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**THE METAMORPHOSIS
OF BELIEVERS INTO CHRISTIANS**

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A BELIEVER BUT EVERY BELIEVER IS NOT A CHRISTIAN

INTRODUCTION

THE BELIEVER is best pictured, in the Bible, by the description of Lazarus immediately after Jesus raised Him from the dead. John 11:44.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The Believer, who is not yet a Christian, has been added to the Kingdom of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and has eternal life. However, like Lazarus, he is still bound up in the stinking graveclothes of sin, in which he was bound up before his resurrection from the dead. Eph. 2:1-6.

And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Where-in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.

For the Believer to become a CHRISTIAN, one who is reflecting the attitudes and life of the Lord Jesus Christ in his attitudes and conduct (*life*), he (*the believer*) must be loosed from the stinking graveclothes of sin (*attitudes and habits of sin dwelling in him*) which have him bound up head, foot and hand. Romans 7:14-20

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is good*. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me..

THE METAMORPHOSIS PROCESS IS THE BASIS OF THIS COURSE OF STUDY.

The metamorphosis process (*the worm changing into a butterfly*) is God our Father working in the Believer **ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS**.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed (*metamorphosised*) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (*demonstrate*) what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2.

God our Father is working in the Believer, proper ATTITUDES IN RELATIONSHIP TO:

1. THE WORD OF GOD;

2. THE WORLD;

3. THE AUTHORITY GIVEN;

4. GOD'S PERSONAL DEALINGS;

5. GOD'S PLAN;

6. GOD HIMSELF;

7. GOD'S GLORY;

. . . so that He might work in him/her the doing of His GOOD PLEASURE.

NOTE: In each of these Relationships the Bible gives a description of the Believer, suggesting attitude adjustments which need to be made in him.

Likewise, in each of these Relationships the Bible gives a description of the Christian which shows that the attitude adjustments are being/have been made.

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **THE WORD OF GOD.**

A. In Relationship to the Word the **BELIEVER is described as a BABE**, and the **CHRISTIAN as a DISCIPLE/LEARNER**

Hebrews 5:11-13, Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe.

Matthew 13:15, For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Psalms 81:11, But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

Luke 6:46, And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

John 15:7-8, If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Hebrews 5:14, strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

B. The **ATTITUDE** of Believers which distinguish them from Christians is an attitude of not hearkening (***not carefully listening to the Word with the desire of doing what the Word says***) to the Word.

C. The proper attitude in Relationship to the Word has its beginning with a proper view of the Word/Bible.

1. The Bible is the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine

for re-proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Peter 1:21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:37, If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

2.The Bible is both INERRANT and INFALLIBLE.

The Bible being inerrant means that there are no mistakes in the Bible. The Bible being infallible means that there is no possibility of the Bible having a mistake.

WHY? Because God is *omniscient*, having infinite knowledge, knowing all things.

Psalms 147:5, Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

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Isaiah 40:14, With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Acts 15:18, Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

1 John 3:20, For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Titus 1:2, In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

John 17:17, Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

D. Attitude Adjustments

Matthew 7:24-29, Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. and it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 4:4, But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Deuteronomy 28:1, And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD.

A. In Relationship to the World the **BELIEVER is CARNAL**; the **CHRISTIAN is SPIRITUAL**.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3, And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 John 15-16, 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.

James 3:14-16, But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

B. The **ATTITUDE OF Believers** distinguishing them from Christians is a desire/attitude **toward the World and the things and ways of the World**.

C. The proper attitude toward the world is **SEPARATION**.

2 Corinthians 6:17, Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

1. The PRINCIPLE of SEPARATION.

Genesis 2:24, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31-32, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

John 17:16, They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Romans 12:2, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye trans-formed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

James 4:4, Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:15, 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.

2. The PURPOSE of SEPARATION

1 Chronicles 23:14 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever,

to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless his name for ever.

1 Peter 2:9, But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

3. An EXAMPLE of SEPARATION seen in Abraham.

Genesis 11:31-32 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12:1, Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Genesis 12:4, So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Genesis 13:1, And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

Genesis 13:3-4, And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 13:5-7, And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Genesis 13:14-16, And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward and south-ward and eastward and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

4. AREAS of SEPARATION

a. Unbelievers

- Unsaved Unbelievers

Amos 3:3, Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

2 Corinthians 6:14-17, Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they

shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

- **Unbelieving Believers**

1 Corinthians 5:9-13, I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

b. False Teachers

Romans 16:17, Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

c. Things of the World

1 John 2:15-16, 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.

Genesis 3:6, And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Ezekiel 28:13-15, Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

James 4:7, Submit yourselves therefore to God. *Resist the devil*, and he will flee from you.

D. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

WE ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO AUTHORITY.

A. In Relationship to Authority the **BELIEVER is OVERCOME/DEFEATED**, while the **CHRISTIAN is an OVERCOMER**.

James 4:7, *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves there fore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians is an attitude of **INDIVIDUALISM AND INDEPENDENCE**.

C. The attitude toward authority which will make one an **OVERCOMER is SUBMISSION TO GOD**.

James 4:7, *Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

D. A **BELIEVER is in submission to God when he is in SUBMISSION to those whom God has placed in positions of AUTHORITY**.

Daniel 4:17, *This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*

Romans 13:1-2, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the power that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

1 Peter 5:6, *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

E. **The MIGHT HAND OF GOD** (*1 Peter 5:6*) speaks of **FIVE RELATIONSHIPS** in which there is **SUBMISSION to AUTHORITY** (These five relationships are *seen in Peter's 1st Epistle to the Church*).

1. To ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 5:5, *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

Eph. 5:21, *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

2. WIVES to their HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:1, *Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

Ephesians 5:22, *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Colossians 3:18, *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*

3. MEMBERS to the ELDERS in the Church

- Elders by virtue of age

1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the *elder*. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- Ruling Elders

Hebrews 13:17, Obey them that have the *rule* over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are *over you in the Lord*, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

4. To the CIVIL/MILITARY GOVERNMENT

1 Peter 2:13-17, Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all *men*. Love the brother-hood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Romans 13:1-7, Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

5. EMPLOYEES to EMPLOYERS

1 Peter 2:18, Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward

Eph 6:5-8, Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Colossian 3:22, Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

NOTE: Children are not included in the above five relationships, as children are not called to submit but rather to OBEY.

F. Those **HAVING AUTHORITY** submit to those **UNDER AUTHORITY** by submitting to and fulfilling their responsibilities as **SERVANTS** to those under their authority.

Matthew 20:25-28, But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be

so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (*servant*); And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (*slave*): Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

1. HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:7, Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, *giving honour unto the wife*, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Ephesians 5:25, *Husbands, love your wives*, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Colossians 3:19, *Husbands, love your wives*, and be not bitter against them.

2. ELDERS

1 Peter 5:1-3, The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: *Feed the flock* of God which is among you, *taking the oversight thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Acts 20:28, Take *heed* therefore *unto yourselves*, and to *all the flock*, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to *feed the church* of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Titus 1:7, For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

1 Timothy 3:1-6, This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

3. CIVIL/MILITARY RULERS

Romans 13:3-4, For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For *he is the minister of God to thee for good*. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute wrath* (punishment) upon *him* that *doeth evil*.

4. EMPLOYERS

Ephesians 6:9, And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

Colossians 4:1, Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

NOTE: Submission on the part of those UNDER AUTHORITY and those HAVING AUTHORITY is NOT conditioned on whether or not submission is given to them, by those to whom they are to submit.

G. FIVE WORDS which describes SUBMISSION.

1. HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of *you* be subject one to another, and be *clothed with humility*: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

2. PREFERRING

Romans 12:10, Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour *preferring* one another;

3. ESTEEM

Philippians 2:3-4, *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each *esteem* other better than themselves Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

4. LOVE (AGAPE) SERVANT

Galatians 5:13, For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but *by love serve one another*.

5. BEARING BURDENS (SUPPORTING)

Galatians 6:2, *Bear* ye one another's *burdens* and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Romans 15:1, We then that are strong ought to *bear* the *infirmities* of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

H. SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY BRINGS VICTORY AND MAKES ONE AN OVERCOMER.

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S PERSONAL DEALINGS

A. In Relationship to God's Personal Dealings, the **BELIEVER is a VESSEL OF DISHONOR**. While the **CHRISTIAN is a VESSEL OF HONOR**.

2 Timothy 2:20-21, But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to *honour* and some to *dishonour*. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the masters use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians **is a desire/attitude directed toward "I want to be my own person; to do my Thing and have God bless it."**

C. The proper attitude in Relationship to God's Personal Dealing is, "**I am sanctified (set apart for God and His use/purposes)**". Therefore, I need to purge myself of self; of bad/evil desires and attitudes which are hendering me from being used by God.

Philippians 1:6, Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you *will perform it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify

God in your body, and in your spirit, which *are God's*.

John 3:30, He must increase, but *I must decrease*.

Matthew 16:24-26, Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let *him deny himself*, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Romans 12:1, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*.

2 Timothy 2:21, If a man therefore *purge himself* from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Job 22:30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the *pureness of thine hands*.

D. The PURGING/CLEANSING/PREPARATION AGENT

Psalms 119:9, Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking *heed* thereto according to thy *word*.

John 15:3, Now ye are *clean through the word* which I have spoken unto you.

John 17:17, *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*.

Ephesians 5:25-26, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the *washing of water by the word*,

Exodus 30:20, When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall *wash* with water, *that they die not*; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

Matthew 7:24-27, Therefore whosoever *heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them*, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:15-17, And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 5:12-14, For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk *is unskillful in the word of righteousness*: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2 Timothy 2:24-26, And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness *instructing* those that *oppose themselves*; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

E. The PLACE of purging/cleansing/preparation UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.

Psalm 92:13, Those that be *planted in the house of the LORD* shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psalm 91:1, He that *dwelleth in the secret place of the most High* shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Matthew 16:18-19, And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock *I will build my church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Acts 2:47, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the *Lord added to the church* daily such as should be saved.

Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the *church of God*, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 1:22, And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things to the church*,

Hebrews 13:17, Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for *they watch for your souls*, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD'S PLAN**

A. In Relationship to God's Plan the **BELIEVER is an UNFAITHFUL/EVIL STEWARD**, while the **CHRISTIAN is a FAITHFUL/WISE STEWARD**.

Luke 12:42-45, And the Lord said, Who then is that *faithful and wise steward*, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Matthew 24:45-49, Who then is a *faithful and wise servant*, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that *evil servant* shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians **is a desire/attitude to put off the work/business of the Master and indulge themselves** (*when the cats away the mice will play*).

Matthew 24:48-49, But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, *My lord delayethis coming*; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

C. The proper attitude in Relationship to God's Plan is JESUS COULD RETURN AT ANY MOMENT, **I MUST**,

THEREFORE, BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS."

D. This attitude toward God's Plan has its beginning in a **proper view and attitude of OWNERSHIP, and the Believer's PLACE in relationship to the things he has.**

1. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING.

Haggai 2:8, The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Chronicles 29:11, Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Hebrews 1:2, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed *heir of allthings*, by whom also he made the worlds;

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. THE BELIEVER'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

Genesis 2:15, And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden *to dress it and to keep it*.

1 Peter 4:10, As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good *stewards* of the *manifold grace* of God.

Mark 13:34, *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to *his servants*, and to every man *his work*, and commanded the porter to watch.

Ephesians 5:16, Redeeming the *time*, because the days are evil.

John 9:4, I must *work* the works of him that sent me, *while it is day*: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Matthew 25:15, And unto one *he gave five talents (money)*, to another two and to another one; to every man according to *his several ability*; and straightway took his journey.

Luke 6:38, Give (*yourselves, time, money, abilities - all belong to God*) and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2 Corinthians 9:7, Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not *grudgingly*, or of necessity: for God loveth a *cheerful giver*.

Colossians 3:17, And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:23-24 And whatsoever ye do, *do it heartily*, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for *ye serve the Lord Christ*.

E. An **UNDERSTANDING of THE IMMINENT RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** will further develop this attitude in the Believer.

Mark 13:32-35, But of *that day and that hour knoweth no man*, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. *Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:*

Matthew 24:36, But of *that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

Matthew 24:42, Watch therefore: for *ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

Matthew 24:44, Therefore be ye also ready: for *in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*

Matthew 24:50, The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he *looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,*

Luke 12:40, Be ye therefore ready also: for *the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*

Luke 21:36, *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

1 Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; *waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Titus 2:13, Looking for that blessed hope, and *the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

Philippians 3:20, For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we *look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

F. REWARDS FOR BEING FOUND A FAITHFUL/WISE STEWARD.

Matthew 24:46-47, *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*

Luke 12:43-44, *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

Philippians 3:12, Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but *I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

Revelation 3:10, Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will *keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

Luke 21:36, Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be *accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

G. REWARDS FOR BEING FOUND AN EVIL/UNFAITHFUL STEWARD.

Matthew 24:50-51 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and *appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Matthew 25:26-30 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Luke 12:46, The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and *will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD, HIMSELF**

A. The OVER-ALL attitude adjustment for the BELIEVER in Relationship to God Himself has to do with PRIORITIES.

Colossians 1:18, And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; *that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

Matthew 22:37, Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with *all thy heart*, and with *all thy soul*, and with *all thy mind*.

- JESUS' EXAMPLE

John 4:34, Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:19, Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:30, I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Luke 2:49, And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Psalms 40:8, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

-JOHN THE BAPTIST'S EXAMPLE

John 3:30, He must increase, but *I must decrease.*

B. Since God is a **TRIUNE GOD**, there are specific attitude **adjustments in Relationship to each Person in the Godhead. These specific attitude adjustments when evidenced in the life of the Believer are expressions of the Priority of God in his life.**

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD THE FATHER**

A. In Relationship to God the Father the **BELIEVER is a CHILD** and the **CHRISTIAN is a SON.**

Galatians 4:19, My little children, of whom I travail in birth again *until Christ beformed in you,*

Romans 8:14, For as many as are *led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

B. **The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Father is one of REST.**

Hebrews 4:10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also *hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

C. THE **PRINCIPLE OF REST** IS SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF REST.

- **Paul, Acts 20:24**

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

- **Paul and Silas, Acts 16:25**

And at midnight *Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.*

- **Jesus, Hebrews 12:2**

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- **The Early Church Martyrs, Hebrews 11:35**

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, *not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:*

- **The Three Hebrew Children, Daniel 3:17-18**

If it be so, *our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*

- **The Shunamite Woman EXEMPLIFIES the Principle of Rest, 2 Kings 4:46**

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.*

D. The **PRINCIPLE of REST**: "As the Believer rests in God the Father, that is to say, **absolutely trusting in His absolute faithfulness, God the Father is at work; BUT, as the Believer works (in self-effort, anxiety, worry, fear, striving) the Father rests.**"

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD THE SON**

A. In Relations to God the Son the **BELIEVER is ONE OF THE MULTITUDE**, and the **CHRISTIAN is ONE OF THE LITTLE FLOCK**.

Luke 8:45, And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the *multitude* throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

Luke 12:3, Fear not, *little flock*; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Son concerns the need to **REACH OUT AND TOUCH JESUS**.

- **Multitudes** follow Jesus, but few (**THE LITTLE FLOCK**) TOUCH HIM. However, few enter into that close personal relationship with Him.
- **Reaching out and touching Jesus expresses the attitude of the disciples, John 6:68.**

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

- **Reaching out and touching (*pressing in as the woman with the issue blood did in spite of the multitudes*) expresses the attitude:**

"Jesus is the answer to every need/question I have."

- **Reaching out and touching Jesus is to "drink of the wells of salvation" provided at Calvary.**

Isaiah 12: 2-4, Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted

Isaiah 53:5, But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

- **THESE WELLS OF SALVATION ARE SEEN IN THE SEVEN COVENANTS OF CALVARY AND EXPRESSED IN THE COMPOUND NAMES OF JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

1. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF JUSTIFICATION

Psalms 103:3a, " Who forgiveth all thine iniquities . . . "

Acts 13:39, "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Romans 8:1-5, "There *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

The Calvary Covenant of JUSTIFICATION finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Tsidkenu "The Lord our Righteousness"

Jeremiah 23:6, "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, [*Jehovah-Tsidkenu*] THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

2. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF SANCTIFICATION

Psalms 103:3a, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities . . . "

Hebrews 10:10, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*."

Romans 8:6-10, "For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness."

The Calvary Covenant of SANCTIFICATION finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-M'kaddesh "The Lord Who Sanctifies"

Leviticus 20:8, "And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the [*Jehovah-M'kaddesh*] LORD which sanctify you."

3. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF DIVINE HEALING

Psalms 103:3b, ". . . who healeth all thy diseases;"

Isaiah 53:5d, ". . . and with his stripes we are healed."

Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses."

1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

Romans 8:11-12, "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. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."

The Calvary Covenant of DIVINE HEALING finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Rapha "The Lord Our Healer"

Exodus 15:26, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the [*Jehovah-Rapha*] LORD that healeth thee."

4. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF DIVINE HEALTH AND PROSPERITY

Psalms 103:4a, "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; . . ."

3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

2 Corinthians 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Romans 8:13-15, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

The Calvary Covenant of DIVINE HEALTH AND PROSPERITY finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Jireh "The Lord Who sees and provides"

Genesis 22:14, "And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-Jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen."

5. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF PEACE AND REST

Psalms 103:4b, ". . . who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;"

Zechariah 9:11, "As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water."

Luke 8:24, "And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to *be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

The Calvary Covenant of PEACE AND REST finds its expression in the compound names Jehovah-Rohi and Jehovah-Shalom "The Lord My Shepherd and The Lord Our Peace"

Psalms 23:1, "The [Jehovah-Rohi] LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want."

Judges 6:23, "And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

6. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF RESURRECTION LIFE

Psalms 103:5 "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so *that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Hebrews 13:20, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"

2 Corinthians 1:9, "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:"

Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*."

The Calvary Covenant of RESURRECTION LIFE finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Nissi "The Lord Our Banner/Victory"

Exodus 17:15-16, "And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi: 16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

7. THE CALVARY COVENANT OF THE GLORY OF GOD [GLORIFICATION]

Psalms 103:6, "The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

1 Peter 4:14, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

Romans 8:26-30, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray

for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

The Calvary Covenant of THE GLORY OF GOD finds its expression in the compound name Jehovah-Shammah
"The Lord is There

Ezekiel 48:35, "*It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures*: and the name of the city from *that day shall be*, The [Jehovah-Shammah] LORD *is* there."

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

A.. In Relationship to God the Holy Spirit the **BELIEVER is a FOOLISH VIRGIN** and the **CHRISTIAN a WISE VIRGIN**.

Matthew 25:1-4, Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And *five of them were wise*, and *five were foolish*. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to God the Holy Spirit concerns being **CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

Matthew 25:3, They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and *took no oil with them*:

Ephesians 5:18, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but *be filled with the Spirit*;

Acts 2:38, Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye *shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*.

Luke 11:13, If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Acts 2:4, And they were *all filled with the Holy Ghost*, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:31, And when they had pray-ed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were *all filled with the Holy Ghost*, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

C. The Holy Spirit is the **POWER DIMENSION; THE ENABLER** for Spiritual Maturity/Christian living which gives God the PRIORITY.

Luke 24:49, And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be *endued with power from on high*.

Acts 1:8, But ye *shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you*: and ye shall be wit-

nessess unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2 Corinthians 13:4, For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him *by the power of God toward you*.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, *that the power of Christ may rest upon me*. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for *when I am weak, then am I strong*.

2 Corinthians 4:7, But we have this treasure in *earthen vessels*, that the excellency of the *power may be of God, and not of us*.

1 Corinthians 1:26-28, For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the *foolish things* of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the *weakthings* of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and *things which* are despised, hath God chosen, *yea, and things which arenot*, to bring to nought things that are:

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ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **GOD'S GLORY**

A. The **OVER-ALL ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT** FOR THE Believer in Relationship to God's Glory has to do with **FAITH TOWARDS GOD**.

John 11:40, Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest *believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*

Mark 5: 36, As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, *only believe*.

Mark 9:23, Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, *all things are possible to him that believeth*. 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, *I believe; help thou mine unbelief*.

Mark 11:24, Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *believe that ye receive them*, and ye shall have *them*.

Mark 16:17, And these signs shall follow them that *believe*; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

B. **JESUS is the GLORY OF GOD**.

John 17:5, And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the *glory which I had with thee before the world was*.

Hebrews 1:3, Who being the *brightness of his glory*, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 2:11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and *manifested forth his glory*; and his disciples believed on him.

John 11:4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the *glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby*.

John 11:40, Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the *glory of God*?

John, chapter 17 reveals 9 things Jesus specifically accomplished and thereby manifested forth God's Glory.

1. Verse 4a - He Glorified God. "I have glorified thee on the earth:"

2. Verse 4b - He Finished the Work the Father had given him to do. "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

3. Verse 6 - He Revealed the Characteristics of the Father. "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word."

4. Verse 8 - Gave to the Disciples the *RHEMA*. "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."

5. Verse 12 - He Kept those Given him by the Father. "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."

6. Verse 14 - Gave the Disciples the *LOGOS*. "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

7. Verse 18 - Sent the Disciples out. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

8. Verse 22 - Gave Glory to the Disciples. "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"

9. Verse 26 - Declared (*CONFESSED*) The Father's Name. "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

C. The Relationship to God's Glory is divided into four parts. Each of these parts has specific attitude adjustments which when evidenced in the Believer's life are expressions of FAITH TOWARDS GOD.

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I. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE GLORY OF GOD'S NAME

A. In Relationship to the Glory of God's Name the BELIEVER is a HEARER ONLY and the CHRISTIAN is a HEARER AND DOER OF THE WORD

James 1:22, But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Deuteronomy 28:1, And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt *hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do* all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to the Glory of God's Name concerns the WORK OF FAITH/OBEDIENCE TO THE FAITH.

Romans 1:5, By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for *obedience to the faith* among all nations, for his name:

Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the *obedience of faith*:

1 Thessalonians 1:3, Remembering without ceasing your *work of faith*, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

James 2:17-26, Even so *faith, if it hath not works, is dead*, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *faith by my works*. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *faith without works is dead*? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by *works was faith made perfect*? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so *faith without works is dead* also.

C. Giving Glory to God's Name

Philippians 2:9-11, Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and *given him a name which is above every name*: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is Lord*, to the *glory of God the Father*.

John 14:13-14, And whatsoever ye shall ask in *my name*, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in *my name*, I will do it.

Luke 6:46, And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

John 15:7-8, If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, *ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit*; so shall ye be my disciples.

Mark 11:22-24, And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

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II. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **THE GLORY OF GOD'S WORD**

A. In Relationship to the Glory of God's Word the **Believer is a CASTAWAY**, and the **Christian is a WINNER**.

1 Corinthians 9:24,27, Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So *run, that ye may obtain . . .* But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a *castaway*.

NOTE: The literal meaning of the Greek Word translated "*castaway*" is "not standing the test, not approved". Thus **disqualified from the race**.

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to the Glory of God's Word concerns **PERSEVERING IN FAITH**.

Hebrews 12:1, Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us *lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

1 Corinthians 9:27, But I keep under my body, and *bring it into subjection*: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Matthew 16:24, Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, *let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Psalms 116:7, Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

C. Keys to Persevering in Faith.

Hebrews 12:2, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

James 1:21, Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *receive with meekness the engrafted word*, which is able to save your souls.

Psalms 119:11, Thy *word* have I hid in mine heart, *that I might not sin against thee.*

Psalms 119:48, My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and *I will meditate in thy statutes.*

Psalms 119:73, Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: *give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.*

Psalms 119:81, My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but I hope in thy word.*

Psalms 119:105, *Thy word is a lamp* unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:111, Thy *testimonies* have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

Revelation 3:8, I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast *kept my word*, and hast not denied my name.

Revelation 3:10, Because thou hast *kept the word of my patience*, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Romans 10:8, But what saith it? The *word* is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the *word of faith*, which we preach;

III. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **THE GLORY OF GOD IN US**

A. In Relationship to the Glory of God in us the **BELIEVER is a WITHERED BRANCH** and the **CHRISTIAN is a FRUITFUL BRANCH.**

John 15:5-8, I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same *bringeth forth much fruit*: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is *withered*; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to the Glory of God in us concerns our **CONFESSION OF FAITH (CONFESSIONAL FAITH).**

John 15:5, I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: *for without me ye can do nothing.*

Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt *confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, *thou shalt be saved (delivered).*

John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the *Word was God.*

John 1:14, And the *Word was made flesh*, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 10:10, By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all (forever).*

Hebrews 10:14, For by one offering he hath *perfected for ever* them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 7:25, Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing *he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Luke 1:74, That he would grant unto us, that we being *delivered out of the hand of our enemies* might serve him without fear,

Hebrews 2:14-15, Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might *destroy (render useless) him that had the power of death*, that is, the *devil* And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 John 3:8, He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, *that he might destroy (dissolve) the works of the devil.*

Colossians 2:15, And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, *triumphing over them in it.*

Isaiah 53:5, But he *was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the*

chastisement of our peace *was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

2 Corinthians 8:8-9, I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, *though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*

Revelation 1:5, And from Jesus Christ, *who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.* Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Hebrews 1:8, But unto the Son he saith, *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

Romans 5:17, For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness *shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

C. Confession PRODUCES FRUIT

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Revelation 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and *his wife* hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are *called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.* And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

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B. The attitude adjustment in Relationship to the Glory of God with us concerns the **SWEET CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE (God conscious Faith).**

Matthew 28:20, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, *I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.* Amen.

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