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Preface

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SOUL AND THE COVENANT OF THE NEW MIND

We need to expect the manifestation of miracles of God in our lives. You may not have heard this before, but let me tell you that your expectation provokes God to act supernaturally in your situation. Do you expect healings, miracles, signs and wonders to flow in your life? As you read this, I pray God will renew your mind to expect more. You need to unlearn your ways and relearn the ways of God.

We have already meditated about the soul and fasting of mind. May you prosper as your soul prospers. The mind, will, and emotions constitute the soul. It's my desire that you as a child of God know how you can operate, only then you would be able to operate to receive what you need to receive. You need to know about yourself. Soul is a part of you. The bible talks about the mind, heart and the soul. The bible also talks about our emotions of fear, anxiety, faith and everything.

Our faith connects to our soul. Faith takes over all the three points of your soul. First your logical mind must accept the ways of God. Second your emotional mind should flow in faith instead of fear. Thirdly, your will has to operate in faith.

As a church, today we are almost 250 people in the last five years. It all began when God put something in my spirit. Then I operated in faith. I could have thought who will help or support me. But I didn't

embrace all those thoughts. I just obliged when God told me to go and begin the church. This is the logical mind being prepared and available to accept the guidance of God.

Secondly, I had the will to do it. I could have simply sat down and said, “Oh God has called me but I am unsure if I can go and start”. But I decided to act on it. I did not know anyone, had no foundation, no money support, no people to guarantee me anything. But I acted on it in faith.

Thirdly, when I acted, I did not act in fear or anxiety, or went around complaining that God called me but no one is supporting me. Instead I acted in faith and I was not afraid. So my emotions were also based around faith.

In the same manner, anything that we do in this world, our soul has to be connected in faith. If you are not able to connect these three - mind, will and emotions, I request you to take your time to wait in the presence of God until your faith established with you gets connected to your soul.

When people are convinced that they have a revelation from God, they prematurely jump into acting on it. Logically they are unable to accept what is happening. Emotionally their heart is not yet prepared to operate on their revelation. Their will is also not 100% into doing it. The mistake which many people do is that, they think time is very short, and end up doing something. They go ahead and do it with fear,

embracing wrong ideas and end up with unsuccessful results. So, it is important that we put these three parameters in the right position before we start operating.

The plan of God, or the destiny that God has for you, cannot be accomplished in your own strength. God's work must be completed with God's strength only. God's strength is what we call a miracle. From Genesis to revelation, everywhere, be it the ministry, be it the king or be it farming, cattle rearing, be it a war or competition, wherever you see, there was God's intervention. This is what we call a miracle. You cannot complete the will of God in your life without miracles on your way.

Don't try to complete or do things by your own strength. When you need a miracle, you must understand how miracle operates and the parameters involved in receiving the miracle. In the Biblical times, people were not so distracted with many things in the world. So they were able to easily flow in the spirit and receive their miracles. Today the biggest tactic of the devil is to distract us. He always makes us feel lonely, creates fear and insecurity, distracts and confuses us in every way.

We need to understand this and fight our battles in this 21st century with the understanding of how the devil fights with us. It is true that the days and battle of the last century is not as big as the battles of today. The battles of our forefathers were not as strong as that of

today. Because we are in the last days, the devil is in his full force trying to do everything possible to distract us, divert us and delude us away from the miraculous ways of God.

But thank God, He is also in the same force, running with us to edify and strengthen us to receive the miracle. The devil does not distract the body or the spirit, but it's the soul that he is distracting. He distracts the will, emotions and the logical mind.

Unlike the last century, today our logical mind is bombarded with so many questions, philosophies and dialogues. Unlike those days, we are fearful everywhere we turn, every moment we have challenges waiting for us. Unlike those days, our will to do or believe God is diminishing in the society and in the church. God wants to edify our soul to understand how to operate and how to get the technique and the details to receive and operate in the miracles. In the Bible, mostly the conscious mind is called as the mind; the sub-conscious mind is called as heart.

As I told you, it is your expectation that provokes the manifestation. In other words, your faith brings forth the miracles. When your soul is distracted or when your soul is not operating in full force of faith, we call that as distraction. So, we end up with wrong thoughts, thinking this is what God wants to do, may be this is what I can get! We settle down for something very ordinary which might not be what God has destined for us.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, from out of it springs the issues of life.

Bible says, save and secure your heart with all diligence. As I told, your heart means your sub-conscious mind. What you keep repeating in your mind gets recorded in your sub-conscious mind. What the world keeps bombarding into you, you keep seeing, sensing and start believing that. That becomes your sub-conscious mind. That is your heart.

The Bible says, save your heart; take care of your heart. Because from it, springs the issues of life. May be your heart is full of fear because you come from a family who talks about fear all the time. May be your heart is full of annoyance, jealousy and negative thoughts because you probably come from a family or background who talks about negative annoyance and irritation. May be you come from a church where they don't believe in healing, victorious and successful living. When your heart is already listening to it for years together, your heart believes that, this is what we are.

What you have been listening to, seeing and sensing for years together, becomes your sub-conscious mind. That is your heart. A man on a given day operates in the sub-conscious mind for at least 70-80% of the time. He operates with his heart. We use our mind rarely. Whenever we need, we use our mind, but by default we

operate with the heart. It's like the airplane, only when there is a necessity, the pilot starts operating the airplane otherwise it goes in autopilot. Only take-off and landing and when the weather is bad, when there is no pressure in the atmosphere, when the flight loses altitude, that is when he holds the device he has to operate, otherwise it goes in autopilot mode.

Similarly, our life also operates in auto-pilot mode, called the heart or the sub-conscious mind. Only when there is a necessity, we switch on the mind and start operating again. The problem is, though we are born-again Christians, our heart is full of confusion, fear, anxiety and negativity. Only few moments we switch and say, I believe in God and I know God can do anything. But later in a short time, we automatically switch to the heart. We automatically go to the auto-pilot mode without our knowledge and operate in the sub-conscious mind. Our heart becomes heavy because our heart has been trained for years together in negativity. There is no brimming, joy, expectation and excitement.

I have seen in the life of many people and even pastors, when I talk about God, miracles, and about how God can do things in our lives, there is no excitement and joy. When I talk about healing, deliverance, victory, prosperity and freedom, they sit very casually because their mind says, “For years I have been like this and nothing happened, I only sang, heard but my life is totally contrary”. The

heart and sub-conscious mind says that nothing will happen. Though your mind says, “I believe”, your sub-conscious mind or heart says, “I’ve heard about these but, I don't think these things will happen”. That is the problem and it is lack of faith. You might believe in your mind but not in your heart!

God told Moses about the Israelites that they are crooked in their heart and their heart is always going away from me. When the Lord split the Red Sea, Israelites walked through, and when they saw Pharaoh’s army drowning in the Red sea they started rejoicing and celebrating. That is the mind. In the evening, they switched to the sub-conscious mind and started operating in the heart. It was all good in the morning, they heard and saw miracles but, there is no joy and excitement, and no anticipation of another miracle.

Third day, after crossing the Red sea, they were in a place called Marah where the water was bitter and poisonous. Just before three days they saw such a great miracle of how Pharaoh and his chariots drowned in the ocean. When they could not drink the water in Marah, they did not operate in the mind, but their heart which was being trained for years together in negativity, failure, pain and depression started arguing and yelling. They rejected God and wanted to throw stones at Moses. This is why God said, their heart is always twisted and are always slipping away. They didn't understand the ways of

God. They celebrated God when they crossed the Red sea. That was the mind not the heart.

What God has kept for you should come out of your heart. It is in the spirit, but to manifest physically, we need to believe, conceive and cultivate it in our soul.

Proverbs 23:7 As a man thinketh so he is.

Proverbs 23:7 is not talking about the conscious mind, but it's talking about the sub-conscious mind. You will be like how your heart is. I want you to fast your mind from all the inputs of the world. I want you to renew your mind and senses, so that your heart gets re deposited with the right thought. It is very important that you need to start disciplining yourself to work on this. I want you to restart and renew your mind, so you get the right input.

COVENANT OF THE NEW MIND

God has prophesied again and again about the new covenant that he will establish with his children. We know that the new covenant came into force through the cross of Jesus Christ. Every time we take the Holy Communion, we renew or re-enact the act of the new covenant.

Salvation of the soul and being born again are not same. Some think both are same. Let me explain that now.

When you confess Jesus Christ as lord and savior and believe in your heart, you are born again. Born again is the transformation of the spirit. It happens in a second and stays forever. Once you are born again, according to the Bible you are worthy to enter the kingdom of God and the Spirit of God comes to live in you. You and God become one Spirit with God. You are seated in heaven in the right hand of the father in Jesus Christ and when we die, we will go to heaven.

Salvation of your soul is very different. Soul is the mind, emotions and will. The soul has to be changed. In the Old Testament, this was not possible because people were not born again. The Holy Ghost did not come into them but rather ‘upon’ them. God prophesied that He will send His Spirit into us and then we will be born again, and we will have a new heart.

The Holy Ghost also testifies to us about this,

Hebrew 10:15 This is the covenant I will make with them, after the time, says the lord. I will put my laws in their heart, and I will write them in their mind.

This is the new covenant: “I will give them a new heart, I will put my laws in their heart, write in their mind”. In Hebrew it is quoted from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:33

This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after the time I will put my law in their mind and write it on their heart. God says, I will be their God and they will be my people.

According to the new covenant, after the cross of Jesus Christ, after the Spirit of God in us, it says, He will be their God and they will be His people.

Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart; I will put a new spirit within you.

This is prophetic, but Ezekiel did not understand what he was prophesying because while he was prophesying that God will put the spirit within you, he was having the Spirit upon him not in him.

Ezekiel 36:26 can be interpreted as; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. He will take out the wicked, terrible, broken, failed, confused heart, and give you a new heart. Basically, God says, I will change the hard drive in your computer. I will clean your sub-conscious mind and give you a new mind.

He said, I will clean your mind and will give you a new mind. This would imply that, in the Old Testament days, people, no matter how much they tried, they could not clean their mind. But in the New Testament, God says, with the Spirit of God in you, you can work on cleaning your mind. You can work on renewing your mind. In the

Old Testament times, they didn't have the Spirit of God in them. They could not renew and clean their mind. But now in the new covenant, God says, I want to work in your soul and change your heart, because that is the only way to make you receive a miracle. I am trying to make you understand how important this is to work on your heart. You must work on your heart. Do you want to fly like an eagle or you want to fly like a chicken? It's in your hands. The Lord says if you want to operate in miracle, start working in your soul and heart, which is your sub-conscious mind.

I will give you a new heart is part of the covenant. This is not something new. But many people did not know this. Today everybody talks about being born again. True you are born again in the spirit. But the salvation of the soul is a different experience. Some people, who talk about the doctrine of grace, do not have the idea about salvation of the soul. They talk about being born again and think everything is done. Born again is in your spirit, that will manifest after your death. When you die, your spirit is relieved.

But today, because of the born-again experience, there is something you need to do. The new covenant is promised in two ways. It talks about born again in the spirit and the change of heart. If you are only born again, you will not live a victorious life in this world though you will receive in heaven. But having the experience of being born again and salvation of your soul, will make things start manifesting here.

Some people think Jesus Christ came only to take people to heaven. Then what about the second part of the covenant?

Isaiah 59:21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD.

Prophecy says how to receive your new heart. The three Prophets, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Isaiah, are talking about the covenant in different places. We are putting them together to understand what God is actually trying to say to the 21st century Christians.

The above verse says, “Isaiah, my spirit is upon you and my word I have put in your mouth. The words which I give you now, these words shall not depart your mouth, or your children's mouth or your children's children mouth or your generation's mouth.

He is talking about the new covenant, and the making of a new heart. Keep speaking the word and confessing the prophecy. It should not depart your mouth. If I say I am healed, as Isaiah says in chapter 53, then by his scars, I am healed. I cannot accept another word saying that I have this disease. If I take another word and start confessing it, Isaiah's word has departed.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you". Isaiah 60:1

By confessing the word, you save your soul, brain wash your mind and your heart changes. Let those words given never depart your mouth and never get out of your mouth.

Isaiah 60 is about your physical blessings and chapter 61 is about your spiritual blessings.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Isaiah 61:1

The second part of the covenant is your soul being saved. God says, "My word, ***the antivirus to cleanse your soul is*** given to you, to plug into your mouth. Download and keep it running in your system. Don't shut down the antivirus. Keep the antivirus on all the time. When the new covenant will manifest upon you, you will save your heart with all diligence.

Let's talk what the New Testament says about you.

Though now you do not see him (Jesus), yet believing you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of faith, the salvation of your souls. I Peter 1:9

In 1Peter 2:9, He is talking about those people who are experiencing the salvation of the soul. Once your soul gets saved and the virus disappears from your system, you will become like a small child, all the time brimming with joy.

Did you know why Jesus told the kingdom of God belongs to the people like small children, because they do not have the virus in their system. Parents, your grandparents, teachers, friends are those who impart the virus into the life of children.

But today, God is telling us to get rid of the virus. Then we will brim with joy. I Peter 1:9 is interesting, “receiving the end of faith, the salvation of your souls”. You know that your faith is going to end sometimes; there is a purpose for the faith in you. Do you know that Bible talks about the beginning and the end of faith?

Paul writes that Jesus is the beginning and the end of faith. He says, when your soul gets saved, your faith ends. The purpose of faith is to save your soul. By faith, the new covenant came into existence in our lives. Through faith we received the renewal of our soul. Now, when your soul gets saved, your faith has to end there. Once your soul is filled with the word of God and prophecies upon you, you don't need

faith to activate it. You are already full of it. You don't have to apply faith, you have become faith.

Peter says in 1 Peter 1:10-12,

¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Of this salvation, means salvation of the soul. The prophets of the Old Testament prophesied the salvation of the soul. But they did not understand, they were enquiring and researching carefully. In verse 12, “To them it was revealed, not unto themselves”. It was told to Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel but it was not for them. But it was to us, they were ministering the things which now have been reported to us through those who have preached the gospel by the Holy Spirit.

People preach to you by the Spirit that is sent from heaven, I am preaching to you by the Spirit of God that is sent from heaven in me. I am preaching to you on this. But it was prophesied by prophets long back. But the prophets did not prophesy about themselves, but they prophesied about us. They prophesied the new covenant being born again and salvation of the soul.

They did not have understanding about their own revelation. It's for us. If this is given to us, how careful should you and I be? How much should we work on this?

Romans 6:20

For when you are slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Some people misunderstand this verse when they say, “it talks about sinners”. This verse is talking about people who are slaves to sin. We are not slave to sin. Maybe you are sinning again and again but still you are not slave to sin. Some of you are wondering what we are trying to say. You were slave to sin, which is before the covenant. That is when God did not give you a new heart. Now you got a new heart. Now the heart has to be cleansed. Before the new covenant, this process was not in existence. So, the people were slaves to sin.

But now having been set free from sin, you have become slave to god, and you have the fruit of holiness and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 6:22

So now we are not slaves to sin. Our heart is in the renewing process. Now you and I are slaves to God. Your heart does not want to sin. Those days, our heart was not transformed; the transformation process was not there. So, they had no other way.

We may not understand that, because we don't know how they were operating. But let's believe what the Bible says. Those days, they did not have a process of trying to get away from sin. But now, there is a process. Your heart does not want you to sin. You are not slave to sin in the heart. In the heart you are slave to God. But still you sin.

Paul says, "No, No it's not me sinning!" Read Romans 7, where he says "I am sinning, but it's not me", which means it's not my heart; it's not my subconscious mind. There is a process of renewing. I am a slave to God in my heart. It's my mind, my conscious mind that is sinning. I want you to think, pray and meditate about this. We are not slaves to sin. But when we sin, it's not the heart, it's the mind.

We need to put the process in place. According to scientists, to change your sub-conscious mind, 21 days habit is enough. If you continue it for 21 days, it becomes a habit in you. Don't beat yourself being guilty because of the sins that you do in your mind.

Do you know a secret? Even I do sin. Don't judge me, Paul says, even he sins. Paul says what a wicked man am I in the mind. But our heart is a slave to God. Start the process. Some of us have the anti-virus. All the promises of God are anti-virus.

God gives us authority to trample over snakes and scorpions, upon all the schemes of the enemies. Nothing can ever overtake us. That's the powerful anti-virus. We need this anti-virus to win this nation for God.

Whatever virus is working in your body, health virus, financial virus, spiritual bondage virus, spiritual fear virus, no joy in the family virus, fear about the carrier virus, etc. Pray, ask God and compile the anti-virus. Then let that anti-virus never depart your mouth. Read it consciously 100 times a day. It will become a habit. All the negative thoughts will go away out of the door. You must start it today, now. This is the confession of faith. As we do this, things will change.

NEW COVENANT- 1 Ministry Of Reconciliation

I am so glad and thankful to God, for He is with us, directing and guiding us all through these days. Surely things will start manifesting in your life in the name of Jesus Christ. I declare and decree that your life will turn around, as you feel it and see it.

In 2 Corinthians 5: 16 -22, we read

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Also in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, we then as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says, “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Apostle Paul talks about 3 kinds of ministry in the New Testament. I’m not talking about the 5 fold ministry Paul spoke to the church. In general Paul shows the 3 kinds of ministry:

- (1) Ministry of Condemnation
- (2) Ministry of Death and
- (3) Ministry of Reconciliation

Unless you understand your position and relationship with God according to the new covenant, you will not receive. Many Christians though they are living in the new testament time, and taking communion as a mark of the new covenant, their mind still operates in the old covenant.

The problem with that is; as you still operate in the old covenant mentally, you will not literally get the help of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the agent of the new covenant. When you do not have the help of the Holy Spirit, you will not have miracles. You will

try to live your life by your own strength, by your social understanding and experience of the logical mind.

You will just live your life with what you understand by the word of God. Jesus never told to live a life like the Pharisees by just understanding the word of God, but Jesus told “I will send you the Holy Spirit who will teach you, guide you, counsel you and direct your path”. This is a different experience.

In the Old Testament there were laws to adhere by which you need to play the game and if you miss the law you will fail terribly. It was very stressful and fearful. You don't have to be with that kind of attitude in the new covenant.

Jesus says the situations might be the same, but I am sending you a guide. When you align yourself to that guide, your spirit becomes stronger. Your inner man connects to that guide; there is a remote Wi-Fi connection between you and the guide called the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit will teach you, counsel you, guide you and comfort you from point A to point B to secure that treasure. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit. So to make you understand, I want to debug the myths and the wrong ideas we carry in our minds. We all come from different backgrounds. Invariably we do not have the idea about the difference between the old and new covenant.

Listen carefully, when the new covenant came into existence the old covenant became obsolete says the word of God. You cannot hold on to the old as well as the new covenant. You cannot pour new wine in to old wine skin. It will tear up. If you add little sour batter to fresh batter, it will spoil the whole fresh batter. In this situation Paul is not talking about the sin. Some people might think that little sin will spoil you. Paul says that your idea about the old covenant is like adding sour batter to fresh batter. So, even if you carry a little of the old covenant along with the new covenant it spoils everything.

Paul very clearly differentiates this to be the first two kinds of ministries. The old covenant, he calls the ministry of condemnation and death written in stones and new covenant the ministry of reconciliation.

Glory of the New Covenant

2 Corinthians 3:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

Old covenant is the ministry of law. There were rules and laws through which you got to find your way out. That ministry rejected the governance of God directly.

In the great wisdom of God, God did not have the plan to bring this kind of ministry between Him and His people. But the Israelites on Mount Sinai, fought with the prophet of God. Until Mount Sinai, things were happening very differently. It was like, suddenly God would say let's go and they would follow. If God says to wait they would wait. If no water was there, water would be found somewhere. Everything was happening beautifully, but nothing was in the control of the people. Everything was in the hands of God. God was doing things according to His wish. The Israelites didn't like that. For 400 years, they were operating in the Egyptian economy, where they knew how much money they have, when the rain will come, when to sow, how to save, they knew they can live for six months without pay for they have saved so much. They felt powerful and they were controlling their lives. Though they were living a miserable life and were slave to the Egyptians, they were proud that they had control over their lives.

But when they left Egypt and came out, things were out of their control. Things were happening beautifully, no doubt about it. They didn't have a backup or an insurance plan and didn't know how long they would survive. They didn't know which direction they were supposed to go and didn't know what to do. They were just like little children following God. When He said "Go" – they had to go. When He says "stop", they had to stop. When he said, "walk this way", they

had to walk that way. When He said “eat”, they had to eat. When He said “sleep”, they had to sleep. They were not in control of anything. So, they got irritated, annoyed and started fighting with Moses and asked him “Are you the only person God speaks to? Why are you dominating us? Why are you dictating us? We want to know what God likes and what he doesn’t like directly. They wanted everything in writing. They were agitated and started revolting against God. They wanted to have things in their control according to their wish. So, God asked “I will give you, but will you obey me?” Everybody said, “Yes we will do according to the laws, just give us the laws, we will handle our life as we wish”. So, Moses had to go so many times up and down to Mount Sinai. Finally God gave him the law.

When Moses read the laws to the people, they said “This is what we want, give us the law, we will know what we have to do, and we will take care of everything”. **That is where grace left and law came into existence!** No grace, no love, no compassion, no forgiveness nor forgetting of sin as law came into existence. You pay for your sins. Tooth for tooth, eye for eye and stone to death. These were the penalties for sin. People said, “This is what we want, this is how it should be, we don’t want the guessing work of God.” Basically they didn’t want to live by faith they wanted to live by what is written. They thought that when they follow the laws and things doesn’t

happen, they can question God. Because that is how they were living in Egypt for 400 years. So, God gave them the law.

Before Moses came down with the written tablets they had already broken the law and so 3000 died instantly because they were not able to follow the laws God gave them. From then on generation after generation they were under the same blanket of law.

Then the Lord brought Jesus into the picture as he cannot cancel his own laws until someone cancels it. Jesus came as a human in flesh. He was innocent and without blemish. He carried every curse of the law upon himself.

Even before the law came into existence, sins were happening. When we read the story of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we see what all these guys did. Abraham repeatedly lied that his wife was his sister just to save his life. When the king wanted to take her and marry, Abraham said “please take her, marry her, and don’t kill me”. He lied and sold his wife away. God intervened in the dream of that king and said, “You would be a dead person, send Sarah back to Abraham”. God appeared in the dream of Abimelech and said you would be a dead man. This is God’s righteousness.

If you follow Jesus, he stands for you like a friend. He didn’t rebuke or attack or curse Abraham for what he did. But after law came into existence, whenever law was broken, there was immediate punishment and death.

Jesus came to deliver us, so that we can enter the new covenant. Abraham was under the covenant of grace. Through Moses and the Israelites, came the covenant of law. Jesus came to complete the covenant of law and he opened the new door for the covenant of grace again.

The new covenant is what we call as the ministry of reconciliation. The old ministry is called the ministry of condemnation. Paul writes about the ministry of condemnation in many places. The pastor who operates in the ministry of condemnation always condemns curses and threatens the church. The people in the church worship the Lord because of fear of condemnation. This kind of ministry is called as the ministry of death.

Without the understanding of the new covenant today many pastors in the churches talk about condemnation all the time. I was also a very powerful condemnation preacher once upon a time. In those days **Deuteronomy 28** was my favorite chapter, it's all about blessing and curse. I would threaten people and they loved me for that. I was very young, fresh from Bible College, full of fire condemn, threaten the people and yell at them. When I preach, I created the picture that I was very holy.

Now when I talk about the new covenant, some might misinterpret as Pastor would have sinned that is the reason he is not condemning people of their sins. As we are in 2020, I want the people to

understand the way we are going to operate. So the old covenant is called as the covenant of condemnation.

Jesus delivered us from the curses of the law. He completed the law and sent us the Holy Spirit. Now there is no condemnation in the new ministry called the ministry of reconciliation. It's like the time given by a judge to a husband and wife to reconcile. In reconciliation there is no law, condemnation and judgement. The Judge gives time for love to catch up again.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19 That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Jesus is the mediator here. He is like an advocate. He stands between God and man and tells, "I died for them, I carried all the pain or curse of the sin and have taken it up on me." He reconciles fallen man and the spirit of God. When reconciliation is happening, there is no law in action. When law comes into action, there is only condemnation and judgement. But when judge gives reconciliation

period for the couples it's all about forgetting the past and concentrating in the future.

There might be weakness and failures in you; you might fall here and there. You might have bad experiences and your mind might be discouraged, disturbed and distracted by so many inputs from the world. Whenever we fall because of this, Christ stands for us saying, "My son, my daughter I have died for you and He lets you connect with Holy Spirit once again." So when you fall, not the law but grace is in action. Jesus has paid the price for you!

I want you to understand the new covenant. If you don't understand this, fear and death will operate in your lives. You might think that 'I am in the new covenant and even If I don't understand the new covenant, I am under the new covenant'. But it doesn't work like that. If your mind operates based on the law, you are cursed. But if you live by faith and grace you are blessed through Abraham. If you believe the grace and the way God operated with him, you are living by faith and grace!

To understand this deeply, you should read the book of Genesis. In Genesis you can see how Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Israelites lived. There was no law and death. Even when they came out of Egypt they was grumbling and fighting. But nobody died until the law was given. After the law came into existence, there was death.

Church, I pray that you will come out of this mentality and hold onto Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:19 says that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

When God gave the ministry of reconciliation to Paul, it seemed like God told Paul, "I'm not counting the sins of people, you also don't count. Just go and tell them to reconcile."

It is similar to how spouses reconcile with each other understanding each other's weakness and circumstances. This might sound like I'm giving license to sin. You can take it either way. It is your problem. I do what the Bible says about the ministry of reconciliation, that's what I teach and preach. I will not make you holy by using the wisdom or old covenant, to create condemnation in your heart. Only the Spirit of God can make you holy, change your ways and attitudes. Neither man nor a preacher can counsel and do. We have to understand and surrender our strengths and weaknesses to God, because neither your strength nor your weakness counts to God.

The strength of Moses had to become nothing, before God could use him. Take your strengths and weaknesses to God. He will give you strength to overcome your weaknesses and strengthen you wherever needed. It's the ministry of the spirit of God. There is no more threatening and no more condemnation.

2Corinthians 5:20 says we are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We are called to appeal and implore on Christ's behalf to reconcile with God because God made Him who was of no sin to be a sin for us, so that we become righteousness. You don't become righteous because of living a righteous life but because of the righteousness of God. You have the righteousness of God because you have the faith in Jesus. That is why the New Testament says righteous shall live by faith not by deeds.

2 Corinthians 6:1, 2

1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

In Isaiah 61:2, the day of favor is for His people who follow the Christ by faith and the vengeance is for the enemies, those who do not know Christ. Jesus says, "When Holy Spirit comes to you, he will teach you about sin, judgement and grace."

The Holy Spirit does not talk about sin here. Those unknown days when I didn't have the revelation, I preached that the Holy Spirit will talk about sin. But one day God woke me up and showed the next verse. But it never occurred to me. Revelation is progressive! If you don't know this, you will not understand the next. Sin and Judgement are not for us.

When we read Isaiah 60, 61, 62 the devil will come and tell you, 'Pastor can do that, the other brother can do it, the other sister can do it, but you are not fit. Did you know how bad and wicked you are, your heart is terrible and you look here and there, do this and that. Then you start saying, "Oh yes God, not for me God. I cannot connect to this" But this is the demon's work.

In Revelation 12:10 it is written, "The accuser of the brethren is fallen". Devil always finds fault in you, accuses and tries to take control over you. Some Pastors also do this because they are ignorant of the new covenant. The devil tries to make you feel miserable. Guilt kills people more than anything else. The diseases like BP, Diabetes, and heart problem might come because of the guilt, tension and worries. Even doctors agree to this.

Mostly Christians are the guilty because of the laws and they live in guilt all the time. Pastors and Churches preach about guilt, husband threatens their wife with guilt, parents control their children and destroy their performance talking about guilt.

Don't threaten your children in the name of God. Whatever you speak over your children, and spouse creates the atmosphere in your house. If you keep threatening your children, there will be no freedom and joy. When they grow up they will do the same to you. Because the Bible says, he who takes the law will die by the law. But grace and love covers sin. Bible talks about sin being covered.

In Psalm 32:1 David says, "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."

Blessed is the one who knows about the new covenant, who knows the relationship between him and God. Many people are not blessed because they are living in the old covenant mentality. The devil enjoys and dines over your guilt. When you understand your relationship with God you will run towards your destiny, your call and your bright future.

You might say, "Pastor if you talk like this everybody will start sinning". But those who are waiting to find reason to sin will anyways sin but others will start running towards their destiny with all confidence.

You can reach your destiny by the strength of God. In spite of your weakness and shortcomings you will start running because you believe in Christ. When I have grace I run with grace. In the Old Testament, when someone accomplishes, it is not by grace, it's by their own strength. If you have the Old Testament mentality and

follow the law strictly, you will not complete the law by grace but by your strength and your discipline. When you complete it, you should not say you completed by grace.

But when we come to the New Testament, we say we got it by grace. Not because I'm worthy, not because I'm clean, not because I'm holy, but because of grace. Though I have many shortcomings, many failures, though I fall, though I commit sin, I run and I finish because of grace.

Once you start running like this you will receive power in the spirit to overcome. Your things will change. Then you will walk with new power, love and comfort without condemnation and guilt. We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus, born to win and take victory over this world and every power of darkness. Amen!

NEW COVENANT- 2

Blessed Are Those Whose Sins Are Covered

I Praise God for all of you. The time we invest in His presence will never go in vain. God honors our faith and sacrifices.

As we meditate in the ‘New covenant’, we need to know the in-depth understanding and illustration or else devil may deceive you since he knows your weakness. The devil attempts to toil two ways: firstly, he tries to jerk the person away from the knowledge of Jesus Christ and secondly, he keeps on waging against the people.

The devil attempts to keep us away from the love and the presence of God. The moment he thrives, it keeps you away from the destiny which God has planned for you. Hence guilt is created in the heart and pulls you away from prayer and acceptance of a miracle from God. The Bible says in Psalms 32:1

Psalms 32: 1

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

In the Old Testament you need to abide by the law to receive the blessings in life. If you do not obey, you will be cursed. The Psalmist

is prophetically speaking of the new covenant and he talks with regard to the Old Testament. Transgression is the product of disobeying the law. Sin is breaking the law and the covenant against God. I hope you would be aware of the term 'Aggression'. It is being angry and violent to create a ruckus. Transgression is aggression on or with someone.

For example, if a person commits a murder, that is a transgression for a family, but it is sin in the sight of God. According to the Old Testament, if you commit mistakes, you can go to the temple of God and the Priest will execute certain sacraments through which the person's transgressions will be pardoned. There are things done deliberately and cannot be exonerated irrespective of any ransom. So blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven and sins are covered!

How does the blessing materialize after you tumble? When does the Lord not count it anymore? Let's meditate on the word. As we read in Leviticus 4:20

Leviticus 4:20

and do with this bull just as he did with the bull for the sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for the community, and they will be forgiven.

It says that the atonement of sin will bring forgiveness, but in Hebrews 10:4 Paul pens that it is not possible

Hebrew 10:4

For It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

For the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins, in Hebrew the word 'kapha' for 'atonement' which means "covering" is used. Thus atonement is covering not taking away of immoralities. Paul evidently states in Hebrew 10:4 'taking away'. For a better elucidation I would like to give you an instance, the "kapha" is also used in the book of Genesis. Noah roofed the ark with coal so that water would not get into it. The words are repeated in the story of Noah, Leviticus 4:20 and Psalms 32:1. As Paul states animal sacrifice doesn't cleanse you from iniquities and Leviticus says atonement forgives your transgression. In Genesis 6:14 we read that

So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. Genesis 6:14

In the Old Testament sins are not forgiven but covered and in new covenant sins are washed or taken away. Jesus carried your iniquities on the cross. Certain people try to commit sin stating that Jesus will forgive them. Jesus did not pay for every sin that you will

do in future, meaning that no law has more authority over you. In John 16, it says

John 16:8-11

⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

When the Holy Spirit comes he will perform three things, convict about sin, righteousness and judgment.

The Holy Spirit will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement. Moving away from the presence of God, unacceptance of the Spirit of Jesus and so on leads to the wrath of God.

In the book of Genesis, Abraham, Noah, Isaac and Jacob and his twelve children and their children, were not condemned by God, but God was angry with those who relocated from the presence and didn't follow his Spirit. The people who relocate from the presence of God ended in unsolicited spirits which led to commit iniquity. The Holy Spirit convicts the non-believer about sin. The first entity occurs in the mind of the non-believer, he is sinful. He needs to permit the Holy

Spirit to cleanse him from all filthiness. If he does not pave way for the Holy Spirit to move on him, he cannot be cleansed from sin. Jesus says in ***John 16:16***

Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

The disciples were with Jesus. The Pharisees tried to mock disciples by the gesture of laws, but Jesus was there to intervene and comfort them. Hence Holy Spirit nurtured disciples as Jesus left the world. Holy Spirit will teach on righteousness.

The third entity is Judgment since the ruler of this world is judged. Currently, devil is the ruler of this world. The Holy Ghost arises against the devil to remind of judgment. Speaking in tongues enables the Holy Spirit to generate righteousness, strength and hope within you. It also makes you feel strong and full of faith.

I would like to clarify on ‘No Sin’. In the Bible we read in ***1 John 1:8***

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

When we tumble into a sin, most of the time we tend to operate in the Old Testament approach. We come to an assumption that ‘I sinned, I

cannot pray, worship and Lord is going to penalize me'. The Bible says sin sleeps at your door-post. If you seek God, you will be cleansed.

What does sin do with your life today in the new covenant? As I mentioned earlier God doesn't hold your sin against you. When God doesn't hold anything against you, why do you name it as sin? Sin allows or opens the door for the devil to enter you. God is dealing with your spirit. You need to control and discipline your soul. The Bible says to care for your body. For example, if you keep on eating that is a sin, eating, wheat and so on is a sin since God did not make you to over eat, everything must be equally balanced.

The soul gets ruined when you sin. It ruins your creativity, joy, love, and peace. Every sin creates turbulences in your soul. As God wants you to move from point A to point B, if you are caught in sin you are losing the progress and will not proceed. Your sin will hold you from progress. Sin assaults your soul and will not be able to operate in God's way. For instance Instead of reaching a place in 40 days you will reach the place in 40 years. Hence, you suffer.

God empowers your spirit when you discipline yourself! Request God to discipline the body and mind. Eat prudently, don't eat with your emotion, eat with your mind, control your hunger, eat to live, and don't live to eat.

If you seek God, He will give you wisdom. You may be a young boy or girl, going to marry or already married, blessed with children, or a grandparent. I believe that God has a turning point in your life. The moment you decide and ask God the strength to discipline, things will change in life.

Let's confess Isaiah 60 and 61 to overcome every weakness in life. You will rise in authority, glory and lead a victorious life. As written in Isaiah chapter 60, 61 & 62, the statutes of constitution in the new covenant, will manifest in your life. The word of God never goes in vain and fulfills what it's called for. May the Lord be with you!

Confess:

Lord, I live by your grace, though I have weakness, though I fall, I live by your grace. I rise by your grace. I will be victorious, I will receive the blessings by your grace, and I rely my life on the grace of God. Though I have a weakness, though I fall, though the devil tries to pull me down, though it is corrupting my soul and my body, I depend on the grace of God, Everything that's troubling my soul and my body I will overcome it by the grace of God. I will change. Everything that overcomes my body and my soul, I overcome it by the grace of God.

I cancel every guilt, confusion, trouble and cancel every other agent of the devil. By the grace of God, the devil has no hold on me

anymore. Devil cannot hold my soul and my body, I win by the grace of God, I will be victorious by the grace of God, I believe and depend on the grace of God. I receive all the promises of God. In the mighty name of Lord Jesus! Amen

NEW COVENANT-3

Not Our Righteousness But His Righteousness

In the scripture we read that when Samson went to Timnah, he fell in love with a Philistine woman. His parents and the society condemned him, but God chose him (His parents did not know that this was from the LORD, who was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines. Judges 14:4).

In the preceding sermon I spoke about judging everybody and judging ourselves. The moment we fall in judging chest, the Holy Ghost cannot guide us. We will be hard-pressed to guilt and whip ourselves if we disobey the Holy Ghost. In Romans 8:33 we read that

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Jesus Christ died, was raised from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us. There is an advocate, praying and interceding for us to God. Christ speaks for us saying, “He is my son, it’s tolerable, he will change, he will grow, and he will rise” this is interceding.

We need to esteem the intercession of Christ Jesus for us in the presence of the Father. Paul states that Christ is interceding for you and me, so you will not lose. Customarily we judge ourselves saying I am not good, I will not receive any blessing, the recent past, I was good, but not now God gave me this problem, He will not help me and my prayers will not be answered. But the truth is Christ is

interceding for us and we have an advocate at all times. We are more than vanquishers since a new covenant is given. Paul says, I am more than conqueror for he knew Christ is intervening for him.

In the Bible we read in Romans 9:13, God loved Jacob and rejected Esau.

Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

In Romans 8: 37-38 we read

³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Paul says Christ is interceding for you and nothing can discrete from the love of God. Do you agree? In Romans 8.30 we read

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

God has elected you; He has destined, justified and glorified you. You need to operate on this truth. Let's not operate in embarrassment and underestimate the relationship with God. The word of God says in Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Spiritual and physical blessings will be added if you seek the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is in us through the Spirit of God. We need to seek the edification of the Spirit in us. For example, computer needs windows operating system to work. If you want to listen to music, computer cannot do it by itself; we need to install a music player. The computer has the full potential to do anything but software and command is required to make it work. Correspondingly, we need the Holy Spirit to grow spiritually.

During the mounting progression, you don't feel anything. When a seed is sowed, it grows. When there is no fruit, no vegetable and no flowers, it's in vegetative state. But as it grows and grows, it can produce flowers and fruits. This is called seeking or edifying the kingdom of God.

Seek like a person who lost a coin, she sweeps the whole house to find the coin. The parable of the lost coin exemplifies on how to be convinced and seek the kingdom of God.

The day Holy Spirit came to the world, Jesus said, the kingdom of God suffers violence from the day of John the Baptist. Whenever the Holy Spirit hovers, he draws to the kingdom of God. Therefore, seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Jesus had an intention to say that 'his righteousness'. It can be your righteousness like the Old Testament, as people existed by their own righteousness. Pharisees and Sadducees, followed the Old Testament law. Nevertheless, Jesus says, not your righteousness, but His righteousness. Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things of this world will be added to you. The moment you

experience the Spirit of God based on his righteousness. Nothing will halt you!

BEING LEAD BY THE SPIRIT

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”. John 3:16

We need to understand that, many miracles that Jesus did are not recorded in the Bible. Also, many spiritual truths which Jesus spoke to His disciples are also not recorded in the Bible. But I'm glad we have the Holy Spirit to teach us.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus. Pharisees are those people who believe in resurrection after death. But Sadducees don't believe in resurrection. They are the dark side of Pharisees. Jesus spoke some deep stuff to Nicodemus, and it is recorded only in the book of John. Only John had written things a little deeper. Mathew, Mark and Luke had captured things in a different dimension. Let us see what Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in a more detailed view.

Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council came to Jesus one night as he didn't want to be seen with Jesus, but he knew that Jesus had something worth to share. He tells Jesus, “Rabbi (meaning teacher) we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform the signs that you are doing.”

Nicodemus starts the conversation in a praising tone. But Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” This may seem like Nicodemus is not asking about anything; he's just praising Jesus like you come from God and no one can do the things that you do unless they come from God. But Jesus sees inside Nicodemus. Nicodemus is coming in the

night not just to praise Jesus but to receive from Jesus. He came to drink from the well of flowing waters in Jesus.

It's not the words that you speak; God sees the desires of your heart! This is called as Consecration. Consecration is the desire that we submit to God and say, "Lord! This is my cry, this is my craving. Though I might be operating differently, I might be doing things differently, deep down there is a cry." There's no connection between what Nicodemus asked and what Jesus answered. Jesus is saying "look whatever I do is part of the kingdom of God". Nicodemus is a person who knows very much about the law, and in law there is nothing called as being born again.

In John chapter 3: 4-8

4. "How can someone be born when they are old" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born."

5. Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."

6. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

7. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'you must be born again'.

8. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus just comes and praises Jesus, but Jesus is saying look you got to be born again, not just born again but born of water and the spirit. Nicodemus is not able to understand anything here though he knew Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers, and Genesis at the tip of his tongue.

In John 3:10, 11

10. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

11. Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

I feel the church should say this often to the world. Jesus spoke these 2,000 years before, but today the spiritual people have to speak this verse with the world very often.

In John chapter 7 we read that the Jewish Council is meeting and they wanted to arrest and kill Jesus.

In John 7:50, 51

50. Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own numbers, asked,

51. “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?”

Nicodemus is trying to argue for Jesus by saying that ‘our Lord does not judge people without first giving them a hearing.’ So, he is trying to save Jesus from this tyranny of being arrested and killed. But before that the head of the Pharisee made a statement, as we read in John 7: 48, he is asking, has any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?

In John 7:49

49. No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law-there is a curse on them.”

The problem of Pharisees with Jesus is that Jesus was not operating within the dimension of the law book. He was operating in a different dimension and the Pharisees just could not understand and digest it, so they thought this crowd is going after this fake prophet and they did not know the law and are cursed. The Pharisees knew the law and Jesus is not fitting within the rules or the dimensions of the Ahamas. Jesus is superior to Ahamas and these guys did not understand it.

The crowd is following Jesus because of the miracles, healing, prosperity, victory and the power but this crowd is cursed. They also did not know the law. The problem is they wanted to fix Jesus within the law.

Today even the church is trying to put the Holy Ghost within the Ahamas, within their law book. The purpose Jesus came is to come out of the law book and show He is greater than the law. By completing the law, He became a new beginning, a new dimension and a new dispensation. So the confusion with the law and the Spirit lead person is not from today, it's since years.

In John 3:10-21

10. “You are Israel's teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

11. Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

12. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

13. No one has even gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-the Son of Man.

14. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15. That everyone who believes may have Eternal life in him.

16. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

18. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

19. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

20. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for the fear that their deeds will be exposed.

21. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done in the sight of God.

So, when Nicodemus comes and praises Jesus, his intention was to know certain things, how this prophet is able to operate the way he is operating. Jesus got to the point as He knew the heart of Nicodemus and what he was trying to say. Jesus said, “The most important thing is to be born again of water and spirit if you want to operate like me”. Nicodemus is now confused and says, being born of a mother can I be born again? Jesus replied saying you're born of the mother in the flesh so you are a flesh, but you got to be born again in the spirit so that you would be a spirit.

We have learnt it very clearly what is being born again; it means receiving Jesus or the spirit of Jesus into our spirit. It means my spirit

is dead from father Adam but now when I received Jesus into my spirit, it became alive. My spirit is born when I was born but it is dead when not connected to God; that is called being dead in the spirit. Now when I allowed Jesus to connect to my spirit, it is born again and alive. We allow Jesus to connect to our spirit by verbally confessing and our soul or logical mind should believe when our flesh confesses it. When the mouth confesses the resurrected Jesus as Lord, the logical mind and will has to decide to believe it.

Now this was the problem with the Jews; they didn't want to believe that this is the Son of God and He is coming to die, because they were looking for Him in the Pentateuch written by Moses. Jesus was mentioned in their scriptures, but they were not able to understand it. Jesus is there in the form of the sacrificial lamb; he's in the form of the blood of the Lamb which was put on the doorpost at Egypt; he was the Passover lamb which they celebrate every year of the month of Nisan. They celebrate Passover year after year; He is the Passover lamb, but they didn't understand it.

In Mount Sinai, when the law was given grace was taken away. When the law comes there is no grace and mercy. The moment the judge sits on his seat, he cannot have mercy because he has to abide by the law.

People demanded law because they came out of Egypt where they were operating in different economy. They were operating in a different mindset of insurance, banking and saving and knowing how much time they can live with the money they had saved. But when they came out of Egypt, they were not able to understand the divine economy. Divine economy is to carry nothing, but just live by faith.

In Egyptian economy you carry and store a lot of water through the wilderness. But God brought the people out of Egypt with nothing.

God said don't worry and don't become tired carrying all the water; I have stored water in rocks, I got chicken for you, I got manna for you. But the Egyptian economy corrupted these people. Though they left Egypt but their hearts were still operating in that mentality, they were still operating in that idea of Egypt. Though they went through the Red Sea with the presence of God, their soul didn't change. Though their spirit is connected to God there were Ahamas managing people.

Today in many churches, though their spirit is connected to God, their soul is still in the Old Testament, there is no change. They go out of the presence of God to Sinai. When you leave the presence of God and start finding your own ways you end up in Mount Sinai. You lack grace, lack mercy and you are under the law and judgment.

God had to rectify this, so He sent His only begotten Son to supersede the law. Jesus finished the law and He started a new dimension and new dispensation of grace. That dispensation began the day Jesus died at the cross. It came to force the day Holy Spirit was given to the world. We celebrate Independence and Republic Day in our country. For us the Independence Day is at the cross and Republic Day is when the Holy Spirit was given.

The day Holy Spirit was given 3,000 got saved and when law was given 3,000 died. As per the law they wanted to know what God liked or disliked. They did not want to be living at God's grace; they wanted authority to build their life. So Lord gave the law and the people were not able to handle the law and they died. Not only 3,000, but many died in the coming years because of the law.

As long as your heart is consecrated you have mercy. As long as your heart says Lord, **"I cry out to you; you are my God; you are my father; I honor you; I live for you; I believe in you; I trust in you;**

I want to live for you; I want to be glory for you”, you have mercy. That's beautiful.

But the problem is again in this New Testament, the church is looking for the Ahamas or the laws. It's bringing the law back. The moment you bring the law, you find yourself at Mount Sinai. God wants to remind you to live a life based on grace and not on the law. Don't expect judgment, expect grace all the time. When your mind is brainwashed to operate in grace you will not say ‘Oh God forgive me’. It's the law mentality, you feel guilty; you feel broken and unworthy. Then you go to God with no hope, no faith, no confidence, and with only guilt and heaviness in your heart. And you think it is holiness, the church has taught you to think it is holiness. The devil creates guilt and describes it as holiness. Guilt doesn't create holiness and it only makes you to feel pathetic and that's the trick of the devil.

So Jesus came so that there shall be life in abundance; not because you are worthy of the life. If you are worthy of your life, Jesus need not come.

Jesus came to liberate us from the heaviness and guilt. Jesus says, He will give us rest from the heaviness of the law and guilt that is pulling us down. He will give strength to transform us and create a new soul in us. According to the new covenant, God says I will create a new heart and I will write my laws in their heart which means you have to get rid of whatever you know and you have to start listening to the voice of God.

Because Nicodemus was full of law and he had followed the law too much he didn't get what Jesus said. So Jesus says you have kept the law; everything is fine but you have to flow in the wind.

When the temple tax collectors came to Jesus asking for the tax money, Jesus had a point. He could have fought with them saying we

are the children of the kingdom and we will not pay tax. Peter would've thought, this time Jesus is going to fight with the tax collectors against paying tax. But Jesus said 'ok, let's not be a stumble, this is not where we should fight, I didn't come to fight for money' and instructed Peter to catch a fish from lake where he will find four drachma coin to be paid for both of them. Though Jesus was not convinced, he was ready to do it because this was not for what he came for.

But there were situations where the disciples were not fasting which they were supposed to as per law for two days a week. Another place they were eating the grains as they were walking down on a Sabbath day. And the disciples were not washing their hands before eating which is wrong according to the law. When the Pharisees came and found fault with the disciples saying your disciples are breaking the law, Jesus could have told the disciples go wash your hands or don't eat the grains now. But He was actually attacking the Pharisees because that is what Jesus came to do. He came to overcome or supersede the laws.

It's like this; you do what the Holy Ghost leads you to do, not because the law says so. You fast for two days or longer as the Holy Ghost lead you, not because the law says you should fast. If you fast because the law says, it will be a soulish fast. When the Holy Ghost leads you to fast, it is totally different. You do things which the law does not demand; you don't speak unnecessary; you don't watch unnecessary things and you won't get distracted.

The Pharisees didn't know this, this is spirit lead. The law says you give one tenth of everything. As soon as you give, you feel that I have done everything and I'm great. Pharisees and the great man stood in the street and showed they have given everything according to law. The woman with two coins should give one tenth of it according to

law, but she gave everything. That is spirit-led. By the law you just give and boast about it, but when it is spirit led you give everything. Jesus is not de-meriting it; he is just turning it around so that the Holy Ghost will lead you to do supernatural things.

In spirit lead fast, you don't just fast or starve your stomach but you fast your mind and your emotions. You just don't give one tenth, but you give everything because you know something beyond what the Lord teaches.

There are many situations where people who are led by the spirit do mighty things because it is not dictated by the law. Though it looks like Jesus came to discredit the law, he actually came to connect us to the Spirit of God so that we will walk in authority and victory by the spirit and beyond any imagination of the law. The law says Jehovah our God is only for the Jews and Peter was sticking to the law. When Paul brought the revelation of grace, Peter got very angry and he was not able to accept that. He was still talking about shaving the head and circumcision though Paul was against this teaching.

Peter got the revelation of preaching gospel to heathens by a dream. Peter is breaking the law because of a dream. Whole story in the New Testament started because of the dream of a virgin girl. One virgin girl got a dream; she is a virgin and gives birth to a child and the husband also gets a dream and supported her.

Peter is breaking the law because of a dream. He got a dream to go and eat every unclean animal. It was very bad in the Jewish community, but Peter got a dream and says God has blessed it to eat. It was a spirit-led dream.

This year God says that you got to be vibrant, you got to flow with Him, and you got to be like the wind to sense and possess. You will

be going very fast, suddenly God says to stop, turn around and go right or go left, go there and you will find the treasures.

I believe this year God is going to use all of us into understanding, sensing and to be led by the spirit. Expect an adventure and a surprise.

Testimony Of Sis. Sandhya Prakash

Praise the Lord! My name is Sandhya, husband's name is Prakash and blessed with a son who is 11 years old. I have been part of Eternal Light AG church for the past 5 years. As the Bible says in



Psalms 42:1-2 “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? “

Earlier stepping to ELAG church my soul was craving for the living word of God. I prayed to God for almost 2 years, asking to lead us to a spiritual church as we were not attending a spirit-filled church. Just as David prayed, my heart also was thirsty for the word of God. God answered our prayers and led us to this church. From the initial day, GOD started to satisfy my thirst for his word through the pastor's sermons. My husband and I were growing spiritually day by day and we experienced God's presence in every walk of our lives. I would like to share a miracle as a testimony.

Nearly 5 months ago, I had severe stomach pain. I supposed it was due to a gastric problem and went to a gastroenterologist for a check-up. They conducted several tests and said “the pain is not related to any gastric reasons, but we have found a tumour (Ovarian cyst) and they suggested that I should consult a gynaecologist”. I carried the report to the gynaecologist and underwent USG (Ultrasound Scan). The scan result stated that tumor is of 9 cms. As it is larger in size need to undergo surgery as soon as possible since it may burst at

any time consequences will be severe and immediate hospitalization was required. Subsequently hearing that I was completely distressed. I prayed to God, to relieve me from surgery as I was not interested in taking it up. My prayer was filled with tears and tension. One Sunday I spoke to pastor on my condition and requested him to pray for me encouraged me that no surgery is required, God will heal you. When I attended the subsequent Saturday's prayer, the pastor prayed for me and gave the word "Spiritually prosperity". After prayer, I went home, meditated and prayed, asking God for spiritual prosperity and slept.

The same night I had a dream. In a dream, I was praying and the pastor laid his hands on me and prayed for me. Then a huge light came over me. I felt like I was lifted to heaven and I was praising and worshiping God. My heart became very light and filled with joy. The next day I shared my dream with the pastor. He told God has healed me and confirmed it to me with the dream. I felt so happy and stopped worrying and started believing that I am healed in the name of Jesus. As days passed by I went for scanning, the doctor who scanned me asked "Madam, where did you get the surgery done? The tumour is gone". When I heard those words, I started rejoicing and praising God for the great miracle he has done in my life. This is only possible with Jesus and Him alone. All glory to God.

As the pastor has always stated the same Jesus who raised and healed the sick, opened the eyes of blind 2000 years ago is with us with the same power and ability to do such things even today. The only thing we need to do is believe that he is able to do in our lives even now. I really thank God for the great miracle and also extend my thanks to pastor for praying, guiding and teaching us in-depth spiritual truth's to become the disciples of Jesus. I also believe God has a great purpose for our lives, my family and I shall be the "Oaks of

righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour”- Isaiah 61:3b

Praise the Lord!!

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He is an anointed preacher empowered to regenerate souls through his sermons. He was into part time ministry during his college days. Having graduated in Theology he is serving in full time ministry as a Pastor since 1999. Through his spirit-filled preaching he has brought revival and restoration in the lives of many. Many in his meetings are touched and experienced divine healing and deliverance as he powerfully ministers under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Through these years of ministry, the Lord has been using him in the areas of emotional and physical healing, deliverance from the bondage of evil spirits and witchcrafts.



His passion is to bring transformation in the lives of the people and to lead them into complete deliverance and make them understand their authority in Christ. The Lord is using him to inspire youths and families to propel into their next level in God where they start using the authority that is on them as a child of God. His passion for God's kingdom is evident in his preaching and it activates a brand new passion for the Lord in the hearts of people.

About the Church

Eternal Light AG Church has its humble beginning with 4 people in the year 2013. The church was formed by faith of a small group. Our mission is to reach and influence the world by equipping and raising leaders who walk in spiritual power and authority, establishing the kingdom of God in every walk of society.

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This book is brought to you by the literature ministry wing of Eternal Light AG Church. Sermons given by our Senior Pastor every Sunday are being transcribed, edited and published for the benefit of the body of Christ. We wish you will feel blessed and edified by these sermons.

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