

## The Reality of Righteousness Part 2

### The Voice of The Bride

Rev 22:17

*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

One of the things that will happen when we have a revelation of righteousness is that we will collectively become the voice of the bride.

Where is the voice of the bride today? We hear the voice of the Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist and the Teacher, but I have to ask, where is the voice of the bride? Most today sit in a church always listening to the pastor/teacher but never hearing the bride. God wants to be expressed in a corporate body. In the beginning we were made in the likeness and image of God. How do we express ourselves? We express ourselves mainly by words. Without words there is not much expression.

If you never said anything, you could sit in my presence from morning till evening, and it would be very difficult to discern you. However if you speak with me for a while I can begin to discern where you are in your spiritual experience. Your words express what you feel and believe on the inside. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. You speak what you believe. Your words are your expression.

We are new creation men and women so that we might be the fullness of His expression, that we might open our mouth and reveal the hidden mysteries and the secrets of the Kingdom of God. Oh that man would learn

that he is an expression of the divine life and nature. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come".

### Dumb Idols

Paul said to the Corinthians, "*You were not lead away unto dumb idols.*" 1 Cor 12:2. Dumb idols never speak. False gods and idols – fill your house with them; they never have anything to say. Our God is a speaking God. Hebrews chapter 1 says, "*God hath in these last days spoken unto us in His Son.*" A better translation is that He has spoken unto us in the very person of His Son, He was the brightness and the full expression and the image of His Father God. God speaks and reveals through the spoken word, which was manifested in His Son. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come". When the church understands the relationship that it has with God, you'll begin to hear more and more the voice of the bride. If we come together, and all we hear is the Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist, and the Teacher, we fall short of what God designed for man. You are an express image of God, if you have been born of God; you have within you the indestructible, uncreated life and nature of your Father God, and you are on this earth for the express purpose of giving Him expression through you.

### Two Kinds of Meetings

There are at least two different kinds of meetings for the people of God. There is the teaching or training meeting where the leading ones minister the word and everyone else listens. This is the kind of meetings most Christians are familiar with. These meetings are very necessary as this is where we hear the fathers speak and minister the living word to the Church. Some who have left the religious system feel that this kind of

meeting is no longer necessary. However in these meetings the Lord is dispensed in a very living way to the saints and will build them up in the faith so that they can minister to one another.

The second kind of meeting most are not familiar with, and that is when the saints come together and each one is encouraged to share their experiences in the Lord. This is where the voice of the bride is developed. This is not a meeting where it is a free for all but each one can flow in the Lord in telling of their experiences of the Lord in their daily life. These should not be preaching meetings where everyone gets on the bandwagon to preach. No! These meetings are for the expression of each one's experience of the Lord. You see, if you are a normal Christian, you will be seeking God in your daily life and will begin to experience Him and then you bring these experiences to the meeting to share with one another. If we had these kinds of meetings, then when the leading ones come together to speak to the Church then everyone would not feel like they have to speak also. The problem is that they are not given the opportunity to speak at all. I do not mean to imply that whenever the leading ones get together for a conference that no one else should speak. In all things we must be led of the Lord.

## **Come and Feast**

God's people today are beginning to wake up to the reality of being a new creation. The light in the church is going to become so bright that people will either run to the light where their deeds may be exposed and be cleansed and set right in the Kingdom of God, or they will turn away and be cast into outer darkness. Remember the wedding feast

– the parable – that there was a man there with no wedding garment. All things are now ready. Everything is ready. All things – there is nothing left to be prepared for you to feast, and for us to sit down together in the glory of God and feast as a bride feasts with her husband. You do not need to wait. If you wait, you may miss it. All things are now ready, and we can sit down and we can feast together at the wedding table of the Lamb – right now. But you see you must have the robe of His righteousness. You must know clearly and have an understanding that it's not based upon your conduct and your righteousness, but it's based upon God's righteousness, it's based upon belief in His ability to cleanse you. And you sit and feast with the robe of His righteousness. You must realize that the devil has no right to condemn you, because every time the accuser would accuse you, you can point to the righteousness of Jesus Christ and you can say with full assurance of faith, "I stand not on my merit, but I'm robed in the righteousness of my Father God."

God does not say you have to be perfect. He does not say to sit at His table you must pray ten hours a day and do all the mighty religious deeds and works, no! He said; "It is the man that is robed in my righteousness." If you are not robed in His righteousness, then you get cast into outer darkness

I believe one of the greatest needs in the church today, is an understanding of the righteousness of God, because without it you are in the same class as an unbeliever. Without an unveiling of God's life in you, you can never know righteousness in reality.

You are just as righteous as you will ever be before God. There is no growth in righteousness. There is only a further understanding or unveiling of God's

righteousness, of what He has already made you to be. You can grow in understanding more fully His righteousness, and by your understanding being enlightened to His righteousness; it will produce the fruits of righteousness, which is holiness. But holiness does not come the way we've tried. The "Holiness movement" never made one person righteous. Nothing you can do can produce righteousness by human effort.

***For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom 4:3-8 KJV***

## **Sin Consciousness**

The opposite, of course, of a righteousness conscience is a sin-consciousness. The state of being where you feel separated from God. You do not sense your oneness with God, but you are very aware of your sin. You are very aware of your lack. You are very aware of your inability to do that which you want to do

Sin-consciousness is that state where you can want with all your heart to please God, and yet you find within your members that sin-consciousness, the sense of being separated, the sense of failure, the sense of fear. *"Oh I would love to be able to pray in a meeting, but I feel so inferior."* That is sin-consciousness, and that will rob from you and steal from you everything that God wants you to have. Sin-consciousness destroys faith. How can you have faith to believe for anything from God, if you feel inferior, if you are so aware of your sin and your shortcomings? It creates an inferiority

complex. *"I would love to be able to stand and share at a meeting, but I can't."* *"I wish I had the boldness to share the gospel with people but I can't."* *"I wish I could be a better person, but I can't."* That is sin-consciousness.

Sin-consciousness destroys your peace with God. Because of it you are conscious of your sin and your failure all the time, and it robs you. How could you have peace with God, knowing that you are such a failure? Now when you understand righteousness, it doesn't mean that you never fail. It doesn't mean that you never miss God, but you don't have that consciousness of always failing. You have the exact opposite.

The opposite of sin-consciousness is God-consciousness. You are aware of your oneness and unity with your Father God, just as Jesus was. You realize that in your spirit, (the new creation man) there is no separation between you and your Father. Was there any separation between Jesus and His Father? Neither is there in you, except in your carnal mind. Your sin-consciousness robs you of your peace with God. There is no peace – Isaiah says – to the wicked. Sin-consciousness makes us feel unworthy. How many Christians ever come to a meeting, and feel worthy to have the joy of God come upon them and flow from within them? Very few Christians ever meet together on Sunday morning, or any other time, with a sense of worthiness. It's always a sense of unworthiness. *"I've failed God so miserably. I've missed God so many times this week, and I have a sense of unworthiness."* So when we come together, there is no real joy. There is no real expression. There is no real release of the spirit. There is just a sense of unworthiness. Sin-consciousness is the

biggest enemy that the church of the living God has today.

Sin-consciousness makes your prayers ineffectual. The scripture says, "***The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.***" But if you do not have that consciousness, if you do not know that you are a righteous man, if you have the sense of unworthiness and weakness and failure, your prayers will not avail much. God only answers the prayer that is prayed with the consciousness of His righteousness. You want to know why the church is weak today, why the church has no power today, why the church can meet together and nothing happens? It is because of sin-consciousness. We act like the crucifixion and resurrection was nothing more than a good story, and that someday if we are really good and we say our prayers and we go to church, that we'll die and go to heaven; and then we'll have that close relationship with our Father God. It is a lying, deceiving spirit that would try to make you believe that. Man has tried to cure sin consciousness through religion, but it has only become worse. Man has tried everything possible throughout the years to rid himself of this sin-consciousness, of this consciousness on the inside of him that is contrary to God. Man has tried every religion in the world and those religions have been based upon man's sin-consciousness, of trying to do something to right himself with God.

Every man has a desire, a drive within him to fill himself up. And that's why many use drugs and any number of things, including the enjoyment of the world; men are trying to fill the emptiness inside them. A feeling of emptiness is nothing short of sin-consciousness, and feeling separated from God.

## Confession

Man has also tried to cure this disease by confession. Confession will not destroy your sin-consciousness. Confess if you will, a hundred times a day, and receive forgiveness, but you will still have a sin-consciousness. You will still have a sense of, "I confess it today, but I know tomorrow or the next day or next week, or next month it is going to get me again." That is sin-consciousness. And you will never have the peace of God in fullness with that consciousness. The church does not have the peace of God in the true sense of the word because of sin-consciousness. Man has tried to deal with sin-consciousness by doing good deeds, by self-denial, the confessing of his sins. All of these things will at most bring a temporary relief to your consciousness – very temporary. Confession will bring you a temporary relief. But you still have that consciousness of weakness, of failure, of knowing, "Dear God, it's going to get me again." Anyone who has ever put any effort at all to the Christian life will have the experience before coming out of bondage of Romans chapter seven, struggling, trying everything known to man, whether it is self-denial, good works, prayer, Bible study, or going to church. Try anything you will, but according to the apostle Paul in the book of Galatians, by the works of the flesh shall no man be made righteous in the sight of God. Yet if you have a proper understanding of God's righteousness which is imputed to you as a gift, it will produce in you all of the fruits of holiness effortlessly, freely, without any struggle or any striving. Of course this is a matter of growth in His life.

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## **Two kinds of Sin Consciousness**

There are two kinds of sin-consciousness; one belongs to the unregenerate. The other belongs to a Christian who is still a baby in Christ. You may say, "What are you saying? You are putting almost every believer in the class of a baby." You cannot possibly grow much in Christ until you KNOW you are righteous. You must believe that *God justifies the ungodly* and then you can have hope for yourself. Unless we hear the truth of righteousness, unless there is someone who can stand up and declare these things the Church will not come out of the darkness. The day is dawning where we must have a consciousness of being unable to fail, a consciousness of having no fear in the face of sickness and disease and death. The day has come when the voice of the bride must be heard all over the land.

Let's look at Ephesians 2:12. This is the man that has a sin-consciousness, because of his separation from God. Paul says to the Ephesians, *"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the common wealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."* Now if you are in that condition today, you certainly do have a sin-consciousness. You are without hope. If you do not have Christ, you have no hope. Jesus said to the Pharisees, *"You are of your father the devil."* Were not the Jews God's people? But Jesus said, *"You are of your father the devil"*, because words express what you are. And your Father is the source of your life.

You receive life from your Father. And if you are speaking words of failure, and words of your inability, and words of your inferiority, you are identifying with your father the devil, and speaking from your carnal nature. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. If you speak defeat and failure and identify with that, you line yourself up with your father the devil.

There are those who say, "Brother, I'd love to be able to give a testimony in the meeting, but you don't understand. I feel so nervous and I just can't do it." There was a time several years ago, that when I'd stand up in a meeting and give a testimony, I'd shake, my knees would knock, and the expression that I'd give would not come out right; but I also knew how to overcome. And you overcome by applying and practicing what you know to be the truth. I want to receive my life from my Father God. I want to give Him expression on this earth. What a testimony to the all-saving power and the grace of God, when we say, *"Oh I just can't do that I can't possibly overcome."* You see when you have a revelation of righteousness you realize that it is not for the carnal man. You will never change by trying to renew the carnal mentality. You are a new creation man or woman and that man or woman is the righteousness of God. The scriptures do not say that signs only follow the Apostle and the Prophet and the Evangelist and the Teacher. *The signs shall follow the believer.* If you are a believer, the signs follow you. You have the anointing within you. If you want to have the anointing of God flow from you, then learn to speak the words of God! If you speak the words of the devil from your carnal mind, that's where your source of life is coming from. Do not think that you can be a Christian and not receive your life-source from the satanic life. The Christian religious

system is full of the manifestation of the satanic life – weakness, powerless, ineffectual to preach the gospel, deader than a stinking doornail, and they feel justified because, *"Well after all, I'm only human."*

Don't let this message condemn you. Let this message be information for transformation. God knows the religious system has heaped condemnation upon His people. This word will not condemn you. This word will bring light and transformation, not condemnation. If any man is in Christ, there is therefore now no condemnation. If you are in Christ, no one has the right to try to heap condemnation upon you. But at the same time, don't try to hide from the truth. Don't try to act grown up when you are immature. Don't be so full of pride that you get offended when someone calls you a "spiritual baby", because if you are not doing the works of your Father God, you are either unregenerate or you are a baby in the things of God. Now we don't expect babies to act like a man, and it's OK to be in the church and be a baby. However we should be growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 2 verse 1, *"And you hath He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience*

The apostle Paul says in Ephesians chapter four, "Don't be like the Gentiles anymore." You were at one time alienated and separated in your mind by wicked works. You did have your manner of living after the traditions of your fathers, and after the course of this world, after the prince of the

power of the air, *"The spirit that now works in the children of disobedience."* If you do not walk in the light of this Word, the spirit of the devil can work and operate in your life due to the hardness of your heart and the blinding of your mind. *"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others"*. Eph 2:3

### **All Were Made Righteous**

The carnal mind is full of the nature of the devil – the satanic life. Natural man – the man without Christ – is spiritually dead. Look at Romans 5:19. *"For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners."* I've often shared, "you had no choice in it." You were made, you were constituted with sin, and Adam took you into sin and slavery. You had no choice. I used to say to God, *"God it's not fair. I didn't ask to be born with these lusts and these evil desires. I didn't ask to be born separated from the presence of God."* I was constituted; I was made a sinner by Adam's transgression, because every seed produces after its own kind. I had no choice. Adam received the life of the devil. He had a choice of receiving the divine life through the Tree of Life or the satanic nature through the knowledge of the Tree of Good and Evil, and *he made the wrong choice not you.* The church knows these things that I'm sharing with you. They have knowledge of God, yet they haven't had the proper teaching and the proper care to teach them how to express what they have on the inside. We were by nature the children of wrath. *We couldn't help it!* It was our nature before regeneration. But the scripture also says, *"So*

***by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."***

A simple explanation of this verse is this. By one man's disobedience, (Adam) all were made sinners. Everyone that is born receives the biological inheritance from Adam so that death and sin passed to the whole human race. That is your DNA from the physical birth. That is the carnal man. The consciousness of only being a carnal being will never allow us to be as Jesus on the earth, always doing the will of the Father. **WE MUST STOP TRYING TO CHANGE THE NATURAL MAN.** We are a new creation man/woman in our spirit. We must begin to live from our spirit.

So also by the obedience of one (Jesus) all were made righteousness. This is your spiritual genetics and DNA, which is passed on to you in your spirit. ***"He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*** 1 Cor 6:17

### **Walking in the Reality of Righteousness**

Jesus Christ restored to mankind what he lost in the garden, a total and complete restoration. Don't wait until you die. The Word of God teaches you that *right now* you have the ability to walk into the Father's presence at anytime, without any sense of sin, guilt, inferiority, or any sin-consciousness whatsoever. Has God really provided a way to rid man of this horrible, horrible disease, this disease of sin-consciousness, of always being aware of being a failure? *God has provided a way.* And it's as much the Word of God as salvation. Hebrews chapter 10 tells the story of the old blood covenant, saying that the blood of bulls and goats could only cover sin. The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin. It only covered sin. In the Old Testament, you could be forgiven

for your sin, but that old sinful nature could not be eradicated from your being. Yours sins were only covered. *The law was given until the seed came that could receive the promise of life by faith and not by works.* How could God solve the problem of man's sinful nature? The only way it could be possible is by giving him a consciousness free of sin. Now Hebrews chapter 10 tells you that ***"The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin, but the offering of the body of Jesus Christ has perfected forever them that are sanctified"***. If you read Hebrews chapter 8, 9 and 10, and get into it and study it, it will reveal to you that man right now can stand without any sense of guilt, sin, inferiority, weakness or inability to live Godly. That's what Hebrews 8,9 and 10 will teach you, that we are not under an old covenant anymore. You don't even have to be conscious of your sins and your failure. Again, I'm not teaching you theory; I'm teaching you as one who has developed this consciousness of oneness with God. No, I haven't perfected it, and I'm not very much grown in it, but I do not any longer have a sense of failure and inability to do what God would have me to do. I have a consciousness of being able to do anything that God desires me to do. My only requirement is *"God, you speak to me, and I know that it's you, I will do anything that you want me to do;"* I won't be lead by my reasoning. I won't be lead by my good thinking. I won't be lead by some "dingbat" prophecy. But if I know its God, there is no devil and no demon that can stop me from doing what God wants me to do. That's the only reason I'm still in ministry, because I know God hath said and what God says, He brings to pass.

### **Our Responsibility**

There is a responsibility. Don't ever let anybody tell you that the Christian does not have a responsibility. Some think that, "Oh if I just sit back, and if God never does it, it will never get done." No, you have a responsibility. I used to believe that a Christian had no responsibility. But if you sit idly by and wait for the Spirit to move you - well I could use the term "good luck" because you are going to need it. One of the first things that Jesus said to the Apostle Paul was, "Arise and stand upon your feet, He said, *"You will turn many from darkness into light."* What if Paul just kicked back and said, "Oh, I know I can't do anything because I'm just human. I'll just wait and if God moves me. I will do something" Do you know that's why Smith Wigglesworth was the powerful man of God that he was? He said, "I wait and if the Spirit of God doesn't move me, I move the Spirit of God." God told the Old Testament saints under the old covenant, ***"Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."*** Isa 45:11

### **Authority in the Spirit**

He gave them authority, even in the Old Testament. We've lost some of the understanding of the Word due to the translation in the King James, but the word that says, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you may *ask* what you will." John 15:7. The word, "ask" if you look up the root word (Strong's 4441) means, "to demand". Do you know you don't have to ask the Father for anything? Did Jesus? No! He knew the will of the Father and he just spoke. Jesus said, "Hither to, you've asked nothing. You ask in My name, and I will give it to you. My Father will give to you."

*It's time for the Christians to stand up and demand their rights, according to the scriptures. "I am the righteousness of God in Christ and I command this sin consciousness to leave me."* If the church will take this Word they will find their freedom. All the hoards of darkness couldn't keep Jesus in the pits of Hell. He arose from the grave, stripped off principalities and powers, made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in the cross and you can do the same thing, not so that you can look at Him as some super-human. Don't misunderstand me, but the Word says He was the first-born. He was the first-born of the new creation. *He became the first born among many brethren.* Where has the church been? In religion. Trying to appease God through works. I'll tell you, I did it! For years I prayed every day - hours sometimes. I used to cry, "God, am I ever going to win?" But when the blinders came off what liberty I found. God just said something to me really simple one day. He said, *"Why are you trying so hard to become something that I've already made you to be? Why are you trying so hard? Just believe me. Read my Word and just believe me."* And after I saw that, the first message I ever preached in the church was a message entitled "Beholding and Reflecting." I'll never forget. I was so much on fire with this thing, and I believed it because I did it. Behold in the Word of God, that which God says that you are - Think about it. Meditate on it. Speak it day and night, and it will be yours. You see, it doesn't come by works of righteousness that we have done.

Before I experienced God's righteousness by faith, I prayed sometimes for two hours everyday. I read my Bible everyday. I went to church sometimes six times a week, and I still had a sin-consciousness. I still felt



weak. I was still very much aware of my sin and my failure. But when I had my eyes unveiled – my family could tell you, I literally became a new man very quickly. Within about three months, I went from a miserable Romans 7 experience into the glorious liberation of a child and a son of God.

I was a baby when I found this out. I was a Christian; but I began to grow and I began to walk in the things of God. I began to believe the Word of God. How can we stay in fear and darkness when He said, "***He hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.***" Col 1:13

### **We Have a New Nature**

God satisfies the emptiness in you by taking out of you that old nature. Christians don't understand this. Because of our experience we think that we have two natures. I was taught for a long time that even after I was regenerated I had sin in my flesh, the devil in my soul, and God in my spirit. *No wonder I was so confused!* Do you know, that if you have the devil in you and God in you at the same time, you have two fathers? Would God do that kind of a work? Would God save you and then leave you in that kind of a condition? And I used to wonder, "Let's see now. I gave a testimony. Was that out of my spirit, or was that out of my soul or was that just something devilish out of my flesh?" How could you ever have any confidence in God with that mentality? That's not the Word. That's religion. That's philosophy. You know what philosophy is? It's reasonings. Philosophy will give you all the reasons that you need to justify your condition. "I'm just human. What do you think I am, God?" If you understand what God has given you – His life, His character,

His nature. He has given us a new heart and put His Spirit in us and we now are as He is in this world. It's time that the Church realizes that we are not mere humans. What did we receive when we received God's nature?

### **The Resurrected Spirit of Jesus Christ**

There were basically seven elements – seven divine elements in the resurrected Spirit of God. In resurrection the Word tells us that Jesus became a *"Life-giving Spirit.* 1 Cor 15:45. Now, what He gives to you, of course, is His Spirit that contains all that He is. But what is that? Everything that God is was given to you by this life-giving Spirit, which has imparted to you basically seven elements of His being.

I did share something on this in book 7 of "Coming Out of Darkness," but I will comment on them again here.

1. **Divine Life** "*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*" II Peter 1:3 Does that look like that He created some weak, beggarly worms of the dust? " - - ***That ye might be a partaker of the divine nature.***" What is the divine nature that you have within you? If you realize it, you will walk in it.

2. **Incarnation.** The Christian is the incarnation of the Word of God. Peter says, "*Being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the living and abiding Word of God.*" 1 Peter 1:23 The Word again becomes flesh in you, when you receive that Word as it is, the Word of God.

That Word in you creates life. Every time someone is born again, the Word becomes flesh, the incarnation. The resurrected Spirit of the living God today has, of course, the divine life. All that God is is contained in that life. All that God is He has placed within you.

**3. The Uplifted Humanity of Jesus** In the Life Giving Spirit is Christ in His humanity – His human living. God literally went through a change when He took on humanity. He became something that He never was before. He became humanity. He became a human being. All of His experiences in this life, His conquering the devil, calming the storms, healing the sick and raising the dead; His human living is now in the resurrected Spirit of Jesus Christ. In our spirit is His fine uplifted humanity.

**4. His Death** Jesus went into death. We all know the story. His death brought to an end the Old Creation. I don't care what you experience, the scripture teaches you that upon the cross the Old Creation was terminated. I'll tell you what folks. You don't even have to wait for a new heaven and a new earth. Now don't misunderstand me. They are coming. There will be a new heaven and a new earth in fullness, but I'm telling you, you don't have to wait for it. The Old Creation came to an end at the cross. The all-inclusive death of Jesus Christ took into the grave sin, death, Hell, sickness, separation, and everything negative in the universe came to an end at the cross of Calvary.

**5. His Resurrection** "*Know ye not that if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, then He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also give life to your mortal bodies.*" Rom 8:11 The resurrected Spirit of Christ now abides in us. How could we possibly be failures when we have a revelation of this? By experiencing this resurrected spirit in our spirit we are able to abide in Him.

**His Ascension.** Jesus is "*Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*" Eph 1:21 There is not a higher name or position in all the universe than that of the exalted, ascended, resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. When you touch your spirit which is one with His spirit you rise above sin and death.

**7. His Enthronement.** "*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*" Eph. 2:6 Here is where our authority is. In spirit we are seated with him and we learn to rule from the heavens.

*"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.* Col 2:9-10

Don't you think it's time for the church to wake up? Instead of centering on these things, instead of meditating on these things, instead of sitting in the presence of God and enjoying the benefits of the Life Giving Spirit, most look at their earthly existence and suffer defeat and failure. Everything

that's in the resurrected Spirit of Jesus Christ today has been poured out upon the church. "***For He made Him to be head over all things to the church.***" Eph 1:22. We sit around and complain, and bicker, and bite one another, and thrust one another through, and wonder why the church is in the condition that it's in. When are we going to wise up? His strength – not mine – *His strength* is made perfect in my weakness. "Oh I just can't do it brother. I try. It's so hard." Trying doesn't get it. God never asked you to try. He said, "I placed My life within you. Now GO. All authority in heaven and earth is given unto me. Go ye therefore and make disciples." Don't go out and try to get the world saved – make disciples. What good is salvation without the full knowledge of the truth? What good is salvation unless you know the full benefits of salvation? Oh, I'm not saying it's not good. Don't misunderstand me. The greatest thing in the world is to be saved, but if all you can give someone is to get them saved and wait to go to heaven when they die, what an injustice. We are to preach the word of reconciliation and make disciples.

I used to not want to preach the gospel; I'd think it would make somebody like me so miserable. I was like the children of Israel; I wanted to go back to Egypt. I'd say, "God, it was much easier for me." I was a happy-go-lucky person. I loved to "party". I had a good time. Then all of the sudden I got saved and met God and tried to serve Him, and I was miserable. But I didn't have anybody telling me the truth like we are hearing it in these days. Would to God that I'd heard this years ago. Because when I heard it, it changed my life. For years I had a consciousness of failure after failure after failure. Trying to quite this habit and that habit and going absolutely crazy, until I

couldn't stand it anymore, and giving into it, and then confessing and then eventually doing it again. It was just a vicious circle. That is not the abundant life that Jesus gave to us. But neither, can you produce this with your efforts no matter how bad you want to. You pray 24 hours a day. You will still have a sin-consciousness. You have to realize that what God says is true, and you begin to meditate on these things. Today I absolutely love to preach the gospel of good news, it is the power of God unto salvation of the whole man.

Seven elements in the resurrected Christ that was poured out on the day of Pentecost and received by you simply by saying, "*Lord, I receive the word of Your resurrection life. I don't have to work for it. I don't have to strive for it. I simply receive it.*" And then all the lying reasonings of my mind will come in and prove to me beyond a shadow of a doubt that what I'm believing for, I can never have. *But I have it!* "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

When you take the time to study God's Word and meditate on these things and begin to express by your words what you really want – Jesus said, "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe and you will receive them." – What do you desire? Do you desire to be weak, and beggarly, and a failure? Whatsoever things you desire - - Don't come to God even with those weaknesses. I used to do this. I used to tell God all the time what a failure I was – "God, I'm just an old lousy smoker, and God I just do this, and God I just love to do that." He doesn't want to hear that. He wants to hear you say what He has given unto you. I hope this is not misunderstood, but I don't confess my sin. I confess His righteousness. I'm not saying I don't sin. But I don't even hold that

up to Him, because I'm walking in the light. The Word says that, ***"If you walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses you from every sin."***

1 John 1:7 The more I used to confess my sin to God, the more it solidified that experience in my life. God doesn't want to hear it. I hope this isn't misunderstood because I never try to hide my sin. I never did. But I'd say, "God, I know what Your Word says, and I believe that even now you are cleansing me from this thing." I would say, "God, even though I still have these hang-ups and things in my life, I know that I know, that it is only by the word of Your righteousness being established in my consciousness that I will be set free." No amount of works and no amount of confessing, no amount of trying to do penance, and no amount of trying to ease your conscience will work. The only thing that will bring rest to you is to be established in the word of His righteousness.

He says, *"I have already made you righteous."* There is nothing that can separate you ever again from My presence, but your unbelief in My finished work. If you believe you are unworthy, if you don't believe in My ability to cause you to stand, then you will never experience my peace in fullness.

In Jude verse 24 Amplified, ***"Now unto Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present you unblemished, blameless and faultless before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation with unspeakable, ecstatic delight."*** And that is in this present life. That is not for the life to come. That is for right now. So Father, I pray that you will enlighten our minds with these words. Father, I pray - knowing that

Your anointing is on Your Word, and Your Word has gone forth, and it brings the light, the establishment of your righteousness and the ability to perform that which You have spoken, and we thank you for that in Jesus Name.

*To be continued*