</u>, **'The Holy Spirit'** for more detail). Ultimately, the Holy Spirit will remind us together with **the words of God in the Bible** in order to combat and battle our spiritual enemies!

Above all, He is our **guarantor**, **our passport** to eternity as well as **our transformer**. It is the Holy Spirit that transform us according to the word of God, written in the Bible, in order to mold us unto the image of Jesus our Lord. Furthermore, He will **transport** us into eternity when we are made ready and fully grown spiritually to meet our Master, as we finish the journey of the temporal to enter into **the marriage of the lamb** (read Revelation 19:7-9).

To simply put or in short, the Holy Bible and the Holy Spirit act as a pair of shoes to equip God's children to successfully combat and run the spiritual journey to the finish line.

# Illustration No. 5: Contributing as a flask of oil

In the parable of the 5 wise virgins as written in Matthew 25, our Lord Jesus tells us to buy a flask of oil in order for the lamp to continue to shine amidst darkness. One of the means to purchase the drops of oil include reading God's words, meditating or memorizing God's commandment and His promises as well as listening to the preaching of genuine servants of the living God that are filled by the Holy Spirit. Hence, by reading God's word in our quiet time, we have permitted to trade our flesh with the purchase of the drops of oil that make up the flask of oil of the 5 wise virgins, as we have uplifted the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile as we purchase the drop of oil of the Holy Spirit by reading God's words, we will also begin to grow spiritually (listen to the preaching on Matthew 25 for detail!).

# Illustration No. 6: The voice of the Lord

The Holy Spirit will begin to manifest Himself through **dreams** and **visions** and ultimately His voices through **the word of God** written in the Holy Bible, as we grow in the spirit from a baby into an adult. Without question, **our carnality** and **our sinful nature** acts as **a thick wall** preventing us from hearing God's voice, since God is Holy. However, I can guarantee you that as you grow spiritually seeking to separate unto holiness and righteousness and as you allow the **life of Christ** to grow into **maturity**, you will in time experience **spiritual dreams**, **visions** and His **genuine voices**.

By nature, the Holy Spirit will only voice **God's words** from the Scripture, even though satan can also mimic His voices. However, the vast difference lies in the fact that satan cannot voice the **Holy word of God**, as the word of God is but **Jesus Himself**. As a matter of fact, the **word of God is so holy** that it can sanctify us and cause satan to flee whenever we **memorize** them in **our lips** and **mind** (read '**The origin of this website**' under <u>contact</u> section).

On the other hand, satan's voices can be detected when his voices manifest right the opposite from God's words bringing us into **loving the world** (read John 2: 15,16) instead of **loving God**.

Prayerfully yours, His servant Rosy Chao

# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SPIRITUAL INGESTION

Dearly beloved,

As God's children, once born again of the spirit of God, we are given the '**baby life of Christ Jesus**' like babies. If they are properly fed with pure milk and pure food, the **law of life** will automatically grow them in the time to be a child, a teen and ultimately an adult. On the other hand, if you do not feed the babies with proper food or milk on the daily basis, they will get to be sickly and may become very unhealthy and may run into the danger of the cessation of life or death in the long run of starvation or malnourishment of food.

Likewise, if you feed the baby with food mix with gravel of lies or contamination from the wrong teaching of the false prophets, it can do more harm than good that cause the baby to be spiritually sick and prevent proper and healthy spiritual growth and its development. It is for this reason, it is best for you to read the Bible the 'Holy menu' for yourself thoroughly and diligently, so that you would not be guided wrongly. Meanwhile, it is very important for you to fellowship in a church where there is a genuine servant of a living God that preaches the truth to help you grow, instead of stifling your spiritual system, when you receive the spiritual toxin of false teaching. If you are unsure where to fellowship, wait before the Lord and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you. The Holy Spirit will manifest His disapproval when you do not feel peaceful within your heart and vice versa. So be attentive to the presence of the **divine peace** within your heart at all times, as it acts as your 'compass' to your spiritual journey. By the same token, the moment you do not feel peaceful, be aware of the presence of the spiritual enemy and its trap that include the wrong teaching from the false prophets or teachers etc.

Nonetheless, going to church is to fellowship with the body of Christ the believers, while coming before the **throne of grace** is to fellowship with God, the head of the church Himself (read John 1:3). Obviously, it is very important for you to first fellowship with the God, by daily reading God's words and praying every morning. Then, be sure to fellowship with **the genuine believers** and beware of false churches or teachers or false prophets, since we are living in the end times where there are proliferation of false teachings!

Finally, please listen to these messages that are spoken by the Holy Spirit using my voice, so that you will begin to comprehend the truth. Just like studying complex math or calculus, you cannot learn the truth in a day, or two, right? It takes many messages for you to begin learning the **'baby step'** until you comprehend the **truth of the word of God**. So, please be patient to listen to these spiritual formulas, just like math, you have to learn basic arithmetic, multiplication and many more before learning the complex calculus.

Last but not least, when we ingest the truth of God's words by listening through 'the Holy Bible preaching', the 'solid meat' has the power to grow you, strengthen you and equip you to battle against the ferocious onslaught of our spiritual enemies. The solid words of Jesus our Lord, when it is well received, understood and live out, has the power to sanctify the **born again** believers to live a lifestyle of absolute victory over sins, the devil and death. Together with the assistance of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, we will ultimately be set free from the enslaving power of sins, carnality and be transformed into His image!

# HOW DO I BEGIN TO STUDY MY BIBLE

Dearly beloved,

First and foremost, the **Holy Bible** is made up of the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. The New Testament is like a **new written contract**, while the Old Testament stands as the **old contract** of the Lord God. Another comparison or example of the New Testament versus the Old Testament is like having the **completed building** versus the **blueprint of building** in general. Obviously, as God's children we focus on the new written contract and enjoy living in the completed building rather than focusing on the blue print of the building or the old contract.

However, in order to completely understanding how the new contract is written and signed, we must understand how the old contract is written, isn't it?

Nonetheless, it is best to focus and read the **4 Gospels of Jesus Christ** in the **New Testament** and begin with **Matthew** chapter 1, so that you can see the **'whole picture'** of the New Testament. If you like, you may also read the Old Testament from **Genesis** together with the New Testament at the same time. There is no dogmatic rule how you read the Bible, but it only makes sense to focus on the new contract of the New Testament first and then return to understand the old contract of the Old Testament.

# LETTER 1

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

Do you know that being God's children are being princes and princesses of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? Are you aware of our real identity apart from being the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven?

It is for this reason that we must reflect the glorious characters of our Heavenly Father. As the Apostle Paul writes to remind us:

# "THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED; THAT YE MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING, AND WHAT IS THE RICHEST OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS"

(Ephesians 1:18)

Indeed, it is through the marks and the characters of Christ manifested through the Saints that we glorify our Heavenly Father through "the gift of grace".

May the Lord richly bless you and enlighten your spiritual eyesight as we stand on the promises of God, as you read through the message of **"the gift of grace"**.

# PROMISE 1: THE GIFT OF GRACE

# **"FOR GOD RESISTETH THE PROUD AND GIVETH GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."**

(1 Peter 5:5)

Do you know that the most powerful of God's promises to mankind lies in "the gift of grace"? It is through "the gift of Grace" that we are saved! Likewise, it is through the absolute "gift of grace" that we are kept running "with patience the race that is set before us" (read Hebrew 12:1) along this narrow path of the cross. Finally, it is through the abundance of "the gift of grace" that we made it to the finish line, being imprinted in the likeness of His son Jesus.

What exactly is **"the gift of grace"** after all? The Amplified Bible defines **"grace"** as **"God's unearned, undeserved and unmerited favor"**. It is simply **"a free gift of God"** to His children that we do not deserve. Moreover, it is **"a free gift of God"** that does not derive from our own striving or any form of self-effort whatsoever. Hence, the word of God tells us:

# "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:" "NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYMAN SHOULD BOAST."

(Ephesians 2:8,9)

It is amazing to discover that all religions are based on self-effort and good works and meritocracy, while believing in Jesus Christ is simply "**the gift of grace**" through faith and faith alone! In other word, for a sinner to be saved and enter the kingdom of Heaven and have their sins forgiven, it is totally dependent on what Christ our Lord had done on the cross! Salvation is absolutely the gift of God through the promise of "**the gift of grace**", through His love upon all of us. None of us could do anything to earn salvation! Praise God for "**the gift of grace**" to those who believe.

Consequently, the criteria of receiving this wonderful promise of **"the gift of grace"** lies in our attitude towards God. The word of God tells us that **"God giveth grace to the humble"**. It is interesting to note that "the gift of grace" can only be imparted when we bowed down to the Lord God with an absolute heart of humility as "a sinner saved by grace" and grace alone. Until and unless, we lower our heart as unworthy or insignificant before His sight, we cannot receive this wonderful "promise of grace" from our Heavenly Father.

For one to have "a humble spirit", one must possess an attitude of honesty for oneself and genuineness realizing that we are truly a sinner, helpless and void of our own self effort, needing the absolute dependencies onto the Lord. To have "a humble spirit", one must be willing to demote oneself to the lowest position in our heart realizing just as our Lord comes from the highest to the lowest of mankind. To have a "humble spirit" is to have a spirit of obedience and "listening ears" versus resistance when it comes to hearing to the truths of the words of God. To have "a humble spirit" is to have the spirit of patience and meekness versus impatience or ferociousness in the service of others where charity is concerned. Last but not least to have "a humble spirit" is to be "equally yoked with Jesus" in our everyday living, obeying and revering the Holy Spirit as the Lord of our life versus walking in our flesh. It is for this reason our Lord's advice is"

# **"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS."**

(Matthew 11:29)

Sad to say, instead of being humble many Christians and even spiritual leaders have fallen into the **sin of pride** like the devil. Do you know that the sin of pride is the heaviest sin that is both blinding and deadly that add up to "Tekel" (read Daniel 5:27) God's spiritual weighing machine very quickly? In fact, the **sin of pride** alone is sufficient to turn a beautiful holy chief Cherub into an ugly dark destructive sinful lucifer the devil. Subsequently, the character of pride entails sins of rebelliousness, boastfulness, ferociousness, foolishness, disobedience, absolute resistance, selfishness, impatience, mercilessness, argumentative spirit, cruel abusive words, self righteousness, hypocrisy, ingratitude, craftiness, unbelief, doubt, confusion, impurity, anger, hatred etceteras. The list of sins that make up a prideful heart goes on and on. Consequently, a prideful heart manifests behavior such as "I know more than you do" attitude, "I am smarter or more spiritual than you" attitude, "I am better and more experience, richer than you" attitude. Furthermore, it is an attitude of "I do not admit mistake" and finally it is an attitude of "anger when comes to truthful corrections" by others.

Do you have these characters manifested in your heart? Do you behave this way?

Nonetheless, it is for this reason that the word of God in the Amplified Bible tells us that:

# "GOD SETS HIMSELF AGAINST THE PROUD (THE INSOLENT, THE OVERBEARING, THE DISDAINFUL, THE BOASTFUL) AND HE OPPOSES, FRUSTRATES AND DEFEAT THEM."

(1 Peter 5:5)

It is without question that the fallen mankind has inherited the ugly sinful characters of the father of lies and the father of fear, the devil. Without a shadow of a doubt if you have pride, I guarantee you will also have fear and lies, confusion etceteras in your heart and mind at the same time!

My dearly beloved, it is **"the gift of grace"** to the humble that mark the sheep with the **"abundant life of Christ"** to the finish line.

Without the attitude of humility, the Holy Spirit is unable to impart **"the gift of grace"** unto us any longer. As a matter of fact, the **sin of pride** prevents one from entering the kingdom of God written as follows:

# **"VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, AND BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN, YE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."**

(Matthew 18:3)

Furthermore, the **sin of pride** is the very sin that immediately disconnect our healthy relationship with the Holy Spirit, as we falter into satan's trap. Finally, it is the very sin that stop the Holy Spirit from bearing the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

May I beseech you to repent of the **sins of pride** in your heart? May you humble yourself in the sight of God in order to receive **"the gift of grace"** so that **"He may exalt you in due time"** (1 Peter 5:6).

# LETTER 2

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

One of the greatest blessings of being His saints is to receive "the gift of Sabbatical Rest" in our spirit, soul and mind. However, there are many people, even though born again of the Spirit of God, that are still struggling in search for the ultimate "Rest" in their soul, spirit and mind. Are you one of them?

The word of God tells us that until and unless we truly believe in our heart by absolute faith in our Loving Saviour, we can never enter into "His Rest". Hence the author of the book of Hebrews write as follows:

# "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."

(Hebrews 3:18,19)

Let us fight the good fight of faith and victoriously enter Into "His Sabbatical Rest". Let us remember to yoke ourselves with the Risen Saviour as we stand on His promises of **"the Gift of Rest"**.

# PROMISE 2: THE GIFT OF REST

# **"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO** YOUR SOULS."

(Matthew 11:29)

Are you aware that the number one killer in the United States is caused by stress? Millions and billions of people are battling everyday against sleepless nights, depressions, worries of all kinds and ultimately suicide because their hearts, souls, and minds are overburdened and are heavy laden with stress. Manufacturers of sleeping pills are making trillions of dollars as millions of people become drug addicts to the sleeping pills. It is a tragedy to note that the solution to this issue of stress does not lie in the psychiatrist or the sleeping pill or liquor or drugs. On the contrary, millions of people are constantly found dead overdose with drugs and sleeping pills etc.

Are you amazed that the fundamental underlying cause of stress lies in a heart that is totally void of peace and fill with sins! Do you realize by now that the real answer and solution to stress lies in believing in Jesus our Risen Saviour! The word of God tells us that Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Praise God for the Holy words of God that record and relay the wonderful news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! The solution to the problem of stress and all kinds of problems lies in the victorious voice of our Risen Saviour and His death on the cross. He came to give us His eternal life by paying our sin debt in full on the Calvary and eternal peace that the world so desperately is seeking for!

As God's children, we are definitely extremely blessed with the knowledge of this truth. Once we are born again of the spirit of God, we must grow into maturity and be constantly filled with love, joy and peace and the rest of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit written as follows:

#### "BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERINGS. **GENTLENESS**, GOODNESS, FAITH. MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE, AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW."

(Galatians 5:22,23)

The presence of the Holy Spirit through God's words and His wonderful promises, enable us to courageously battle life trials and tribulations with absolute peace and victory. The condition of receiving peace and rest lies in His promises of **'abiding in His yoke'**. Let us dissect and analyze the Lord's own words of instructions and analyze His promises in return.

First and foremost, the first commandment "take my yoke upon you and learn of me" entails 2 issues for God's children to follow. To take 'the yoke of Jesus' upon ourselves is to put ourselves in line and with the steps of Christ. Just like 2 oxen that are yoked together to labor in a farm, we must follow our saviour in His steps so that we can walk where he wants us to walk. Any form of rebelliousness or disobedience on our part, would prevent us from forming 'the yoke with our Lord Jesus'. Hence, to be yoked with Him is to remember His commandments and live out according to His words. Until and unless a child of a living God lives out according to His commandments, we are not under the same yoke with Christ. To merely read God's words but refusing to act out accordingly prevents us from yoking with Him.

The second requirement of His commandment is to **'learn of me'**. The word **"learn of me"** is to walk, talk and think like Jesus. We are to constantly learn to be like Jesus not with our own strength but by **obeying the Holy Spirit** and **'abiding in Him'**. As we abide in Christ by remembering His words (read John 15:7) and acting out His commandment, the Holy Spirit will be uplifted and strengthen us to go through any difficulties with the absolute peace in our heart and tranquility in our soul.

Finally, it is very important to fulfill the last requirement of our Lord's commandment that is **'to be meek and lowly in heart'** in order to receive **'rest unto your souls'**. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of meekness and lowliness. He is a spirit of absolute humility and patience and perfect goodness and faith. Any form of pride that include rebelliousness, doubt, stubbornness, ferociousness etc. **negates** the **Lordship of the Holy Spirit** in our heart. The characters of pride that is opposite meekness and lowliness will prevent the Holy Spirit from filling our hearts with peace and rest. Obviously, the characters of pride that manifest **walking in our flesh** must be harshly dealt with and crucified in order to receive this wonderful promise of peace and absolute rest in our soul.

My dearly beloved, the Lord promise us that as we bear his yoke upon ourselves together with Him, it would be useful, easy and light written as follows: **"FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."** 

As we abide in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit will give us the power of faith and blessed peace and rest upon our souls; simply because God is always faithful **to** 

give us the very best in everything as we obey Him (read Romans 8:28). Our prayers will always be answered as we abide in Him (read John 15:7). Now do you comprehend the meaning of being 'yoke with Him' and as to why "My burden is light"?

# LETTER 3

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

Do you know that the greatest battle that our Lord Jesus had won on the cross was '**the battle for freedom**?' Indeed, it is through the cross that the lost mankind is finally set free from the enslavement of sins, the power of darkness crushed, restoring once again the loving relationship with our Heavenly Father our creator.

It is for this spiritual freedom of God's children that the Apostle Paul preached the gospel proclaiming through His words when he says:

# **"FOR THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS TO THEM THAT PERISH FOOLISHNESS; BUT UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD."**

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

May we praise and thank God for this precious freedom in Christ Jesus for eternity. May we value what our Lord Jesus had done at the cross, as He gave us His eternal life, His victorious power of freedom over sins. May we cherished the old rugged cross, the crown as we someday exchange, when we stand on the promises of God through **'the Gift of freedom'**.

# PROMISE 3: THE GIFT OF FREEDOM

# "IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. "

(JOHN 8: 31,32)

Do you realize that we are born in a world of lies? Wherever we go, we are constantly surrounded and brainwashed by deceptive messages that deeply embedded in us the glamour of the world, the power and quest for money and fame and riches, pleasures of this world etceteras. The idea behind much of these flashy and glamorous day to day advertisements lies the most powerful message of false deception of satan through the worship of money and materialism at all cost. The message is crystal clear: "live for the temporal, as eternal life and God do not exist!!" Uplifting 'the pride of life' as written in the Scripture is the 'in' thing today.

Consequently, the idea of 'self worship' or atheism becomes the main motto of our life and our society. Self-indulgence habits such as smoking, drinking, doing drugs, pornography, gay lifestyle and other lustful and sinful ventures are not only acceptable but fashionable in our society as a whole. On the top of these, as children and teenagers we are taught in school that we come from monkeys. As we grow into adulthood, we are taught to be independent of God totally striving in self effort and intelligence just as our forefathers 'Adam and Eve' resorted to "sewing fig leaves to cover their own nakedness" (read Genesis 3:7).

Furthermore, what aggravate 'the deception of satan' lies in the confuse erroneous ideas that God can be replaced with religions of all kinds ranging from Hinduism, Muslim, Buddhism, Confucianism, occult, cult and finally different kinds of denomination of Christianity and churches. It is of no wonder, that our society is in a state of a pathetic messed up order of immorality and confusion. In other words, the whole humanity is so overwhelmed with so much lies, deception, errors and falsehood from satan that we no longer know what is 'truth' after all.

Amidst all of these powerful deception and confusion from the power of darkness, our ugly enemy the devil, comes the victorious voice of the Risen Saviour! The powerful light that 'shineth into darkness' as the Scripture writes:

# "IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN" "AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS COMPREHENDED IT NOT."

(John 1:4,5)

Praise God for the truth of Jesus Christ, written in the Scripture, the Holy Bible. Our Lord God in His wisdom has given His children the 'most powerful voice of truth' amidst the power of darkness, that fill the world with absolute darkness that is spiritually dead and void of spiritual comprehension of God. The day to day battles between 'light of truth and the deception of darkness' lie in the mind of men, the 'lost creations' of God. It is for this reason, the powerful voice of truth of our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord is proclaimed as follows:

# "IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED"

(John 8:36)

In the whole world, there is only one book that is the **Holy Bible** that tells us where we came from, why we are here and where we are going. Our spiritual enemy, satan the father of lies as written in the Scripture has offered the deception of religions versus the truth of Jesus Christ. The reason is crystal clear: All religions and the world contain lies of satan that do not have the power to set you free from **'the enslaving power of sins!'** If you were to walk according to the world and practice religion, you would remain under the power of darkness and sins. Without a shadow of a doubt, you will never receive eternal life or experience the absolute love, joy and peace and the rest of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit or as well as **'the truth'**!

Ever since man has fallen in sin from the Garden of Eden, the word of God as spoken by our Lord Jesus, tells us as follows:

# **"VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, WHOSOEVER COMMITTETH SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN."**

(John 8:34)

The **enslavement of sin's galling fetters** can range from carnal affections, envy, pride, hatred, strife, fornication, vain and worldly ambitions, glitter of Gold to evil temper, anger and all that saddened one's life. Being bound

and chained like slaves, we struggled for thousands of years in vain. It was not until the death on the cross that Jesus our Lord broke our fetters in twain! As our Lord gave up His spirit on the cross, shouting **"IT IS FINISH"**; God in the form of man in Christ Jesus, has created and accomplished **"a new and living way"** (read Hebrew 10:20) for all mankind. It is the only way to be set free from the bondage and chains of sins, fathered by the devil.

As a matter of fact, believing in Jesus is not a religion but rather a relationship with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The word of God tells us that, not only our Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay our sin debt in full for all mankind; but more importantly He came to restore our eternal life, through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, when we choose to believe in Him. Hence the Scripture writes as follows:

# "BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE THE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME:" "WHICH WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD, NOR THE WILL OF THE FLESH, NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD." (John 1:12,13)

What is precious is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, that gives us the power to overcome our sins. First and foremost, it is through prayers and genuine confessions and repentance of each and every one of our sins and wash them by the blood of our Lord Jesus, that we are made sanctified and holy. Thereafter permitting the Holy Spirit to begin indwelling within our hearts to grow the life of Christ by remembering God's words and acting upon God's commandment by faith and faith alone!

As we walk according to God's rule of thumb: "LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW ME" (read Matthew 16:24), we will discover the truths of God's words. As we battle daily against the power of darkness by crucifying our flesh in obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we will experience the supernatural power of truth over our sinful actions and lifestyle. As we practice godliness and a life of prayers in the wilderness, by being alone with God before the sun rises to collect our daily manna as the Israelites, we will experience spiritual growth and alertness of the enemy's presence. As we abide in Christ, our prayers will be answered resulting in the abundance of testimonies leading to constant spiritual growth and fruitfulness in Christ Jesus. Unconsciously, we will begin to bear the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit written as follows:

# **"BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW."**

(Galatians 5:22,23)

It is for this reason, that our Lord commands us to constantly abide in Him written as follows:

# "IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU." "HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES."

#### (John 15:7,8)

My dearly beloved, the gift of this glorious freedom over sins and lies of satan will only take place as we trust and obey the Holy Spirit by continuing living out the truths according to what our Lord has commanded. Merely reading on God's words without acting out the truth of the words of our Lord only land us in **'a house that is built upon the sand'** (read Matthew 7:26).

Finally, we cannot ignore that the basis of power of the Holy Spirit lies in a heart that is thoroughly purge of sins, made holy and washed by the blood of Jesus. A genuine repented heart that require an honest, truthful and humble heart to acknowledge that **'I am a sinner saved by grace'**, accepting the very fact that Jesus our Lord had died on the cross on my behalf in order to pay for my sin debt in full. It is only then, that the Spirit of truth will unveil and open our spiritual eyesight as one that is born again of the Spirit of God!

Last but not least, let us be His genuine disciples. Let us continue to experience and discover the truth in Christ Jesus, who is our Lord and Saviour. Ultimately as our victorious emancipator, let us give glory unto Him who is worthy of our praise as he unshackles the power of sins and break asunder the dominion of the power of darkness over our lifestyle of sins!

# LETTER 4

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

As we ponder upon the riches of the Grace of God, we cannot but marvel at the greatest love that God has manifested to all mankind and displayed in the cross. It is in the cross that the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords came to lay down his life for his friends; the most tormenting and painful death ever paid, in order to set us free from eternal damnation. The price was far from being cheap: born in a manger, walked as a homeless, and ultimately died in the cross. He came from the highest to the lowest, the message was crystal clear:

# "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND" (John 15: 13)

Subsequently, what is your response to "**The love gift**" from the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? May your spiritual eyesight be enlightened to comprehend the depth and the height of his love as you turn to the message of "**The Gift of Love**".

# PROMISE 4: THE GIFT OF LOVE

# "THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND." (Matthew 22: 37)

One of the most precious and lovely character that we have received from being God's children is the character of love. It is the character of our Heavenly Father, our Saviour and the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason that the Apostle John writes:

# "HE THAT LOVETH NOT KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR GOD IS LOVE." (1 John 4:8)

Are you surprised to discover that the highest character of Christ displayed on the cross and transmitted to His children is **"Love"**? The Apostle John continues to teach us this truth as he writes:

# "WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." (1 John 4:19)

It is interesting to note that when mankind faltered into the hand of satan, we have totally lost the characters of God and His image. By believing in satan's voice through Adam and Eve, we have become the ugliest creatures that manifest the destructive characters of sins like the devil that fathered us all. Manifestations of sins such as hatred, murder, anger, cruelty, pride, hypocrisy, craftiness, lies, fear, greed etceteras continue to rule in our lives and our society. It is no wonder that we live in constant **'fear'** instead of **'love'** as crimes rates escalated and overwhelm us in our surroundings.

However, the best news that mankind has ever received is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through the power of the cross, that God who became man came to overturn the power of darkness into light, the power of hatred, fear into the power of absolute **'divine love and peace'**. Most of all, it is through the cross that satan's head was bruised and his ugly power of enslavements through sins and death had been destroyed setting mankind free to 'love again' living in the image of God.

Do you know that the first fruit of the Holy Spirit amidst the 9 fruits is love? As the Scripture writes:

# **"BUT THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS: AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.**

(Galatians 5:22)

Consequently, are you aware that the highest gift of the Holy Spirit that marks the fully-grown Saint is 'Charity'? Likewise, the greatest and the first commandment that God has given His children is also based on 'Charity' or 'Love'. As our Lord Jesus says:

# **"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIND"**

(Matthew 22:37)

Do you realize that it is through the first commandment that differentiate a sheep versus a goat (read Matthew 25), a Pharisees versus a Saint, a religion versus a relationship with Christ Jesus and the third ground of fruitlessness versus the fourth ground of fruitfulness (read Matthew 13:22,23).

When our Heavenly Father made this commandment as the greatest commandment, He had 3 things in mind that is for 'our protection', 'our prevention' and 'our power' to the finish line.

#### **1.** For our protection:

God in His wisdom had commanded us "to love Him with all our heart, soul and mind", simply because the journey along the narrow path of the cross is full of satan's traps. Satan, the ugly enemy would lay traps such as "the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, lusts of other things and pleasures of this world (read Matthew 13, Luke 8) to distract our attention and steal our minds from focussing onto God's words since he is a thief (read John 10:10). Unless one has 'absolute love of Jesus' in their heart, the 'love of the world' will begin to infiltrate and corrode our spiritual life. Many God's children, even though born again of the spirit of God, have lost 'their first love' and zeal towards the things of God and the Lord Himself. The reason is crystal clear: satan the enemy manage to persuade and replace the 'love of God' with the 'love of the world'. Just as the Scripture writes:

# "IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM"

(1John 2:15)

As God's children turn their heart and love to the world, they end up as goats instead of **sheep** (read Matthew 25). Their 'burning zeal and love of Jesus relationship' is now slowly replaced with a mere religiosity of attending weekend church services. Before long, they disappear from church service back into the world.

#### 2. For our prevention:

The absolute love of Jesus is the most important factor preventing us from faltering into the trap of sin laid by satan. As we live our moment to moment before the eyes of the Lord, our heart is constantly filled with His commandment and wisdom as our Lord says:

# "HE THAT HATH MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPETH THEM, HE IT IS THAT LOVETH ME AND THAT LOVETH ME SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER AND I WILL LOVE HIM AND MANIFEST MYSELF TO HIM."

(John 14:21)

Just as Joseph was about to be tempted by Potiphar's wife to commit adultery, it was his absolute love and reverence of God that prevented him from falling into satan's trap when he said:

# "HOW THEN CAN I DO THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS AND SIN AGAINST GOD?"

(Genesis 39:9)

#### 3. For our power:

Finally, it is the absolute 'power of the love' of Christ that led the sheep of the Lord to joyfully serve Jesus amidst tribulations and all sufferings to the finish line. It is this 'power of love' that replace the heavy weight of the cross with 'light weighted yoke of Christ' of absolute obedience to our Master in 'the sabbatical rest' moment by moment in Him. Without a doubt, it is through this commandment that the sheep of the Lord lay their ultimate life with absolute unwavering faith sacrificing their all, trusting in the love of our Master to the very end. Last but not least, it is through this commandment that the sheep bear fruitfulness in their life amidst the light and the heavy pruning hand of the Master, with a heart of thanksgiving in every trials and tribulations.

Dearly beloved, do you now understand as to why this is the greatest and first commandment of the Lord? Incidentally, this commandment of loving God with all our heart, soul and mind can only be accomplish as we allow the Holy Spirit to come in the full control of our Heart. This **divine love** can never come out of our **own self-effort** or **carnal flesh**. In order to receive the love from the Holy Spirit, one must have the **'honest, genuine repentant heart'** of the fourth ground (read Luke 8:15). A heart that is full of doubt, craftiness, pretentiousness, pride, complexities and other sins do not qualify or make-up a genuine repentant good heart of the fourth ground. If you have yet to experience the ability to love God to your utmost as the greatest and the first commandment require, why not repent with absolute humility and a heart of truthfulness. Cry your heart unto the Lord confessing your sins with all your honesty and frankness with no cover up and I can guarantee the Lord will not fail you in giving you the **'Gift of love!'** 

Let us comprehend and deeply lay in our heart what the Apostle Paul meant as he obeys the first commandment into practice when he says: "NAY IN ALL OF THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVE US (Romans 8:37)