

Course 105: The Five Fundamental C's

(RESPONSES OF THE TRULY REDEEMED TO THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL GLORIOUS TRUTHS)

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INTRODUCTION

Many people want to work for God. Unfortunately, the Lord is not looking for mere workers. God's plan is to find men and women who will first walk with Him as a pre-condition for working with Him. The relationship of God with Abraham, the man He called a friend was built on this principle.

Genesis 17

¹And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

²And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Those who want to work for God without first walking with Him tend to be spiritual hirelings and fair weather saints. When there are blessings, they loudly proclaim their affinity with God. But when expected blessings do not come through or seem delayed, anxiety, doubt, unbelief and even worse, they backslide or go into apostasy. Such people are professors, rather than possessors of the Kingdom of God. Their god is their belly!

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

¹⁸(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

¹⁹Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

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

²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

We must never forget the real deal of the new life we have in Christ and the ultimate prize. Our esteem of the ultimate prize should be so great that we are willing to forsake all else to obtain it!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (King James Version)

²⁴Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

²⁵And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

²⁶I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

²⁷But 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.

We need to shift emphasis from chasing after the anointing of the Holy Ghost for selfish purposes (fame, popularity, wealth) to unending hunger for intimate relationship with God. This will enable us to abide with Him and be living branches from which Christ, the True Vine, will manifest His nature and life.

John 15

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵I 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.

⁶If 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.

⁷If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As we abide in Christ even in inclement circumstances and tough times, the Holy Spirit begins to manifest His nature in and through us in a way others can discern. Our true identity is made manifest by the quantum of Jesus we can manifest when it is inconvenient.

Galatians 5:22-23

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

When this happens the Lord will trust us enough to release the fullness of the power and authority Christ purchased through His death and resurrection as His witnesses and ambassadors to a dying world - **Matthew 28:18–20; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Acts 1:8**. It is not enough to go into ministry. It is important that our ministry be built on the solid ground of character and integrity which endures until life everlasting. We need to be ministers whose works will pass through the intense fire of God and come out unscathed so that like Paul the Apostle we can confidently look forward to the crown waiting for us on the last day.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

¹¹For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹²Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

THE MYSTERY OF THE HUMAN WILL

The Word of God teaches that He created man to have dominion on planet earth as His assign. God chooses of His own sovereign will to have man in active agreement and partnership concerning His dealings with and on the earth.

Genesis 1:26-29

26And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 2:15

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

Psalm 115:16

16The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

It is interesting that God chose to bless man with one critical aspect of His nature: the will! God created man to be a free moral agent with a will to exercise and be responsible for his actions. For this reason, even a gift so fundamental as eternal life in Christ Jesus is not imposed on man. God regards as sacrosanct the exercise of the will of all humanity!

John 3:16-17

16For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

By experience we see that only few ever lay hold of the promises of God and respond appropriately.

Salvation by grace is the entry point into the Kingdom of God. Acceptance of the free offer of God is entirely a matter of exercise of the human will. In the same way, growing in grace and moving from one degree of light to others is entirely dependent on the will of the redeemed. There are many who will dwell too long on the mountain of salvation by grace. If they do not make further progress, they may end up in dead religious works and activities.

The Lord has made the Holy Spirit available however to enable saints to see the glory of the depth of the riches of Christ that lie ahead. As many as will respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to forsake the familiar and take a plunge into the depths of the grace of God, will soon discover the blessed state of their new life in Him!

Matthew 16:24-26

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

25For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26For 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?

Philippians 1:6

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

Philippians 2:13

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

A practical course

This course is intensely practical. It challenges us with simple truths that are clearly presented. The basis of this course is response of the redeemed to the five great blessings He offers freely in GSoM Course 104. As a reminder, we saw in that ground breaking course that God offers to those who will receive it, absolutely free of charge, these blessings:

- Redemption,
- Adoption
- Justification
- Inheritance
- Grace

The question is this: when we receive these five blessings that are graciously bestowed on us, without charge, what kind of responses does He require from His redeemed so that they can grow in grace to be all He ordained them to be?

COURSE SYNOPSIS

In view of the glorious truths that God presents to His Redeemed in Course 104, there is a fivefold matching responsibility from those who are His own. The five responses of the truly redeemed are:

1. **Conversion** – Based on Acts 3:19-21 the change of mind and heart arising from genuine repentance and salvation. This is the fruit of genuine holistic repentance.
2. **Consecration** – Based on Romans 12:1 and Psalms 50:5, the act of complete surrender to God to live for Him wholly.
3. **Commitment** – Based on Matthew 6:33, the act of single minded pursuit of the Kingdom and its righteousness as the primary goal of the redeemed on planet earth.
4. **Communion** – Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:17, the act of being in continual fellowship with God; conversing with and seeking directions from Him in all things and fellowship with other saints who are citizens of the Kingdom.
5. **Call** – Based on John 15:16, 1 Peter 2:9 and Revelations 1:6, the acceptance of the call of God on all believers to serve as priests and kings, ministering to Him, His people and fulfilling the transformational assignment of the church in our environment as the salt and light - Matthew 5:13–16.

Let us use the deep words the Holy Spirit offered through Minister Sondra Jenkins, President of Rhema Rain ministries and Director of the Global School of Ministry, Detroit to sum up this synopsis:

This Course 105 is without question one of the most important fundamental teachings that the Lord has shared through the Global School of Ministry. It provides us, as ministers, with a comprehensive and excellent understanding of the outcomes we should desire the Holy Spirit to accomplish through our ministries, and the lens through which we should assess our impact.

Too often, we use metrics of "success" that are not of primary Kingdom significance -- attendance, building size or appearance, budget, renown of speakers, distribution of books or audiovisual products, etc. While these may be interesting or impressive as outputs (actions taken; what was generated or produced) they do not describe what Jesus will be looking for upon His return -- outcomes (impact; results; what was ACCOMPLISHED in fulfilment of the mission).

As we move more deeply into the last of the last days, every action of our ministry work must be focused and intentional towards accomplishment of the mandate with which we have been charged. The "Five C's" give us the outline for that focus and intention.

FIVE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A WORTHWHILE KINGDOM LIFE AND ENDURING MINISTRY

We now present the five radical experiences which are entirely contingent on the submission of the will of those who seek to walk with God.

1. Conversion

Acts 3:19

¹⁹Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Conversion is total change of mind and heart about sin and its consequences. It is a real transition from darkness to light; from death in sin and religiosity to new life in Christ. God requires that man responds to His grace which brings salvation. That response must be real. It must produce clear fruit of a lifestyle consistent with that which the saint purports to receive. Anything short of this radical change of life and behaviour will negate our profession of faith and cause the sceptical world to remain hardened in their rejection of the grace of God.

Titus 2:11-15

¹¹For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

¹²Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

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

¹⁴Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

¹⁵These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

In effect, God does not want to patch up the lives of sinners or deal with them on the basis religious observance of a long list of do's and don'ts as Colossians 2:20-23 says. Rather, the Lord offers us a radical proposition which was prophesied by Old Testament prophets who were simply dazzled by what they saw in the spirit concerning the New Covenant: a radical

change of heart which will produce a brand new breed or nature of people on whose hearts, so to say, the very laws of God are branded upon!

Hebrews 10:14-17

¹⁴For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

¹⁵Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

¹⁶This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

¹⁷And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

By changing our nature and essence of our beings, we become members of the family of God and recreated in His own nature and likeness!

A person can repent of a sin or some sins without experiencing conversion - **Acts**

3:19. Conversion involves understanding of the sin principle that rules man naturally and rejection of the same. Conversion is based on true godly sorrow for the nature and life of sin that we lived which leads to full repentance and a new identity before God

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

From practical observation, many preachers are no longer declaring this foundational truth of the New Covenant between God and those who are truly converted. Consequently, many people respond to guilt over a dominant sin in their life which causes them embarrassment or shame. Mere repentance for a particular sin committed for which the Holy Spirit brings conviction may not necessarily lead to conversion! A person should therefore not just respond to a particular prominent or besetting sin but to the whole nature of sin which can only be broken by application of the precious Blood of Jesus Christ in faith.

To be converted one needs to fully understand that hell and eternal damnation is a just consequence for sin and sinfulness and that only the bloodshed by Jesus Christ at the Cross of Calvary is sufficient full redemption from the power of Satan and Sin. It is wrong to build one's life in the Kingdom and ministry on any foundation other than a genuine conversion experience.

In doing this the prince of this world will find nothing to accuse the saint of. Otherwise, the devil will lie in wait for the inevitable to happen: an open door through which he will eat away the supposed strength of the "saint" until a crash occurs. This often happens when an individual has achieved success. There are SOME in ministry today who never were converted in the first place but who glibly laid hold on **Romans 10:8-10** and make of none effect this foundational issue. The result is a lifetime of struggling with sin in spite of regrets and resolutions.

Evidence:

- Genuine conversion is the tipping point in the transition from sinner to saint and from lordship of Satan in a person's life to that of Christ. The first fruit of conversion is

receipt of the gift of the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus who breaks the yoke of sin and Satan and sets the saint free. The converted begins the **2 Corinthians 5:17** new life in Christ which is evidenced in the grace of God which enables the individual to live in holiness with the ability to detect and refuse solicitations to sin called temptation - **1 John 3:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10**.

- Genuine conversion results in the receipt of the Kingdom of God in the heart. The outworking of this indwelling Kingdom is a sense of righteousness, peace with God and joy in the Holy Spirit. This accompanies the inner witness of the Holy Spirit that one is saved and justified - **Micah 7:18-20; Romans 5:1-5; Romans 8:16-17; Romans 14:17-19**.

An Act and a Process!

It is important to add one essential truth: Conversion is both an Act as well as a process. It is an act in the sense that it is a practical outcome of a definite encounter with God on a particular date and time

It is also a process in the sense that there is no place for the redeemed of the Lord to relax and glory in a historic experience which may no longer be valid. This is what Paul referred to in his epistle to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:12-15

¹²Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

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

¹⁴Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

¹⁵That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Titus 3:8

⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Working out salvation with fear and trembling does not refer to the gift of salvation which is entirely received by faith but the walk which accompanies it. Of this walk, the converted is invited to yield up the old mindset - which is filled with the culture of his natural community, information learned in the process of education; life experiences which may be predominantly bitter and habits acquired for the renewing process of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. When this process is pursued with all diligence and seriousness, there is a transformation which occurs when the mind of Christ is systematically engrafted as the saint grows in grace.

2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

Romans 12:2

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

Ephesians 4:23

²³And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Philippians 2:5

⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

The process part of conversion receives a strong boost when we look up to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of faith and yield to the workings of the Holy Spirit

Hebrews 12:2

²Looking 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.

Philippians 2:13

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

Philippians 1:6

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

A saint who is responding to the inner workings of the Holy Spirit in this fashion comes to a point where the desire of Jesus is his/her desire. There is no more a clash of will between the saint and Jesus!

Hebrews 1:9

⁹Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

He loved righteousness and hated iniquity! The inclination of the heart of the redeemed will draw down the grace to abide in Jesus and bear, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of His nature and life

Galatians 5:22-23

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

We live in a generation where preachers have taken political correctness and seeker friendliness to a ridiculous new low. In this generation, sin is glibly excused as “natural” for those who claim to be saints. The result is emergence of a strange theology which demonises

the preaching of righteousness and of the pure Word of God. Saints, let no one deceive you: the standard of God is that those who are members of His family should bear the imprint of His holy nature with power to resist Satan and his solicitations to sin:

2 Timothy 2:19-22

¹⁹Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

²⁰But 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.

²¹If 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.

²²Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 John 3:4-9

⁴Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

⁵And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

⁶Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

⁷Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

⁸He 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 the works of the devil.

⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Satan has sought to lure the Church of Jesus Christ into the numbers game where the emphasis is to have as many people as possible inside the four walls of religiously designed buildings in the name of "Church Growth". Jesus has a different paradigm for evaluating His Body as the letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 reveal. Let us focus intently on making sure that those Jesus brings our way are converted. Then and only then will their names be wiped off the book of death and transferred to the Lamb's Book of Life! These are they whose sins have been truly washed away by the Blood of the Lamb and are therefore The Church within the physical buildings and mixed multitude we call churches! The converted are the remnant of God!

2. Consecration - Matthew 16:24–26; Romans 12:1; John 12:24; Psalms 50:5

Consecration is the conscious surrender of EVERYTHING YOU ARE AND HAVE TO GOD AS A LIVING SACRIFICE TO GOD. Every saint is called to live a life of total consecration to God! It is not a special act for a select few super saints, but the ordinary, normal Kingdom life in daily expression!

Romans 12:1-2

¹I 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.

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

It is the conscious decision, after counting the cost, to lay down everything and every moment of time to God in gratitude for His abounding grace in Christ Jesus which saves us from condemnation. Even in the Old Covenant, this principle has been sacrosanct: that those who are His need to prove it by being totally consecrated to Him! Israel was a type of what God would require of His saints – a people called and set apart unto Him.

Psalm 50:5

⁵Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Embedded in the true gospel of the Kingdom of God is the notion that those who want to be His disciples must first count the cost and make a rational decision accepting His Lordship, even in the face of death and difficulty.

Matthew 16:24-26 (King James Version)

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

²⁵For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

²⁶For 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?

It is instructive to note that only those who are consecrated to Jesus, His Kingdom and any project to which He calls them can last the distance. An interesting incident happened one day when the weight of the demands of discipleship hit many of the followers of Jesus and they fell away. The secret is that no one can truly come to Jesus except the Father draws him/her first!

John 6:47-69 (King James Version)

⁴⁷Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

⁴⁸I am that bread of life.

⁴⁹Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵²The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

⁵³Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁵⁵For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

⁵⁶He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

⁵⁸This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

⁵⁹These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

⁶¹When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

⁶²What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

⁶³It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

⁶⁴But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

⁶⁵And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

⁶⁶From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

⁶⁷Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

⁶⁸Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

From the day we receive Jesus and the Kingdom of God in our hearts till the day of death or return of Jerusalem, there will be many challenges that will war against our ability to cling to Him. There will be storms, difficulties and dire temptations. Only the consecrated will stand strong and overcome. In the letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor, Jesus repeatedly asserted that His Crown is for those who “overcome”.

Consecration is based on these premises:

- Understanding that God owns us! He owns us because of these three factors:
 - He CREATED us.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- He REDEEMED us with the precious Blood of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 6:19-21

¹⁹What? 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?

²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Revelation 5:9-12

⁹And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

¹⁰And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

- His PROVIDENTIAL CARE secures your life from destruction.

Lamentations 3:21-23

²¹This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

²²It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Furthermore, total consecration to God is based on these premises:

- Realisation that living for self to achieve your personal ambition is a cheap life. There is now a crafty twist by Satan to make saints pursue their personal fleshly ambitions under the guise that they are fulfilling “purpose”. This dangerous secular humanistic theology is responsible for the massive falling away and disdain for the message of the Old Rugged Cross which has occurred in this generation.

- It is better to live for God and wholeheartedly understand and pursue His vision for your life rather than your personal ambition and preference. What God has purposed for you can never be grievous. However, true saints are required to die to self and ambitions before

the greater purpose of God can be revealed. Death to self and consecration to God is the true spring board of genuine spiritual productivity. It is to such saints that God can entrust both the mysteries of the Kingdom as well as its wealth.

John 12:24

²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

When you consecrate all to God your worldview will be dramatically changed:

- You begin to see things differently, from a God perspective.
- Your eyes will be fixed on eternity and all your thoughts, words and actions reflect an eternal, rather than a temporary perspective..
- You want to please God in all things.
- You want to know and do the will of God in all things.
- You trust God with all your heart concerning your future and life.
- You are not afraid of anything for you know whom you believe.
- The promises of God get fulfilled in your life without struggle or too much praying.
- The focus of your prayers will change from self centred to divine matters and you pray with greater confidence.
- You mature faster in the Lord in spite of your age.
- You live for the Kingdom even in the face of tests and adversity for you know the end from the beginning.

A consecrated life is the basis of living the Kingdom life in this dispensation. The only way we can prove the reality of the Kingdom of God in the now is in the lifestyle of consecrated saints who live such an “other world life” that speaks loudly of its superiority to the fleshly ambitions of earthly and earth bound people. This is the life of true and faithful witnesses that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord! It is not a slogan but a lifestyle!

No. 3. Commitment - Matthew 6:33

God does not ask for our conversion from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom and consecration to Him so that we can go to “church”, feel good and wait to die and go to heaven. That is the spirit of religion trying to deny God His due in us. The purpose of God in requiring us to give Him the whole of our heart is to simply bring us to a new place of responsibility as His sons, citizens and ambassadors of His Kingdom to a corrupt and dying world wherein we live physically. That is another way of saying that those who are truly converted and consecrated are dual citizens of both the Kingdom of Heaven and the physical nation where they were born or live in. Paul the apostle captured the essence of our dual citizenship in his epic epistle to the saints in Philippi.

Philippians 3:20-21

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

²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

In the pressure of life and need to meet daily needs and challenges, it is easy to forget this simple truth: there are two contending kingdoms and two widely different set of people on earth! Jesus Himself captured this truth in His High Priestly prayer, reflecting clearly the fact that ultimately, there are two opposite races of people on earth: His own and those of Satan:

John 17:

⁹I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

¹⁰And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

¹²While 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.

¹³And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

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

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

¹⁸As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²²And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

²⁴Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

²⁶And 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.

The apostles of old knew this to be fundamentally true and preached it with clarity. It was the basis of their lives and ministries! The entire essence of the gospel of the Kingdom hinges on this reality that God made a way for human kind to be inducted into His holy, loving and blessed family through the Blood of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. Today, men of corrupted minds have manufactured a gospel which has taken off this critical ancient landmark! We need to get back to the truth of two peoples and two kingdoms on earth in order to have the right focus and orientation.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

¹⁶And 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.

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

¹⁸And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

1 John 2:12-17

¹²I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

¹³I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

¹⁴I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

¹⁵Love 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.

¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The Call to Commitment

God is asking His saints to come to a place of unconditional acceptance and whole hearted pursuit of the divine assignment for their lives which is advancement of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is advanced firstly when saints live an “other worldly”, Christ centred, self-less and loving life which is clearly superior to the self-centred, selfish ways of this present world. This makes us witnesses to Christ whose lives empower the profession of our lips.

Acts 1:8

⁸But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This earth and the world system thereon is corrupt and defiled. God has purposed to use us as the Salt.

Matthew 5:13

¹³Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Salt has two main properties whose effect on what it is applied to reflects how the Kingdom of God affects people and systems under the yoke of Satan:

- **Salt adds flavour and the value of taste.** No matter how expensive the condiments you buy from the grocery store are, they are tasteless when cooked! A tincture of salt worth say 5 cents will bring out the true value and taste of the expensive fish, meat and other condiments you cooked whose value may be up to \$25! This is why true saints must give the Holy Spirit right of way to use them as vessels to manifest how things should be done in civil society, government, business and indeed all sectors of the economy. We are not to engage in an assumed “holy” rat race to dislodge unbelievers, take over the summit of all mountains of culture and then declare that the kingdom of heaven is now ruling on earth. That strange doctrine is a clever attempt by the enemy to make us forget that the ultimate phase of the Kingdom of God lies in the future when Satan will be bound by a single angel, Jesus will return, put down all rebellion, rule and reign for a thousand years with the saints triumphant.

Revelation 20

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

In this present time, evil will continue to be widespread but the presence of the Church of Jesus Christ – His saints, not church buildings, denominations or elaborate programmes – will push back and create a spiritual “Goshen” in our various cities and nations. The Lord is calling on His own not to stray out of this “Goshen” for the spirit of Satan rules those in the larger world, hence much wickedness, strife, betrayal and negativity. We are to consciously engage with our communities for the sole purpose that through our lives and preaching, those ordained for salvation shall receive the lifeline God offers them through us and make the transition to be where we are in Christ!

1 John 5:18-21

¹⁸We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

¹⁹And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

²⁰And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

- **Salt preserves from corruption.** Before refrigerators were invented, the way to preserve fish, meat was to salt them and leave them to dry in the sun. In the same way, the engagement of true saints in their families and communities will preserve them from total destruction. Many times, we are blissfully ignorant that sin riles God and so to say, “poke Him in the eye”. It is the fact that saints are still on earth and in the various communities that the judgement of God has been delayed. In the interim, God is accepting the intercession of burdened saints to spare families, communities, cities, states, nations and the whole world!

Jeremiah 5

¹Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

¹³If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

¹⁴If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Flowing there from, the Kingdom of God is advanced when those who are therein make it the prime pursuit of their lives to allow His Light in them to illuminate the darkness in those who are under the dominion of Satan.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Proceeding there from, the saints declare, with all that is in them – life, time, health, strength and wealth the glorious gospel which is the power of God unto salvation for all who will believe. God is therefore looking for saints who will overcome the natural inclination to fend for themselves, trust Him and His word completely that He is a just God who cares for the welfare of ALL His own and rather yield their entire beings and worth to single minded commitment to manifestation and advancement of the Kingdom of God where He has planted them. Commitment requires total focus, passion and drive!

Matthew 6:19-34 (King James Version)

¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²²The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

²³But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

²⁶Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

²⁷Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

²⁸And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

²⁹And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Commitment is based on:

- Understanding who you are in Christ and who He is in you.
- Understanding the purpose of your creation, redemption, preservation and provision which is to worship God continually with your being and all He gave you.
- Re-setting your priorities in such a way that the pursuit of God, His Kingdom and His righteousness becomes your very life.
- Audit of your spiritual DNA to determine your spiritual gifts, their mode of operation and your assignment in the Kingdom - **1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3–8; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-12; 1 Peter 4:10-11.**
- Taking your appointed place in the specific move of God to which He calls you; keeping rank in a spirit of true unity under the authority God sets as a covering over you - **Joel 2: 7-9; 1 Chronicles 12:38; Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:7, 17.**

Committed saints are distinguished by their singleness of purpose in seeking intimacy with the Lord and active participation in His now agenda. Their focus is so sharp and their zeal so hot that their very presence announces the Kingdom of God in every situation. They are not ashamed of their identity as the redeemed of the Lord. These are the quality of saints the world awaits to see.

Because of this, the Lord commits to saints who are committed to His Kingdom, the Authority of the Name of Jesus as the Key to demonstrate the reality of God!

Matthew 16:19 (King James Version)

¹⁹And 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.

So far we have discussed these fundamental responses which God expects from His saints: CONVERSION or total change of mind and direction from sinner to saint (Acts 3:19), CONSECRATION to Himself as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1) and COMMITMENT to His Kingdom(Matthew 6:33). Today, we share a download on the 4th C: Communion.

No.4. Communion - 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 7:7– 9

Communion is the act of developing intimate relationship through constant communication and interaction. We are called to communion on two dimensions:

4.1 Upward Communion with God as our heavenly Father.

God demonstrated our affinity with Him by the incarnation of Jesus as Emmanuel –God who came as a human being to feel our infirmities, take our sins upon Himself as a Sin-Offering and atonement.

John 1:11-14

11He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14And 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.

Proceeding from the act of reconciling us to Himself, God inducted us into His family and gave us the liberty to call Him “Abba”, an affectionate term for “dear Father”.

Romans 8:14-16

14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

By this God marks His relationship with us apart from those of the gods of various religions. Their gods are impersonal, distant and fearsome. He has come down to our level through the incarnation and has set Christ up as High Priest to all His earthly children, interceding for us on the basis of empathy with our situations!

Hebrews 2:10-18

10For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

14Forasmuch 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 him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

What an extraordinary God who desires RELATIONSHIP with us, not dry rites of passage called RELIGION!

Communion with God goes beyond the fire brigade approach of praying for needs when they arise. It is a state where your heart and mind are wholly focused on the Lord and fully yielded to the Holy Spirit to have His way. Communion aligns our mind to that of God's and puts us in a position to hear Him clearly on issues of life and ministry. That is why true prayer is like the work of a mid-wife! A true intercessor is not wrestling to change but to bring to birth the will of God!

Jesus Himself is our perfect example on how to commune with the Father. He prayed in and out of season. He sought the face of the Father on ALL things and expressed it clearly by His Words and actions that submission of His will to the will of the Father was His most outstanding priority! May we follow His example!

John 5:30

30I 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.

John 6:38

38For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

This attitude of submission to the will of the Father found ultimate expression in His epic encounter with the reality of the intense pain and suffering when He was at Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:36-46

36Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Benefits of emulating Jesus

* We also yearn to know His will in all things and do not run ahead of God in any matter, small or great - 1 John 5:14-15.

* Prayer becomes a lifestyle rather than an activity - Philippians 4:6-7.

* We draw down the fullness of enablement of the Holy Spirit who helps us overcome the infirmities of the flesh to formulate both the words and specific direction of prayer that our Father in Heaven desires from us - Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 14:1-5; 14-15.

The Lord is not expecting His saints to strive with His will rather, saints are to assume the posture of a midwife in the labour room as they travail to birth the will and purpose of God in all situations - 1 John 5:14. A true intercessor is thus a spiritual midwife who takes his or her place in birthing the will of God.

This is why we must make prayer a lifestyle of communing with God rather than the knee jerk reactions of people who come to take away from God in times of crises!

1 Thessalonians 5:17

17 Pray without ceasing.

4.2 Communing sideways with other saints in Fellowship.

As we relate upwards with God as Abba, He expects us to relate sideways with other saints who are also adopted into His family, irrespective of their races, ethnicity, gender and age or socio economic status. Many times Satan wants to use those factors to divide us and sap our strength as the ONE NEW MAN of God. We must overcome such divisiveness caused by loyalty to mere men and live in unity by effective communion. The key is to understand who we are in Him and accept other saints too, seeing them as He sees them, not as we think!

Ephesians 2:11-20

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone

1 Corinthians 3:1-7

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 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.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord

gave to every man?

6I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Ephesians 4:1-7

1I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

This is why Jesus headlined His epic pattern of prayer by referring to the universal Fatherhood of God:

Matthew 6:9

9After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Communication is the principal glue that holds human beings together. When we communicate sincerely and transparently, genuine communion takes place! In this last generation, there is no more excuse for any saint to be isolated. God has literally gone ahead of us to create the infrastructure for His family to remain connected. Various advances in Information Communication Technology as well as in Social media interfaces like face book, skype, conference calling with voice or video; telephony and email/instant messaging have shrunk the world into a true global village!

It is time for saints to put to death by the Spirit their old man with its lusts for prominence, power and recognition in order to attract the presence of Jesus and the unsurpassable powers of the Holy Spirit!

Matthew 18:19-20

19Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 2:1-4

1And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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

This was why Paul appealed to the saints in Corinth to live in true unity marked by the quality of the communion.

1 Corinthians 1:10

10Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

All saints are to note these principles:

- Love of the brethren should lead us to accept, cover, communicate with, tolerate and be sensitive to their feelings, fears and needs of other saints in fellowship until they mature to handle inevitable conflicts that are bound to arise. 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 2:1-4. The more mature have great responsibility in this regard Galatians 6:1-2.
- The principle of Love and Unity (John 13:34-35 and John 17) leads us to desire true fellowship with one another rather than be a mere gathering of individuals - Acts 2:41-48.
- We are thus able to appropriate the power of agreement and tap into the mystery of God's commanded blessings - Matthew 8:18-20; Psalms 133.
- The Church is thus able to be used of God to show principalities and powers in heavenly places the manifold wisdom of God - Ephesians 3:9-10.

Saints, let us relate as brethren!

Hebrews 10:25

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

So far, we have discussed four of the fundamental C's:

Conversion > Consecration > Commitment > Communion.

We will now zero in on the fifth C: Call.

No.5. Call - 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Every saint is called into ministry. There is no middle ground or grey area concerning this absolute fact and truth: every child of God is an integral part of His Royal Priesthood wired with all it takes to do the work of the ministry.

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But 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 marvellous light;

¹⁰Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The power of religion is sustained in the New Testament Church when some leaders retain the Old Testament mindset concerning the priest hood. In that mindset which God yearns to renew and transform, the priesthood is reserved for a select few who alone have access to Him while the vast majority are basically a "laity" who need the mediation of the "clergy" to be able to access the mysteries and blessings of heaven.

When Jesus came, one of the things He came to do was to effectively end the Levitical or Aaronic order and continue the Order of Melchisedek which predated Moses, mediator of the Old Covenant!

Hebrews 7:21-22

²¹(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord swore and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek:)

²²By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

The Covenant Jesus came to seal is an extraordinary one. It calls for all humans of all races, gender, age, socio-economic status, education to become the ONE NEW MAN OF GOD!

Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

¹⁷And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

¹⁸For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The New Covenant creates a Kingdom of Priests and Kings. Priests minister to God and to humans. Kings exercise authority of the King of Kings and rule. Each individual in this covenant is vested with the ability to represent God where they are by spiritual gifts they receive without any human effort as part of their identity in Christ, as members of His Body.

From the day we receive Jesus into our hearts and become converted and translated into the Kingdom of God, a weight of responsibility comes upon us, requiring us to be instruments through which others will be reconciled back to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

²¹For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

As Christians, we need to understand the following:

* God has already wired us spiritually for ministry with Spiritual Gifts - **1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3–8; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-12; 1 Peter 4:10-11.**

* Ministry is simply the EXPRESSION OF WHAT WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH BY GOD. Ministry is not and cannot be the clerical robe and collar which a select few wear neither is it the work done from the pulpit alone.

* Because of the above, ministry in the New Covenant Concept of the Kingdom of God is received in the realm of our spirit-man. Therefore it has nothing to do with our gender, age, race, ethnicity, educational attainments or any other humanistic consideration.

* Apart from the exercise of spiritual discipline in the case of an erring brother or sister, no human being has a right to hinder another saint from releasing what God has deposited on account of race, age, gender or other such natural considerations.

* Any group, denomination or practice which divides the House of God on account of gender, age, status may well be fighting God who deposited the gifts in those He vested them!

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Each member of the Body of Christ finds the appointed place and role according to the quantum of spiritual gifts that have been vested by God..

Romans 12:4-8

⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

⁷Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

⁸Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

²Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

³Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

⁴Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

⁶And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

⁹To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

¹¹But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Ephesians 4

¹I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

²With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

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

¹¹If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God has given to the Church Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers to equip the saints to step into this great role so that the middle wall of partition that separates clergy from laity is torn down. This will lead to a situation where every saint discovers, pursues and

fulfils the call of God on their lives. When this becomes a reality, the Body of Christ will not be filled with unstable souls ever learning and confused. Rather, the Body will become functionally connected and mutually edified and strengthened by what every joint supplies.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

¹⁴That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Down the wire: key Points to Note

1. God has created, redeemed and called every individual member of His family for a specific purpose on this side of eternity. True success in the Kingdom therefore is not accumulation of material stuff but to know and walk in the calling of God. Until you discover and walk in the specific calling of God, you are still carnal and a babe!

Romans 14:17-18

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Matthew 6:30-34

³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

2. Every saint is called to ministry. It is your fundamental spiritual right to know who you are in the spirit; accept what God has called you to be and to do.
3. One of the best things which can happen to you is to prayerfully discover and connect humbly with the vessel God ordained and equipped to mentor you into your assigned ministry. Do not get a mentor for yourself neither should you put God in a box by insisting such a vessel must conform to your carnal expectations or denominational and cultural mindset. Just pray with sincerity and allow God to speak. Humble yourself and approach the vessel with what God told you and follow instructions. Proof that such a vessel is ordained by God will show in your spiritual growth, productivity in the Kingdom and ability to reproduce after your kind.

2 Timothy 2

¹Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

²And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

4. Although everyone is called into ministry, this does not negate the need for and the authority vested in fivefold leadership which is simply the headship gifts of Christ in the Kingdom church. The five fold will always exist on this side of eternity. They are not to work alone as lone rangers but as part of a spiritual team God will use cooperatively to release the quantum of Grace which the saints need to be perfected and mature. Saints are to embrace, accept, love and appreciate the fivefold vessels God sends to them.
5. Realize that God always processes those He calls. There is a process of time and circumstances between the Call to the Commissioning of a vessel. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, Jesus, the 12 Disciples and Paul were all called, processed and released into enduring ministry AT THE RIGHT TIME.
6. As an individual, you must give yourself over to know how God calls us, the various ways He speaks to us and how to respond promptly to His call.
7. As an individual, you also need to submit to a process of training and equipping in order to do enduring ministry built on the solid ground of character. God has raised the Global School of Ministry for the purpose of preparing you in this regard. God has also graciously given a release for much of the training to be conducted via face book and in your email box.
8. It is your responsibility to realise and deal with constraints which may impair your ability to be all that God ordained you to be.
9. Do not be like many who make a ship wreck of their faith when: they do not prepare but presumptuously plunge into ministry or function in ignorance - **Hosea 4:6**. Such people generally disdain training.

10. The worst offenders are those who reject the plain teaching of the Word of God altogether and opt for Babylon's dichotomy of clergy versus laity.

Without a sense of a call, a minister will never experience fulfilment. Love of money and other material things can displace devotion to God. This will lead such people to backsliding or apostasy.

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

¹⁸(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

¹⁹Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

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

²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

To gain a complete understanding of the mind of God on the subject matter, please study the following courses of the Global School of Ministry:

GSoM Course 119: Discovering and Fulfilling your Ministry;

GSoM Course 121: Market Place Ministry and

GSoM Course 122: Women in Ministry

GSoM Course 112: The Ascension Office Gifts (Five fold leadership gifts)