# "Life in the Spirit".

<u>-Essential-Enoch walked with God-"Apostles Anointed"</u> <u>Living in Spirit-Justified-Strengthened with Might-Truth-</u> <u>Disciples-Blessings-Visions-Dreams- "God's Calling"</u> <u>The Clock- A Snake Pit –Warning-Doctrine-Promise-</u> <u>Crowns</u>

#### Introduction.

Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. **Genesis 1 v 2** 

**God is a Spirit,** and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4 v 24

#### The Breath of Life;

Then the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2 v 7

#### A Quickening Spirit:

And so it is written: "The first man Adam was made a living soul." The last Adam was made a quickening Spirit.

#### 1 Corinthians 15 v 45

My wife told me that a mother in pregnancy has a moment when the Embryo in the womb suddenly is quickened. In the Church of England they have as special service for the mothers who have experienced this moment, called mothering Sunday.

The baby is formed, it has all the physical attribute of a human life but is lying dormant. It has no life. When the quickening takes place the mother can feel the baby alive.

This is exactly what happens when a person is "Born Again" The Holy Spirit quickens the human spirit which is dead in sins and similarly

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, ..... Proverbs 20 v 27

'This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying: Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. **Zechariah 4 V 6** 

"These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. Zechariah 6 v
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By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent. Job 26 v 13

Jesus said; "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,** because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.... Luke 4 v 18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way: When His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1 v 18

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

#### Matthew 1 v 20

And Jesus, when He had been baptized, went up straightway out of the water. And Io, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him. And Io, a voice came from Heaven, saying,

Matthew 3 v 16

### "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED."

Jesus said:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment: concerning sin, because they believe not in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to My Father and ye see Me no more; concerning judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16 v 7 -11

#### **Essential**

To live in the Spirit the first fundamental step is to learn the art of Listening

**Elijah** ... And He said: 'Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.' And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19 v 11-12

#### **God's Challenge and promise**

If we walk in the light

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 cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1 v 7

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5 v 25 Enoch walked with God and was not God took him.

Genesis 5 v 24

The Lords calling .

Thou shall hear a word behind thee saying "This is the way walk ye in it" <mark>Isaiah 30 v 20</mark>

The Holy Spirit will "Reprove the World"

Of Sin

Of Righteousness

Of Judgment to come

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An angel speaks to Zacharias prophesying about Jesus.

And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

## "Apostles Anointed"

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2 v 1-4

# "Living in the Spirit"

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5 v 25

#### **Indwelling Spirit**

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8 v 11

#### Witness of the Spirit

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; Romans 8 v 16

#### Walk in the Spirit.

Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5 v 16

#### **Speaking mysteries in the Spirit**

For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God, for no man understands him, however it may be that in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 1 Corinthians 14 v 2

#### **Speaking the Word**

But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak; neither need ye premeditate. But whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit.

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Mark 13 v 11
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For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." Luke 12 v 12

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#### **Meekness in the Spirit**

What will ye have? Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in loveand in the spirit of meekness?1 Corinthians 4 v 21

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Galatians 6 v 1

### **Praying in the Spirit**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Ephesians 6 v 18

# "Justified in the Spirit"

And beyond controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Timothy 3 v 16

### Abounding in hope by the Spirit

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15 v 13** 

#### **Fervent in the Spirit**

This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the Spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

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Acts 18 v 25
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### Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the Gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15 v 16

### **Paul Pressed in the Spirit**

And when Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. Acts 18 v 5

## "Strengthened with Might"

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;

Ephesians 3 v 16

#### **Purposed in the Spirit**

After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." Acts 19 v 21

Revelation in the SpiritBut God hath revealed them unto usby His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deepthings of God.1 Corinthians 2 v 10

#### **A Lying Spirit**

And the LORD said: who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. And there came forth the spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said: I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him: Wherewith? And he said: I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said: Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also; go forth, and do so. 2 Chronicles 18 v 19 -21

#### **Carried away in the Spirit John on Patmos;**

So he" carried me away in the Spirit" into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, and having seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17 v 3

And he "carried me away in the spirit" to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, **Revelation 21 v 10** 

#### "Carried by the Spirit".

Ezekiel; to Prophesy over the dry bones.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and "carried me out in the Spirit" of the LORD and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. Ezekiel 37 v 1

#### "Jesus Groaned in His Spirit"

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping who came with her, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled, John 11 v 33

# "The Spirit of Truth"

- Guide us into all truth
- Reveals the truth

- Glorifies Jesus Christ
- And show things to come

However when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak from Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. John 16 v 13

#### **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Matthew 3 v 11

The present writer was a Sales Manager in UK. I was dead in my sins and after a meeting with my wife's cousin June we sat around the tea table and she witnessed to us about the need to repent and surrender our lives to Jesus.

As we talked she opened the Bible and quoted the Words of Jesus "What if a man should gain the whole world and lose his own soul" These word struck home powerfully in my heart. In the next few weeks they revolved around in my heart. Every day it seemed that God was speaking. I would receive Christian tracts in the post, everyone that spoke to me seemed to say "God bless you" If I stopped at a traffic light in my car I would look up and read a poster proclaiming God loves you . Of course what I did not realise was that many folks were praying for me. God was everywhere.

One day , I felt the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit and I fell to my knees crying out a desperate prayer. "God If you are God, please help me".

Immediately I was filled with the Holy Spirit, filled with love and inexpressible joy and I knew that I was saved. I found myself praising God in a language that I did not understand.

I knew nothing about speaking in tongues, little or nothing about doctrine and yet I knew that God loved me, that Jesus Christ had died on a cruel cross to save and that I was saved. I was born again. John 3 v 3

Praise God. I was filled with joy which has remained with me through many testing times and this joy remains with me this day. From the day that I was born again I have never doubted God or His love. 2 Corinthians 5 v 17

### **Prophesy by the Spirit**

And when he had come unto us, he took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

# "Disciples"

for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." Acts 1 v 5

But ye shall

receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1 v 8

**Ignorance ;** He said unto them, "Have ye received the Holy Spirit, having believed?" And they said unto him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is any Holy Spirit." Acts 19 v 2 Laying on of Hands

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

#### Acts 19 v 6

At that time I was still smoking cigarettes Dunhills and the Lord set me free from the addiction. It happened this way. We went to a meeting In Eastbourne Library downstairs with a preacher and evangelist Brother Peter Scouthern.

During the meeting a testimony film was shown depicting the healing of a young boy in USA, Apparently the boy was seriously ill and had been taken to many doctors and hospitals who having given their best treatment could do nothing. The boy was slowly dying. The parents were desperate and when a Healing crusade visited a city nearby they took their boy and joined the queue for prayers.

The Lord wonderfully healed the boy and subsequently the film was made as a testimony to Divine Healing.

After the film and the message Peter Scouthern asked anyone who needed prayer to come forward, and it was a shock to me when I found myself in part of that line. Peter Scouthern started to pray for healing for this one and that. Some had heart problems some brain tumours back pain and gradually he worked up the line of waiting folks. When he came to me he did not ask me any questions he laid his hands on my head and said

#### "Go ye forth into all then world and preach the Gospel to every creature".. Mark 16 v 15

I did not fall to the floor nor felt any healing. But a strange things happened as we returned to our vehicle in the car park. Sheila had bought a week's supply of Dunhill cigarettes and I told her I do not want those. All desire for tobacco had left me and from that day to this day 50 years later I have never smoked or had any desire too.

What I did not realise at that time was the Lord was to give me songs to sing and for over 40 years I was to sing in the prisons hospitals, crusades, in meetings in England the Philippines and In India at one time to a crowd of over 100,000. Only the Lord knew I needed to breathe freely from smoking.

#### "And He hath put a new song in my mouth even praise unto our God and many shall see it, and fear, and trust in the Lord

Psalm 40 v 3

#### Choosing

Therefore, brethren, look ye out among you for seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6 v 3

#### John Baptist

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink, and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb.

#### **Stephan**

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, **Acts 7 v 55** 

**Paul** And Ananias went his way and entered into the house, and putting his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus who appeared unto thee on the way as you came, hath sent me, that thou might receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Then Later

#### Paul caught up...

2 Corinthians 12 v 1- 5

I knew a man in Christ more than fourteen years ago (whether in the body I cannot tell, or whether out of the body I cannot tell—God knoweth). Such a one was caught up to the third Heaven. = Paradise

# "Visions-Dreams"

Visions Revelations and Dreams are all great blessing for the evangelist and preacher but also quite normal for God to instruct guide and lead his chosen people.

Manifestation of the Spirit given to all Christians

Hereby we know that we dwell in Him and He in us: because He hath given us of His Spirit. 1 John 4 v 13

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit thereby:

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Gift of Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of miracles

Gift of Prophesy

**Discerning of Spirits** 

- Gift of divers tongues
- Gift of interpreting tongues

The Spirit apportioning to every man as the Spirit wills.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues But all of these that one and the self same Spirit working, apportioning to every man individually as He will. 1 Corinthians 12 v 7 -11

## "God's Calling"

When the Lord called the present writer to serve Him, he spoke through the Word

"But the LORD said unto me: say not: I am a child; for to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth His hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said unto me: Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth";

#### Jeremiah 1 v 7-8

Over the last 50 years the Lord has directed the present writer with visions and dreams and manifestations of the Holy Spirit leading me to preach in the Republic of Ireland from Cork to Galway to Dublin, from Dublin where I preach 11 times, to Waterford and back to Cork. , in Southern England from Kings Lynn to Gloucester and Trafalgar Square, all over Poland

from Katowice and Sosnowiec in the south through Warsaw up to the Russian boarder in the North in Elk and Olecko. This cannot be done in the flesh

Then for many years in the Philippines the Lord opening hundreds of prison doors in Leyte Island, Samar Island, North Luzon, Cebu, Iloilo, Negros Island and Gamaras island where the Spirit of the Lord touched hundreds of hearts with His saving Grace.

#### A door opened in India.

Then a vision of 30 years materialised as God opened the door to India in 1998. This happened in the early days of my conversion as a baby in Christ knowing little of the Word of God at that time.

**One night I had a dream.** In the dream I was standing on a platform and as far as I could see there were people thousands of people. When I looked to the left I saw thousands of people as I looked to the right of the platform there were thousands of people. I was preaching and singing. I realised that I was anointed by the Holy Spirit with power that I did not possess and it was with a shock that I woke up.

I never mentioned the dream or spoke about it to anyone, not even my wife or pastor, I kept it in my heart. Many years passed before I was in contact with a Brother Joe Daniel (Joshua Daniels) in a retreat in London England and he invited me to come to India. I remembered my dream. I saw briefly the thousands of people and my heart rejoiced India.

However I prayed and the Lord spoke directly and clearly the Spirit said "NO" go to Poland. I went to Poland, then again a year later when invited to India and when it seemed the Lord had opened the door, the Spirit directed me to southern Ireland, and again another year later once more invited to India the Lord said "No" go to a hundred towns and cities in England.

I prayed Lord it is impossible, I cannot do this, but the Spirit said "Go" and I will show you my Glory.

The Lord blessed indeed with amazing things happening as I travelled around England with sign and wonders and souls captivated by The Word of God and thrust joyfully into the kingdom.

Several more years went by the present writer was led in the Philippines to Manila to Tacloban City to Mactan Island and Cebu city from town to town city to city and across island from prisons to prison and from blessings to blessing all under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Years later in London while arranging a meeting for Brother Joe Daniels in Lublin Poland I was stressing the date of the meeting as May the 15th that coming year. Brother Jos said "No brother Tony the 15th of January and in whirl of provision the Lord provided the passport the visa and the money for me to travel to Chennai India.

It was then brother Joe asked me to speak at a small meeting on the outskirts of Chennai where the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested among the gathered throng of believers. Then the Lord led me in a flurry of meetings in RajaMundry – Kakkinadda- Vigahawadda- Visakhapatnam on to Stuart Purram where almost in a daze of blessings the Lord opened the way for my vision to be completed.

In a morning prayer meeting of around 200 pastors Brother Joe asked "Brother Tony, do you have a Word from the Lord?" I answered yes and thus the Lord blessed me. As I stood on the platform seeing a vast crowd estimated to be over 100.000 I realised this was my vision. I sang, "Why did He care for a sinner like me" and I preached, "Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me. John 12 v 32

Later that afternoon I stood at the river side and witnessed the power of God as 5 pastors stood waist deep in water as queue new converts Hun dreds actually were baptised in the name of the father the Son and of the Holy Ghost . Praise God

It was not until; some time later that I realised what God had done as I read from Habakkuk "And the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not tarry". I am sorry this is a much abbreviated account of this vision but I trust it will; be an encouragement to you. The main lesson I learned was it is better to obey than sacrifice.

And Samuel said: 'Hath the LORD as great delight in burntofferings and sacrifices, as in hearkening to the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15 v 22

### The World /Clock/ Time/ 12 o'clock Midnight.

One night the Lord gave me a vision.

In the vision I saw a globe spinning around this was the world. I wondered, then the world changed to a watch, a time piece. Then the watch opened and I saw inside the clock, the workings. I saw the cogs the wheels the workings. I noticed how some wheels were whizzing along fast others were slower and yet others the cogs were second by second clicking along.

Then the Lord showed me how all the wheels were connected with each other all dependent on each other and with a shock then I noticed the hands were pointing to three minutes to midnight.

The understanding of the dream vision came quickly and clearly.

For many years I had wondered and mused in the presence of the Lord about the different denominations. In England. How some churches were alive and some seemingly dead. Then in a moment it became clear. The cogs that were slowly ticking regularly were a stable steady and reliable fellowship. The other wheels whizzing around so quickly were the vibrant church full of life and energy and light. The cogs wheel that only moved intermittently were churches fellowships that had little life but were nevertheless important for without them the "clock would stop". They were all inter connected, all were needed.

We are all part of the Body of Christ

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. #

1 Corinthians 12 v 27

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, "I have no need of thee"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

#### 1 Corinthians 12 v 21

The interpretation of the time at three minutes to midnight revealed the end times. The Lords coming was near. Many parts of the church were asleep and unaware of the time

Lacking any urgency to evangelise and tell out the warning messages of the last days. The fragmentation of the Body of Christ in the many denominations and the parochial spirit dividing the believers.

The Church is where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18 v 20

Jesus said when you see these signs know that it is near.

This vision dream led me to study the sign of the times and the Holy Spirit revealing the urgency of the time. And the need to preach out the Gospel while it was day. I looked up all the references to the **"Midnight hour"**.

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And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight and took the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon

his shoulders and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Hebron. Judges 16 v 3

And it came to pass at midnight that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and behold, a woman lay at his feet. **Ruth 3 v 8** 

And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom and laid her dead child in my bosom. 1 Kings 3 v 20

In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. Job 34 v 20

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee, because of Thy righteous judgments. Psalm 119 v 62

And at midnight there was a cry made: 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.' Matthew 25 v 6

Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh—at evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning— Mark 13 v 35

And He said unto them, "Which of you shall have a friend and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, Luke 11 v 5

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them. Acts 16 v 25

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight.

Acts 20 v 7

But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven up and down in the Adriatic, about midnight the shipmen deemed that we were drawing near to some land. Acts 27 v 27

# "A Snake Pit".

I had been invited to speak at a small gospel hall in UK. I was not sure what the Word would be, so I gave myself to prayer for about three weeks. Then the Lord intervened and then one night I had this vision.

In the vision I could see the outline footprint of the small church. Suddenly the floor opened up and a pit was revealed. With deep shock I noticed that the pit was full of writhing snakes. I felt horror as I also sensed the enmity the hatred and danger from these snakes.

Then I awoke with a start.

I asked the Lord for the meaning of this vision and I asked Lord what is the Word? What is the message ?

The Lord immediately gave me.

For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even with weeping, as the enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their God is their belly, and their glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things., Philippians 3 v 18

In due course I went to that church and preached on that text, "Enemies of the cross of Christ".. As I spoke I felt the enmity of the congregation, and before leaving no one thanked me for the wonderful message

Walk in the Spirit...

Galatians 5 v 19

#### Have you learnt this lesson?

#### **Gentiles / Christians**

And those of the Circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles. Acts 10 v 45

"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning. **Acts 11 v 15** 

### Led by the Spirit

When Jesus was on this earth "He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness" Mark 4 v 1

Isaiah saw the Lord "He was high and lifted up and his train filled the temple" Isaiah 6 v 1

Phillip the Evangelist was greatly used of God in as the Spirit of the Lord worked in healing and anointing his preaching. Souls were being saved and the people were blessed but the Spirit of God intervened and He was told to leave that work. Leave the blessings and go into the wilderness . Where the Spirit said "Go Near" and he ran.... Acts 8 v 29

Peter was on the rooftop in prayer and fell into a trance . He saw a vision the heavens opened.... And the vision of the clean and unclean things.. Acts 10 v 9

**Paul and Silas;** The disciples who were evangelising and preaching were told not to go into Syria. "The Spirit suffered them not".

But had to wait for the Macedonian vision "Come over and help us" Acts 16 v 9

#### **Barnabus and Saul**

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13 v 2

So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. Acts 13 v 4

**Peter;** The Lord commissioning him to preach to the people ( The Gentiles ) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the "Holy Ghost" and with "Power" and to testify that it was He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead. (The living and the dead.) **Acts 10 v 38- 44** 

Peter; And as he was speaking these words the Holy Ghost fell on them as at the beginning, they were astonished because that on the Gentiles was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

#### Acts 10 v 44

John was on Patmos, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day".

Revelation 1 v 10

#### Last days Signs

Joel prophesied; and afterwards I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth—blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come".

Joel 2 v 28-30

Micah 2 v

# "Warning"

Is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? Are these His doings?

Do not My words do good to him that walks uprightly?

7 Then Peter said unto her, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried thy husband are at the door and shall carry thee out."
Acts 5 v 9

Therefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men. Matthew 12 v 31

#### **Unforgiveable sin**

And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the

#### Power

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. Micah 3 v 8

And when they had come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip. And the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

#### Liberty

Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with uncovered face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3 v 1-18

## Gifts distributed to all.

How is it then, brethren? When ye come together every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. 1 Corinthians 14 v 26

For as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office,

so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us: if prophecy, let us prophesy according to our portion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teaches, on teaching; or he that exhorts, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that rules, with diligence; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness. **Romans 12 v 6** 

#### The Church

And God hath, indeed, set, certain, in the assembly, —first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that mighty works, then gifts of healings, helps, guiding, kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all mighty works? Have, all, gifts of healings? Do, all, with tongues, speak? Do, all, translate?

The answer is clearly "No". God gives gifts severally as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12 v 28

#### Holy Spirit; God's Search Engine

And He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God

#### Sins against the Spirit

Grieve.	Ephesians 4 v 30
Quench.	Ephesians 4 v 30
Vex.	1 Thessalonians 5 v 1
Do despite too.	Isaiah 63 v 10
Resist.	Hebrews 10 v
Blaspheme,.	Acts 7 v 51
Matthew 12 v 31 Lie. Kept part back/	Acts 5 v 3

#### The Spirit Helps our Infirmities.

Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groaning's which cannot be uttered.

	Romans 8 v 26
The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me.	Luke 4 v 18
I was in the Spirit on the Lords day.	Revelation 1 v 10
How glorious it is when you are in the Spirit	
He that hath an ear, let him hear, what the Spin	rit saith unto the
churches?	Revelation 3 v 22
To Phillip go near.	Acts 8 v 29
The Spirit bade Peter to with the six men .	Acts 11 v 12
To Paul and Barnabus the Spirit forbade ther	n to go into Asia.

The Spirit suffered then not to go into Bi-thyn-i-a. Acts 16 v 7

Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh .

Galatians 5 v 19

As many as are led by the Spirit they are the sons of God

Romans 8 v 14Nathan, Thou art the man.2 Samuel 12 v 7

Man without wedding garment? Matthew 22 v

When the Spirit of the Lord is present sin is exposed. John 16 v 6

When Jesus came to the temple he challenged a man with a withered hand. Luke 6 v 6-

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The hand represents hidden sin. The man was ashamed of his hand/ sin and hid it away When Jesus comes to the Temple He exposes hidden sin.

Our Bodies are the Temple of the Holy Ghost.

If any man defile the temple Him God will destroy.

1 Corinthians 3 v 16-17

When the Comforter is come, he will reprove the world of sin,

of righteousness, and of judgement to come. John 16 v 13

Hidden sin in the camp is the reason we have churches without power.

Where the lamp in the temple has grown dim.

When there is hidden sin in the camp there can be no blessings.

Joshua a great man of God was praying . He was on his face before the Lord God challenged him Joshua get up. Why are you lying on your face. Israel has sinned. **1 Samuel 3 v 3** 

The accursed thing was in the camp. Joshua 7 v 7 Aachen had hidden the Babylonian garment, the silver and the wedge of gold he coveted them stole them and hid them And Israel Gods chosen people were defeated.... Joshua 7 v 10

Jeremiah that great prophet of God warned the pastors of covetousness; Jeremiah 6 v 13 Jeremiah 8 v 10

And the John warned the Christians

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abides for ever. **1 John 2 v 15-17** 

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I would not have you ignorant brethren.

For to one is given the Spirit of wisdom- Knowledge- Faith-Gifts-Healings-Miracles-Prophesy-Discerning of Spirits-Divers kinds of tongues- Interpretation of tongues But all these worketh that One and self-same Spirit. Dividing severally as He will. 1 Corinthians 12 v And He gave some Apostles- Prophets- Evangelist- Pastors-Teachers Ephesians 4 v 11 When you come together- Every One of you hath a psalm-, **Doctrine- Tongue-Revelation- Interpretation** Let all things be done unto edifying. 1 Corinthians 14 v 26 Come up Higher. Luke 14 v 10 Up a level; Those that wait upon the Lord shall rise up with wings as eagles. Isaiah 40 v 31 John on Patmos I was in the spirit: Revelation 1 v 10

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit

1 Corinthians 12 v 1

1 Corinthians 12 v 7

1 Corinthians 12 v 8

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withal.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12 v 32

Churchill said; all He could promise was

#### Blood sweat and Tears

Jesus said: "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

The preacher said: I have nothing to offer you. Nothing but the Word of God Mark 8 v 34

Not eloquence. Not ability. Nor charisma. Not Money

Silver and gold have I none.

But what I have I give to thee.

Not by might not by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Host. Zechariah 4 v 6

I do have an eclectic mix of pearls from God's Word:

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls, Matthew 13v 45

The Preacher said:

Some of them. Treasures of Darkness; Isaiah 45 v 2-3

Imagine conveyor belt with diamonds and jewels passing by you.

All glittering and glinting in the sunlight... Pick up what you will

Acts 3 v 6

I have a quiver full of God's arrows. Sharpened and honed with prayer. The preacher said will let them fly with the velocity of God's Holy Spirit.

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#### Where are we?

Sometimes we need to stop and take time out to review where we are and where we are going to find the right course?

Sometimes our fast or fasting is totally wrong. Isaiah 58 v 5

# We get deflected distracted diverted discouraged and defeated

God Challenges us.

Who is on the Lord's side?

God proves us;

Exodus 32 v 26

Judges 2 v 22

#### **God Test Us**

The trial of your faith is more precious than Gold; 1 Peter 1 v 7

Even a perfect and upright man.... Job 1 v 8

#### Are will still connected to the World ???

When a baby is born it is still being fed from its mother

until the umbilical chord must be cut....

If ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD..... 1 John 2 v 15

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Friendship with the world	James 4 v 4	
Ye will know them from their fruits		
No fruit No Abiding:	John 15 v 6	
Test the spirits:	1 John 4 v 1	
Many have a form of Godliness		
But deny the power thereof;	1 Timothy 3 v 5	
Religion is fatal A system usually based on rules		
A pastor must: Reprove Rebuke Teach good	d doctrine	
	Ephesians 4 v 11-13	
Make disciples of them Teaching them how to feed them		
selves. Pastors must know their calling Are all apostles ?		
are all prophets ? 1	Corinthians 12 v 28	
Teaching Body Ministry.	1 Corinthians 14 v	
26		
A church without Power .		
Full of Spectators Spiritual scarecrows		

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My dear friends let there not a man here who will ever say

# Lord. Lord, did we not do mighty works; Matthew 7 v 22 And Here the Lord's terrible rebuke Depart from me ye cursed I never knew you. v 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Is it Possible ??? I sent them not I commanded them not....: Jeremiah 14 v 14 They prophecy unto you a false divination a false vision Cursed Flesh is his arm ---His Heart has departed from the Lord.

Withheld Tithes: Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me! But ye say, 'Wherein have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and put Me to the proof now herewith," saith the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3 v 8-10

Jeremiah 17 v 5

#### Ananias Safaris. Held part back.... Acts 5 v 5

But Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all those who heard these things.

## Last days False Prophets:

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction,

And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom against the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you—they whose judgment now for a long time lingers not, and their damnation slumbers not. **2 Peter 2 v 1** 

# Esau sold his birth right:

lest there be any fornicator or profane person as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birth right. For ye know how afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected; **for he found no place of repentance,** though he sought it diligently with tears. **Hebrews 12 v 17** 

# Way of Baalam

They have forsaken the right way and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,16 but was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with a man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried by a tempest, for whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 2 Peter 2 v 1

# Sin wilfully:

For if we sin wilfully after having received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath accounted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath despised the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10 v 26

# The Rebuke of Jesus;

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Lost your first love....

Revelation 2 v 2-

Cursed is the man that doth the Lord's work deceitfully ....

Jeremiah 48 v 10

Read: Is this the fast.....

Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the fetters of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, Isaiah 58 v 5 - 11

and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh.

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee, the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD will answer; thou shalt cry, and He will say: 'Here I am.' If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedness; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thy gloom be as the noon-day,. Isaiah 58 v 5 - 11

### Printed out on my wall at home... are these words..

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell. Joshua 24 v 15

### But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

### **Promise of Blessings.**,

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable, and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, Isaiah 58 v 13 - 1 4

then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

### What do we see?

Sir we would see Jesus.	John 12 v 21
Lot saw a well watered garden.	Genesis 24 v 63
Abraham lifted up his eyes to see the stars.	Genesis 24 v 63
Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up –	
His train filled the temple; 1	lsaiah 6 v
The disciples saw Jesus - His Glory. His transfiguration.	
	Mark 9 v 2- 10
Apostles spoke of that which we have seen 1	1 John 1 v
Stephen-saw the heavens opened and he saw Jesus.	
	Acts 7 v 56
Christians- to those who look for Him he shall appear.	
	Hebrews 9 v 28
Where there is no vision the people perish.	Proverbs 29 v 18
Lift up your eyes to see the coming King.	
"Two men looked out from prison	bars
One saw mud one saw stars	
"Eye hath not seen" !!!	

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, what He hath prepared for him that waits for Him.

### Isaiah 64 v

But as it is written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."Full Stop. No!

1 Corinthians 2 v

### 9!! But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit.

For the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

What has God revealed ???

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### We will be blessed of God:

Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25 v 34

### We shall receive a "Crown of Life":

Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him. James 1 v 12

# Wonderful things revealed: Unto them it was revealed that they ministered, not unto themselves, but unto us the

things which are now reported unto you by those who have preached the Gospel unto you, with the Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven—things which the angels desire to look into.

### 1 Peter 1 v 12

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Matthew 11 v 25

### **Our Inheritance a Kingdom**

Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Mathew 25 v 34

**The Mysteries of the Kingdom** He answered and said unto them, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13 v 11

### John on Patmos received a Revelation

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him to show unto His servant's things which must shortly come to pass.

Revelation 1 v 1

### A Prophets Reward!!! Righteous man's Reward !!!

He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward. And he that receives a righteous

man in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward. Matthew 10 v 41

### An anointing in the Holy Ghost

But the anointing which ye have received from Him abides in you, and ye have no need that any man teach you. But as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.

1 John 2 v 27

### Know ye not that ye shall judge angels ?

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more,things that pertain to this life?1 Corinthians 6 v 3

### The "Least Esteemed in the Church"

If then ye have judgments to make on things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church!

1 Corinthians 6 v 4

A ruler in charge of "Five cities" His lord said unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' Matthew 25 v 21

**Crowns Promised !!!** 

And every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 1 Corinthians 9 v 25

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and

# I will give thee a crown of Life.

For what is our hope, or joy **or crown of rejoicing?** Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1 Thessalonians 2 v 19

Henceforth there is laid up for me **a crown of righteousness which** the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that Day—and not to me only, but unto all those also who love His appearing. **2 Timothy 4 v 8** 

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of** life which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him. James 1 v 12

And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, **ye shall receive a crown of glory** that fadeth not away. 1 Peter 5 v 4

Revelation 2 v 10

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### Overcomers Rewards

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will **I give to eat of the Tree of Life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

### Revelation 2 v 7

Revelation 2 v 10

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. He that overcometh **shall not be hurt by the second death.'** Revelation 2 v

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He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to **eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written,** which no man knows save he that receives it.' **Revelution 2 v 17** 

And he that overcometh and keeps my works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations**, **Revelation 2 v 26** 

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name from the Book of

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Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. Revelation 3 v 5

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and I will write upon him My new name.

Revelation 3 v 12

To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father on His throne. Revelation 3 v 21

HE THAT OVERCOMETH SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS; AND I WILL BE HIS GOD, AND HE SHALL BE MY SON.

Revelation 21 v

### Jesus wore a cruel crown

And they clothed Him with purple, and they platted a crown of thorns and put it about His head, Mark 15 v 17

### **But Now Wears**

And I looked, and behold, a white cloud; and upon the cloud sat one like unto the Son of Man, having on his head A Golden **Crown** and in his hand sharp sickle. Revelation 14 v 14

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