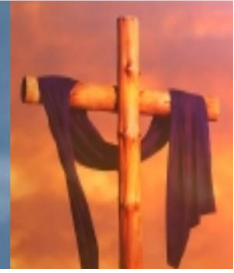




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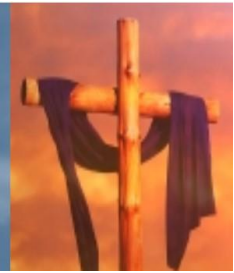
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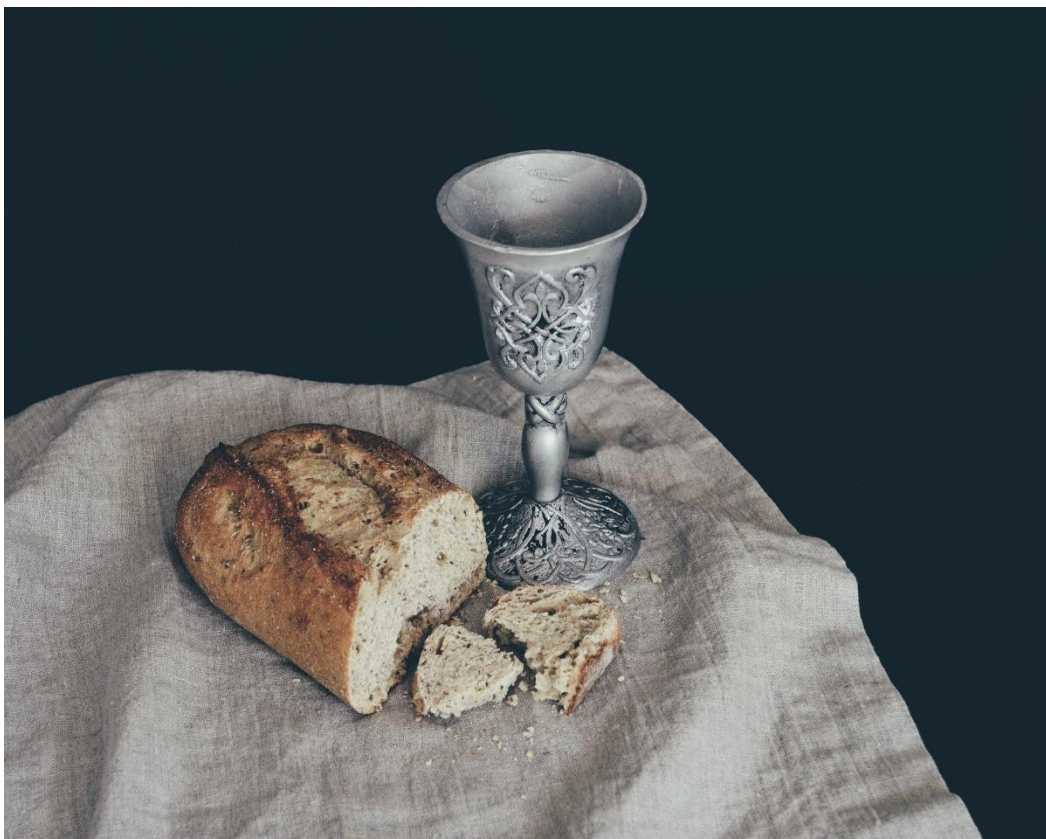
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**DEDICATION**

**THIS BOOKLET IS DEDICATED TO THE GLORY  
OF THE TRUINE GODHEAD**

**MY THREE DAUGHTERS  
AND  
MY DEAR WIFE**



**MICHELLE  
DOLORES**

**EVELYN**

**YOLANDA**

**THANK YOU, DEAR LADIES, FOR YOUR  
CONSTANT ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOVING  
CORRECTION**

## A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

All Born-Again Spirit filled Christians are custodians (guardians, caretakers) of God's infallible Word. No wonder Jude 1:3 admonishes us to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to us (Jude 1:3). Therefore, we cannot sit back and allow the precious truths of God's Word to fade away. We are called to uphold (defend, maintain) the truth.

Familiarity pervades The Body of Christ. Teachings which were once sacred have now become insipid. The intended truth of Doctrine is no more the highlight of our gatherings. Mediocrity grips many Denominations and Local Churches.

The Ordinance of Holy Communion has lost the intended conviction it carries. The Scripture references of The Table of The Lord are rarely read. The several purposes of the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine are not highlighted.

Other than all the above The Church has not grasped all what Jesus meant when He said: "Do this in remembrance of Me." We only laid emphasis on the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine, which we must do. However, there is another truth that The Church must be made aware of. This booklet deals with The Omitted Truth.

To grasp The Omitted Truth which speaks of martyrdom three New Testament Scriptures are cited and these are 1 John 3:16-17 and Acts 1:8. The effect of Stephen's martyrdom sets and example of the Scriptural Truth that **PERSUCUTION PRODUCES PROCLAMATION AND THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS RUNS INTO THE EARTH AS A SEED OF CONVICTION.**

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## CHAPTER 1

### DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

#### **PREAMBLE**

Most Christian Denominations and Independent Local Christian Churches adhere to the two Ordinances instituted by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two Ordinances carry great spiritual significance to our unique relationship we have with The Triune Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Water Baptism and Holy Communion when acted out portrays our unique relationship with our God.

#### **WATER BAPTISM**

##### **ROMANS 6: 3-7 NASB:**

OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? <sup>4</sup>THEREFORE WE HAVE BEEN BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. <sup>5</sup>FOR IF WE HAVE BECOME UNITED WITH HIM IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, CERTAINLY WE SHALL ALSO BE IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION, <sup>6</sup>KNOWING THIS, THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, IN ORDER THAT OUR BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH, SO THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES TO SIN; <sup>7</sup>FOR HE WHO HAS DIED IS FREED FROM SIN.

Water Baptism is a visual aid of what has spiritually taken place when the sinner man accepts Jesus as his Lord and Saviour; believing that Jesus met the just demands of God The Father who sent Jesus THE JUST TO DIE FOR THE UNJUST ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY. The sinner man is immersed into water which is a picture of being Baptized into the Body of Christ seen in Corinthians 12:13:

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 NASB:** FOR BY ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY, WHETHER JEWS OR GREEKS, WHETHER SLAVES OR FREE, AND WE WERE ALL MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT.

The immersion into water symbolizes the sinner man immersed into the efficacious blood of Jesus which cleanses him from all sin. The sinner man is symbolically buried with Christ in the water and comes up out of the water a new man:

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NASB:** THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, <sup>1</sup>HE IS A NEW CREATURE; THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME.

Holy Communion is a prophetic picture of Jesus (THE BREAD OF LIFE) offering up his body and blood as a sacrifice for the remission of the sins of mankind; The Just dying for the Unjust.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **LUKE 22:19-20 NASB**

AND WHEN HE HAD TAKEN SOME BREAD AND GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." <sup>20</sup> AND IN THE SAME WAY HE TOOK THE CUP AFTER THEY HAD EATEN, SAYING, "THIS CUP WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD.

## THE IRREVELANT TABLE OF THE LORD

Holy Communion has lost its meaning in many modern-day Churches. In many Churches sad to say, it has become a ritual without meaning. Many are the occasions those who officiate at the Table of The Lord, speak of things which have truly little connection to the deep spiritual truths portrayed in Holy Communion. This booklet is not designed to give a precise exposition of what Holy Communion entails. Rather, I am just going to share what I feel God has taught me about one of the many spiritual truths that have been lost by the Church concerning Holy Communion. Before I commence, let me remind you that The Word of God teaches there are many voices in the world, which gives us the understanding we ought to judge what is being preached and taught and therefore:

WE MUST DETERMINE WHETHER GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN.

WE MUST DETERMINE WHETHER MAN IS SPEAKING.

WE MUST DETERMINE WHETHER EVIL SPIRITS ARE SPEAKING.

Whenever God uses his chosen ministers to preach or teach to God's people, their sermons must always be WORD BASED. Their Preaching must glorify God. Though at times God may bring forth a Word of rebuke and correction; the Word will always be seasoned with Love and Forgiveness.

Whenever man preaches and brings continuous attention and elevation to self and not to God, the preaching must be ignored. Holy Spirit anointed preaching will always elevate and bring Glory to God.

Whenever satanic powers speak, they will in most cases bring division and anarchy. Their words will not bring glory to God and yet there are those occasions they will come as wolves in sheep's clothing and as angels of Light (see Mathew 7:15). It is at these times they are very deceptive and unless we are in tune with The Word of God we will be deceived. Several years ago, the Lord gave me a few thoughts on the strategy of how the devil operates in The Body of Christ. I was doing a study on Genesis 1:1 IN THE BEGINNING GOD when God impressed me of the two kingdoms in the world and that being the Kingdom of Light



in which God rules and the kingdom of darkness in which Satan rules. Satan rules as a god in his dark and perverse world. He was and still is the:

**G**OD

**O**F

**D**ECEPTION

Satan operates in The Body of Christ through his agents (wolves in sheep's clothing and angels of light). Apostle Paul admonishes God's Born-Again Children to judge what is preached and prophesied in Church and may I add no matter who the preacher or teacher is:

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:29 NASB:** LET TWO OR THREE PROPHETS  
SPEAK, AND LET THE OTHERS PASS JUDGMENT.

I say this, that you may not be gullible and accept what I teach and preach this morning. Judge all of what I say, check if it is of the Lord or not. I encourage you to pray much after you read this teaching and ask God to confirm the teaching and if you feel in your heart it is not of God, then discard it. But if you feel in your spirit that God is confirming this Word, then pray about it and begin to live this Word out. May God bless you as we turn to the Scripture:

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-**

<sup>23</sup>FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD THAT WHICH I ALSO DELIVERED TO YOU, THAT THE LORD JESUS IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD; <sup>24</sup>AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." <sup>25</sup>IN THE SAME WAY HE TOOK THE CUP ALSO AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD; DO

THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”<sup>26</sup> FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD’S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.<sup>27</sup> THEREFORE WHOEVER EATS THE BREAD OR DRINKS THE CUP OF THE LORD IN AN UNWORTHY MANNER, SHALL BE GUILTY OF THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF THE LORD.<sup>28</sup> BUT A MAN MUST EXAMINE HIMSELF, AND IN SO DOING HE IS TO EAT OF THE BREAD AND DRINK OF THE CUP.<sup>29</sup> FOR HE WHO EATS AND DRINKS, EATS AND DRINKS JUDGMENT TO HIMSELF IF HE DOES NOT JUDGE THE BODY RIGHTLY.<sup>30</sup> FOR THIS REASON MANY AMONG YOU ARE WEAK AND SICK, AND A NUMBER SLEEP.<sup>31</sup> BUT IF WE JUDGED OURSELVES RIGHTLY, WE WOULD NOT BE JUDGED.<sup>32</sup> BUT WHEN WE ARE JUDGED, WE ARE DISCIPLINED BY THE LORD SO THAT WE WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED ALONG WITH THE WORLD.<sup>33</sup> SO THEN, MY BRETHREN, WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER TO EAT, WAIT FOR ONE ANOTHER.<sup>34</sup> IF ANYONE IS HUNGRY, LET HIM EAT AT HOME, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT COME TOGETHER FOR JUDGMENT. THE REMAINING MATTERS I WILL ARRANGE WHEN I COME.

Bear in mind, Paul was an Apostle born out of season. He was not one of the original 12 Apostles. He was not there at the Last Supper. And that is why the Holy Spirit gave him personal Revelation. Remember he says, for I have received of the Lord. Revelation means to unveil, to disclose. It is like drawing the curtain or the blinds and seeing what is outside of the room. Revelation unveils truth and the grandeur of God's Word. I am of the persuasion God has given me Revelation upon Revelation (illumination) concerning Holy Communion. But wait, I am not Paul or one of the other Foundational Apostles, so I better explain what I mean by Revelation upon Revelation.

I am simply saying, God by His Spirit has illuminated a certain truth concerning Holy Communion. God has shed light on a certain section of The Word giving me better understanding and given me clarity. The Holy Spirit has shed light on these words: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE

OF ME.” Using THE HERMENEUTICAL LAW OF DISTINCTION, we conclude there is NO MORE REVELATION OF GOD’S WORD, THERE IS ONLY ILLUMINATION:

**REVELATION 22:18-19 NASB:** I TESTIFY TO EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK: IF ANYONE ADDS TO THEM, GOD WILL ADD TO HIM THE PLAGUES WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; <sup>19</sup> AND IF ANYONE TAKES AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD WILL TAKE AWAY HIS PART FROM THE TREE OF LIFE AND FROM THE HOLY CITY, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.

Undoubtedly the above Scripture speaks of the book of Revelation, however the rule of adding or taking away from the Word of God applies to the entire Bible.

### **THE REVELATION OF THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

I have the understanding that the three Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke speak of Holy Communion and 1 Corinthians 11 as well. However, Matthew does not have these words: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. We must also further note that Mark does not also have these words: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” Only Luke's gospel mentions: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. And when studying Paul's Revelation on Holy Communion, he also says: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” However, with one great distinction, and that being Paul mentions DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME twice:

AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BREAK IT AND SAY, TAKE IT.” “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

“AFTER THE SAME MANNER ALSO, HE TOOK THE CUP WHEN HE HAD SUPPED SAYING, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD. THIS DO HE AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Luke only mentions “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE” OF ME” after the breaking and the eating of the bread, whereas Paul mentions it after the

breaking and eating of the bread and the lifting of the cup and the drinking of the cup of wine. Paul adds on what Luke has left out. Paul gives further Revelation as a Foundational Apostle. Luke only mentions DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME after the breaking of bread. Now Paul by the leading of The Holy Spirit mentions it after the breaking of bread and after the drinking of the wine.

## **DEFINING REVELATION UPON REVELATION**

Revelation upon Revelation is ILLUMINATION, which simply means shedding light on that which is already REVEALED. The illumination that God has laid upon my heart is around these words: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." Let us ask the question, what are we ought to do in remembrance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? I do believe we ought to re-enact The Table of The Lord (Holy Communion). Yes, I do believe we ought to re-enact the Lord's Supper WITH ONE MORE ADDED TRUTH.

## **THE OMITTED TRUTH**

Let us quote John 3:16:

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD  
NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

John 3:16 is the most famous scripture of the Bible. I believe every Born-Again and Spirit Filled Christian can quote this famous scripture. There is another Scripture that is not so famous which I believe should be famous amongst Born- Again and Spirit Filled Christians FOR HEREIN LIES THE OMITTED TRUTH:

**1 John 3:16:** HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD BECAUSE  
HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN  
OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.

Notice the two Scriptures, John 3:16 and 1 John 3:16. 3:16. I believe it is not perchance both Scriptures are recorded as 3:16. However, let us make distinction where God makes distinction. Jesus laid down his life for the world in John 3:16 and we are not called by God to lay down

our life in 1 John 3:16 for the world. We are called by God to lay down our life for our brethren in 1 John 3:16. There is a mark distinction. Christ is given by God our Father to lay down his life for the world. We are called by Christ to lay down our life, not for the world, but for the brethren.

This is illumination: Jesus gave his life for the world, so are we to be willing to give our life for the brethren, for the Church, for the Born-Again. The giving of our life for the world will not save the world. Shedding our life's blood will not save the world. However, it will act as A SEED OF CONVICTION. Shedding your life's blood for your brethren will do great things for your brethren. Now, let me just throw something in here that is not in my preaching notes. I do believe we ought to do good. I do believe that we must assist the world with all its problems. The world is plagued with poverty and I believe we must minister to the world. However, some Churches are going overboard. They are spending millions and millions and millions upon the unsaved and nothing upon the Church of Jesus Christ. Yes, they build their buildings, the edifices as such, and yes, they help the poor, the unsaved poor, but you know what? There are countless millions of Christians that are struggling, that are being overlooked by local Churches. The adage is so true: CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Think about that brethren. Please I am not advocating that everyone of us now must take a cross and die on it for our brethren. But had not God called us to care for each other. The Bible says care one for the other, Amen. Has God called us to carry each other's burdens? It says bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ (see Galatians 6:2). We are to care one for the other. We ought to carry each other's burdens. Let me share the acronym The Holy Spirit gave me for "CARE:"

**C**ARING

**A**LWAYS

**R**EVEALS

**E**MPATHY

Comparing the words SYMPATHY and EMPATHY shows the unique distinctive meanings:

## SYMPATHY

11570s, "affinity between certain things," from Middle French *sympathie* (16c.) and directly from Late Latin *sympathia* "community of feeling, sympathy," from Greek *sympatheia* "fellow-feeling, community of feeling," from *sympathes* "having a fellow feeling, affected by like feelings," from assimilated form of *syn-* "together" (see [syn-](#)) + *pathos* "feeling" (from PIE root [\\*kwent\(h\)-](#) "to suffer").

In English, almost a magical notion at first; used in reference to medicines that heal wounds when applied to a cloth stained with blood from the wound. Meaning "conformity of feelings" is from 1590s; sense of "fellow feeling, compassion" is first attested c. 1600. An Old English loan-translation of *sympathy* was *efensargung*.

The Christian life is a sacrificial life. Though the Christian life is a sacrificial life let me assure you the very first sacrifice we must make is towards God:

**ROMANS 12:1-3 NASB:** THEREFORE, I URGE YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, TO PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP. <sup>2</sup>AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.

Jesus' life was a sacrifice. Is the life of the Born-Again Spirit Filled Christian to be any different? Romans 12:1 makes a remarkable

statement (note I have underlined the statement). It is a statement of true Worship. Living a life of sacrifice for the glory of the eternal Godhead and for the betterment of our Christian Brethren is THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WHICH IS NOTHING LESS THAN TRUE WORSHIP AS UNTO THE LORD.

We cannot give our life for the betterment of the brethren until we have given our life as a complete sacrifice to God. Paul said:

**GALATIANS 2:20 NASB:** I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

All of Paul was upon the altar of sacrifice. Let me cite an Old Testament example of how God works the process of enabling his servants to live a life of sacrifice. We like Paul must empty ourselves of self. Reflecting over the life of Moses, we note how God rids Moses of the worldly systems and of self. Moses' life of 120 years was divided into three sections:

**F**ORTY YEARS IN EGYPT.

**F**ORTY YEARS IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN TO TAKE EGYPT OUT OF MOSES.

**F**ORTY YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD FOR GOD TO TAKE MOSES OUT OF MOSES AND PLACE GOD IN MOSES.

### **THE CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF SACRIFICE**

Our life cannot be a sacrifice for the brethren unless we make a complete sacrifice of ourselves to God (see Romans 12:1-3). When we empty ourselves of self, God will fill us with Himself that we may realize that the living of our life is not for self-gratification, rather our life is for the betterment of other people. My mentor Pastor Andy Lamb taught me how to experience the JOY of the true Christian Lifestyle: He shared an acronym which expresses true JOY:

**JESUS** FIRST AND FOREMOST IN OUR LIFE.

**OTHERS** SECOND IN OUR LIFE.

**YOURSELF** LAST IN YOUR LIFE.

Whenever God asks you and I to put others before ourselves, God by His wondrous Grace enables us to follow our Lord Jesus' example of making people His priority. Our Lord sacrificed His life for fallen humanity that we may be Born-Again into the family of God:

**ROMANS 8:15 NASB:** FOR YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY LEADING TO FEAR AGAIN, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS BY WHICH WE CRY OUT, "ABBA! FATHER!"

### **THE PROPHETICAL REVELATION OF THE LAST SUPPER**

What did Jesus mean when He said: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."? Was the emphasis towards the actual breaking and eating of the bread and the pouring out and the drinking of the wine nothing more than the Apostles having their last supper with Jesus? Or was it much more than that? The meal together was more than their final supper. The Last Supper was a PROPHETICAL STATEMENT OF THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY. Furthermore, it was a command to the Apostles to re-enact The Last Supper: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

The Apostle Paul inspired by The Holy Spirit further elaborates on the importance of THE LAST SUPPER BEING RE-ENACTED UNTIL THE RETURN OF JESUS:

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 NASB:** FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.



Apostle Paul's teaching of partaking of The Lord's Supper has a three-fold purpose:

- PROCLAIMING THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL BORN-AGAIN CHILDREN OF GOD.
- WE ARE CALLED AND MANDATED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL WHICH OFFERS SALVATION TO DEPRAVED HUMANITY.
- PARTAKING OF THE EMBLEMS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IS SHOWING OUR SINCERE BELIEF THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN TO RULE AND REIGN WITH HIS CHURCH ON EARTH.

## THE COMMAND OF JESUS

Jesus said: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." This was a command and may I add in a literal and spiritual sense. They were to break bread and drink wine as a reminder of the institution of The Lord's Table (The Last Supper) which was a prophetic visual aid of how Jesus, THE BREAD OF LIFE was going to be crucified bearing in mind Jesus had said:

**JOHN 6:52-58:** THEN THE JEWS BEGAN TO ARGUE WITH ONE ANOTHER, SAYING, "HOW CAN THIS MAN GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT?" <sup>53</sup> SO JESUS SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOURSELVES. <sup>54</sup> HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. <sup>55</sup> FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK. <sup>56</sup> HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY

BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM.<sup>57</sup> AS THE LIVING FATHER SENT ME, AND I LIVE BECAUSE OF THE FATHER, SO HE WHO EATS ME, HE ALSO WILL LIVE BECAUSE OF ME.<sup>58</sup> THIS IS THE BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN; NOT AS THE FATHERS ATE AND DIED; HE WHO EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER.”

**1 JOHN 3:16-17 NASB:** BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE ALSO OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.<sup>17</sup> BUT WHOEVER HAS THIS WORLD’S GOODS, AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED, AND SHUTS UP HIS HEART FROM HIM, HOW DOES THE LOVE OF GOD ABIDE IN HIM?

If we want to understand all this, we must study the life of the Apostles and study *The Fox Book of Martyrs*, which deals with how God’s people willingly gave their life and their possessions. We know, people fail to understand LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD. Maybe I am getting a step too far now. You know LIFE is in the blood of Jesus. The Scripture teaches:

**LEVITICUS 17:11 NASB:**  
FOR THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD, AND I HAVE GIVEN IT TO YOU ON THE ALTAR TO MAKE ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS; FOR IT IS THE BLOOD BY REASON OF THE LIFE THAT MAKES ATONEMENT.

**HEBREWS 9:22 KJV:** AND ACCORDING TO THE LAW, ONE MAY ALMOST SAY, ALL THINGS ARE CLEANSED WITH BLOOD AND WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS.

We cannot deny LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS. Is there perhaps life also in the BLOOD OF MARTYRS? Be it that life is not in the blood of martyrs, then let me assure ourselves the blood of a martyr is never in vain (futile, pointless, hopeless, useless, empty). Let me cite two Scriptural evidence why a martyr's death is never FUTILE.

**EVIDENCE 1: GENESIS 4:1-10 NASB:** NOW THE MAN HAD RELATIONS WITH HIS WIFE EVE, AND SHE CONCEIVED AND GAVE BIRTH TO CAIN, AND SHE SAID, "I HAVE GOTTEN A<sup>1</sup>MANCHILD WITH THE HELP OF THE LORD." <sup>2</sup>AGAIN, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HIS BROTHER ABEL. AND ABEL WAS A KEEPER OF FLOCKS, BUT CAIN WAS A TILLER OF THE GROUND. <sup>3</sup>SO IT CAME ABOUT IN THE COURSE OF TIME THAT CAIN BROUGHT AN OFFERING TO THE LORD OF THE FRUIT OF THE GROUND. <sup>4</sup>ABEL, ON HIS PART ALSO BROUGHT OF THE FIRSTLINGS OF HIS FLOCK AND OF THEIR FAT PORTIONS. AND THE LORD HAD REGARD FOR ABEL AND FOR HIS OFFERING; <sup>5</sup>BUT FOR CAIN AND FOR HIS OFFERING HE HAD NO REGARD. SO, CAIN BECAME VERY ANGRY AND HIS COUNTENANCE FELL. <sup>6</sup>THEN THE LORD SAID TO CAIN, "WHY ARE YOU ANGRY? AND WHY HAS YOUR COUNTENANCE FALLEN? <sup>7</sup>IF YOU DO WELL, WILL NOT YOUR COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP? AND IF YOU DO NOT DO WELL, SIN IS CROUCHING AT THE DOOR; AND ITS DESIRE IS FOR YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT." <sup>8</sup>CAIN TOLD ABEL HIS BROTHER. AND IT CAME ABOUT WHEN THEY WERE IN THE FIELD, THAT CAIN ROSE UP AGAINST ABEL HIS BROTHER AND KILLED HIM. <sup>9</sup>THEN THE LORD SAID TO CAIN, "WHERE IS ABEL YOUR BROTHER?" AND HE SAID, "I DO NOT KNOW. AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" <sup>10</sup>HE SAID, "WHAT HAVE YOU

DONE? THE VOICE OF YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD IS CRYING TO ME FROM THE GROUND.

**EVIDENCE 2: ACTS 7:54-60 NASB:** <sup>54</sup> NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY WERE CUT TO THE QUICK, AND THEY BEGAN GNASHING THEIR TEETH AT HIM. <sup>55</sup> BUT BEING FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE GAZED INTENTLY INTO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; <sup>56</sup> AND HE SAID, "BEHOLD, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD." <sup>57</sup> BUT THEY CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND COVERED THEIR EARS AND RUSHED AT HIM WITH ONE IMPULSE. <sup>58</sup> WHEN THEY HAD DRIVEN HIM OUT OF THE CITY, THEY BEGAN STONING HIM; AND THE WITNESSES LAID ASIDE THEIR ROBES AT THE FEET OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL. <sup>59</sup> THEY WENT ON STONING STEPHEN AS HE CALLED ON THE LORD AND SAID, "LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT!" <sup>60</sup> THEN FALLING ON HIS KNEES, HE CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM!" HAVING SAID THIS, HE FELL ASLEEP.

**EVIDENCE 1:** Cain thought no one had seen him kill his brother. God saw everything and held Cain responsible for the first murder. Strange but true spiritual jealousy led to murder. How true is the adage: JEALOUSY NAKES ONE NASTY? God said to Cain that Abel's blood was crying from the ground:

**HEBREWS 11:22 NASB:** BY FAITH ABEL OFFERED UNTO GOD A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE THAN CAIN, BY WHICH HE OBTAINED WITNESS THAT HE WAS RIGHTEOUS, GOD

TESTIFYING OF HIS GIFTS; AND BY IT HE, BEING DEAD, YET  
SPEAKETH.

**GENESIS 4:10 NASB:** HE SAID, "WHAT HAVE YOU  
DONE? THE VOICE OF YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD IS CRYING  
TO ME FROM THE GROUND.

Why was Abel's sacrifice of a lamb accepted, and Cain's sacrifice rejected? Many theologians and scholars teach it was God's sovereign choice. However, on close examination of Scripture we note after the fall of Adam and Eve, God slaughtered an animal to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve. This wondrous act of God spared the life of Adam and Eve. Instead of Adam and Eve receiving their just rewards of partaking of the forbidden tree (see Genesis 3:3) God spared them by shedding the blood of an innocent animal. Undoubtedly after their sin they were spiritually dead. However, the shedding of innocent blood spared their physical life. This act of God's mercy was passed down to Abel and Cain and therefore, Abel approached God with an innocent slaughtered animal. Cain brought the fruit of his labour as a sacrifice to God.

God disregarded Cain's sacrifice for God had cursed the ground:

**GENESIS 3:17: NASB:** THEN TO ADAM HE SAID, "BECAUSE  
YOU HAVE LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF YOUR WIFE, AND  
HAVE EATEN FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I  
COMMANDED YOU, SAYING, 'YOU SHALL NOT EAT FROM  
IT'; CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU IN TOIL YOU  
WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

Furthermore, Cain brought the product of his own hands which was cursed. He planted the seed and watered it. Cain's approach to God was based on works rather than Faith:

**ISAIAH 64:6 NASB:** FOR ALL OF US HAVE BECOME LIKE ONE  
WHO IS UNCLEAR, AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUS DEEDS ARE  
LIKE A **FILTHY** GARMENT; AND ALL OF US WITHER LIKE A  
LEAF, AND OUR INIQUITIES, LIKE THE WIND, TAKE US AWAY.

THERE IS ONLY WAY TO GOD AND THAT IS THROUGH THE WAY OF THE SHEDDING OF INNOCENT BLOOD.

**EVIDENCE 2:** We note Stephen, the Deacon (see Acts 6) was stoned to death for preaching The Gospel. Standing with Stephen's murderers was Saul of Tarsus (who later was renamed Paul). The death of Stephen was remarkable (notable, incredible, noteworthy) for with his last breath he asked God to forgive his murderers:

**ACTS 7:57-60 NASB:** BUT THEY CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE AND COVERED THEIR EARS AND RUSHED AT HIM WITH ONE IMPULSE. <sup>58</sup> WHEN THEY HAD DRIVEN HIM OUT OF THE CITY, THEY BEGAN STONING HIM; AND THE WITNESSES LAID ASIDE THEIR ROBES AT THE FEET OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL. <sup>59</sup> THEY WENT ON STONING STEPHEN AS HE CALLED ON THE LORD AND SAID, "LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT!" <sup>60</sup> THEN FALLING ON HIS KNEES, HE CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM!" HAVING SAID THIS, HE FELL ASLEEP.

## **THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS**

Is there life in the blood of the martyrs? I believe Stephen's blood ran into the ground as A SEED OF CONVICTION, which sprouted in due season. Those around him were affected by his death. I believe his cry for forgiveness was A SEED OF CONVICTION which began the initial stage of Saul's conversion. Just as the blood of Abel cried out unto God.

## **THE DEAD SPEAK**

How do we define DEATH? DEATH IS SEPARATION FROM THE LIVING. However, the spirit lives on. Abel died physically and yet his spirit lived on for his spirit cried out to God.

**HEBREWS 4:11 NASB:** BY FAITH ABEL OFFERED TO GOD A BETTER SACRIFICE THAN CAIN, THROUGH WHICH HE OBTAINED THE TESTIMONY THAT HE WAS RIGHTEOUS,

GOD TESTIFYING ABOUT HIS GIFTS, AND THROUGH FAITH,  
THOUGH HE IS DEAD, HE STILL SPEAKS.

Abel cried out to God for his spirit was alive. Stephen cried out to God for like Abel, he was murdered, but his spirit lived on. Stephen's cry was not one of vengeance, rather he cried for God's infinite (unmeasurable) mercy toward his murderers. This mighty man of God who began his ministry as a Deacon (serving tables – looking after the poor and widows) was doing the work of an Evangelist. God who heard the cry of Abel, also heard the cry of Stephen.

### **SAUL'S RESISTANCE TO CONVICTION**

As much as I want to believe there is Life in the Blood of a Martyr, I cannot for there is only LIFE IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS. However, I do believe the life of a martyr is an epistle (open letter) to the unsaved. Oft times our lifestyle speaks louder than words. Saul had witnessed the preaching of Stephen. He saw the reaction of the Sanhedrin and witnessed the horrible death of Stephen and yet Stephen cried out to God not to hold the sin against his murderers. Saul was perplexed (confused) of how a man could cry unto God to forgive his murderers. This began the torment of Saul's mind. The last words of Stephen began the convicting process of The Holy Spirit: "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM!"

Night and day the convicting question plagued his mind. He went to bed with the question on his mind. He woke up with the convicting question on his mind. To overcome the conviction, he probably thought the upping of his game of vengeance against the Christians would alleviate (ease, lessen) the conviction. Therefore, he sought permission from the High Priest and got the go-ahead to seek out Christians in Damascus and bring them bound to Jerusalem. On his way to Damascus Saul had a personal encounter with The Lord Jesus. The words Jesus spoke to Saul broke down his stubborn resistance and in a spiritual sense he picked up the baton where Stephen had dropped it:

**ACTS 9:1-9 KJV:** AND SAUL, YET BREATHING OUT  
THREATENINGS AND SLAUGHTER AGAINST THE DISCIPLES  
OF THE LORD, WENT UNTO THE HIGH PRIEST, <sup>2</sup>AND DESIRED

OF HIM LETTERS TO DAMASCUS TO THE SYNAGOGUES, THAT IF HE FOUND ANY OF THIS WAY, WHETHER THEY WERE MEN OR WOMEN, HE MIGHT BRING THEM BOUND UNTO JERUSALEM. <sup>3</sup>AND AS HE JOURNEYED, HE CAME NEAR DAMASCUS: AND SUDDENLY THERE SHINED ROUND ABOUT HIM A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN: <sup>4</sup>AND HE FELL TO THE EARTH, AND HEARD A VOICE SAYING UNTO HIM, SAUL, SAUL, WHY PERSECUTEST THOU ME? <sup>5</sup>AND HE SAID, WHO ART THOU, LORD? AND THE LORD SAID, I AM JESUS WHOM THOU PERSECUTEST: IT IS HARD FOR THEE TO KICK AGAINST THE PRICKS. <sup>6</sup>AND HE TREMBLING AND ASTONISHED SAID, LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO? AND THE LORD SAID UNTO HIM, ARISE, AND GO INTO THE CITY, AND IT SHALL BE TOLD THEE WHAT THOU MUST DO. <sup>7</sup>AND THE MEN WHICH JOURNEYED WITH HIM STOOD SPEECHLESS, HEARING A VOICE, BUT SEEING NO MAN. <sup>8</sup>AND SAUL AROSE FROM THE EARTH; AND WHEN HIS EYES WERE OPENED, HE SAW NO MAN: BUT THEY LED HIM BY THE HAND, AND BROUGHT HIM INTO DAMASCUS. <sup>9</sup>AND HE WAS THREE DAYS WITHOUT SIGHT, AND NEITHER DID EAT NOR DRINK.

Jesus words: "IT IS HARD TO KICK AGAINST THE PRICKS" melted the hardened heart of Saul. The Words of Jesus was the final nail in the coffin (the nail which seals the coffin) which broke down Saul's resistance to the persistent conviction he experienced from the witnessing of Stephen's martyrdom. Doing a Word Study on PRICKS shows us the power of Stephen's testimony of martyrdom:

**WORD:** [KENTRON](#)

**PRONOUNCE:** *KEN'-TRON*

**STRONGS NUMBER:** [G2759](#)



**ORIG:** FROM KENTEIO (TO PRICK); A POINT ("CENTRE"), I.E.  
A STING (FIGURATIVELY, POISON) OR GOAD  
(FIGURATIVELY, DIVINE IMPULSE): --PRICK, STING.

**USE:** TDNT-3:663,427 NOUN NEUTER

**HEB STRONG:** [H4964](#) [H6987](#)

1) A STING, AS THAT OF BEES, SCORPIONS, LOCUSTS.  
SINCE ANIMALS WOUND BY THEIR STING AND EVEN  
CAUSE DEATH, PAUL ATTRIBUTES DEATH, PERSONIFIED  
AS A STING, I.E. A DEADLY WEAPON  
2) AN IRON GOAD, FOR URGING ON OXEN, HORSES AND  
OTHER BEASTS OF BURDEN  
2A) HENCE THE PROVERB, "TO KICK AGAINST THE GOAD",  
I.E. TO OFFER VAIN AND PERILOUS OR RUINOUS  
RESISTANCE

Saul realized his resistance to the persistent conviction was in vain. Saul submitted to the command of Jesus to continue his journey to Damascus and there wait for further instructions. God sent Ananias to minister to Saul. He was healed of his blindness, filled with The Holy Spirit. Saul who was renamed Paul became the most prolific (productive) Apostle. He planted several Churches and raised many men as Ministers of The Gospel. Paul wrote thirteen books of The New Testament. What a mighty man of God? But wait; who planted the seed of his conversion and outstanding ministry? It was Stephen the first Christian martyr. Let us give credit where credit is due.

It is my sincere belief though Stephen's productive ministry was cut short, it continued with Saul of Tarsus. I always imagined as Stephen cried to God to forgive his murderers the baton of his ministry was stretched out to Saul of Tarsus. I envisioned how Saul declined the outstretched baton (as in a relay race), but as the conviction intensified day by day and night by night and finally the appearance of Jesus on the road to Damascus; Saul willingly and confidently took over where Stephen left off knowing full well that he had to COMPLETE THE MINISTRY

CALL OF STEPHEN WHICH WAS CUT SHORT BY THE SANDHEDRIN (please note the above paragraph is my personal supposition and therefore you need not accept it),

The name Stephen means: CROWN, WREATH and THAT WHICH SURROUNDS. If ever there is a servant of God who deserves to wear a CROWN, it is Stephen. Yes, we do owe so much to Saul of Tarsus (Apostle Paul) and yet we must not forget if it were not for Stephen's testimony of the power of forgiveness, there would not have been a PAUL. The life and death of a Christian martyr is never in vain. AS THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYR SEEPS INTO THE GROUND AS A SEED OF CONVICTION; IT WILL CRY OUT TO GOD TRUSTING THE LORD THEIR MARTYRDOM WOULD NOT BE IN VAIN. The seed of conviction, and that being the Blood of the Martyr will always bring powerful conviction upon those who murder God's anointed servants. God is not deaf to the cry of a martyr. Their sacrificial life and their willingness to shed their Life's Blood will reap NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THEIR MURDERERS. Furthermore, the martyr will trust God to hand the baton of ongoing ministry to the very ones who have murdered the martyr.

## COMPREHENSION

- Godly Christian Preachers must always be Word based.
- Godly Christian preaching will always glorify God.
- Satanic preaching will always bring division and anarchy.
- Human preaching will always bring attention to self.
- Oft times it is difficult to detect the influence of Satanic powers in The Body of Christ for they come as Angels of Light and come as wolves in sheep clothing.
- Satan is the God of deception.
- There is no more new Revelation in The Word. There is only Illumination which is not above judgement.
- We are to re-enact: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME "by caring for the Brethren and carrying their burdens.
- Ministering to the needs of the Brethren shows that we have Love for The Lord Jesus.

- Life is in the Blood of Jesus.
- The Blood of a Martyr is the seedbed of conviction.
- The Last Supper IS A PROPHETICAL PICTURE of The Death of Jesus.
- The Ongoing evidence of being Filled with The Spirit is witnessing of Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to live a life of sacrifice by putting other people before ourselves.

## LAST WORD

The words of Abel: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” is true. The Word of God teaches “if one member of the body suffers, we all suffer.” The common adage life is for the living has great spiritual significance. The adage simply means we must find our purpose for living. What is the purpose of our living? our purpose is to obey Jesus: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. Jesus life was for the giving of his life to depraved humanity.

According to 1 John 3:16 and the irrefutable command of Jesus: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME IS OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE. we are fore-ordained by The Eternal Godhead to live a life of sacrifice unto God (see romans 12:1-3) and a to care for the brethren and be their burden bearers.

Jesus must be first and foremost in our life:

- JESUS FIRST IN OUR LIFE
- OTHERS SECOND IN OUR LIFE
- YOURSELF LAST IN YOUR LIFE

Be it that we live up to the above format, then surely, we will be able to sing with great gusto:

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

HE GIVES ME LIVING WATER AND I THIRST NO MORE

FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

## CHAPTER 2

### THE ENABLING POWER OF THE BAPTISM INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT

We Christians believe Jesus sacrificed His life for us. However, very Christians are unaware Jesus has asked us to do likewise: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." We gather around The Table of The Lord with great Faith in what Jesus had accomplished for us through His Death and Resurrection. It is so good for us to have Faith in Jesus and His great work of Salvation. HOWEVER, HAS OUR LORD JESUS GOT FAITH IN YOU AND ME TO DO LIKEWISE? Are we willing to live a life for the betterment of our Brethren? Have we the power to die to self? Have we the power to put others first. Have we the power to follow the command of Jesus to go into all the world and make disciples of all men? Let us prostrate ourselves before The Lord of the harvest asking Him to give us the anointing to do what He had done:

**JOHN 10:17-18 KJV:** THEREFORE, DOTH MY FATHER LOVE ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE, THAT I MIGHT TAKE IT AGAIN. <sup>18</sup> NO MAN TAKETH IT FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MYSELF. I HAVE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN, AND I HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN. THIS COMMANDMENT HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER.

**1 JOHN 3:16 NASB:** WE KNOW LOVE BY THIS, THAT HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US; AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN. <sup>17</sup> BUT WHOEVER HAS THE WORLD'S GOODS, AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED AND CLOSES HIS HEART AGAINST HIM, HOW DOES THE LOVE OF GOD ABIDE IN HIM?

What Jesus has asked of us; we must admit is beyond us and yet the Word of God says: WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US (SEE PHILIPPIANS 4:13). Just how does our Lord strengthen us?

Jesus promised The Foundational Apostles and us. He would send them another Comforter, not only would The Comforter lead and guide them into truth (see John 16:12-15 NASB); but also empower them with the anointing of The Holy Spirit:

**ACTS 1:8 NASB:** BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH.”

Many Christians fail to understand the connection between Acts 1:8 and 1 John 3:16. God says, we must lay down our life for the brethren the same way Jesus laid down his life for the world. Not one Born-Again child of God is excluded from 1 John 3:16. We have got to do it by caring one for the other, carrying each other's burdens. We must admit that at times caring for the brethren and carrying their burdens is difficult, for we ourselves have cares and burdens weighing us down. As much as we want to help, we must admit oft times it is almost impossible. Thank The Lord God there is a connection between Acts 1:8 (you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you) and 1 John 3:16 (the giving of your life for the brethren).

Jesus knowing our human frailty (weakness) makes provision for all our weaknesses and inadequacies (lacks, shortfalls). Our Saviour knows it is beyond us to lay down our life and therefore He empowers us with The Holy Spirit Baptism, the wondrous immersion into the Power of The Holy Spirit.

### **RECEIVING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In Acts 1:8 two words stand out and that being POWER and WITNESSES. Using The Linguistic Principle of Hermeneutics, which traces our

English Words used in our Bibles to the original Words used in The Old Testament (Hebrew) and New Testament (Greek). This etymological method of study gives the student the original word and the meaning thereof.

The Strongs Greek Concordance sheds light on the Greek word used for POWER:

**Word:** [dunamij](#)

**Pronounce:** *doo'-nam-is*

**Strongs Number:** [G1411](#)

**Orig:** from 1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. [G1410](#)

**Use:** TDNT-2:284,186 Noun Feminine

**Heb**

**Strong:** [H202](#) [H410](#) [H582](#) [H1004](#) [H1363](#) [H1368](#) [H1369](#) [H1952](#) [H1995](#) [H2392](#) [H2428](#) [H2428](#) [H2502](#) [H3027](#) [H3519](#) [H3581](#) [H3966](#) [H4264](#) [H4421](#) [H4979](#) [H5650](#) [H5797](#) [H5971](#) [H6310](#) [H6381](#) [H6635](#)

1) strength power, ability

1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

1b) power for performing miracles

1c) moral power and excellence of soul

1d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth

- 1e) power and resources arising from numbers
- 1f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

The Strongs Greek Concordance sheds light on the Greek word used for WITNESS:

**Word:** [martuj](#)

**Pronounce:** *mar'-toos*

**Strongs Number:** [G3144](#)

**Orig:** of uncertain affinity; a witness (literally (judicially) or figuratively (genitive case)); by analogy, a "martyr":-- martyr, record, witness.

**Use:** TDNT-4:474,564 Noun Masculine

**Heb Strong:** [H5707](#) [H7717](#)

- 1) a witness
  - 1a) in a legal sense
  - 1b) an historical sense
    - 1b1) one who is a spectator of anything, e.g. of a contest
  - 1c) in an ethical sense
    - 1c1) those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death

The original word dunamij translated as power does not speak of NATURAL POWER, it speaks of SUPERNATURAL POWER; the omnipotence (supreme power) of God, The Holy Spirit. It is this supreme power given to the Born-Again Christians which enables them to become

Holy Spirit ordained witnesses of Jesus sinless life, his efficacious death and victorious resurrection.

Born-Again Spirit Filled speaking in tongues Christians are not just Witnesses of the letter of The Word, but of The Spirit of The Word as well. The Author of The Word of God is The Spirit of God, who now resides within the spirit of the Born-Again but flows like a river from the spirit of the now empowered Christian as well.

**JOHN 7:37-39 NASB:** NOW ON THE LAST DAY, THE GREAT DAY OF THE FEAST, JESUS STOOD AND CRIED OUT, SAYING, "IF ANYONE IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK. <sup>38</sup> HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE SAID, 'FROM HIS INNERMOST BEING WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.'" <sup>39</sup> BUT THIS HE SPOKE OF THE SPIRIT, WHOM THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM WERE TO RECEIVE; FOR THE SPIRIT WAS NOT YET GIVEN, BECAUSE JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED.

The pertinent (important) question must be asked. Why have we Born-Again Christians been endowed (gifted) with this SUPERNATURAL POWER from the Author of The Word? The Holy Scriptures is not a normal book or novel. When reading a novel and when you cannot understand what you are reading; you cannot consult the author whilst reading. This is not the situation with the Author of The Holy Scripture. The Holy Spirit is at our beck and call and He is ever ready to bring clarity and understanding to what we are reading and studying:

**JOHN 16:123-14 KJV:** 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. <sup>8</sup> AND WHEN HE IS COME, HE WILL REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGMENT: <sup>9</sup> OF SIN, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE NOT ON ME; <sup>10</sup> OF



RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER, AND YE SEE ME NO MORE; <sup>11</sup> OF JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD IS JUDGED. <sup>12</sup> I HAVE YET MANY THINGS TO SAY UNTO YOU, BUT YE CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW. <sup>13</sup> HOWBEIT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; BUT WHATSOEVER HE SHALL HEAR, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK: AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME. <sup>14</sup> HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU.

In Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches emphasis is laid on the speaking of other tongues as the initial (first, original) evidence of receiving the Power of The Holy Spirit. I must concur (agree) that speaking in other tongues is the initial evidence of having received The Baptism (THE POWER into The Holy Spirit).

Without the Power of The Holy Spirit we are incapable of coming up against evil powers. Facing satanic powers is a spiritual battle. The Word of God is clear that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, BUT AGAINST SPIRITUAL POWERS:

**EPHESIANS 6:12 NASB:** For our struggle is not against **flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

However, there are three other evidence after the initial experience of speaking in other tongues which speak of having received THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT:

**EVIDENCE TWO: A WITNESS OF JESUS (ACTS 1:8)**

**EVIDENCE THREE: MARTYDOM**

**EVIDENCE ONE (ACTS 1:8)**

## **SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES**

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. <sup>2</sup>AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME FROM HEAVEN A NOISE LIKE A VIOLENT RUSHING WIND, AND IT FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. <sup>3</sup>AND THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE DISTRIBUTING THEMSELVES, AND THEY RESTED ON EACH ONE OF THEM. <sup>4</sup>AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT WAS GIVING THEM UTTERANCE. <sup>5</sup>NOW THERE WERE JEWS LIVING IN JERUSALEM, DEVOUT MEN FROM EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN. <sup>6</sup>AND WHEN THIS SOUND OCCURRED, THE CROWD CAME TOGETHER, AND WERE BEWILDERED BECAUSE EACH ONE OF THEM WAS HEARING THEM SPEAK IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE. <sup>7</sup>THEY WERE AMAZED AND ASTONISHED, SAYING, “WHY, ARE NOT ALL THESE WHO ARE SPEAKING GALILEANS? <sup>8</sup>AND HOW IS IT THAT WE EACH HEAR THEM IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE TO WHICH WE WERE BORN? <sup>9</sup>PARTHIANS AND MEDES AND ELAMITES, AND RESIDENTS OF MESOPOTAMIA, JUDEA AND CAPPADOCIA, PONTUS AND ASIA, <sup>10</sup>PHRYGIA AND PAMPHYLIA, EGYPT AND THE DISTRICTS OF LIBYA AROUND CYRENE, AND VISITORS FROM ROME, BOTH JEWS AND PROSELYTES, <sup>11</sup>CRETANS AND ARABS—WE HEAR THEM IN OUR OWN TONGUES SPEAKING OF THE MIGHTY DEEDS OF GOD.” <sup>12</sup>AND THEY ALL CONTINUED IN AMAZEMENT AND GREAT PERPLEXITY, SAYING TO ONE ANOTHER, “WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?”

### **EVIDENCE 2: ACTS 1:8 NASB**

#### **RECEIVING POWER**

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE **POWER** WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH.”

### **EVIDENCE 3 ACTS 1:8**

#### **WITNESSES OF CHRIST**

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY **WITNESSES** BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH.”

### **EVIDENCE 4: ACTS 7:54-60 NASB**

#### **MARTYDOM**

<sup>54</sup> NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY WERE CUT TO THE QUICK, AND THEY BEGAN GNASHING THEIR TEETH AT HIM. <sup>55</sup> BUT BEING FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE GAZED INTENTLY INTO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; <sup>56</sup> AND HE SAID, “BEHOLD, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.” <sup>57</sup> BUT THEY CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND COVERED THEIR EARS AND RUSHED AT HIM WITH ONE IMPULSE. <sup>58</sup> WHEN THEY HAD DRIVEN HIM OUT OF THE CITY, THEY BEGAN STONING HIM; AND THE WITNESSES LAID ASIDE THEIR ROBES AT THE FEET OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAUL. <sup>59</sup> THEY WENT ON STONING STEPHEN AS HE CALLED ON THE LORD AND SAID, “LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT!” <sup>60</sup> THEN FALLING ON HIS

KNEES, HE CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM!" HAVING SAID THIS, HE FELL ASLEEP.

**EVIDENCE 1 SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES Continued :** This unique **speaking in tongues** was The Holy Spirit preaching through The Apostles. The Tongues spoken on the day of Pentecost was in the various languages of the crowd of that all who heard them understood what was said in their own national languages.

**EVIDENCE 2 RECEIVING POWER Continued:** Born-Again Christians are BAPTIZED INTO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT which enables them to have **POWER** over evil spirits, speak with new tongues, overcome the venom of snakes and heal the sick: **Mark 16:15-18 NASB:** AND HE SAID TO THEM, "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION. <sup>16</sup>HE WHO HAS BELIEVED AND HAS BEEN BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO HAS DISBELIEVED SHALL BE CONDEMNED. <sup>17</sup>THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED: IN MY NAME THEY WILL CAST OUT DEMONS, THEY WILL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES; <sup>18</sup>THEY WILL PICK UP SERPENTS, AND IF THEY DRINK ANY DEADLY *POISON*, IT WILL NOT HURT THEM; THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY WILL RECOVER."

**EVIDENCE 3: WITNESSES OF CHRIST:** Doing a Word study of the WORD **WITNESS** RECORDED IN ACTS 1: 8 GIVES US THE TRUE MEANING OF BEING A **WITNESS** OF JESUS:

#### STRONGS GREEK CONCORDANCE

Word: [martuj](#)

Pronounce: *mar'-toos*

Strong's Number: [G3144](#)

**Orig:** OF UNCERTAIN AFFINITY; A WITNESS (LITERALLY (JUDICIALLY) OR FIGURATIVELY (GENITIVE CASE)); BY ANALOGY, A "MARTYR":-- MARTYR, RECORD, WITNESS.

Use: TDNT-4:474,564 Noun Masculine

Heb Strong: [H5707](#) [H7717](#)

- 1) a witness
  - 1a) in a legal sense
  - 1b) an historical sense
    - 1b1) one who is a spectator of anything, e.g. of a contest
  - 1c) in an ethical sense
    - 1c1) those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death

Born-Again Spirit filled Christians enjoy the blessings of:

- SPEAKING AND PRAYING IN OTHER AND UNKNOWN UNKNOWN TONGUES,
- PERFORMING THE SUPERNATURAL
- BEING AUTHENTIC WITNESSES OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESS LIFE, MIRACLES, DEATH, RESURRECTION AND THE SOON RETURN OF JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR.

However, there is one final evidence that we have discovered by doing A LINGUISTIC WORD STUDY ON THE WORD "WITNESS:

THE FINAL PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLING GOD'S SERVANTS TO WILLINGLY LAY DOWN THEIR LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL.

Studying the deaths of The Foundational Apostles we see the reality of Acts 1:8. Not only were The Foundational Apostles powerful and anointed Servants of Jesus Christ; they were MARTYRS .

The Christian.com Website gives an account of how THE FOUNDATIONAL APOSTLES WERE MARTYRED FOR THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST AND FOR THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL:

## **HOW DID THE APOSTLES DIE?**

### **PETER AND PAUL**

BOTH MARTYRED IN ROME ABOUT 66 AD, DURING THE PERSECUTION UNDER EMPEROR NERO. PAUL WAS BEHEADED. PETER WAS CRUCIFIED, UPSIDE DOWN AT HIS REQUEST, SINCE HE DID NOT FEEL HE WAS WORTHY TO DIE IN THE SAME MANNER AS HIS LORD.

### **ANDREW**

WENT TO THE "LAND OF THE MAN-EATERS," IN WHAT IS NOW THE SOVIET UNION. CHRISTIANS THERE CLAIM HIM AS THE FIRST TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THEIR LAND. HE ALSO PREACHED IN ASIA MINOR, MODERN-DAY TURKEY, AND IN GREECE, WHERE HE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED.

### **THOMAS**

WAS PROBABLY MOST ACTIVE IN THE AREA EAST OF SYRIA. TRADITION HAS HIM PREACHING AS FAR EAST AS INDIA, WHERE THE ANCIENT MARTHOMA CHRISTIANS REVERE HIM AS THEIR FOUNDER. THEY CLAIM THAT HE DIED THERE WHEN PIERCED THROUGH WITH THE SPEARS OF FOUR SOLDIERS.

### **PHILIP**

POSSIBLY HAD A POWERFUL MINISTRY IN CARTHAGE IN NORTH AFRICA AND THEN IN ASIA MINOR, WHERE HE

CONVERTED THE WIFE OF A ROMAN PROCONSUL. IN RETALIATION THE PROCONSUL HAD PHILIP ARRESTED AND CRUELLY PUT TO DEATH.

### **MATTHEW**

THE TAX COLLECTOR AND WRITER OF A GOSPEL MINISTERED IN PERSIA AND ETHIOPIA. SOME OF THE OLDEST REPORTS SAY HE WAS NOT MARTYRED, WHILE OTHERS SAY HE WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN ETHIOPIA.

### **BARTHOLOMEW**

HAD WIDESPREAD MISSIONARY TRAVELS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY TRADITION: TO INDIA WITH THOMAS, BACK TO ARMENIA, AND ALSO TO ETHIOPIA AND SOUTHERN ARABIA. THERE ARE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF HOW HE MET HIS DEATH AS A MARTYR FOR THE GOSPEL.

### **JAMES**

THE SON OF ALPHEUS IS ONE OF AT LEAST THREE JAMES REFERRED TO IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHICH IS WHICH, BUT THIS JAMES IS RECKONED TO HAVE MINISTERED IN SYRIA. THE JEWISH HISTORIAN JOSEPHUS REPORTED THAT HE WAS STONED AND THEN CLUBBED TO DEATH.

### **SIMON THE ZEALOT**

SO, THE STORY GOES, MINISTERED IN PERSIA, AND WAS KILLED AFTER REFUSING TO SACRIFICE TO THE SUN GOD.

## **MATTHIAS**

THE APOSTLE CHOSEN TO REPLACE JUDAS. TRADITION SENDS HIM TO SYRIA WITH ANDREW AND TO DEATH BY BURNING.

## **JOHN**

THE ONLY ONE OF THE APOSTLES GENERALLY THOUGHT TO HAVE DIED A NATURAL DEATH FROM OLD AGE. HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE CHURCH IN THE EPHESUS AREA AND IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN CARE OF MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS IN HIS HOME. DURING DOMITIAN'S PERSECUTION IN THE MIDDLE '90S, HE WAS EXILED TO THE ISLAND OF PATMOS. THERE HE IS CREDITED WITH WRITING THE LAST BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT--THE REVELATION. AN EARLY LATIN TRADITION HAS HIM ESCAPING UNHURT AFTER BEING CAST INTO BOILING OIL AT ROME.

We, the Body of Christ have reaped the benefits of the martyrdom of The Foundational Apostles. They willingly laid down their life. Their blood ran into the ground as a seedbed of life. Are we the modern-day church exempt (excused) from a similar fate (destiny)? With what is preached from our pulpits these days, we are unprepared. Modern-Day Christians outside of third world countries and Moslem, Hindu and other Non-Christian countries know nothing of extreme persecution and martyrdom. We mostly hear in our western cultured churches is motivational and prosperity sermons. We are ill prepared for: "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

## **COMPREHENSION**

- IT IS GOOD THAT FOR US TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD, HOWEVER, HAS GOD HAVE FAITH IN US.
- DO WE HAVE A TESTIMONY LIKENED UNTO JOB?



- THE BAPTISM INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US THE POWER TO EFFECTIVELY WITNESS OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, THE SINLESS LIFE OF JESUS, THE MULTIPLE MIRACLES JESUS PERFORMED.
- THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO THE BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS IS NOT NATURAL POWER, IT IS THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD.
- THOUGH WE DID NOT WITNESS THE MIRACULOUS POWER AND SINLESS LIFE OF JESUS, WE WILL SPEAK AS THOUGH WE WERE THERE WITNESSING THE MIRACLES AND SINLESS LIFE OF JESUS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO NOW DWELLS IN US WAS THERE WITH JESUS. AND IS THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO TAKES THE THINGS OF JESUS AND REVEALS IT TO US (SEE JOHN 16:13-14 KING JAMES VERSION).

## **LAST WORD**

THE LORD JESUS DOES NOT EXPECT US TO LAY DOWN OUR LIFE FOR THE BRETHREN (1 JOHN 3:16-17) WITHOUT GIVING US THE WHEREWITHAL AND THEREFORE JESUS HAS BAPTIZED INTO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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