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How to Enter
The Kingdom

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An Instructional Teaching

Written to the Warriors of the Kingdom to prepare them for the Spiritual War that has already begun in the Heavens. To be read with your hearing tuned to Me, the Holy Spirit, listening with your Spirit Man for the Truth of the Kingdom of Heaven that I AM explaining in this teaching.

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John 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one can snatch them away from me!

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Author's Introduction

Greetings from Thomas, a Bond Servant to my Lord Jesus, sent as an Apostle to the Body of Christ and to the Leaders of His Church to help them fulfill their God given assignments.

I spent 6 months of 2008 living in Tanzania according to Matthew 10:5-10, walking by His provision and doing the miraculous under His direction. The Holy Spirit said a statement to me many times in Africa during the Spiritual Schooling He arranged for me that changed my life. He would tell me to do something or go some place and then say, "Trust Me, I Have It Arranged." When I heard Him say that, I KNEW it was a done deal and all I had to do was walk it out. I never failed to end up where He said I would. The words "sent out" in Matthew 10:5 mean to dispatch with a pre-arranged conclusion. I often wondered if the awe and joy I felt was the same as the Disciples experienced as they walked out His commands.

One morning I asked the Lord, what are the most important instructional subjects to Him at this time in history? The following list came instantaneously and very strong. He then told me that this is the pattern of all discipleship training that we will be involved in and the basis from which this manual is written.

1. The Preeminence of Jesus
2. True Fellowship of the Believers
3. Hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit, the Teacher
4. Obedience to My Instructions

These are My will for this time in the Church Age, and they are what you are to teach again and again until your assignment is completed. Make disciples and teach them to make disciples.

When I give something to My son to do, it is always with a planned result. I know the finish before we start. Only My mature sons know and understand this. Therefore, I have the Blueprint of this time in history laid out before Me and I am causing it to be fulfilled. Will you join with Me in completing My work?

After returning from Africa, the Holy Spirit directed me to write this teaching manual to His Warriors. I did so by praying in the spirit, waiting on Him and writing what He told me to write. I have been teaching fellow believers to hear His voice for years, so this is not new to me, but know that I took great care to record what He said as accurately as possible. Some is written as prophetic teaching, which is me writing exactly what the Holy Spirit is saying through prophetic utterance. Some is written from experiences the Holy Spirit used to train my wife Sue and myself over the last 35 years of ministry. Please read it with an open, teachable mind.

This Training Manual is written to the Warriors of the Kingdom who do not want to settle for average Christianity. It is a manual of "How to walk in the spirit and do the stuff!" The Holy Spirit has trained us in the How-to's of ministry, specifically for this time in history. There has been much talk about what the Church will do in the end times and the power that we are to release on the earth at this time. This manual teaches you how to walk with the Holy Spirit and manifest by demonstration the power of the Kingdom. We have found that the pre-qualifiers are that you must be born of the spirit [Born Again], Water Baptized, Baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, able to talk with the Holy Spirit and know His voice, and be sold out to God. These are the requirements and without them you will be strongly handicapped in your ability to do what this manual teaches. If you are lacking in any of these requirements, read the manual and it will show you how to receive what is needed.

The key to the supernatural is choice, your choice. You can stay comfortable in a belief system that fits into worldly parameters and just be average, OR you can choose to draw close to the Holy Spirit and obey His leading and be peculiar. Falling in Love with the Holy Spirit and obedience to Him is the only way into the miraculous; the Holy Spirit will take you as far into the Kingdom as you choose to go.

So How Far Do You Want To Go?

You are the limiting factor!

It is always your choice, always!

Where Do You Fit?

In 1998, while I was working in Reno, NV, USA, I was directed by the Holy Spirit to attend a regular Tuesday Night Bible Study. While at the third meeting, I stated my belief on a subject and was challenged by an elder at the meeting with "Who do you think you are." Having been taught by the Holy Spirit to ask what to say when I didn't have an answer, I was given the following vision. I saw a line with 5 different places on it and was given the understanding of what each place meant. The following was the explanation I gave the elder.



I am a pilot and this line refers to a person's Christian walk with reference to flying.

#1 is the person who flies once a year to visit relatives or goes to Church on Christmas and Easter. That is all of God he wants.

#2 is the person who is a frequent flier or business flier and goes to Church every Sunday but does not want to do more than just attend.

#3 is the guy who likes flying so much that he gets his Private Pilot license and becomes a Sunday School Teacher or door greeter or an Usher.

#4 feels so drawn to flying that He becomes a Commercial Pilot or Air Transport Pilot and flies for a living as a Pastor or Bible School Teacher.

#5 is the guy who is not satisfied unless he is burning up the sky as an Aerobatic Pilot and focuses his life on learning to be the best Aerobatic Pilot possible. He talks with and obeys God and then goes out and does the stuff, demonstrating the Kingdom with signs following.

After describing what I saw, my answer to the elder was that all Christians fit somewhere on that line but as for me; I am an Aerobatic Pilot and will settle for nothing less than all that God has to offer. My answer seemed to satisfy his question.

Aerobatic Pilots are the people to whom this Manual is written.

We are the ones the Bible calls peculiar. This letter is written to those pilots who "Don't want to be ignorant about the Spirit Realm." [1 Corinthians 12:1] Simply stated, We want to Be and Do ALL that God has for us, with no limits.

"We Want It ALL!"

A truth that the Lord showed me about religion is that "Ignorance isn't what we don't know, it is that so much of what we do know, just isn't so!" In other words, not everything that comes across a pulpit or from a book is the truth. Unfortunately many Christians have based their walk with God on the traditions of men and wrong doctrines. [Matthew 15:7-9]

Understand, the Holy Spirit will teach correct doctrine to the ones who want to know the truth. IF we are doing what John 10:27 instructs us to do, then John 10:28 will be the results and we need not be afraid that anyone will be able to lead us into deception. The Holy Spirit will not allow His Warriors to be led astray.

John 10:27-28

(Vs 27), "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; (Vs 28), and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Also, from now on in this teaching, I will refer to the Holy Spirit as Holy Spirit and not the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is a person and one of the three persons of God. We do not call Jesus, the Jesus, because Jesus is His name, just like Holy Spirit is our Teacher's name.

Holy Spirit's Introduction

I was sent to the Earth to teach the sons of God the realm of the spirit. It is My job and I am the only One qualified to do so. For you to learn the Kingdom of Heaven and to walk in righteousness, you must learn to walk with Me.

My desire is that all of Our sons fulfill their destiny and walk the Kingdom life, which has been created for them to walk. I desire to take them into the spirit realm and teach them to walk with the Angels, to manifest the power of My Love to My people of this Earth and to rid the pain and sickness from among them; but understand I can only do that through the sons who choose to learn of Me and choose to obey Me completely.

Jesus was sent to manifest the Kingdom of Heaven here on this Earth. He demonstrated Our will and purpose to the people of His time so that when you copy Him and follow Me as He did, you will do the same and demonstrate the Kingdom to this generation. For those who will choose to follow and obey Me, the life of power that Jesus lived here on Earth will be demonstrated through you, again and again until He comes back at the last day.

So this brings Me to the start of this training and the most important part. I am putting before you the choice of living your life as a child of your Father which is acceptable, or living the life of a son of God who, has no limits and walks in righteousness, which produces the power of the Kingdom. It is My will that all of My children grow up into a son but sadly that will not be the case. Only a very small number will choose to walk as a full-grown son in the Kingdom. Are you one of them?

It will require your life to be a life of servitude to Me so I can make you into a son that Jesus can work through and bring glory to the Father. You will be required to live your life as a dead man to the world and a Bond Servant to Me. It will require your all, but know that in choosing this, you have given your life to the true Teacher and when we are done with My training, you will honestly say "If you have seen me, you have seen Jesus, because we are One!"

So choose knowing this; I will hold you to the choice you make because I Love you. If you have chosen to give Me your life as I am requiring, then know that this training will be the most life-changing and fun time you have ever encountered. I will be your constant companion in a way you have never known before. If you choose not to meet the requirements I stated, please put this Kingdom Letter down for it is not for you!

Kingdom Training

This training course will be presented from Heaven's perspective and with My purpose as the basis of the teaching. I desire that My sons learn to function in the spirit and not only walk as My sons but understand how the spirit realm functions and be able to flow easily with it. I am the only One who is qualified to teach the understanding of Spirit Life.

When I created this planet it was to be used as a training platform to teach My children Who I AM and how to function in My Kingdom as true sons of God. I have not changed My reason for the Earth and all the Universe being created. I have created the physical realm as a tool to be used to train the spiritual man how to control the physical realm by his spirit working with Me. As man learns to function in the spirit realm and walk as I do with authority, We become One. That is the true fellowship that I want with My man.

So, as you read this teaching material, I want you to always, again and again, ask Me questions as to what I meant and how to walk in what I present. At times it will not make sense to your mind, but your spirit will say amen. Do not be worried that you will miss Me or get it wrong. I Am the Teacher and I know exactly what you need to bring you to full stature as My son. Only desire with all your heart to know Me, to be taught by Me and to serve Me. If that is your heart's cry, know that I will not allow you to be led astray by deception. (John 10:27-28)

As you walk with Me, I will direct your walk from one growth place to the next. Mine is not a stationary training place but a walk through life using situations that I have arranged to teach you. Much of what I am teaching you is relational and requires interaction with people to demonstrate Kingdom principles. Know that I do use the Devil to train you. It is not by My instruction to him, but by My knowing his next move and then putting you in his path. (Matthew 4:1) I always have control of the situation as long as you obey Me in it. He exerts pressure against you to help you learn the lesson I want you to learn. Know that My desire is for you to always pass the class! Your walk here on Earth is only temporary; like going to an Ivy League University. The more you apply yourself to what I am teaching you, the more you will know it and the better it will work for you after graduation.

Obedience with Enthusiasm Will Always Shorten the Class!

The spirit realm is not a copy of what the natural world demonstrates, as some have taught. It is beyond human understanding. There are countless higher dimensions in the spirit and the only way to know these dimensions is to enter the spirit realm and experience them directly. They cannot be known or understood from the lower physical, carnal, soulish realm.

It is only by Me that you can understand the spirit realm. You are a spirit, a spirit that was Heaven sent. Your spirit or the real you, wants to function with Me in the spirit realm. He is easily trained and will lead to the level that he is allowed. The limiting factor is always your carnal, natural understanding. Your spirit can only go as far as your head will let him. That is why I sent the Bible to Earth. It is to train you to think as I think.

Reading about the spirit realm is not the same as walking and talking with Holy Spirit who wrote the book and lives in the spirit realm. Reading this manual will help you to hear Him with much more clarity. I pray that you will do so with a teachable spirit that will allow Holy Spirit to teach you.

The Kingdom of God is a Spiritual Kingdom, which operates in accordance with spiritual laws established before time. As you learn these laws and abide by them, the Kingdom is opened to you and established on the Earth. All that you are going through here on Earth when you have chosen on purpose to walk in Kingdom School, is for instruction about those laws. By them Holy Spirit's power is released; By them the Kingdom is established on the Earth; By them operating through you, Kingdom love is demonstrated to the world.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In the next section, we will look at the bible to see how we are to handle disagreements and misunderstandings, a problem that is too common in the church world. Albert Einstein has good insight about the subject.

Condemnation without investigation is the height of ignorance!

Albert Einstein

Never Divide God's Family

One of the most important laws of the Kingdom that MUST be learned and followed is to Always Believe the Best of the Other Person! God is Love and to walk in His Kingdom, you must live and walk in love. The New Testament has two laws on which we establish all other laws. Jesus Christ said that these commandments or laws are the greatest laws in the Kingdom. When we walk in these laws, we walk in the kingdom.

Mark 12:30-31

You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Since some Christians don't love themselves, Jesus gave exact instructions of what He wants.

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

What Jesus said is that we are to love our brother as much as He Jesus loved us. That is a huge amount considering that Jesus was beaten and killed for us. This is a law in the Kingdom and one that when you break it, you cause a curse to come on you that will have horrible consequences. Immediately it opens you up to attacks from the devil, but the long term consequences are even worse; it causes broken relationships in the family of God and many times life threatening diseases; all of which are results that you caused.

Another aspect of loving one another is found in Proverbs; it tells us the seven things that are an abomination to God. The Hebrew word for abomination is the strongest, most detestable word used in the whole Bible.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the LORD hates— no, seven things he detests (Abomination): haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

The last part of this verse is what we are referring to here. Any time a person tells a second person what someone else did without the third person being present; it will always cause the second person to make a judgment in their heart about the third person.

The information the first person is telling the second person is usually incomplete and sometimes completely wrong. This may be innocent or on purpose; either way the damage is done to the second person's perception of the third person and the third person is slandered and their reputation is harmed. This is gossip and is sowing discord (division) into the Family.

The dictionary says that Gossip is when a person or a group of people talk about someone else. Usually gossip is a lie or a rumor and is used to start drama; it causes people to judge another person which usually results in separating people.

Anything that is done that causes any amount of discord or separation between Believers is an abomination to God. God's Kingdom is always harmony and peace.

Romans 14:17 says, "The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." So anything that causes anything other than righteousness, peace and joy is not of God!

Matthew 7:1-5 NASB

"Do not judge so that you will not be judged. "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find fault with your brother and how disturbed you are when he finds fault with you? Proverbs 17:9 is a good description of what happens when discord takes place between two Believers.

Proverbs 17:9

He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.

So how do we handle an issue that is causing any level of conflict between two believers? God's instructions are given in the following scriptures.

Matthew 18:12-18

"What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? "If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish. "If your brother sins go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

"But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

In the above verses God, through Matthew, shows us His heart toward someone who is causing a problem in the body and how love will always go after the one in trouble. God's heart is always to restore unity by restoring the Believer into the family. Matthew then gives the pattern of exactly what to do to restore the unity between the Believers.

In simple terms, if you have a family of people and one of the family members causes a disruption between two members of the family, the person (A) who was hurt must go to the person (B) who caused the problem and try to rectify the problem. After an honest attempt to restore unity between the two without positive results, the first person (A) then goes and gets two other family members and goes back and tries to rectify the problem again.

Having the two witnesses with you can cause several things to happen. With more of the family present, the offending person (B) may decide to recant and resolve the problem; or the offended person (A) may find they are the wrong doer because, after hearing both sides of the problem, the witnesses will see that he actually has the wrong understanding in the issue; or the wrong of the person (B) is exposed with no change in attitude.

If the offending person's (B) attitude is still prevalent the issue is then taken to the whole family and discussed with them in an effort to restore unity between all members of the family. If order is restored and unity reestablished, then all is done. If unity is not restored, it doesn't mean you shun the guilty member; no, you treat them with respect just like every other human being; but you don't invite them to family functions because they choose to not be in unity with the family.

To show how serious God is about being in unity, He had Matthew pen the following scripture.

Matthew 5:21-22

"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ' You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

In this next scripture we see how proactive God wants us to be in maintaining unity in the Body of Christ.

Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you (an offense), leave your offering there before the altar and go to your brother. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

What God is saying is if you know of a brother who has an offense against you, God's instructions are for you to go to him and try to reconcile the problem and restore unity in the Family of God. As you can see this attitude of unity in the body goes way beyond what most of us are functioning in. One version of the love chapter in Corinthians says it plainly.

1 Corinthians 13

Love is very patient, and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and does not even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground defending him. Love never fails!

Love your Neighbor as I have Loved You!

A quote from Robert McCloskey shines some light on what usually happens between people:

"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

With all that said, if there is something that you read or is said by one of the teachers during this class that you either don't understand or agree with, your only course of action is for you to go to that individual with the right attitude in an attempt to understand and resolve the issue. Going to any other person is Gossip and therefore sin. Understand that includes your Pastor as he is a member of the Family. If the issue is not resolved, then by all means bring him to see the teacher as one of the witnesses (should be two) so that every word may be established.

And remember if the issue is corrected between you and the teacher, none of the rest of the family needs to be involved; therefore no room for the enemy to bring division in God's family has been allowed; unity is maintained and God is well pleased.

Always Believe the Best of the Other Person!

How to Enter The Kingdom

I gave very explicit instruction as to what is necessary for a person to be added to My Kingdom. Anything short of this is not Kingdom.

The Correct Process

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And with many other words did he solemnly testify and kept on exhorting them saying, "Save yourselves from this perverse, wicked and unjust generation." So then, those who had gladly accepted and welcomed his message were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls to the Kingdom.

When I created the door for My man to enter into My presence through the Cross, it was done according to pattern. Certain requirements must be met for man to leave the Kingdom of Darkness with its laws of death and then be allowed to enter My Kingdom of Light. My Kingdom contains the ultimate Power Source there is, Me. I created everything with My Word and I uphold and maintain everything, even now with the Word of My Power. My Light destroys darkness and creatures of darkness cannot enter My Light.

Hebrews 1:3, 11:3

[1:3] He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. [11:3] By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

For man to come out of the darkness in which they live and enter through the Veil, which hides the entrance into My Kingdom, My Spirit must first call them. Know that during their life on earth, I call ALL men and clearly give them the opportunity to join My Family. Some accept to some level, but most don't; but all men are called.

The ones who answer My call must repent and turn from their wicked ways of darkness. This is the decision of salvation taught by many today, but My Gospel did not give instructions to stop there. Repentance is only the First step in the process of joining My Kingdom. I established that door into the Kingdom but understand that I also established the correct process required to go through that door. I Am not negotiable on this subject. Religion has taught a different Gospel that is not Mine.

To stop there puts your name in the Book of Life but supplies none of the essential tools required to Walk in the Kingdom. Be it known that many of the people who are asked to repent so they can be Born Again, do not get their names in the Book of Life because there is no real change of heart, only a verbal display. Repentance is of the heart, not just verbal affirmation. My Word explains in Romans 10:9-10 how this is correctly done.

Believe in the heart and then confess with the mouth

Failure to do so, often times, results in the baby being still born. They have not received My life in them and therefore they have Not Been Born Again. That is why they fall away so quickly from following Me. If it is a deathbed experience that the man calls to Me with repentance in his heart, know that I will always receive him into My Kingdom but that is not to be the normal way through the door.

It is not until Water Baptism that true salvation and admission into My Kingdom occurs. When the man goes to the Cross, and then the grave with Jesus in Water Baptism, the darkness which is his old nature, is crucified with Jesus and he is then raised up as a man who can exist in the Light of My Kingdom. But he is still not ready to walk in My Kingdom as a Warrior in training. It is only when he receives the fullness of Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit Baptism) that he is able to receive the Armor of the Kingdom.

When I, Holy Spirit come to a man, I bring the invitation and then the New Birth which is the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus; then entrance into the Kingdom by Water Baptism; then I come, the only Spiritual Teacher responsible for and equipped to cause growth in the spirit realm; and finally I bring the new Spiritual Language (Tongues), which is required to fully function in My Kingdom.

Without knowing Me, talking with Me and obedience to My instructions, you will never walk in the fullness of My Kingdom!

My Church has settled for so much less than what Our Kingdom has to offer. But that is changing! The line has been drawn in the sand and only those who obey My pattern for salvation, will walk in the Kingdom with Power. No more will I allow them to just get by. The Age of Darkness is getting too strong and only those who do things My way, will survive.

My servant Peter gave the exact process for a man to enter My Kingdom, and from now on know that I require My instructions to be followed. If they have not correctly proceeded through the door and done all that I Commanded them, they will not qualify to be involved in and use My full Authority; they will not be a Warrior in training. Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism are required to be a Warrior in My Kingdom, No Exceptions.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All Authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, [the Lord Jesus Christ], teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

I never sent My Church to save people. I sent them to make Disciples of My Kingdom. As My Father sent Me, so Am I sending you. I demonstrated how I wanted them to demonstrate My Kingdom to all around them and by that some will choose Me and become a member in My Family.

Do I love them? The answer is Yes and again Yes. What I have done is for all mankind for eternity but understand that all is done in My Kingdom according to the Laws that I established. Obey and abide. Disobey and Die. Your choice; it is always your choice.

How to lead a person into Salvation

Romans 10:9

“that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty of my sins, was buried in the grave and then raised from the dead, and is now the King of Kings. I receive You Jesus as my Savior and declare that You are Lord of my life. You are King over everything that I am and everything that I own. Thank you for saving me and I will do my best to serve you all the days of my life.

When a person believes in their heart and confesses with their mouth the above prayer, God will declare them saved (a member of His Body) and write their name in the Book of Life! They become a child of God. After Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism they will move into the Kingdom as a son of God.

Salvation Came To The Church

John 20:19-23

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus had been to Hell and paid the price for our freedom from bondage as slaves to sin and the Kingdom of Darkness. He appeared to the disciples and immediately declared Kingdom Peace to them and then let them examine Him. According to what Paul taught in Romans 10, they fulfilled the requirement to get their names written in the book of life.

Romans 10:9

"that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

He then released peace to them again and then breathed on them. At that moment, they were "Born Again". That is when the disciples received their new Kingdom sent and Kingdom minded spirit. [2 Corinthians 5:14-21]

That is when Salvation came to the Church!

Jesus did what was originally done in the Garden of Eden when God breathed life into the first Adam. Jesus now being God, had the right to do that.

Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

When God created Adam in the beginning, God breathed a new live spirit into Adam's body resulting in Adam becoming alive. Jesus being the Godman of the Kingdom of God and the King with ALL Authority released by His breath the New spirit that made man alive in the spirit as was done with Adam in the beginning. The text described the disciples receiving the "spirit that was holy," not the Holy Spirit.

Now at this point I need to explain some things about this scripture. Men who did their best, but who sometimes made some grammatical mistakes, translated the New Testament from the Greek. The Greek language has no capitals and very few punctuation marks. One example of a mistake, which is very important, is the translator's use of capitals on certain words being translated into English.

The Greek word 'pneuma' that we translate spirit, in the Greek means Wind. As we read it in content, we understand it to mean the spirit realm or an evil spirit or our spirit or the Holy Spirit. It is by the content of the text as to which meaning it describes. It is easy to determine if it is the spirit realm or an evil spirit, but because of doctrinal beliefs or maybe lack of spiritual discernment, there is sometimes confusion as to whether the text is describing our 'Born Again' spirit, which is our new creation spirit, or the Holy Spirit. Because of these errors capitals are put on the word spirit to mean the Holy Spirit when at times, it is describing our spirit.

That is the case with the above verse: John 20:22. What Jesus did was to breathe into them their new, born again spirit, not the Holy Spirit. The Original Greek says that Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the spirit that is holy". Remember, it is by the content of the text that we are able to discern which spirit the text is talking about. "Receive the spirit that is holy" is describing our newly created spirit man, not the Holy Spirit who at that time had not yet been sent to earth.

Since the Holy Spirit had not yet been sent to earth as the Helper and Teacher, He was not available to the disciples at that time because Jesus had not gone to Heaven and sent Him to earth.

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Jesus confirmed that in Acts Ch 1. The Holy Spirit did not come to earth until the Day of Pentecost shown in Acts 2:1-4.

Acts 1:4-5, 9

Being assembled together with them, He commanded them, "Don't depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from Me. For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and they sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Please understand, I am not saying that the Bible is wrong or that any one Bible is better than another, but instead I am requesting that you ask Holy Spirit for the truth in what He is saying in a verse and not just read it as absolute truth as it is written, verse by verse. Remember, it is by the content of the text as to which meaning it describes. The Bible was written as letters to the church so please read it that way.

Holy Spirit will only reveal some truths of God's Kingdom when you "dig for them." When you ask Holy Spirit for understanding, He will open up the scriptures to you like never before.

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.

NOTES

Water Baptism

Foundational Truth

Water Baptism is our legal entrance into the Kingdom of God. It is the point when we legally separate ourselves from the Kingdom of Darkness and the lordship of Satan. It is also the door into the Kingdom of Light and the lordship of Jesus Christ in our life. It is the entrance into Sonship in the Kingdom. Water Baptism is the point when we move from being a Child of God to a Son of God; It is when Jesus changes from being our Savior to being the Lord of our life.

A common deception among Christians is "No one can ever be like Jesus." As we teach the truth about Water Baptism, please let Holy Spirit give you revelation as to what Water Baptism does for you. These truths will set you free!

God's Word on the Subject

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Biblical Repentance is the act that causes your spirit to be made new, bringing you into spiritual relationship with God. [2 Corinthians 5:17] It is having your name written in The Book of Life. It is not until Water Baptism that admission into God's Kingdom occurs. When the man goes to the Cross, and then the grave with Jesus in Water Baptism, the darkness which is his nature is crucified with Jesus and he is then raised up as a man who can exist in the Light of God's Kingdom. [Mark 16:16]

Water Baptism crucifies and buries your old sin nature!

Water Baptism gives you the necessary powers and provisions required, so that your soul and body can be trained to deal with and reject all temptation.

It provides what is necessary to live a Godly life while you still live on the earth. It officially solidifies your legal status as a Son of God and establishes the Lordship of Jesus in your life. This is when you enter the Kingdom of God.

Holy Spirit Baptism is when Holy Spirit comes to live inside you and works with you as the Teacher to bring you to spiritual maturity. His job is to teach you to walk in God's Kingdom as a Warrior. Without the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and then yielding to His leading of our lives, we can never truly enter into and walk in the Kingdom of Light.

Everything Jesus did on earth was for a reason:

1. To confront religion and the bondage it establishes.
2. To show us the Father and His love for us.
3. To demonstrate the first Adams dominion, the dominion He walked in.
4. To teach and equip the disciples so they could start the church.
5. To pay the price for sin so that we can forever live sinless lives.

Everything He did on earth, He did as a MAN using only the powers, provisions and legal rights inherent in Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism. We are to do what He did!

[Philippians 2:7] [Hebrews 2:17, 18] [Hebrews 4:15] [John 14:12]

Water Baptism is the Second of Three Provisions Necessary To Fulfill Your Destiny and Escape From the Power of Sin

Repentance

Releases us from the Penalty of sin.

Water Baptism

Releases us from the Power of sin.

Holy Spirit Baptism

Provides the Teacher to develop in us the Character of Jesus so that our lives demonstrate the Power of the Kingdom.

When Jesus instituted the second act of Grace, Water Baptism, it was to equip the new Disciple with certain powers and sovereign legal rights that will equip and empower them to live a successful, overcoming, glorious new Christ-like life. The provisions and powers made available through Water Baptism are God's solution for overcoming the sin loving nature of the "old natural man."

The church is filled with people who have been drawn to Jesus and know that there is more to the Kingdom of God than they have experienced so far. Many have diligently tried by human will power to live an overcoming life and failed until they have lost hope. They failed because their leaders either have no revelation concerning Water Baptism or have failed to take the time and effort it takes to train the new disciple how to walk in the power God made available through Water Baptism.

An Example of How This Works

When a person decides to come out of the Kingdom of Darkness and join God's Kingdom, there is a process required to accomplish this. A good comparison would be joining the US Army.

The person goes to the recruiters and signs the paperwork to join the US Army; but that doesn't give him anything except the commitment for the next 4 years to the United States as a soldier and the requirement to report for training. This is when a person repents and is Born Again. His name is written in the 'Book of Life' but he has not reported for duty and committed his life to be trained.

When he reports to boot camp for training, there is a process required for him to enter the base and begin training.

1. He must decide to give-up his will and control and obey the trainers.
2. He must remove his clothes and put on the Army uniform of the day.
3. He is given medical exams and supplied with all the necessities to live.
4. All communication with civilian life [the past] is cutoff for the duration of boot camp.
5. Most importantly, he is sworn in as a United States Soldier by an officer with a rank of Captain or higher and receives all the responsibilities and rights associated with being in the US Army. This is what Water Baptism does. Jesus is the Captain of the Host of the Army of God's Kingdom.

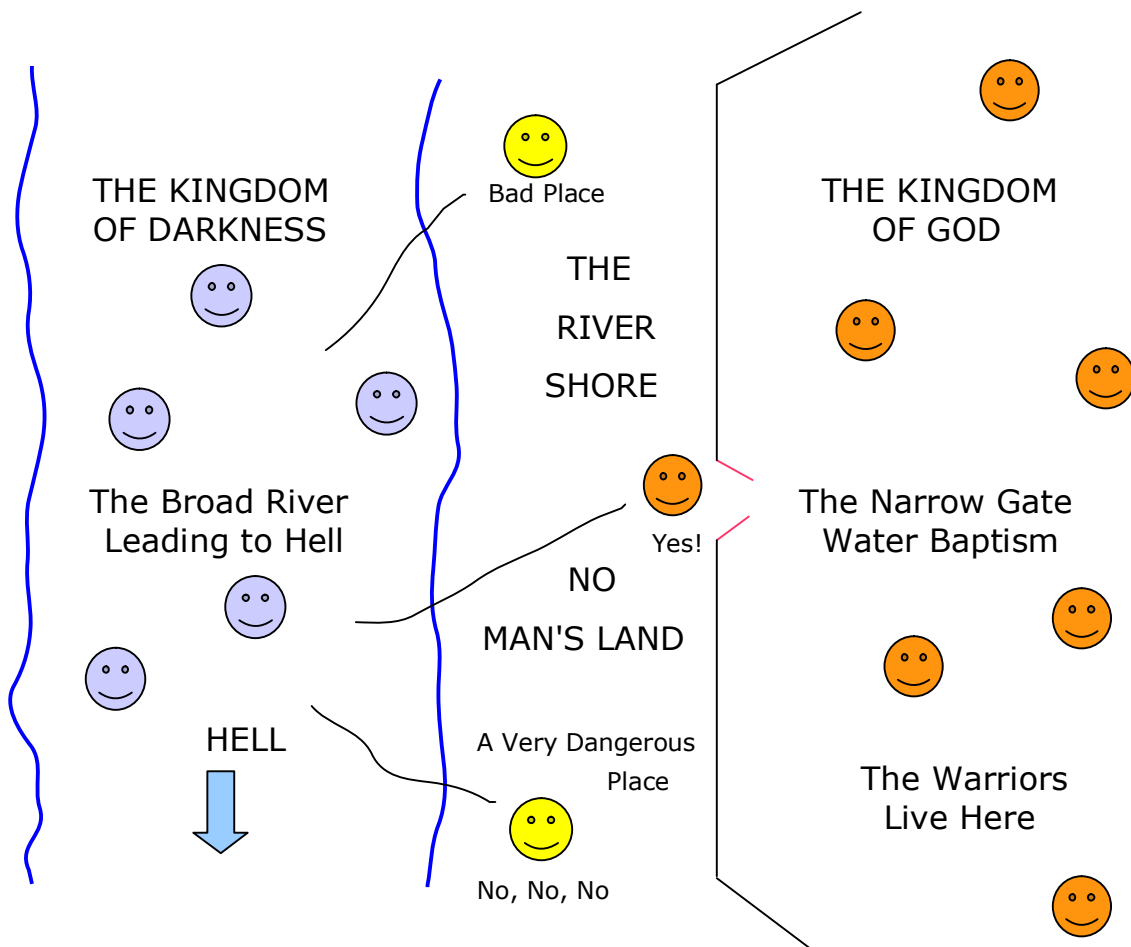
Water Baptism is when you fully enter into the Army of God.

It gets you the rights and responsibilities and privileges of being a soldier for the government you have chosen to serve but you are not given any authority or weapons; those come when you prove worthy and capable to use the weapons.

The process of entering the Army at boot camp is like the process of entering the Kingdom of God at Water Baptism. Once you have legally entered the Army and have been trained to operate as a soldier, you can leave the base and go back into civilian life but you go as a Soldier of the US Army; everywhere you go, you are always an Army Soldier until you are discharged from the military.

The Holy Spirit is the trainer you are to have at boot camp and throughout your army career, but unlike the US Army, you have to ask for Him to come as your teacher. It is part of the continual process of giving up your will and control as you did at Water Baptism.

This illustration is a visual example of what happens during Water Baptism.



The Broad River is the Kingdom Of Darkness, Satan's domain; also known as the world or the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is the kingdom that ALL people are born into. When a person decides to leave Satan's Kingdom and join God's Kingdom, he makes the choice offered by the recruiter and signs the papers and gets his name written in the "Book of Life." That act or decision is known as being 'Born Again' and it allows him to leave the Kingdom of Darkness and move to the River Shore. The problem is, it leaves him completely open to the willful harassment and attack of his former ruler, Satan. A lot of the Church is living in this No Man's Land and can't understand why they are being hurt so badly and are not able to stop it.

The Narrow Gate is Water Baptism and is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God. After we have matured and are trained as warriors, we will re-enter the Kingdom of Darkness to do battle. Jesus once told me that we were to be terrorists to the Devil and his Kingdom of Darkness. We do that through the power of God with signs, miracles and love. So understand, the new convert can ONLY enter the Kingdom of God through the Narrow Gate, which is Water Baptism; or as in the Army, through boot camp.

The Provisions and Powers Received Through Water Baptism

1. Closes the narrow gate behind the new Disciple.
2. Removes the sin-loving nature forever by cutting it from the Believer's heart, then burying it in the watery grave. [Romans 6:3-20] [Colossians 2:11-15]
3. Severs all relationships with the Kingdom of Satan and the laws of sin and death in the same watery grave of baptism.
4. Then the new man is resurrected with the God-loving nature from the dead as you arise from the water into the Kingdom of Heaven.
5. Establishes a covenant relationship between God and the person receiving Water Baptism making that person a true Son of God.
6. Water Baptism transfers your citizenship from the Kingdom of Satan [by death and burial] into the Kingdom of God which officially makes Jesus the Lord, Master and Ruler of your life.

A person Water Baptized without training in how to exercise the powers and rights he was given, is like an untrained Army recruit being issued a 'Military Tank'. He must be trained so he knows what he has and how to use it correctly. It is the same with Water Baptism.

Definition of Water Baptism

The word Baptism or Baptize means, "To dip, plunge, to immerse" and by definition and usage, the word means, "to put into or under water so as to entirely immerse or submerge."

1. Jesus was immersed. [Matthew 3:16]
2. Philip immersed the Eunuch. [Acts 8:38-39]

Water Baptism Is Not Optional!

Mark 16:16

He who believes in Me; that is he who embraces My Covenant Words and is immersed (Baptized) in My Name, will be saved but he who does not walk in Me, will remain condemned to eternal death.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore wherever you go, make Witnesses of the Word of God in all the other nations. Immersing (Baptizing) them in God, in The Name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit [The Lord Jesus Christ]; teaching them to observe all the things which I have taught to you, and be sure of this, I am with you always, even beyond the end of all time."

When Jesus said "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved," He was talking about the salvation of the total man: spirit, soul, and body. Jesus came not only to give us eternal life but also to give us victory in this life; that we might overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. He came that we might manifest a new life style before the world.

[Romans 5:17] [Romans 8:29] [1 Corinthians 15:49] [1 Peter 1:15-17] [Philippians 2:15]

The Supernatural Powers, Abilities and Legal Rights Are Given through Water Baptism

When we repent and confess Jesus as Savior, we are set free; our name is written in the Book of Life and we are able to approach the throne of God; BUT that does not free us from the power of sin.

Water Baptism frees us from the power of sin by our death in the watery grave. We bury our natural, sinful man in water baptism and are resurrected to life for God in His Kingdom of Righteousness. [Romans 6:1-22]

We are DEAD to sin after Water Baptism.

To help you understand this better let us use the example of a person transferring his citizenship from one country to another. Let's use the example of a person who is a citizen of Ireland and he was allowed to immigrate to the USA. After he has applied for citizenship, he is required to be trained as to what it means to be an American. When he has finished all the training required, he is sworn in before a judge where he renounces all connection to Ireland and their laws. He then swears allegiance and commits to obey all the laws and authorities of the USA. At this point, Ireland has no jurisdiction or connection to that man ever again. He is now an American citizen.

Water Baptism is when you renounce citizenship in your former government, the Kingdom of Darkness and then commits to obey the Kingdom of God.

Satan has deceived most of the church into believing that they have no power to stop sinning. Disciples must be taught how to resist the power of temptation through receiving, believing and walking in the power of Water Baptism. This is to be taught by your mentor, who is to be directed by Holy Spirit; Jesus told us to make disciples, not just get people saved.

Water Baptism gives you the Power to stop sinning.

If you believe in the rights given to you by Water Baptism and act on them, temptation will not overcome you because God will provide a way of escape. This, as with all the promises in the Bible only works when you act on it in your own life. [1 Corinthians 10:13] [James 1:22]

What Is Spiritual Circumcision

Circumcision in the natural sense is the cutting away of the foreskin of the man. In the spiritual sense, circumcision is the cutting away of not just part of the man, but it is the supernatural cutting away of the whole body of sins, the sin-loving nature. In the Old Testament only the male was able to be in covenant with God. In the New Testament [the New Covenant], every person can have a Covenant relationship with God since circumcision is done in Water Baptism by the supernatural hand of God. In Water Baptism, God supernaturally takes His Divine scalpel and cuts away from our lives the old parts of us that are in bondage to sin and He buries it. This experience, although supernatural, is very real, as is the "Born Again" experience in the life of the believer. A tremendous deliverance and victory over sin takes place, which we are to walk out every day after Water Baptism.

What Spiritual Circumcision Accomplishes

1. We come into Covenant Relationship with God. [Colossians 2:11-15]
2. We are forgiven for all sins; past, present and future. [2 Corinthians 5:17]
3. We are placed in the Body of Christ, the Church. [1 Corinthians 12:13] [Acts 2:41]
4. Water Baptism gives us a clear conscience before God. The Guilt of past failures is removed. [1 Peter 3:21]
5. The Kingdom of Darkness loses all legal right and dominion in our life. [Romans 6:14]

We Are Placed Into The Body Of Christ

In 1 Corinthians 12:13 it says, "We were all baptized into one body", and in Acts 2:41 it says "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized and that day about three thousand people were added to the Church." It is clear that Water Baptism is the normal gateway to membership into the Church, The Body of Christ.

What About Being Baptized More Than Once

1. You should be Water Baptized again if your first baptism was before the Holy Spirit convicted you of sin and you repented on purpose. Many people were baptized as an infant or before they made a real commitment to accept Jesus as their deliverer or Savior. These people need to be baptized according to the scriptures; after they truly believe [have committed themselves to live according to] rely on, adhere to, and trust in Jesus. This is not a second Water Baptism since the first was not according to scripture and therefore invalid.
2. You do not need to be Water Baptized a second time even if you did not understand what was supposed to happen, as long as you repented, accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and were Water Baptized by submersion the first time. Those who did not understand what was happening to them, or what powers were given to them at Water Baptism, yet they were repentant believers, need only to learn how to walk in the power of Water Baptism. If a person has questions and doubts about his baptism, he should talk with their mentor and the mentor will guide him as to whether he needs to be baptized again or whether he only needs training in how to walk in the power of Water Baptism. As for me, when I learned what I had received from Water Baptism later in my walk with the Lord, I got re-baptized and saw the change the Word promised me. Ask Holy Spirit, He will guide you.

Who Is Qualified To Baptize New Converts?

We have been taught that the only people who can baptize another believer are the Leadership [Pastor, Elder] of the local assembly; this is Not True! It is not their job to baptize; it is their job to teach YOU to baptize every new convert or disciple who wants and needs to be Water Baptized!

Ephesians 4:11-12

And He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastor/teachers for the equipping of the saints, to do the work of the ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ.

So the next time you get someone Born Again, or see a need for a disciple to be Water Baptized, know that it is YOUR responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ, and get it done.

When Should You Be Water Baptized?

You should be baptized as soon as possible after receiving Jesus as your Savior! Water Baptism is so powerful and such a necessity for successfully living as a disciple of Jesus, that a person should not allow any time to lapse between accepting Jesus as Savior and Water Baptism. In the New Testament it was always immediately after repentance. [Acts 10:44-47]

How to Water Baptized

In the New Testament we find two statements related to the words to be used by the person doing the Water Baptism.

1. Matthew 28:19 "baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This is a direct command of Jesus to His disciples.
2. The way the Bible says the disciples did it.
 - A. At Pentecost: In the Name of Jesus Christ Acts 2:38
 - B. At Samaria: In the Name of the Lord Jesus Acts 8:16
 - C. At Cornelius' House: In the Name of the Lord Acts 10:48
 - D. At Ephesus: In the Name of the Lord Jesus Acts 19:5
 - E. Paul: Calling on the Name of the Lord Acts 22:16

There is no word formula that is required. However, to fulfill both of the Biblical directions identified above we will use the statement something like the following:

“I baptize you into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the complete death of your old sin-loving nature and the laws of sin and death; and then be resurrected into your new God-loving nature, a righteous relationship with your Lord and Master Jesus Christ.”

The exact word formula is not important. What is important is the understanding of the concept. The important thing is that you realize that you are:

1. Being buried with Jesus and in doing so you are severing all relationship with the Kingdom of Darkness [Satan] and the laws of sin and death;
2. Being resurrected as a Citizen of the Kingdom of Light, who's King is Jesus; that upon resurrection you are subject to the will of God that He has revealed to YOU. He will begin teaching you through the indwelling Holy Spirit shortly after you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, which is the Third Act of Grace.

The Physical Process of Water Baptism

You can baptize a person anywhere there is enough water that you can submerge the person. If life situations won't permit using a better format, a bathtub can be used. This is not recommended as a standard format but in an emergency, it will accomplish what is necessary.

When using a lake or swimming pool or hot tub, the following method works the best. For a lake or pool, stand as deep in the water as is comfortable which usually is about belly button deep. For taller or heavier people, go deeper into the water. This will make it easier on you.

Being right handed, I stand beside the person with his left shoulder at my chest as he faces 90° to my left. I put my right arm behind the person, grabbing his right arm or side just below his armpit, depending on his size. Have him hold his nose shut with his left hand and hold his left arm at the wrist with his right hand.

I then take hold of his left forearm with my left hand. This makes him a tight package and easier to manage as he is lowered into the water. Spread your feet apart until you are comfortable and stable.

For a lighter, manageable person, I have them basically sit back against my right arm while I distribute their weight and mine to my right leg. This process will save your back, especially if you have more than one to do. If the person is heavy, this method may cause you to strain your back and is not recommended. A better way is to assume the same position as before but then lean him forward while he bends at the knees. That way his legs hold more of his weight and he can help you raise him up out of the water. Make sure you have a good footing for both methods; you will be sorry if you don't.

When you have declared the statement of faith over him and are ready to lower him into the water, have him grab his nose to keep the water out and bend his knees; then lower him in one constant motion down and back up. If you stop for any length of time at the bottom, it is hard on your back to get him back up to vertical.

If you or others at the Baptism are Prophetic, I suggest that you wait for Holy Spirit to speak. At most of the Baptisms we have done, if time is allotted for the move of Holy Spirit, prophetic words will be given to the person being baptized. God loves to be involved in this process. We use a hand held digital recorder so the person being baptized will be able to hear clearly what Holy Spirit said later after the baptism.

Some Final Thoughts

God expects you to obey only that which He reveals to you through Holy Spirit. Since each of us is at a different level of maturity, we are only required to walk in the light [revelation] that we have. Holy Spirit is the only one who is qualified to teach us how to walk in the Kingdom of God. This is called the maturing process.

So with this knowledge you have just received, it is my hope and belief that you will spread the truth about Water Baptism and administer this truth to the Body of Christ. Be encouraged! You can do this! It is easy and Fun!

God expects you to obey only that which He reveals to you.

Holy Spirit Baptism

The book of Acts was recorded to show us how the original Church functioned successfully according to God's plan. Since we are still in the dispensation that Holy Spirit started 2,000 years ago, nothing has been added to or taken away from His original plan; it still functions the same today as it did then and the prayer language (tongues), is still for all believers who will receive by faith all that Holy Spirit has for them.

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

I asked Holy Spirit for a graphic example that showed the difference between being saved and being filled with Holy Spirit: this is what I saw. When a person gets saved, the Holy Spirit gives him a glass of water to drink taken from a swimming pool that is filled with Liquid Light, which is the Kingdom of God's Love and Light. That person receives a new spirit that is holy and he is washed clean on the inside by the light, but he is still in control. When that person receives the fullness (baptism) of the Holy Spirit, it is like he jumps into the middle of the swimming pool. His life becomes completely enveloped in and supported by Holy Spirit, Who is the Teacher and the Power of the Kingdom.

Also understand, the Bible was written by Spirit filled men who spoke in tongues, (Peter, Paul, Luke) to people who spoke in tongues. All of the examples given in the book of Acts that show the people receiving the Holy Spirit Baptism, say they knew that Holy Spirit was given because they heard the new believer speaking in tongues and praising God. Simply stated, tongues is the language given to your spirit so he is able to function in the spirit realm and talk with God. It is a Heaven sent spiritual tool that is needed to walk in the spirit realm on purpose.

Bible Instructions

The following scriptures are presented in the order that will help you understand the importance of being Spirit Filled. Please study them with a desire to know the truth of the Bible.

John 14:16

When Jesus went back to heaven, He sent Holy Spirit to be our Teacher and Helper. This was God's plan from the beginning and the New Testament shows us the examples of how it is to be done.

John 14:17

Holy Spirit lives with you and will be in you. Holy Spirit was in Jesus and Jesus was with the disciples. Jesus promised that Holy Spirit would live in us as He lived in Jesus!

John 14:26

Father sent Holy Spirit to teach you all things. He is the Best Spiritual Teacher there is.

John 16:13-15

When the Spirit of truth comes, He teaches you all the truth and guides you in this life according to Father's will.

John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared to the disciples and declared their salvation. This is when the Disciples were Born Again. Jesus breathed Life into them just as God did in Genesis 2:7 and they received a new spirit. In the original Greek it says they received the spirit that is holy, not the Holy Spirit. They received the glass of water from the swimming pool. (See Salvation Came to the Church) If this was when they received the Holy Spirit as some teach, then why did Jesus say in Acts Ch. 1 to not leave Jerusalem but to wait for the Holy Spirit Who had not come yet.

Luke 24:46-49

Jesus gave instructions not to leave Jerusalem until they received the promised Holy Spirit. He had more to give them than just salvation.

Acts 1:4-5

Again Jesus tells His disciples to wait for the Promised Holy Spirit. This is after they had seen Jesus and He had breathed on them and said, "Receive the spirit that is holy."

Acts 1:8

He told them, "You will receive the Miracle Power of the Holy Spirit". This is the power Jesus used to do good and heal, as stated in Acts 10:38, and you are directed to use as described in Mark 16:15-20. It is the empowerment to be able to demonstrate the Kingdom of God to mankind. This is the Power we need to function as warriors of the Kingdom!

Acts 2:37-39

Peter, after receiving the Holy Spirit, said that we must repent, be water baptized and receive the promised Holy Spirit. Notice he said that there were three separate steps in the salvation process.

II Corinthians 13:1

Every word must be established by the testimony or proof of two or three witnesses. Three or more is to be considered a perfect witness. The following are the only eyewitness accounts detailed in the Bible of people receiving the Holy Spirit infilling. They were given to us as an example of how we are to receive Holy Spirit today. The Bible is the same today as it was when it was written, so the process is also the same. [Hebrews 13:8]

Acts 2:1-4

This is the Promise that Jesus was talking about. Holy Spirit came to earth to live in all Believers who want Him. This is when they jumped into the swimming pool.

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was telling some Gentiles about salvation, the people were Born Again and received Holy Spirit. This is when salvation and Holy Spirit infilling came to the Gentiles.

Acts 11:1-19

Peter told the Jewish Believers that God had given the Holy Spirit to the Gentile believers just the same as the disciples had received Him in Acts 2:1-4.

Acts 15:7-8

Again Peter compares what happened when the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit to the Apostles receiving the Holy Spirit Baptism in Acts 2:1-4.

Acts 19:1-7

These men were believed to be the first church in Ephesus. Paul led them into salvation, and then into receiving Holy Spirit. When he put his hands on them and prayed for them, they all began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Acts 8:5-20

Salvation, Water Baptism, and Holy Spirit infilling are all different portions of Holy Spirit's plan of salvation. As shown here, being in-filled by Holy Spirit was a completely separate operation from salvation and one meant for all Believers to receive.

Jude 20-21

After receiving the infilling of Holy Spirit, praying in your Prayer Language will build your faith and keep you in the love and safety of God's Kingdom.

I Corinthians 2:1-16

The Holy Spirit helps us to communicate (NIV & NAS) with God by giving us a prayer language so we can convey spiritual truths with a spiritual language. This language enables us to tune into, hear, and understand Holy Spirit through our spirit, who delivers to us the Mind of Christ.

I Corinthians 14:2,4

He who speaks in his prayer language is speaking to God about spiritual truths, (mysteries to our mind) and God uses our prayer language to do His business through the spirit realm with the results seen here on Earth.

Luke 11:9-13

It is always God's will for every Christian to be filled with the Holy Spirit just as the first members of His Church were on the Day of Pentecost. His pattern has never changed.

These are the scriptures we have used to lead many Christians into the full baptism of our precious Holy Spirit. There is one more that sadly I must make known to you. It is happening today at an alarming rate.

Mark 7:1-13

This chapter talks about how the traditions of men make the Word of God of no effect. One such tradition of today is that tongues have ceased and are not for today; or are from the Devil. If that is so then the bible is invalid and cannot be trusted. If the owner's manual doesn't remain the same today as when it was written, then how could we trust it to be true on any subject? Knowing that this question would come up, God drew a line in the sand and established with finality His will on the subject.

Hebrews 13:7-8

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ (the Word) is the same yesterday and today and forever.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible is the same yesterday and today and forever!

How To Get Someone Holy Spirit Filled

When helping a Believer receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, remember your job is to get him to dive into the pool. The key is to get him to where HE wants to jump into the pool. Understand that this is God's desire and as such, He will be helping you in the process.

To receive what Holy Spirit has to offer, there must be faith released to make the connection. No Faith, No Connection! If you follow the proceeding scriptures in the order they are given and listen to Holy Spirit as you do; their faith will grow and be released. Trust me and try; it will work.

Ask them questions as to what they believe. If they have been taught wrong and many have been, explain to them using simple explanations and the scriptures that Holy Spirit has made real to you. The more you build desire in them, which is hope, the easier it will be for them to receive. The release of Faith is the result of strong Hope. Hebrews 11:1

They must understand that they are the ones who do the speaking. Holy Spirit will not cause them or make them speak. It is as we open our mouths and attempt to speak that our spirit will take control and begin to speak his words through our mouth. Tongues is the language of OUR spirit. To walk in the spirit realm, our spirit must be able to speak and that is what our born again spirit wants.

Most blockages come from our own soul. Picture it this way; our life is a car that our soul has been driving while our spirit sits in the back seat. When we receive Holy Spirit into our life, He begins to encourage our spirit to start driving the car. Our soul is then forced into the back seat while our spirit is driving; our soul does not want or like that; our soul's attitude is, "I'm the driver, not my spirit." That is the struggle; who is in-charge.

As you convince their soul of the value of walking in the spirit, the process will be much easier. That is done by using scripture, answering questions, and giving testimony of how you received.

Another important question to answer for them is 'what if I do it wrong or it is just me making up the sounds.' I have been helping people receive for 35 years now and my answer is this: since you don't know what you are doing, if you make a mistake, you won't know it; so just do what comes and let Holy Spirit straighten it out. That is His job, not yours. You just try and leave the results to Him. Remember, they MUST try to speak; if they don't, their spirit can't.

If they seem to be afraid, ask them if they are afraid. If yes, have them confess any sin that they know of and then command all spirits to leave and especially the spirit causing fear; then release your peace to them. [Luke 10:5-6] We have found that many times, if the person does not easily receive, there is an evil spirit who is stopping the baptism process. The spirit most prevalent is the spirit that causes fear in the Believer. It usually is identified as a spirit of fear but we have found that almost any type of spirit can cause the Believer to be afraid. So our suggestion is to cast out any and all unclean spirits the person has; just get rid of them. Cast them all out so that the person can receive. Remember, Jesus only said to the demons, come out or go. See the chapter on deliverance for further understanding if needed.

II Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Occasionally, they will be so strong in the soul (mind) that they don't understand how to allow their spirit to speak. This is a place that some will struggle with. One day I stopped and asked Holy Spirit, how can I help this person to receive? He told me to ask Him for their tongue and the ability to speak it out. So I did and out came a totally different language. I then told the person what had happened, that it was their language and for them to say what I was saying. When they did as instructed, their tongues immediately started to flow.

This is not something that I use frequently, but once in a while, it is the answer that is needed to free up a strong soul controlled person to receive their prayer language. Don't worry, as soon as they start flowing with Holy Spirit by speaking their prayer language, yours will return to what you have been using lately. The requirement is to get them to speak out what you are speaking, which is their own language. When they do, their spirit will take over and start speaking.

I also have them start and stop speaking their language out loud with their eyes open looking at me several times. This helps with their confidence that they can do this when they are alone. Enjoy, this is really fun to do!!!

A Better Understanding Of Tongues

My Kingdom functions in the spirit realm. Until you fully understand that, we can never function on the same level. Walking in the spirit is to come up to My level and live as you were created to live. My life and being are in the spirit.

To operate in the spirit you must be able to speak your spirit's language and release Spiritual Words. It is the language given to your spirit so he can function on purpose in the spirit realm.

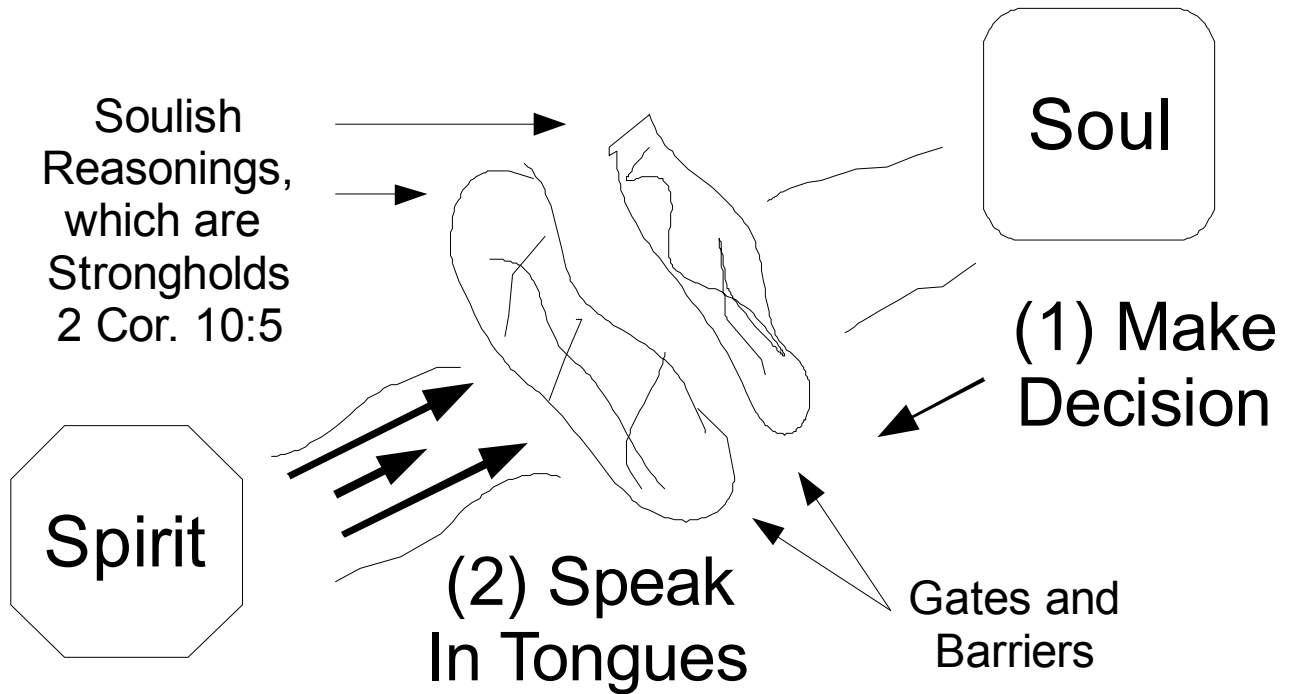
When a Believer speaks tongues, his spirit is functioning as Father intended and creating his very life here on Earth in this present time. It is always done under My direction but it is being done by a creating son in the Kingdom. Only children who have chosen to move into Sonship and have received Me as their Teacher will ever fully know what they have been given in the spirit. Praying in Tongues out loud is the process they are to use that will take them as deep into the spirit realm as they want to go.

Since your spirit is the door into the spirit realm, by connecting with him, you will be connecting with Holy Spirit. Now you can hear from Heaven on purpose.

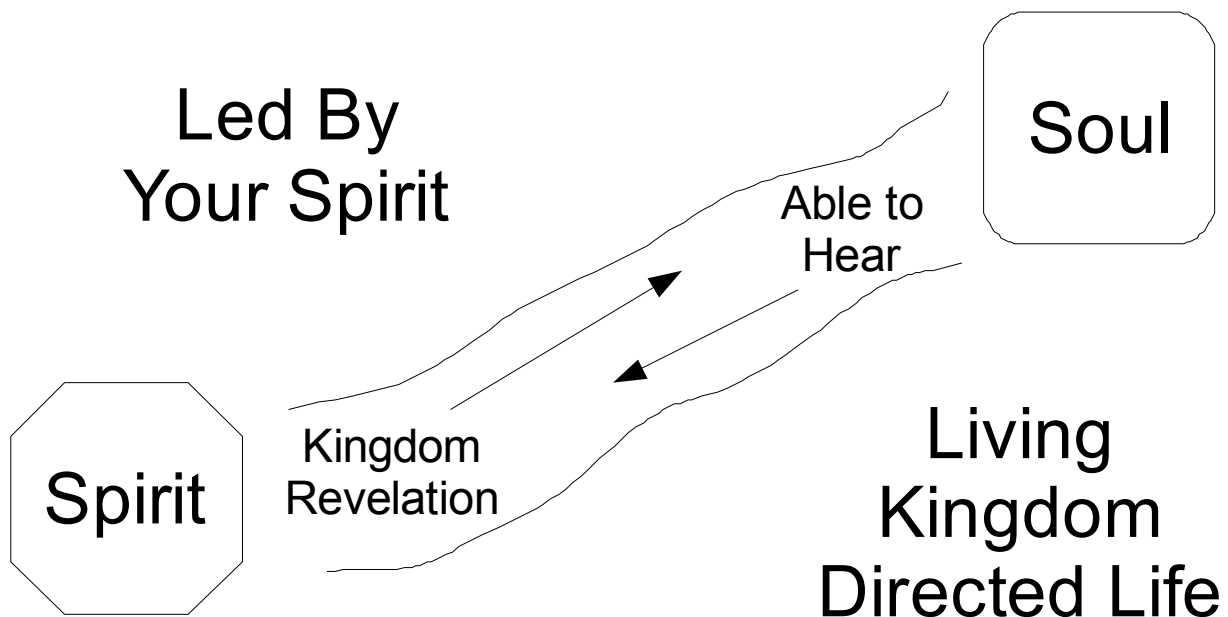
The following diagram shows one of the reasons for praying in tongues. When you make a decision (1) to hear in your spirit and you start praying out loud in tongues (2), your human reasoning, which are strongholds, are removed and the connection between your spirit and your head (soul) is made.

Praying in our prayer language is a tool to be uses to connect to the spirit realm.

Not Able to Hear Your Spirit



Able to Hear Your Spirit



By using the tool of tongues, I am able to quickly tune into what Holy Spirit wants to show or tell me about the situation I am in. I stop and speak quietly out loud in tongues and then listen for instructions when I minister to people. An example would be when someone asks for a word from God. Romans 12:6 says to prophesy according to your faith. Since I believe the word, I tune into Holy Spirit by praying in tongues and get the word that God has for the person. God loves to talk to people who will listen; because He does, this is an easy process to walk in.

Another time would be when I am getting ready to minister healing to someone. The Bible says to not lay hands on someone suddenly or hastily. That is why I stand and pray in tongues until I get directions as to how to minister healing before I lay hands on anyone. Since I pray exactly what and how Holy Spirit has shown me to pray, the expected results usually happen. It is impossible for us to pray in faith and have nothing happen.

1 Timothy 5:22

Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others.
Keep yourself pure.

Praying in tongues is the tool given to us so that on purpose, I can tune into Heaven in the spirit any time I want.

Physical Benefit of Tongues

Here is a very interesting health thought. Dr. Clark Peterson of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma is a brain specialist and was doing research on the relationship between the brain and praying or speaking in tongues. Some amazing things were discovered!

Through research and testing, Dr. Peterson found that as we pray in the spirit, or worship in the spirit (using our heavenly language or tongues) there is activity that begins in our brain. As we engage in our heavenly language, the brain releases two chemical secretions that are directed into our immune systems giving a 35 to 40 percent boost in the immune system. This promotes healing in our bodies.

Amazingly, this secretion is triggered from a part of the brain that has no other apparent activity in humans and that we do not use; it is only activated by our spirit-led prayer and worship. We need to pray in our prayer language more than we ever have before.

The 4 Diversities of Tongues

There are 4 different tongues described in the New Testament, each with a different set of rules for their operation. One of the reasons the church world is so confused over the subject of tongues is that Believers generally try to impose the same set of rules on all the different operations or manifestations of tongues; to do so causes confusion among Believers and stops Holy Spirit's ability to release His gifts to the world through us. Although there may be other operations of tongues, which occur as Holy Spirit wills, the four basic manifestations that are outlined in the Word are as follows:

Tongues for Personal Edification

1 Corinthians 14:2,4 & 14:14

[14:2] For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; no one understands him, because with his spirit he speaks mysteries. [14:4] He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. [14:14] For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding (mind) is unfruitful.

Jude 20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

This is a spiritual language given to our spirit by Holy Spirit so that we can function in the spirit realm. We cannot walk and live in the spirit realm efficiently if we can't communicate in the spirit. This is the tongues that the disciples received in Acts Chapter 2, 10, and 19. It accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Language I give your spirit when you receive Me as your Baptizer. It is the language of the spirit realm and is absolutely necessary if you desire to function in the deep things of the spirit. Receiving My Spirit is required to move from being a child into Sonship. I desire All of My children to move into Sonship.

Tongues for interpretation

1 Corinthians 14:5

[12:10] ...to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. [14:5] I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

This manifestation of tongues is normally presented in a public assembly, accompanied by interpretation through the same or another person. It is a tongue I use to communicate with My corporate body in meetings. I desire all My Sons to operate in this manifestation.

Tongues as a Sign to the Unbeliever

1 Corinthians 14:22

Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers;
but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

This is the phenomenon that took place on the Day of Pentecost. [Acts 2:4-11] It occurs when Holy Spirit transcends the intellect and all language barriers by empowering a believer to preach, teach, or testify about Jesus in some language of man of which the believer himself has no knowledge. It also functions when Holy Spirit causes the hearing of the receiver to hear the tongue being spoken in his native language. The Word said that the men heard the Disciples speaking in their native languages; Acts Chapter 2 did not say that the Disciples spoke in the men's native languages.

I have a friend named Jack who, while in a steam room at a gym, had the opportunity to pray for an Arab man who was having severe back pain. Jack told him that if he prayed God would heal him. The man reluctantly agreed. When Jack put his hands on the man where Holy Spirit showed him, Jack began to pray softly out loud in tongues just to stay in tune with Holy Spirit. After about 2 minutes of praying over the man who was lying face down on the bench, the man turned his head to the side and with tears running down his face, asked Jack how he knew his native Arab language. Surprised, Jack asked him to explain what he meant. The man replied that Jack was speaking perfectly in his native language giving glory to God and magnifying God's handiworks. Jack said that his tongue did not change from his normal tongue he was using at the time. The man's back was healed.

I desire for this gift to be used Much more than it is now. It gives me the opportunity to reach many more of My unsaved children with My truth. As you choose to be used, I Will Use You!!!!

Tongues of Intercession

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the spirit because the spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

This operation of tongues empowers the Believers to do spiritual warfare for their own lives, their families, their church, their city, their nation, etc. God may also call on them to intercede for someone or for some situation that is totally unknown to them.

As a Warrior chooses to move deeper into My Kingdom, I will have them do frontline warfare for the lost, the wounded, and the Kingdom. It is by choice that you enter this level of warfare.

Summary

Tongue Number 1, which is his own personal prayer language, is to be used by the believer as he wills. Holy Spirit once told me that my prayer language is my own personal key into the Father's Throne Room! It is mine to use as often as I want. The important thing to know is that numbers 2, 3, and 4 only function when and as Holy Spirit wills. The more you use your personal prayer language, tongue number 1, the more Holy Spirit will use you in the other three operations of tongues.

I asked Holy Spirit if there was such a thing in the Kingdom as a "silver or Magic Bullet." With a laugh, His answer was YES! He said "If we would ask how much each day He wanted us to pray out loud in tongues and then pray that much while obeying His daily instructions, we would walk as Jesus did." Your spirit wants to do this; it's your head that struggles with it.

Bottom Line:

The more you pray out loud using your Personal Prayer Language,
the more ALL of the manifestations taught in this manual
will function in you, for you and through You!

Remember, we are not human beings going through a temporary
spiritual experience; we are Spiritual Beings going through a
temporary human experience.

The Holy Spirit

The most important ability in the Kingdom is clear, faith filled communication with Me, Holy Spirit, your Teacher. This is foundational to walking in the deep things of the spirit. Unless We communicate as One, there is no ability for the Teacher to teach you spiritual things. All that you will learn is carnal head knowledge and that will never take you or keep you in the spirit realm.

You Must Hear My Voice

God's Word majors on principles rather than only formulas. In order to listen correctly, you must have an ear to hear. Many people go through their entire lives hearing but never listening. Hearing is a natural function, but listening is an acquired art. We need to develop our spiritual faculties of perception and listening in and with our spirit. It is a mark of maturity when one has diligently exercised the spiritual faculties of perception so that he or she is able to separate what is God and what is the flesh or the Devil. [Romans 8:14] By learning to listen to what God is saying, your spiritual senses will be sharpened. In other words, it will get easier to hear Holy Spirit the more you listen.

John 5:30

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 8:28

So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am {He,} and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father shows Me.

In these verses you can see that Jesus only does and says what the Father shows Him to do and tells Him to say. Jesus is our example of a man who walked according to the instructions received from Heaven through Holy Spirit while here on this earth.

An example of this would be John 8:1-11. The religious leaders brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They said that they had a right to stone her according to Moses' Law and they came with stones in their hands. They came with attitude! Now having read about how cruel these guys could be, I bet that the lady they brought didn't have an abundance of clothes on since they had just caught her in the very act of adultery.

Please notice that Jesus did not immediately answer them but instead turned His back to them, stooped down and doodled on the ground with his finger. Now I've heard it taught that Jesus wrote their sins on the ground, supposedly bringing them to conviction and causing them to leave. But that is not the answer that I was given by Holy Spirit when I asked Him what happened. Jesus, as a man, was caught off guard and knew not to answer them until he had asked for instructions as to what to do from Holy Spirit. When He knelt down, He asked what to do and doodled while waiting for the directions from Heaven.

He also turned his back to the men and the woman so His focus was on hearing and not on what He could see with His eyes. Sometimes we need to change our focus off of what we can plainly see and look with the eyes of faith at what the Spirit is showing us.

Holy Spirit then said, tell them "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." [John 5:30] Jesus then stood and told them exactly what Holy Spirit said to say, and then gave them a way of escape by turning His back to them and again doodled on the ground. Holy Spirit then acted on the word He gave Jesus to say and brought conviction on them so that they left one by one, from the most mature to the youngest. Then straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" And she said, "No one Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go and sin no more."

In this scripture Jesus demonstrated what to do when you are caught off guard without a Heaven's perspective answer. Since Jesus walked on the earth as a Man under the direction of Holy Spirit, may we be wise enough to do the same and be "Quick to hear and slow to speak".

The absolute goal of my life today, is to hear from Holy Spirit what to do or say in every situation and then obey Him as Jesus did.

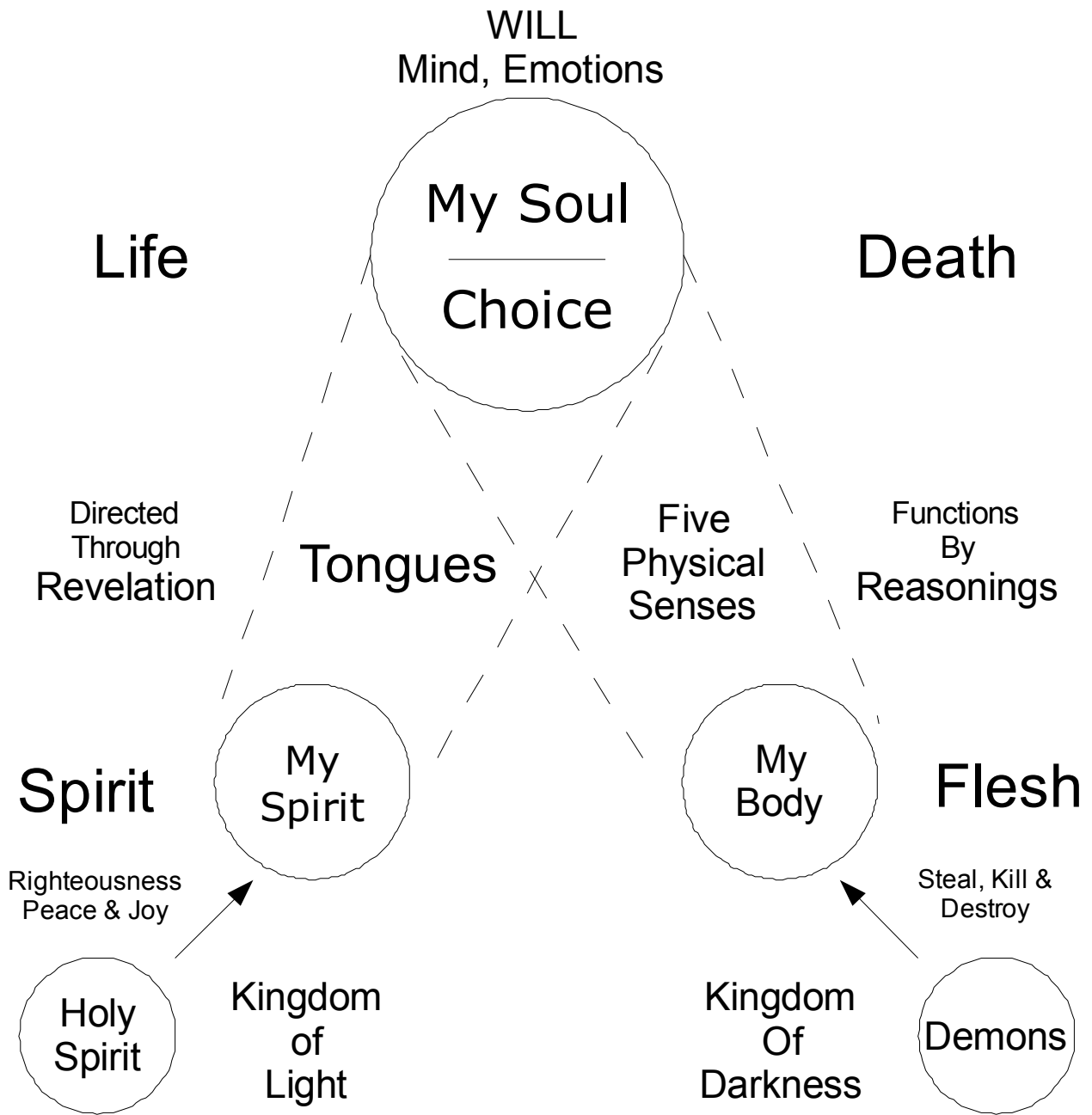
It is My number one joy to talk with My Sons. I am always looking for the Ones who want Me enough to search for My voice. Know that I am always here and desiring to talk with you. Even now I talk to you more than you know. Unfortunately I can only talk in ways that you will recognize that it is Me. But know that I am not pleased to function on such a childish level, so I am giving you personal instructions as to how to hear Me easily. When you do as I instruct, you will hear Me. For this to work correctly you must trust Me and know that what I say will be so.

There are 3 parts to every Believer as described in The New Testament

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Understanding the difference between the spirit, the soul (mind, will and emotions) and the body will greatly help you to hear Me and make it easier to walk in the Kingdom.



This Chart shows the relationship between
Your Spirit, Soul and Body.

The body has a language that you are familiar with: I'm hot or cold or tired, etc. It is the physical language of touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight. Our soul has a language, which is the language we use to communicate to other people, such as English, or Spanish. And our spirit has an inside language that we have heard most of our lives, which the world calls our sub-conscious. That is when our spirit is communicating to our thought process or to our mind.

The unrenewed spirit will think and operate according to the world's thoughts, Satan's thoughts and our own natural abilities. When we receive a new God minded, born again spirit during salvation, we now have the capacity and desire to serve and flow with God.

Ephesians 1:13 says that our spirit has been sealed by Holy Spirit. That means that our spirit man is sinless and absolutely wants to serve only the Kingdom of God! **It is very important that we develop the ability for our mind or soul to hear our spirit's voice and know for sure that he is talking because it is through this means that God will talk to us most of the time.**

In the military, when the captain wants to talk to headquarters, he communicates through the radioman. The captain will give to the radioman exactly what he wants said and the radioman will send it. Headquarters will receive it and reply back to the captain through the radioman who is like our spirit. This is how we hear Holy Spirit most of the time. We get sensitive to our own spirit and then listen to him for the message or answer from Heaven. This is how God designed for us to hear Him and it works very well when we do it correctly.

I AM a Spirit and so are You!

My Kingdom functions in the spirit realm. Until you fully understand that, we can never function on the same level. Walking in the spirit is to come up to My level and live as you were meant to live. My life and being are in the spirit.

When I sent you to earth, I put you in a physical body so you could function. Without the physical body you would not be able to function on earth. That is why demons want access to your body. Without a body to live in, they cannot truly function with the control that they want.

**We are a Spirit Being going through a temporary
human experience!**

I made you to function on earth with a body so you could accomplish what I wanted you to learn. The problem is you have given your body too much control over the life you live on earth. It is only to be a vehicle to function in while there. It was not intended to have control over what is done and how you live. Do you let your car control where you go or what you do? No!! Your vehicle or body was given to serve you, not control you. As you fully understand that fact, your life will change and you will start to realize what walking in the spirit is all about.

Reading My word will help you to think and focus your soul more on Me. It was written to train your soul (mind, will and emotions) to think the right way so it can follow after your spirit. But strengthening your soul will not take you into the spirit. Here is the dilemma; your unrenewed soul wants to be in control of how that is done.

Using the soul to lead will not allow you access to the spirit realm. It will only allow you to act the part but stay in the fleshly, earthly realm. The soul only knows how to function by reasoning's, which are judgments made from outward appearances. The soul (mind) functions like a computer; its operation is controlled by stored information. Your mind was never meant or designed to operate in the spirit realm. Its job is to follow your spirit as your spirit's servant. That happens when your soul correctly follows your spirit and displays the information obtained from Holy Spirit to the world.

As your soul becomes renewed and desires to follow your spirit and Holy Spirit, it becomes useful to the Kingdom. The renewed soul will give the correct demonstration of what Holy Spirit through your spirit is doing. The renewed soul now wants to function as a Bond Servant. The problem is that the soul cannot become the Bond Servant of the Lord until he learns to be directed by Holy Spirit. It is through the personal leading of Holy Spirit that a soul is renewed to follow his spirit. Renewing the soul is completed by following and communicating with and obeying Holy Spirit.

You are a spirit and as such are able to walk and live in the spirit realm with ease. As you retrain your thinking to believe that, and begin to operate your life that way, you open up My ability to work through you as the spirit I AM and you are! Living from the spirit allows Me access to you in a way that can be obtained no other way. **So understand that when you strengthen your spirit and learn to follow your spirit, you make it much easier for Me to direct and use you here on earth.** All of the supply to help and change the earth comes from the Kingdom through your spirit operating in the spirit realm. [Luke 17:21]

I gave a tool to connect you with and free your spirit to operate freely in the spirit realm; that is your prayer language. As you use your prayer language, your spirit is freed to function with Me, the Creator of all spiritual things. Because you have studied the Bible that I gave you to train your soul, when you activate your spirit by praying in tongues, your soul is able to follow your spirit and understand some of what is happening between your spirit and Me. The more that you do this, the easier it will become.

So understand this: you are a spirit, and you live in a body, which is your vehicle of transportation on earth, and you use your soul to serve your spirit as he functions in the spirit realm. Know that this is the way that you can enter and operate in the spirit realm.

1 Corinthians 2:10-14 NASB

For to us God revealed them through the spirit; for the spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the spirit, which is of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by our spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. But our natural man does not accept the things of the spirit, which are from God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

When we look at this scripture in light of what Holy Spirit just said, it is easy to see that the spirit He is talking about is our Born Again spirit, which was given us by Father God.

One of the marks of a mature son or daughter of God is his or her ability to be led and directed by his spirit who follows Holy Spirit. The better we hear and are directed by our spirit, the better Holy Spirit can lead us. The Holy Spirit directs most Christians to some level but mature sons hear and follow Him on purpose and with much more accuracy because they have learned to follow their own spirit. As you comprehend how we are to connect with and follow our spirit, hearing him operate as our radioman to heaven, will become much easier.

Romans 8:14

“For as many as are led by the spirit of God (through our spirit), these are the sons of God.”

When I function, it is through Faith released by the person toward Me. Faith is the conductor that My Power travels through to connect the Kingdom with the man. Hearing My Voice is done through exactly the same connection as when I release My Power to heal or do miracles.

Nothing is difficult if you will do it according to My instructions.

We must learn to recognize our spirit's voice and decide to follow him. This is what a mature Believer does. Some may not be able to explain why or how they hear, but they do know that the voice or directions come from their gut area; that my friend is your spirit talking to your head. Be at peace; you already hear your own spirit; you just didn't know what it was. After studying this next section, you will hear easily and more accurately.

Important To Understand!

Each of us as we become more in tune with the spirit realm and learn to know and trust Holy Spirit, will develop our own best way to communicate in the spirit with God. There is no exact way to correctly function in the spirit that can be taught. What you must know is that as you endeavor to communicate with Holy Spirit, He will help you to hear Him in ways that work best for YOU. We will present different ways which He uses to talk with many of us, but understand this; the love language between Him and you will be special to you. Talking with Holy Spirit is one of the best and most pleasant spiritual blessings given to us by God.

NOTES

Ways Our Spirit Leads Us

The Inner witness

Colossians 3:15 Amplified

“And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ's rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live].”

God designed us to operate in life as though we have a street signal light with a green, yellow and red light. Then His plan was for us to function with a green light as our normal spirit light. When God changes it to a Yellow or Red, our spirit man will inform us. God may take away our peace, or give us a foreboding feeling in our spirit. Whenever that happens, we are to stop and inquire of Him as to what is wrong. This is the time we need to talk with and hear Holy Spirit for direct instructions as to what to do. Please understand that you need to know and walk in Peace for this to function correctly. Many Christians have never really known Kingdom Peace. One of the strategies of the Devil and his world system is to steal and destroy our peace and then tell us if we use this drug or go to that yoga class, etc. we will find peace.

Peace is the most important piece of the Armour of the Kingdom

If I am a soldier in Roman times and I lose my helmet, I can still fight. If I lose my breastplate, I can still fight. If I lose my shield, or my belt, or even my sword, I can still fight. But kick my feet, which have been shod with the Gospel of Peace out from under me, lying flat on my back, I am totally defenseless! Peace is a weapon and it is the most important one to guard at all times. [Ephesians 6:13-17]

**When you loose your Peace,
You lose your connection with Heaven!**

I have given peace to you as a weapon and when used with My wisdom, it will stop the avenger. One of his strongest weapons is fear; fear in his ability to control the situation in which you are involved. Not so when you are standing in peace in My Kingdom. What he does has no bearing on who you are and what you can do. Under My direction, nothing is impossible for you. Nothing!

Under My direction, you know what he has planned before it happens and what to do to stop it. Under My directions, we will literally use his attack to better My Kingdom.

Understand, the world system does not have peace. True peace only comes from the spirit that lives in you. Your mind [soul] can be at rest, but rest and peace are not the same thing, and they do not come from the same source.

Peace is a powerful weapon of My kingdom. It comes from Me and only operates when you are connected to Me. It is only through Me that you can obtain and walk in true peace.

Peace is the floor of the Kingdom of Heaven and everything else stands on that peace. You cannot hear My voice if you do not have your Peace for it is through Peace that I will guide you!

When my wife and I were younger Christians, we needed a car so we prayed and God showed us where to go to get it. When we got to the dealership we decided to split up and search for our car. On the other side of the lot I saw one that I was drawn to. As I approached it I saw Sue headed for the same car from another direction. We both agreed that our spirits were telling each of us that we had found the right car. When we went into negotiations, she had a real check in her spirit. At that point she heard God better than I did so we inquired but were unable to understand what God was trying to tell us. Instead of waiting to buy the car until we knew what the warning from God was about, we bought the car. It turned out to be the exact right car but we paid too much for it. We had to get two loans to buy the car because we couldn't get the total amount of the car financed. We basically paid too much for the car. Had we waited for clarification from God concerning the Yellow light that Sue was getting in her spirit... It sure was a good training experience, expensive but good.

When we strengthen our spirit man by praying in our prayer language, we as Believers should expect to receive the witness from Holy Spirit in our own spirit. If we will wait for Holy Spirit until our own will is submitted to God's will, Holy Spirit will bear witness with our spirit as to what the will of God is for that particular situation. This is called being led by our spirit man, or the inner witness. I've heard it called "Knowing in your Knower." The more you pray out loud in your prayer language (Tongues), the more sensitive to your spirit man you will become.

God is all around us. All you have to do is listen!

And the more we allow our spirit man to have the rule in our lives, the more we will be able to follow his leading. **After we have developed our spiritual sensitivity to be able to be led by our spirit man, this is the most reliable way to be led by God.**

This is also the area where we receive revelation knowledge, also known as the Word of Knowledge. Being one of the Gifts of the Spirit, it is available to all Holy Spirit filled believers. It is the ability to know something about something or someone that you could only know because the Spirit of God showed you or told you about the situation.

Besides the Inner Witness, the 3 basic ways that Holy Spirit talks to us most often are:

Visions, Revelation Knowledge, and the Voice of Our Spirit

I have included some other ways, which Holy Spirit will use from time to time, like through the Bible, songs, billboards, and yes even fortune cookies, but know that as you walk with Holy Spirit you will find that by far He will talk to you through one of these 3 modes most of the time. Then He will use the Bible to verify the truth of the revelation He has given you.

Revelation Knowledge

Revelation Knowledge is one of the ways that God communicates with us. It is when He drops into your knowing an answer or understanding about something as one complete thought. Visions and the spirit's voice usually convey information over time; maybe seconds, but usually as a sequence of information. This is not so with Revelation Knowledge. It is given usually as a complete thought in one instance. You know the whole happening from start to finish faster than you can snap your fingers.

Revelation Knowledge functions more when you are ministering to a person. As you are waiting and listening to Holy Spirit, a complete explanation of a happening in that person's life will be made known to you. Sometimes you may have to get better definition of what was shown or directions as to when and how to use it, but it will be complete in what it conveys.

Once as I was passing a car where the driver and the passenger were two teenage kids who were playing with and hitting each other, I was given revelation knowledge that the girl driving was going to swerve into my lane and hit me, which would cause me to go head-on into on-coming traffic; 6 cars running 65 mph.

It was a highway with 2 lanes going each direction that had painted yellow lines as the divider. Being almost half way past the car, I stepped hard on the brakes and quickly slowed down. As I cleared her car by less than a foot with my front bumper, she swerved into my lane. While I continued to put room between us, she saw me in her mirror and swerved back into the right lane.

She had no idea I was there until seeing me after the near accident was over. I received the information in a millisecond of time and because of practice, was able to respond quickly and delayed my departure from earth.

Understand that the more you learn to expect communication from Holy Spirit to come this way, the more it will happen, the more accurate you will understand it, and the easier it will be to walk in. [Hebrews 5:14]

My Spirit's Voice

Most of us are used to hearing our spirit communicate with us. It is what the world calls the sub-conscious. It's that inner voice that said you were going to smash your finger just before you swung the hammer. The common response is "I knew that was going to happen before I did it. I wish I had listened."

Understand that until you got a re-created spirit from God, your spirit functioned just like your sinful nature because they were both under the lordship of Satan and the world system. When you were Born Again, your recreated spirit became a spirit that WANTS to serve God. Since the spirit realm is his natural place of existence, doesn't it seam wise to let him lead us in our walk of serving God?

John 4:24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Jesus promised that His sheep would hear and know His voice. The word voice is the Greek word phone (fo`nay). It is where our word telephone comes from. It means to communicate with intelligent thoughts and words.

The truth is, it is not hard to hear the voice of your spirit, sometimes referred to as the still, small voice. Knowing that it is your spirit and that you heard correctly is where most people struggle. It takes no faith to respond to a great outward sensation, but it does take faith to respond to the quiet voice of your spirit.

Remember, talking with us is God's idea.

This still small voice is the voice of our own spirit that our mind and understanding hear when God is talking to us. Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit and it will be the voice of our spirit that we hear speaking for God. The important thing is to develop our ability to hear our own spirit.

**The more that you pray in tongues, the more you will be able to
Hear the Voice of your Spirit.**

Our spirit already hears Holy Spirit and as we practice hearing our spirit, our ability to hear Holy Spirit accurately will improve. That is where "practice to show yourself approved" (Hebrews 5:14) comes into play. Be at peace, Holy Spirit will show you how to do this.

Visions

There are basically 3 types of visions: the personal vision, the open vision and night vision. The first is the normal, short, personal vision. These are pictures of short duration. You will see them on your imagination's screen but they usually won't last long. Sometimes Holy Spirit will make them last longer or show them like a movie; He will do what is necessary to train you to hear Him this way. As you mature, you will learn to know when they are from God.

Then there is the open vision, which Peter had on the rooftop in Acts Ch 10. These are not a type of vision that most people see regularly. In this vision you literally stand in the middle of it as you are watching it. Cool stuff but not used by God very often. These are often referred to as a trance. And then there is the night vision, which we call dreams. They are a nighttime vision. The personal vision is the one used most and the one this teaching is about.

Visions are pictures that we see in our mind's Imagination; let me explain. We as human beings communicate with pictures. If I describe to you a dog with yellow fur, a blue nose, pink ears, and a red tail, you just saw a picture of my description in your imagination. Well, visions work the same way.

As God gives your spirit a description of a communication from His Kingdom, it appears to you as a picture or a movie in your imagination. They can be short, very short and quick in duration or long running like a movie that you watch inside; that way your brain or reasoning can observe it and gain information from it given to us by God.

I have a place in me where I go to see those pictures. When I am listening for a communication from God, I go there and look and listen for Him. Sometimes I see a picture or pictures and sometime I hear instructions from Heaven.

To function in visions, go to that place in you and look when asking or looking for directions from God. It is the place you went to see the picture as I described of the dog.

As you realize that the pictures are from God and effort is made to understand what we are seeing, revelation comes to us concerning what He wants to convey to us. How many times have you heard someone say, "Do you see what I am saying?"

That is a very basic explanation of how visions function with us. The neat thing about God given visions is that we are made to perceive things that way in our mind's eye and operating in seeing and understanding visions is usually very easy to learn. Don't spiritualize this. It is very simple to do and just takes us asking Holy Spirit to teach us and then practice on our part.

I desire that you ask Me for visions and then look to understand them. I speak much through visions. Ask Me questions and I will teach you quickly.

Perception

Perception of surrounding things is most often deceiving or just plain wrong. Man is so limited in his ability to interpret Earthly situations because he only has his 5 physical senses to draw information from.

John 7:24

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Since most of what is seen in the physical is initiated in the spirit realm, without the ability to understand the cause, he only can observe the effect or result. That is why most cures deal with the symptom and not the cause. Not so with the sons who walk in the Kingdom.

The training I have you in is for correcting this very thing. When you learn to walk with Me and obey Me, the results are different. I want My people free but that only happens when the cause is treated and not just the symptom.

Perception in the spirit is done basically two ways, from your spirit and from Me. As you get more sensitive with your spirit to the things of the spirit realm, you will be able to interpret correctly what you are sensing from people around you. That is part of your training. When Jesus perceived their thoughts, sometimes it was given to him by Me and sometimes it was His own learned understanding in operation. Being sensitive in the spirit is required, but know that I will train those who want this ability.

So learn of Me and learn of My heart; anything other than My heart will be obvious to you. I made you to live life with My Kingdom authority and ability as your normal life power.

**You are designed to change the physical to conform
to Our spiritual plan.**

As you follow Our leading, not only will your life become much more peaceful and enjoyable, but so will those around you. You are to be a sphere of influence that will help many people. This is the life you want; it's the best, most satisfying and fun life available; it's what everyone in the World is looking for.

Physical Things

At times, God communicates with us through physical things. For example, you may see a sign that says something particular and you know it was from God, or hear a verse of a song on the radio and know that heaven had just spoken to you through what it said.

**Don't ever put God in a box as to how He will talk to you,
Just learn to live your life listening on purpose.**

I remember when I was very young in the Lord and I was in the process of quitting smoking, God spoke to me through a man that was a sinner, a real committed sinner. I had told God that morning that I would not smoke at all that day. About six hours later I was with Larry who was a smoker. When he lit up, I asked him for a cigarette, to which he replied, "didn't you promise someone that you would not smoke today?" Needless to say, I walked away from the cigarette. My point is: God will communicate to those who want to walk close to Him.

Through His Word

The Word of God is the instruction book on how to stay in the secret place, the place of safety under God's protection. [Psalm 91:1-2] It is also the basis for knowing Who God is and how to live so He can lead us deeper into His Kingdom.

The Bible is a spiritual manual that requires personal communication with the One who wrote it to be able to understand it. [1Cor. 2:14] It shows the principles of living in the spirit but not the specifics of how to do it. It is the job of Holy Spirit to interpret the Bible from being a history book into being a spiritual training manual that explains how to function in the spirit realm.

When I learned to fly an airplane, I went to Ground School to learn about the laws of flying. I learned from the training manuals about the law of lift, pitch and yaw, the control systems and how to avoid a spin, but it wasn't until I got in the plane with the instructor that I learned how to fly. So it is in the spirit; only when you receive Holy Spirit and learn to talk with the instructor, is it possible to learn to fly in the spirit realm.

We must talk with Holy Spirit so we not only learn the will of the Lord, but also know His ways. An employee knows the boss' will in a matter, but the boss' wife will also know why he did it or in other words, know his ways. Very few Christians know God well enough to know His ways. Studying His letters to us will help you to know about Him, but talking with Him is the only way to bring that knowledge to a personal level where you can learn His ways.

Through Angels

Angels are messengers of God sent to minister to the Saints. [Hebrews 1:14] I was about one year old in my walk and was very frustrated because my wife Sue could hear Holy Spirit and I couldn't. When we prayed, she would get an answer and I wouldn't.

One Saturday morning I sat down on our couch and said to Sue that I wasn't getting up from there until He spoke to me. She said OK and left the room. My prayer was 'what do I need to do to hear you?' About 3 minutes later I heard a voice behind me speak and say, "Son, if you want to hear Me you must pray in your prayer language more for when you pray in tongues you make the connection to Me and then you will hear Me."

When I heard Him it was very direct and understandable. It came from about 2 feet behind me and brought me peace with the answer. My immediate response was OK God, if that is true, I want two more witnesses that say the same thing. [2 Corinthians 13:1] It wasn't that I questioned it; I just knew He would do as I asked and prove it.

About a minute later, Sue appeared back in the living room and asked if I had heard from God. After I answered yes, she said that God had told her to tell me, "If you want to hear Me you must pray in tongues more." OK I said, that is two witnesses but I want another and it came the next day at church. My Pastor's wife said that while she had been praying the day before, God had told her to tell me to pray in tongues more. I did what He said and was soon hearing His voice! That truth changed my life!

In the Bible, there are many accounts of Angels being sent to deliver messages and to minister to people. I am convinced that Angels are used to communicate to us much more than we know.

By the Mentor

This is an area of spiritual leadership that has not been explained or understood in the church. Mathew 28:18-20 plainly commands that we are to make disciples, not just get people saved.

A mentor is one who teaches spiritual life skills to people. They demonstrate by action and word, how to do the stuff of the Kingdom. Jesus taught 12 men how the Kingdom of God worked by a show and tell ministry. He would teach it and then demonstrate it or do the stuff and then explain it. This was His plan of how He taught the future leaders of the Church, and the example of how we are to function today.

In the process of mentoring, God uses the mentor to verify things in the student's life. Words of knowledge and wisdom will be available to the student through the mentor, as they are needed.

It is also the fastest way to learn to function in the Kingdom. I am a pilot, and in flying, the fastest way to learn about flying is to become a flight instructor. By teaching others how to fly, the instructor learns to be very proficient at flying himself. So it is in the Kingdom of God. As a person mentors a student, the mentor will have to learn faster than the student to be able to teach. This is how God designed for His Kingdom people to mature quickly!

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, that is, for those who through constant practice have their spiritual faculties carefully trained.

Luke 6:38

Give and it will be given to you good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over will it be given back to you”.

This is a principle of God; as you give to help someone else, God will see that you will receive more than you give away. This is especially true with mentors and the mysteries of God. Mentoring is God’s plan to cause the Body of Christ, the Church, to GROWUP!

By Prophetic Words

Many of the charismatic church community have been taught to seek guidance by getting prophetic words from Prophets or mature prophetic people. This is NOT how God wants to lead his people.

The Prophet is there to help us learn about the prophetic and to help clarify what God is saying to an individual or a group, but it is not his job to just give words to people. God’s plan is for you to hear Him and be used by Him to minister to people. In Ephesians 4:12 it says that the New Testament 5 Fold Minister's job is to help in the maturing of the saints so that they, the Church, can do the work of the ministry.

There is a difference between a word from a Prophet and an average, normal prophetic word. When a Prophet speaks from the spirit realm as a Prophet, he is usually conveying the word of the Lord. Prophets speak the mind of the Lord as to how to function in a certain situation or what the Father wants done in line with the Kingdom; they clarify God's heart in the matter. They are one of the 5 fold ministry gifts; Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher and function under the direction of the Father. The other prophecy talked about in the Word is the Gift of Prophecy, which is for all Believers to function in.

1 Corinthians 14:3,4

He who gives prophecies speaks to men to edify or build up, and exhort or encourage, and to bring comfort. He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself, but he that prophesies, edifies the church.

This prophecy is one of the 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and is done according to your faith. It is for the whole Body of Christ to function in; the whole body, which includes both the young and old Believer.

The first night I was with a Youth Group made up of 6 PK's (6 Pastors Kids) as the leader of the group, this is what Holy Spirit had me do. I gave a prophetic word to Robin who I then prayed for that she would do the same for someone else and she gave a prophetic word to Mike, who then gave one to Jennifer, the Senior Pastor's daughter, and so on until all had received a direct word from God that were surprisingly defined and informative and they came through each of the kids. Needless to say, we had an awesome Youth Group that summer.

Romans 12:6

We are to prophesy according to our faith.

I learned to prophecy by desiring to operate in it. I asked Holy Spirit to teach me how, and then going after the ability by trying to give a prophetic word whenever an opportunity arose. I suggest you do the same. You're the limiting factor in your ability to give a prophecy, not God!

A side note: I have found through experience that most churches do not promote nor do they help the young Believer who wants to learn to function in prophecy. So my suggestion is ask Holy Spirit to bring you someone to teach you how it is done and then start looking around in the local spirit filled churches in your area. If you really want to learn, Holy Spirit will send someone to teach you.

Why Prophetic Words Come

1. They will be given to set a future direction that God has for that individual or group. Most that I have received took time (some over 20 years) to come into being. They set what can happen if you want to participate with God in His plan.
2. Some come to verify the word or direction that God has given you in your prayer time. They let you know that you are hearing God on a certain matter.
3. A few come for short-term guidance. These are usually given to us because we are not listening and He has to get our attention.
4. By far most of the prophecies are words from our Father given to us to edify us, exhort us and to comfort and bless us. Often times these come because we are not listening to Him as we should be.

Practical Steps to Hearing God

We have talked about some of the different ways that God leads and guides His people, but as the word says, the natural man has trouble hearing the spirit realm.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Please believe that you can hear God and it is God's plan for your life. It is His idea, and He is always ready and willing to help anyone who functions according to Luke 11:9-13.

Luke 11:9-13

And I say to you ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened... How much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

The key to hearing God is that we must enter the spirit realm -
He communicates in the Spirit

John 4:23,24

An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.

Just a thought:

The word truth in that verse means integrity or in other words how you truly live your life.

John 14:16,17

And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, neither does it know Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:12

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

In John 14:12, Jesus made it clear that we were to operate in and with the power of the Kingdom as He did. This happens when we choose to move into the power of the Spirit by hearing and obeying what Holy Spirit tells us and shows us to do. Holy Spirit will be as intimate with us as we want Him to be. If we walk in obedience to what He is showing us, He will give us more revelation in the things of life.

The Place To Start

The place to start hearing what I say is to believe that I will talk to you. I created you to fellowship with Me and I will never turn away the ones who want that relationship with Me.

There are the three steps that Holy Spirit told me to use to teach His kids. He said that they will work for 'whosoever will listen'. Do these steps and Holy Spirit WILL talk to you and you WILL hear Him. You have no idea how much He wants to talk with you.

Remember, talking to us is His Idea!

1. Get a Rhema Book or journal that you will use to record everything Holy Spirit says to you. This is not to be used like a diary; only write when and what Holy Spirit says to you. This notebook can be any size or shape but I have found that the ones with a thicker cover and the same size as my Bible works the best because you will, in time, take your journal with you every where you go. The ones I use are about ½" thick with a hard plastic cover and wire or plastic spiral on the left side. I also put the starting date and the ending date inside the cover of each journal. This helps me keep them in order since I have been doing this for years. It also makes it easier to go back and find something God said in older journals.

2. Have a place and a time to meet with the Teacher every day. I meet with Holy Spirit early in the morning in a room I call "The Ready Room". I am a pilot and military pilots always meet in a room called "The Ready Room" to receive a briefing about the upcoming flight before they go out to battle. God has a purpose for my life because that is what He told me to name my prayer room. Meet with Him every day at the time He instructs you to be there. He will always be there waiting for you.

3. When I come into His presence, I always come with great expectation that He WILL be there and He WILL talk to me, and HE ALWAYS DOES! When we believe something to the point that we are willing to act on it, God responds. That is called Faith In Action.

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. It is to your advantage to diligently seek Him.

How To Listen

Once you have established when and where to meet with Holy Spirit and you come on purpose with your journal in hand, this is a good example of how to listen.

Pray in your prayer language until your mind is at peace and your spirit man has taken the forefront in your posture toward Heaven. Holy Spirit speaks to your spirit and your spirit speaks to your soul or head. When you pray in your prayer language or tongues, it is your spirit that is praying and establishing the connection with the Kingdom of God. Also you are causing your soul to submit to the leading of your spirit man. At times I will play some good worship music that will help me to focus on Holy Spirit. I worship better with just music and no words; your choice.

It will be your spirit man who you will hear most of the time so don't be surprised when the voice you hear sounds familiar. Put your pen on the paper and write everything that comes to you. If you are focused on hearing Holy Spirit, He will be talking to you. [Remember the Radioman] Write down whatever comes until it stops. After you have done this for two weeks, go back and reread all that you have written. God will show you what was Him and what wasn't. Remember, this is God's idea and He is bigger and smarter than we are.

The more you do this on purpose, the faster and easier the connection will be made. I have found that when I need to hear from the Teacher during ministry or to get direction during my day, when I pray out loud in my prayer language, the connection is made quickly and my answer comes quickly.

Your Prayer Language (Tongues) is the tool given to us by Heaven so we can on purpose, establish a connection with God and get direction from Him as to how to proceed in a matter.

We are a carnal man living and being taught by a carnal society about all that we know. Only the Spirit of God can teach you how the spirit realm works and tongues is His idea. We must do it His way or our walk in the Kingdom will never work the way HE designed it to work!

An apostle that I've met has had several visits from Jesus over the years and once he asked the Lord why tongues. Jesus said that words are containers for spiritual power and authority. Since we do not hear Heaven well enough to be accurate in what authority we release, He gave those who really want to serve Him a spiritual language for our individual spirits to use to release His spiritual words and authority here on the earth. God's knowledge and wisdom are way superior to ours.

Isaiah 55:8-11

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth (our mouth, we're His body, remember); It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

I desire that you meet with Me every day at an assigned time and place so We can establish a spiritual instruction time. You are to come with your Rhema Book so that you can record My instructions to you for that day. As you become faithful to those daily instructions, I will begin to give you information that will be a clarification of the Bible; information that is specifically for you and your assignment. I have not stopped giving revelation about the Training Manual but only those who are faithful to hear and record My instructions will be given more than just the basics. So ask Me when and where to meet with Me and then come expecting current instructions for that day. This time together each day will be the springboard that I will use to expand your spiritual training.

As I was writing this, Holy Spirit demonstrated the following section on how to hear Him. As you do as He instructs in this section, He will show you how easy it is to hear Him.

You must have Kingdom Hope to release Kingdom Faith

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hope is the blueprint. It is required to properly build a building. When you create a Kingdom picture of Hope in your heart which is your mind working with your Spirit [Your Imagination], Faith will easily be released as a result. There cannot be Kingdom Faith without Kingdom Hope. One of My jobs as your Teacher is to show you how to create the Hope that you will hear My Voice.

Assignment

Sit quietly in a quiet place and look inside at the place where you see the pictures. I created you to see pictures and you are familiar with that place inside you, so go there. Stay in Peace while doing this because anything other than Peace is not Me. Now see a picture of you sitting with your eyes open looking at Me standing in front of you. Notice My love for you. Reach out and take My hand. Feel the warmth of Love in our touch. Speak to Me the Love that is in your heart and then listen as I speak to you the Love that is in Mine. I will stay here and talk with you as long as you want Me to.

By the picture you created in your imagination, Faith was released and it made the connection between Us so you could hear Me. I am pleased that you obeyed Me and allowed Me to show you just how easy it is to hear Me. Repeat this process until you realize without doubt that it is My will to talk with you. I will always be there whenever you come looking for Me. This is one of the correct operations of the imagination.

Again it is not difficult to hear Me because as the Teacher of the spirit realm, I will demonstrate spiritual things through what I say to you. Expect to hear Me above all other voices. That is where I am taking those who truly want to walk in all that the Kingdom has to offer.

As you write what I give you each day, ask Me specific questions about what I have said. Sometimes the instructions will be complete in themselves and sometimes they will require more explanation for you to understand and obey them. I usually will only give enough information for you to start a project. When you ask questions of Me, expect Me to answer you. I may give you the answer immediately or I may say that we will talk about it later, but I will answer you. Sometimes I must expand your understanding before I can fully explain the answer, but know I will answer you. Our desire is that We can enjoy fellowship with you as We help you complete the project.

I have found that it is best to write all that He is saying to you before asking Him questions; by doing that you will not break the flow. As you learn to do this, you will understand why. Also I believe that the first voice I hear will be Him and I suggest you believe the same way; He will honor that and it works the best.

He also said that the Litmus Test as to whether we hear well enough is “if you do not hear His answer in less than 30 seconds, improvement is needed.”

Some Last Thoughts

What kind of relationship would a husband and wife have if the husband wrote a letter to the wife explaining his principles for living (the Bible) and then, when the wife came to him, he would only point to the letter as the answer and never speak to her. Is that a loving relationship that you would want with your mate? Why would we think it should be any different between our Husband and us.

I've been talking with Holy Spirit and writing down what He tells me for years now and I want to encourage you to do the same. There is nothing as fulfilling and instructional about the spirit realm as talking with the Teacher Himself. He wants relationship with us and true relationship only happens when we have two-way communication with the other individual. I asked Him once, what would make Him happiest and give Him the most pleasure? This was His immediate answer!

**The Most Important Thing To Me
Is Our Communication Together;
I Want To Talk With You Every Day,
All Day Long, About Everything!**

Gifts of the Spirit

The main thing you need to know about the Gifts of the Spirit described in 1 Corinthians 12, is that they are Holy Spirit's gifts, not yours. He gives them to us to use but they are not our gifts and as such, we don't control when or how they function. The best news about the gifts is that when you receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you receive all 9 gifts at the same time; when you receive Him, you receive His abilities also.

The only limiting factor as to how much you can function with the gifts is how close you get with Holy Spirit; the better you personally know, talk with and hear Him, the more He will use the gifts through you.

Some churches teach that each person only gets one particular gift; that is wrong. What we get is Holy Spirit and then as we desire to learn about and function in the gifts, He teaches us their operation. We are like a glass full of water; we are the glass and Holy Spirit is the water. Holy Spirit uses us to give drinks of Himself, which we call the Gifts, to people who need them. We are just the vessel that carries Him around.

Sue and I learned about the gifts by doing them. Holy Spirit would send us to love and minister to a family or a person and as we did the gifts would function. We would see the manifestation of healing, or prophecy, etc. and leave amazed at what had just happened. At home we would study the word and talk with Holy Spirit and He would give us revelation as to what He had done through us. We have learned about the gifts of the Holy Spirit because we have been using them for 30 years.

**The Key to functioning in the Gifts is your desire to help people,
your ability to hear and your willingness to obey Holy Spirit**

I Corinthians 12:1

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

You will notice that the word *gifts*, is italicized; that means it wasn't there in the original Greek, so let's say it correctly; "Now concerning spiritual, I would not have you be uninformed." As we learn to walk in the spirit realm, the gifts will be one of the resulting manifestations of that spiritual walk.

Desire the gifts while seeking to know Holy Spirit and the gifts will flow easily. So here is a brief explanation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As you begin to desire them and release them, Holy Spirit will teach you much more about them.

I Corinthians 12:7-11

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, or for the common good. For to one is given by Holy Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the manifestation of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but the same Holy Spirit works all these manifestations, distributing to each man individually just as He will.

The Word of Wisdom

For years I have heard it taught that a word of wisdom is information about the future; I believe this is partially right. The word of wisdom can have a flavor of future in it but it will be instructions about how to apply information you already have. It is the Greek word Sophia and is the same word used in James 1:5 which says "if you lack wisdom, ask and God will give it to you." The word of wisdom is the understanding of what to do with what you know.

It is given to us so we can understand what Holy Spirit wants us to do in that situation. It is His will to give us that wisdom, but we must ask for it, expecting to receive. Sue and I use this gift every time we minister; it allows us to know how to apply the gift He has us giving to the recipient in need of the gift. He will freely give it but you must ask to receive.

The Word of Knowledge

The word of knowledge is a very frequently used gift. It functions when Holy Spirit tells, shows or reveals information to you about a person or situation that you could know, no other way. I suggest you ask the Teacher to teach you to be very competent in its operation because you will need and use it a lot. While it can come by vision, by your spirit's voice or maybe discernment, you will find that it will come by revelation most of the time. Ask Holy Spirit to teach you to function in this gifting; you will use it the most.

The Gift of Faith

The gift of faith is very simple to understand; it is when God gives you His faith and you can not only believe but also know that it is a done deal, Period! It is absolute trust in God. When you need to go beyond your faith level, He will give you the gift of faith, His faith.

The Gift of Healings

There is a misunderstanding in the church about the function of the gift of healings and miracles. Some healings happen instantaneously and some healings take time to complete. Miracles replace things or fix things instantaneously that are broken in most cases. If a person is prayed for and the result is their eyesight gets better over time that is a healing. If the prayer opens a blind eye instantly or replaces an eye that is missing, that is a miracle.

The gift of healing is often the gift seen when we pray for the sick; it can take time to manifest. The problem is that since most people don't understand the process of how it works, they lose or stop the process by negative words; "it isn't working or I did not get it." Ask Holy Spirit to teach you as to how to instruct the recipient to not give up or stop the healing, which was started when you prayed. It does work very well when done right. The How-to is to ask what to do and then do exactly what you were shown or told to do.

The Gift of Miracles

Miracles are just as easy to do as any of the other gifts, just pray and obey. Something that really helps is to ask Holy Spirit to let you see the final results before you pray. He will give you His vision of what will happen before it is done and it will be much easier to join Him in the process. Remember, your job is to hear from God and obey Him, releasing His Authority by your words so He can do the physical miracle. It is a piece of cake.

The Gift of Prophecy

Prophecy is simply hearing with and through your spirit what Holy Spirit is saying and speaking it out. Prophecy is God using you and your mouth to speak to someone else.

Romans 12:5 says to prophesy according to your faith; in other words the more you prophesy, the easier it will get. It is usually the gift He will use to train you to trust that you hear Him. Always remember; God loves to speak to and encourage His Family.

Sue and I will be discussing something and ask the Holy Spirit what He has to say concerning that subject and He will join into the conversation as a third person by speaking with prophecy through one or both of us for as long as the conversation continues. He loves for us to allow Him that access to our conversation and we always learn as He teaches us. It is such a joy to talk with the Teacher.

You must also know that just because you prophesy, it does not mean you are a Prophet. We are all instructed to prophesy but only people whom He calls, appoints, and anoints as prophets, are Prophets. Prophecy is to edify, exhort and comfort. [1 Corinthians 14:3] When a Prophet speaks it will be the Mind and Heart of God on that matter. All are to prophesy but only a few are called to be a prophet.

The Gift of Discerning Spirits

This gift is given so you can know when both good and evil spirits are present and what they are. It allows you to sense the spirit realm and perceive evil spirits and the ploys they are trying to use at that moment in that situation. This gift doesn't usually operate all the time, although it can in some people. It also shows me people's spirits, both good and bad, and when Angels are present. Your response is always to ask for wisdom as to what Holy Spirit wants you to do with the information you have been given. So don't expect this gifting to just show you demons.

The Gift of Various Kinds of Tongues

Tongues to be interpreted, when used in a corporate body setting, will cause your tongue to change and this tongue will come out with force. You will feel like it is being pushed out. Be at peace and flow with it until it stops. It is used a lot by Holy Spirit as a step toward the person being able to prophesy. Please refer to "The 4 Diversities of Tongues."

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

This gift is the ability to know what Holy Spirit is saying through the tongue being spoken, so that by you speaking out the interpretation, others can hear the word in their own language. Holy Spirit uses tongues and interpretation a lot with young and immature disciples to train them, but also understand that if prophecy is worth a dime, a tongue is worth a nickel and the interpretation is also worth a nickel. Together the two are the same as a prophecy.

Some people will hear the tongue as individual words; in other words, like being an interpreter. Others will know what was said by the tongues as a whole. It will be given to them more like a prophecy. The Lord likes diversity; so use this gift whenever He gives you the opportunity.

Again I strongly suggest that you speak more in your prayer language so that you cause yourself to be sensitive to Holy Spirit and available to be used by Him in the delivery of All of the gifts.

NOTES

Forgiveness

The Key To:
Living Free of Guilt
Restoring Relationships
Freedom From Past Hurts

Learning what Biblical forgiveness involves and how to practice it is essential for Christian maturity. A majority of the Church has never been taught the concepts contained within this teaching. We must learn to yield to Holy Spirit's leading within ourselves and ask for and give forgiveness; freely, easily, and quickly.

The Basis Of Kingdom Life

God (through Jesus) has freely and willingly forgiven all of us who have repented and accepted Him as Savior. He pursued us with love, and the convicting power of Holy Spirit, until we recognized our sinfulness, which separated us from Him. He convicts us of our need for Jesus, and our need for the restoration of relationship with God our Father. That is how He brought us to salvation. In doing this, God has established the principle that asking and giving forgiveness is necessary for the restoration of broken relationships.

Forgiveness or Freedom From Guilt is God's Gift To The Church

Non-Christians have no way of escaping from the effects of guilt, criticism, condemnation and rejection, which are some of the effects of sin. We Believers can live totally free from guilt, criticism, condemnation and rejection because of God's forgiveness through the acceptance of the death and suffering of Jesus as full and complete payment for the penalty of our sin. With the penalty of our sin completely paid and the sentence of death and separation satisfied, relationship is restored to normal with God. Guilt is gone.

While Believers can be free from guilt, many in the Church have not learned how to walk in the fullness of the freedom that God has provided. They continue to suffer the same anguish that sin and guilt bring to non-Christians.

Failure to learn how to ask for and give Biblical forgiveness has resulted in a multitude of broken relationships within the Church which results in wounded and disappointed Christians attempting to carry on and not knowing why they are still depressed.

Absolute Truth

1. Every Believer has a God given right to receive forgiveness from God and from every Christian when they repent and ask for it.
2. Every Christian must grant forgiveness (give up resentment and let the issue no longer affect the relationship) regardless of the seriousness of the violation and hurt he may feel!

Granting forgiveness is a difficult task for many people since most of us have been trained to react to offenses by the world rather than by God's Word. Revenge, anger, self-pity, bitterness, criticism, condemnation and rejection are so human that most Christians justify unforgiveness as reasonable. Humanly speaking, it is reasonable, but it is UNGODLY!

When we are born again, we must give up the ways of the world, and start adjusting ourselves to the Word of God in order to become like Jesus.

Forgiveness = Restoration of Relationship

If someone says I have forgiven another and the relationship has not been restored, then God will say that forgiveness has not been given. Having a clear understanding of what the Bible means when the word 'forgiveness' is used is necessary.

Forgive means to give up resentment, criticism, condemnation, rejection, and restore loving relationship.

Matthew 6:14,15 [Amplified]

Vs. 14 "For if you forgive people their trespasses - that is, their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go and giving up resentment - your heavenly father will also forgive you."

Vs. 15 "...but if you do not forgive others their trespasses - their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go and giving up resentment - neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses."

It has been my observation that a majority of all Christians do not forgive many things that others have done to them, and justify their resentment on the bases of humanistic feelings, saying, "If you only knew what I've suffered or had to put up with, you would understand; Or, "If you only knew what they did to me." Regardless of the justifications, the Bible clearly states the Kingdom's position; If you don't forgive others, God won't forgive you (No matter how often you ask, plead or weep).

Granting forgiveness is an act of the will, not how we feel about the situation.

Forgiveness is an act of the will in which we choose to no longer allow a situation to affect our proper relationship with another person.

When we say, "I forgive you," we are saying, "I promise to adopt Godly, loving, attitudes and practices that will lead to all resentment, anger, self-pity, bitterness, criticism, condemnation and rejection being removed from my attitude toward you. I will have a Godly attitude toward you.

**Love and criticism cannot live in the same person at the same time,
but love and disagreement can.**

There is a lot of difference between criticism and disagreement. Most people have been trained by the world (Satan) to believe that if you don't agree with someone, you must reject them and be critical of them. You can see this is true because criticism usually arises out of disagreement. Criticism then leads to condemnation, which then leads to rejection of that person.

Criticism (Judgment) makes us a co-worker with Satan

Believers have to learn the Godly skill of being able to not agree with others without becoming critical, which will lead to rejection. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 identifies the characteristics of Godly love. Vs 7 "-always believes the best of the other person." To walk as a Believer we must allow Holy Spirit to work the nature of Jesus into us so that we do believe the best of others. It is so human to criticize when we don't agree. Most Christians do not realize that it is SIN to do so. Even fewer realize that it makes them a co-worker with Satan.

Sinful Human Reactions

It does not matter what others do to us, we must respond (not react) as Jesus has directed in the Word or we have sinned. Most people feel totally justified in feeling sorry for themselves (self-pity), anger, bitterness, or acting out revenge when they feel that they have been offended. If the offense is adultery, physical abuse, or something the person considers inexcusable, they will often also feel that these negative feelings are justified. By humanistic standards, a person might agree and sympathize with the offended party. However, a Christian is no longer subject to human standards, but to God's Word. He must obey and function according to the Kingdom owner's manual, the Bible.

Matthew 5:38-44

Vs. 39 When someone hurts your pride, "turn the other cheek"

Vs. 40 When someone takes your possessions, "give him your coat also."

Vs. 41 When someone interferes with your rights, "go the second mile."

Vs. 44 "Love your enemies and do good to those who despitefully use you."

Jesus is saying that He expects us to transcend our humanity and take on His own nature. No one can do these things in their own human strength. We can only do them when we learn to walk in the Spirit. God has provided the things we need to obey Him, IF we choose to obey Him.

Four Possible Reactions to Any Offense

1. **Revenge** – an eye for an eye; like an unregenerated heathen
2. **Reason** – human reasoning like a scribe; Why did he/she do this to me?
3. **Good Conduct** – natural social graces; like a Pharisee
4. **In the Spirit** – transformed humanity; like Jesus would act

The first two reactions are very common, the third seldom seen, and the fourth is rarely seen in the Church, much to our shame. It is hard to tell the reactions of many Christians from those of the world. No wonder they call us hypocrites.

Sinful Reactions When Pride is Hurt

When someone attacks you verbally or physically, they are sometimes trying to provoke your Pride to the point that you will react. Pride is a strong emotion that we are born with AND MANY OF US DEVELOP AS WE MATURE. The world considers pride a virtue. God considers it to be sin; so much so that He says:

James 4:6

God sets Himself against the proud and haughty.

1 Peter 5:5

I will resist the proud and exalt the humble.

What kind of reaction do you have when your pride is hurt?

Is it Revenge?

Pride is the factor that causes many marriages to fail; neither one will admit that he/she is wrong, repent and ask for forgiveness. Another example is the way many parents punish their children harshly when their pride is hurt by their child's actions especially while in public.

Is it Reason?

Why did they do this to me? (self-pity) Usually, self-pity is followed by anger whether manifested or not. Then anger finally descends into some level of spiritual depression; possibly as far down as revenge. Depression is the manifestation of severe self-pride.

Is it Good Conduct?

Certainly this is far better than either of the two previous reactions; however, even good conduct (human dignity) is not acceptable as a Kingdom action. We can be proud of the fact that we have ourselves under control. Dignity or social graces can be trained into a person by parents or a good finishing school. Social grace does not always have the inner emotions under God's control. They may still be boiling on the inside while being diplomatic on the outside. It is still sin.

Are We Walking In The Spirit?

This is what God requires of us, yet we cannot do this with human skill or ability. Walking in the Spirit requires that our humanity be transformed into the image of Jesus. We cannot "turn the other cheek" without having the nature of Jesus worked into us by the indwelling Holy Spirit. God has provided all we need to do this! All other actions are sin.

We must repent of the sinful reaction!

Remember that unless we have responded to offensive situations as Jesus has commanded, we have sinned. Regardless of the seriousness of the offense, there are no exceptions or excuses; all human reactions are sinful.

A Comparison

FORGIVENESS CREATES:

1. Restoration of relationship between you and the wounded party.
2. Activates Godly, loving attitudes and emotions that lead to Holy Spirit conviction and Godly change.
3. Releases God to hear your prayers of repentance and He forgives you. You are free of Guilt.
4. Restores our righteousness, peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit, keeping us in the love of God!
5. Spiritual Life.

UNFORGIVENESS CREATES:

1. Produces emotional and possibly physical walls that separate us from those we refuse to forgive.
2. Activates sinful attitudes and emotions that lead to Criticism, Condemnation, and Rejection for the persons we refuse to forgive, making us a co-worker with Satan.
3. Binds us in all of our own sins. If we refuse to forgive, God does not hear our repentance.
4. Causes us to lose our joy, peace, and love; puts us into spiritual depression.
5. Spiritual Death.

Therefore, we must repent and ask forgiveness from and give forgiveness to the party toward whom we have reacted sinfully, regardless of their prior offenses. Then we must confess our being offended (sin) toward the other person to God; and receive our forgiveness from God.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Would you rather be right or reconciled?

Do you choose to serve Self (pride) or Jesus?

This is an extremely difficult concept to understand. Our humanity keeps saying, "but I'm right. If I ask for forgiveness, they will think that they are right." (pride) What we need to understand is that we can be right about the situation, yet wrong in our reaction. We do not have to say we were wrong about the situation, but right or wrong we must have the right attitude towards the other party. Your attitude determined whether you are walking Holy or in sin. We are instructed in the word to be holy just as God is holy. He expects us to fulfill this command.

1 Peter 1:15-16

But as he who has called you is holy, be ye also holy in all manner of conversation;
Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.

I asked Holy Spirit what is Holiness; I was amazed at how simple His explanation was:

Holiness is having My ATTITUDE in whatever situation you are in at that time.

Now if you compare what the fruits of the spirit are to the fruits of the sinful nature, you will plainly see that they are all attitudes.

1. The fruit of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
2. Some of the fruit of the sin nature are criticism, condemnation, rejection, resentment, anger, hatred, bitterness, revenge, retaliation, etc.

When we read Galatians 5:20, Paul gives us more understanding about the attitudes of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:20

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, strife, conflict, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and other sins like these.

So to state this simply; forgiveness is recognizing the wrong attitude in our life put there by our sinful reaction (judgment); then confessing our wrong attitude (offence) and choosing the right attitude towards the other person who we were offended at. This will be a lifelong process as we are often offered the opportunity to react sinfully.

Remember, it is always your choice, always!

Living Free Today

There is no escape from the truth that Christ demands that we forgive (give up resentment) or He will not forgive us, leaving that person with the problem of guilt, and the effects of sin; which are disease, unrest, spiritual depression, and broken relationships.

Matthew 18:21-35 states this same principle even more clearly. Vs. 32 "Then his master called him and said to him, you contemptible and wicked attendant! I forgave you and canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me. Vs. 33 should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity and mercy on you? Vs. 34 and in wrath his master turned him over to the torturers (the jailers) till he should pay all that he owed. Vs. 35 so also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you, if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart his offenses."

Those who refuse to give up resentment do not receive forgiveness from God even when they ask. They bind themselves in their sin. Most do not realize why they are feeling the effects of sin and tend to blame the person that they are resentful toward. They make statements like, "They hurt me so bad I can't even sense the presence of God any more. I've lost all joy because of what they have done to me." This is simply not true.

It is not what others have done to us that causes our spiritual depression; it's our own sinful reaction to what others have done that causes it.

How Many Times Must We Forgive?

In the Scriptures, Matt. 18:21-22 and Luke 17:3-4, Peter asks, "How many times must we forgive, as many as 7 times?" Jesus answered, "70 times 7." The original text indicates that He meant as many times as it is asked for or needed. Personally, the Holy Spirit has convicted me that I must give as much forgiveness as I need or want from God and man.

**Forgive as many times as you want God
or others to forgive you!**

Forgiveness is Not a Feeling; It is an Act of Your Will!

We grant forgiveness because we are obedient to God's command, not necessarily because we feel like it. There are many things that happen that you may never feel like forgiving. **We must choose to value our relationship with God more than our feelings in any matter.**

Most Christians have not been taught that Christian forgiveness is identical to divine forgiveness. God forgives us because He set His will to do so out of love. He established that this type of forgiveness is the only way to restore relationship; therefore He does what is necessary to restore relationship with us. We do things from time to time that I'm sure He doesn't feel like forgiving any more than we feel like forgiving. We must learn to value our relationship with others more than the self-pity, anger, resentment, or bitterness of a suffered wrong.

Too many Christians are waiting until they feel like forgiving, rather than exercising their will and "bringing every thought captive (obedient) to Jesus." [2 Corinthians 10:5 Amp.] There is not enough time in anyone's life to begin to feel like forgiving all the things that come our way, but, we can exercise our will and refuse to allow anything to affect our relationship with God and others around us by forgiving and closing each issue, quickly (the same day).

Ephesians 4:26,27

Be angry, and {yet} do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Definition Of Forgiveness

When we say, "I forgive you," Christians must mean: (memorize)

By an act of my will I will no longer allow this situation to affect our relationship. Therefore I choose to close the issue and I promise not to bring the subject up again to:

1. You (the person asking for forgiveness)
2. Myself
3. God
4. Others

To bring the subject up again after having granted forgiveness is SIN on the part of the person who says they have granted forgiveness. We, not the original wrong doer, become the sinner and need to repent.

Principle

If I bring it up again to:

1. **Myself**--I'm practicing self-pity, a form of pride (sin).
2. **The other party**--I'm practicing criticism, condemnation, and rejection (Satanic)
3. **God**--I'm judging or asking Him to avenge (sin).
4. **Others**--I'm gossiping, seeking sympathy or practicing defamation of character.

Common Error

One of the most common deceptions that Christians practice is criticism, condemnation and rejection. Humanistic principles have not been rooted out and replaced with Biblical concepts. The human soul remains dominant rather than learning to walk in the spirit.

The shocking part of this is that criticism, condemnation, and rejection are the exclusive work of Satan and his co-workers. Multitudes of Christians are co-workers with Satan and are not aware of it.

The Holy Spirit and His co-workers bring conviction but their attitude is one of love, concern and a desire for restoring relationship, never critical.

The Effect of Criticism, Condemnation and Rejection Upon Relationships

From this point on criticism, condemnation, and rejection will be identified as CCR.

It does not matter how diplomatic a person may speak or act, if that individual has CCR in his heart, the other party will feel it and will begin to defend their position. He will then emotionally and/or physically withdraw from the person having CCR. Many people think that if they don't say anything the other party won't know and then it won't be wrong.

This is not true! If CCR is in a person, the other party will sense it and become defensive. It is true that some people are more sensitive to CCR than others. Wives have forced their husband's emotional withdrawal by attempting to change him by CCR. Husbands have destroyed their relationship with their wives by CCR. Usually, they do not understand why the other party has withdrawn, and become defensive.

How Criticism, Condemnation, and Rejection Relates to Forgiveness

Bringing the subject up again to the repentant party after having granted forgiveness is especially sinful since it always comes from an **attitude** of criticism, condemnation and rejection and makes you a co-worker with Satan.

Granting Biblical forgiveness closes the issue so that it cannot affect the present relationship. Bringing it up or harboring the resentment within us causes invisible walls to be erected between us, and the person we should have forgiven. CCR is such a powerful force that it doesn't have to be spoken to cause defense walls to go up.

EXAMPLE: If a husband has repented of some sin against the relationship with his wife and she has said that she forgives him but inwardly she is critical, condemning and resentful toward him; he will sense it whether spoken or not. He may not even be aware of what is going on but he will put up a wall of defense and withdraw from that relationship either emotionally or physically or both.

Few Christians would deliberately become an instrument of Satan, but most of us have practiced criticism, condemnation and rejection at one time or another. We must refuse to continue to do so.

Forgiving others does not mean that we agree with bad or sinful behavior. However, we must learn how to disagree and even state our position without CCR. We can do this if we walk in the Spirit and take on the nature of Christ. The key factor is to honestly evaluate your feelings to see if there are feelings of CCR within you. If there are, then repent and ask God to create in you a clean heart and a right spirit. [Ps 51:10]

Is CCR an Effective Way to Produce Godly Repentance and Change?

The automatic human reaction to CCR is to defend one's self and then emotionally, if not physically, withdraw. While someone is defending himself or herself, they are not open to change. So, we actually harden them into their position by using CCR as a method of attempting to get them to change. CCR produces the opposite of the desired result.

Satan's principles never produce Godly repentance and change.

The only way a person will change is to be convicted by Holy Spirit and repent. We want to be a co-worker with Holy Spirit so that He can effectively bring about change in the lives of those around us. This can only happen as we allow Him to lead us into true repentance and bring us into His presence with a clean heart. A result of allowing Him to cleanse us is that, our own lives will function with the fruit of the Spirit.

We MUST Close Both Sides of The Issue!

Finding the guilty party and having them repent and ask for and receive forgiveness is only half of the solution. In all but rare situations, both parties or sides in a situation have sinned; one party has sinned by his action, and the other party by his reaction or attitude.

Both parties in the situation need to ask for and give forgiveness.

Many Christians are adept at freeing the guilty party from his guilt; however, they usually leave the offended party who has reacted humanistically (sinfully with anger, resentment, criticism, condemnation, etc.) still burdened with their sin of reaction. It is important that we do not leave people wounded and in sin.

Our Wounds are self-inflicted by Our Sinful Reaction

The wounds we find in a Christian's life are not there because of what others have done; they are self-inflicted by sinful reactions. What others do to us cannot hurt or affect our lives if we act as Jesus has commanded. I will try to explain this so that it is fully understood.

Guilty Party

It is easy to see that this person has done something to harm the relationship. They need to repent and ask for forgiveness so that they can be free from guilt. Saying I am sorry is not asking for forgiveness.

Offended or Hurt Party

This person has usually reacted sinfully to the hurt from the guilty person, with anger, resentment, withdrawal, etc. This has left them wounded. To be healed, they need to repent and ask for forgiveness for their sinful reactions (being offended). The guilty person's asking for forgiveness will not heal the wound of the hurt person. If the counselor only has the original guilty person repent and ask for forgiveness, the counselor has left the offended (hurt) person in their sin, which will lead them into depression and a wounded spirit.

Example:

Since men are project oriented and women are relationship oriented, men tend to be insensitive to the emotional needs of their mate. This usually means that they have sinned against the relationship while thinking everything is OK. Wives tend not to say anything, but instead start building up resentment and criticism. If left long enough, bitterness and hatred, along with various acts of physical or emotional revenge will begin to manifest.

When a couple comes in for spiritual help, a majority of problems will stem from or have its roots in the above concept. Most spiritual elders will find the guilty husband, identify the sin, have him repent and ask the wife to forgive. If this is accomplished the husband is free from the consequences of his sin and able to return to worship and praise his Lord. However, if the wife has not repented of her resentment, criticism (spoken or unspoken), condemnation, rejection, anger, bitterness or revenge, she is still bound in her sin. She will not feel free and will still blame the husband for her condition. It is the responsibility of the spiritual elder to bring the wife to repentance and have her ask her mate for forgiveness if she is to be free.

The relationship will not be restored until both parties have repented and ask for and are given Biblical forgiveness

In the beginning, Satan tried to take over Heaven and declared that he would exalt his throne above God; as you know, that did not happen. The sin that got him thrown out of Heaven was Pride! It has many faces but it is still the main tool that Satan uses today. When a person is wounded or hurt by another person it is his pride that is attacked; "You hurt ME; I have rights."

Pride is the basis of all sin!

Understand that you cannot be forgiven and released from a hurt or a wound or rejection, but you can be forgiven for a sin. Also understand the hurt or wound is there because someone attacked your pride, and pride is a sin, so call it what it really is; and then repent of that sin and receive your forgiveness.

Forgiveness is For You, It Sets You Free!

If only the initial offender repents, then only he will be free from sin. The offended or wounded person may give forgiveness, but, unless he/she repents of their own sinful reaction, their relationship with God will not be restored, and their relationship with the original offender will not be restored. The original offender will be free but the wounded person will feel depressed because of having failed to repent of the sin of self-pity, anger, resentment, or bitterness. Their sin will begin to accumulate.

Often, the offended person will state that he has been wounded by what the other person did; he was hurt so badly he can't get over it. This is deception; the wound is self-inflicted by sinful reactions.

Had he acted as Jesus has commanded, he would not have been wounded. He is simply a person who refuses to or fails to recognize that his reaction is sin. When he confesses his sin of being offended, God will heal the wound.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Bringing Reconciliation Between Two People

1. Identify the offender. As you discuss the situation it will become apparent who began the sinful behavior. Understand, both parties are guilty to some degree.
2. Lead the offender into a prayer of repentance toward God. Have him/her identify how they have sinned and ask the other person to forgive. At times they find it hard to admit that they are at fault. By not owning the sin, there can be no forgiveness or reconciliation of the relationship. You must admit to the sin to get free of it. [1 John 1:9]
3. Ask him/her to face the person(s) they have offended - take hands and ask for forgiveness. They should identify how they have sinned and how they intend to change (repentance means "I intend to change, not just please excuse me"). This time is not to be rushed; this is where the reasons behind the disagreement will be exposed. This time will usually open "the can of worms" that will lead to the root problem. Again, take your time here and listen; take notes.
4. Be sure the offended party says, "I forgive you," not "That's OK" or any other statement that does not clearly identify that they have committed their will to close the issue.
5. Have the offended party identify their sinful reactions, confess them as sin to the other person, repent and receive God's forgiveness. They should identify how they sinned and how they are going to change. Let them talk it out. This is usually when the relationship really begins to come back together. This also can be a time when deeper hurts are brought up, especially if this is the wife of a couple having marital problems. Again, do not rush past this time; usually more junk will be exposed. Take notes and be at peace, as they unload the stuff from the past, God will set them free.
6. Have the offended party state the definition of forgiveness. By an act of my will, I will no longer allow this situation to affect our relationship. I choose to close the issue, therefore, I promise not to bring the subject up again to: You (the person asking for forgiveness), to Myself, to God, and to others.
7. Have the original offender say, "I forgive you" and state the definition for forgiveness. By an act of my will, I will no longer allow this situation to affect our relationship. I choose to close the issue, therefore, I promise not to bring the subject up again to: You (the person asking for forgiveness), to Myself, to God, and to others.
8. It usually is necessary to have the original sinner repent for reacting to the sinful reaction of their mate. This is common. Some times the offended party will need to confess getting offended because the first person got offended at the second person getting offended. Sounds sort of ridiculous but it happens; remember all confessed sin must be dealt with.

Freedom From The Past

Forgiveness closes the past so that it cannot affect the present!

There are spiritual laws that are irrevocable and if we violate them, we will reap the results. Seedtime and harvest is one such law. What you sow, you will reap.

Genesis 8:22

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

If you sow a seed in the ground and leave it there undisturbed, you will reap a harvest. If you plant corn, you will harvest corn. It is the law that farmers rely on when they plant their fields. It also works in the spirit realm.

Judgment against another person will bring judgment against you

What people don't realize is that when you get offended against another person, you are also judging them at the same time and with the measure you judge them or how you judge them is how you will be judged.

Matthew 7:1-2 Amp.

Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you.

I had a friend who as a teenager told me that he hated his dad because he was an alcoholic and he did not want to be like his dad. When he reached 30 years old, he was an alcoholic. Because he was offended and judged his dad, he reaped the same harvest or crop that his dad had reaped.

Luke 6:36-38

Therefore you be merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom or your life. For with the same measure that you give, it shall be measured to you again.

This scripture is not talking about money; it is talking about judgment verses mercy and forgiveness.

When we become free of and stay free of all judgment,
We will truly be free!

Practical Application

The past is the biggest enemy that most human relationships have. This is especially true of family relationships. The unwillingness to forgive causes today's actions and motives to be judged by what happened last week, last month, last year, or 10 years ago. This is unfair and non-scriptural because most of us are growing in grace and becoming more like Jesus everyday. We are not the same person we were last year and we have the right to have our actions and motive judged by who we are today, not by what we did in the past.

This will only happen when every failure (sin) of the past has been repented of and completely forgiven and when every issue has been closed so that it does not affect the present relationship.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

The Physical Evidence Of The Reality Of Sin

Sin is more than a moral concept. It is a force or power that is directed and used to manipulate individuals by demons. When a person yields to the power of sin, it can change the nature, character and appearance of that individual. It will change their vocabulary, thought patterns, motives, actions, dress and associations. Sin should never be underestimated, rationalized or normalized. It is my opinion that too many Christians are deceived about the magnitude of the consequences of the sin of unforgiveness, resentment, criticism, condemnation, and rejection. These destroy everything around the person who justifies their existence in their life.

Acts 8:21-23

You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness (caused by unforgiveness) and bound by iniquity (Sin).

Most of our problems today are caused by the sins of offence from our past. Many Christians deal with physical and mental problems because of something that happened to them as a child. Stuff like a parent deserting them as a child, or being molested or raped, or a family member doing something or saying something to you that caused a division between you and them. These kinds of things usually happen between you and a family member like a parent, sibling, relative, or an ex-mate; someone we opened our selves to, because we trusted them.

It can also happen between you and a boss, friend, neighbor, or any person who “wronged” you in your past. Because of the offence and the judgment you set in motion, you are now reaping the results of being offended and judging them.

The sins of offence can be manifested as depression, sickness, or mental anguish. The book, “A More Excellent Way” states that most sickness is the result of sin. Sue and I have seen people healed from severe diseases when unconfessed sin is exposed and dealt with; diseases like arthritis, asthma and cancer.

All sin is based in pride, which is the basis for Satan’s fall. Darkness comes when he deceives us into being self-centered. The word says that pride goes before a fall. When we do anything that is displeasing to our Father it is always based in pride; “I want my way and I know better than God!”

**Once the Devil can make us self-centered,
Our fall into bondage is sure!**

Sin is the door that Satan uses to gain a hold of our lives. Demons can enter or oppress us severely if we leave doors open through unconfessed sin in our lives. Demons cannot enter a Christian’s spirit but they can and do enter our body, which is the house that our spirit lives in. Please catch this; you are not your body. It is just the house you live in and as such, when you die, you leave it here and you go into the spirit realm and to Heaven or Hell. The world has trained us to put more emphasis on our body than God intended. Our body is made of dirt and water and as such, is the most susceptible to the things of this world.

An offence happens when a person has their pride stepped on and they feel hurt or rejected, abused, used, or maybe abandoned. Offences are based in pride and are a very common occurrence in the world system. Most reactions to other people’s attitude are because of an offence being taken: you hurt me or you used me! “I don’t get mad, I just get even” is a statement of pride and usually is pointing to an offence.

This is the god that Jesus was talking about in "you shall have no other god before Me." That god is You when you walk in sinful pride. It is called our old sinful nature that we buried in Water Baptism and are directed to leave buried in the watery grave. (See Water Baptism)

So please understand we may call it a wound or a hurt but really it is "you hurt my pride" and anything that is pride based is sin. If we call it a hurt or wound, we cannot be forgiven for it BUT if we call it what it really is, an offence, which is an assault against my pride, we can get forgiveness and freedom from that sin.

If people will learn to humble themselves and confess their offence when they are wronged and give forgiveness when others have used, abused, taken advantage of, or rejected and abandoned them, all of this hurt and pain will be replaced with life and peace.

Romans 8:5,6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit; for to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Forgiveness Is Not Forgetting

God has created us so that we do not forget things. As hard as we try, the best we can do is suppress a thought. Even then, the brain continues to record the situation. What we want to do is remove all resentment, anger, bitterness and hatred from our heart by confessing it as sin and renouncing it as unacceptable in our life. Then we can remember a bad situation with no negative feelings. The sin has no more Hold on us because it has been confessed and removed.

All of us realize that we want and need others, especially God, to forgive us, continuously. Think about the healed wounds, and the love and peace that would result from all Christians practicing this. You must realize that this is not just a good idea, but a way of life that we must learn to live if we are to have favor with God.

My Word Commands

My Word commands that you go beyond repairing relationships with people and to start loving them the way I love you. It must be who you are, not just what you do!

In Mark 12:30 says, "The most important commandment is this: 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

And John 13:34 says, "I give you a new commandment: Love one another; in the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples; when they see the love you have for each other."

If you want to walk in Me, this is how you must be. My kingdom operates in love because I AM Love and to walk in Me you must be as I AM. All this teaching about forgiveness is to get you free from the past, but don't stop there. Without living in and being a man or woman of Love, the Power of Our Kingdom will not manifest through you. So how far into My Kingdom do you want to go?

Learn This Forgiveness Teaching Because You Will Use It!

Of all the teachings I have learned in my 30 years in ministry, I have used this teaching I received from my mentor Jim Boswell the most. This is the basis of the Kingdom.

Sue and I were taught this form of forgiveness when we were young in the Lord because without it we would not have remained married. That was over 30 years ago. She is still my "main squeeze", being second only to God.

For deliverance to be complete, the sins of the past must be exposed, confessed, and forgiveness received and then usually the demon cast out. If you want to be able to help people to freedom, this is the most important tool for your spiritual tool belt. We have used this tool more than any other Holy Spirit supplied gift. After all, isn't forgiveness what the Cross was all about?

Freedom From The Past

Stopping Curses

1. For a person to be truly free from the past, the counselor must be directed by Holy Spirit through His leading of all the parties involved. This will be done through Words of Knowledge, Discernment, and Words of Wisdom, which will usually come through revelation, visions and His voice. It is suggested that the counselor has prayed in tongues enough to be speaking with Holy Spirit as the session starts.
2. Have the person identify any people in the past that they know are part of the problem. If they don't freely start talking about their past, ask questions about their relationship with their father, mother, sisters, brothers, friends and ex-mates. Listen to them with an ear of spiritual discernment. Ask Holy Spirit for His perspective as the process proceeds. Take notes for later. Stop periodically and pray in the spirit and then listen for instruction from Holy Spirit. We have found that if we stop to listen on purpose, Holy Spirit will quite often have information about the person that they don't remember. Often you will see a vision or have revelation knowledge about an incident that the person has forgotten.
3. After all the information has been collected you are ready to begin the unloading process. Ask Holy Spirit to show you which one to start with. Have them speak to the person who hurt them and say out loud all the things that the person did to them. This will usually be a time of tears; this is good as tears bring healing. You may have to lead them through this process using the notes you took earlier. When they have unloaded towards the person, have the wounded party declare forgiveness to the person and declare that they, on purpose choose to close the issue.
4. After they have unloaded the hurts caused by the person, they need to confess their sin of offence toward that person. Again, they may need help to get the process started. An example would be "Father I was offended by that person and I got angry, resentful, bitter, judgmental with my words, I criticized them and rejected them; I gossiped about them." As you listen, with ears to hear, Holy Spirit will help lead this process.
5. When they have identified all the ways they were offended at that person, they are to confess that all the attitudes were sin and take ownership of it as 1 John 1:9 directs. They are to confess out loud, "Father I am offended at that person [name them] and I am in sin because of it.

I therefore confess my sin to you as 1 John commands and because of that I receive my forgiveness, which Jesus purchased on the Cross for me. I also receive my righteousness and my peace. Thank you Father, I am free of that sin." It is important that you have them receive their forgiveness; some people have a real hard time doing that. Sometimes they need to forgive themselves by putting their pointy first finger in their own chest and saying [their name] I forgive you. Repeat this until they receive it. This is VERY important for some people.

6. Then have them say "Father I choose to close that issue between the person [name them] and myself. I release the judgment I made against them and I cancel the curse that was in effect because of my judgment. Thank you Father, I am free from that curse."

7. Now do exactly the same process one by one with all the people you had on your list. When you are done with all of the people from their past, cast out all the demonic spirits that have been tormenting them. When done, bless them and release peace to them.

After you are done with the whole process, which can take up to 3 hours to do, let them know that Holy Spirit will be bring up to their remembrance other people and times when they had an offence. This process will sometimes continue for several weeks or months until they are completely free from all past sins of offence.

One other thing you must know is that the person who was set free can go back to the torment IF they don't possess this and function as a Believer, being a "Doer of the Word." The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy! And he comes immediately to steal the word or freedom that was sown. They must be encouraged to continue to resist the devil or he will steal their just gained freedom.

It is usually wise to have them connect with you soon after so that you can find out how they are doing. You will usually have to help them learn about their thought life, the words that they speak, and how to effectively resist the demons attempt to return.

This process will release them from the sins and judgments (Curses) of their past and close the access that the demons use to re-enter their lives. But please understand that it is part of the process, not a quick fix! For this to completely manifest in some people, it can take time, sometimes weeks. But also understand that without releasing them from the past, most will just exist in their Christian walk and many will in time just fall away from the Christian walk altogether.

Freedom from the Past - The Process

(Name) I forgive you for:

List all that you can remember that this person did that caused you pain in the past. Ask Holy Spirit to expose all hurts, even those that are buried deep.

Father I forgive (Name) on purpose and I choose to close all of these past issues with this person, and I give them to you Father.

I am offended at (Name) and I confess my sin of: Speak out loud all the attitudes you felt: criticism, condemnation, rejection, resentment, anger, hatred, bitterness, rage, revenge, retaliation.

Father I call all of those feelings & attitudes sin. Therefore, because of confessing my sin, I now receive my forgiveness, I stand in my righteousness and I receive my peace and joy. [I John 1.9]

Because I have been forgiven for these sins in my life, I now cancel and release all the judgments that I have made against (Name) and these situations. I also cancel all curses that were established by my judgments concerning this person or situation.

At times we will also need to forgive ourselves. (Say your name with finger in chest) I forgive you for your part in this and I let go of all the guilt.

At this point if necessary, give this person to God by handing a physical item to the person in charge.

Father, I declare this issue completely closed in Jesus name, Amen.

Therefore I command all unclean demonic spirits to come out of me and never to return to me; GO from me now in Jesus name!

Now Father I apply the forgiveness established by the death of Jesus on the cross and the healing power that was given to me by the resurrection of Jesus. I apply the Dunamis Power of God's Glory and Light to the wounds caused by these sins and the demons allowed by the sins and I command the total healing of the wounds in their soul, heart and body in Jesus name.

Demons, And Deliverance

Doorways to Demonic Involvement

Here is a list of some of the sins and places where people allow demons access into their lives. Not everyone who has ventured into these places has a demon. This list is here to expose possible times or places in our lives where we gave demons permission to harass and inhabit us in the past.

Jail
Gangs
Pornography
Alcoholism
Illegal drugs

Prison
Rape or Child Abuse
Adultery
Fornication – Free sex
Abuse of legal drugs

Mental Institutions
Bad accident / Illness

Hospitals / Doctor offices
Attempted Suicide

Fortuneteller
Channeling
Horoscopes
Ouija board
Automatic writing

Psychic readings
Spirit Guides
Palm reading
Tarot cards

New Age teachings
Scientology
Witchcraft
Agnosticism

Meditation like TM
Satanism
Atheism
Horror movies

Rebellion against Authority
Judgments against someone
Generational Curses

Unforgiveness, Anger, Bitterness
Rejection by Mother or Father
Broken or dysfunctional Family

We as Believers have Authority over ALL Demonic activity that comes against us if we know how demons function, know who we are in Christ, and then walk in the Authority that was given to us by Jesus.

How to Do Deliverance

Demons are the angels who rebelled in Heaven and were ejected along with Lucifer to the Earth sometime around the beginning of time here on Earth. They have had a long time to study us and know us sometimes better than we know ourselves. They know what and where every button is that will cause us to sin and when to push it for maximum effect. They are very well practiced since they have had since Adam to study us.

Demons are nasty beings that know only hate. All that they do is based on hate. Know that what I said about them is true; they are here to steal, kill and destroy. [John 10:10] But also know that they are only a small hassle to a son who knows his place in the Kingdom. They function in the soul and manifest in the soul and/or the body. Most physical and mental diseases are started by demons, and many continue to be supported by their activities in the person's life. This is not My will for mankind.

The problem lies with us not hearing Holy Spirit or being taught by Him as to how demons operate which by default leaves us in harms way! That is why they have such a free reign to cause sickness and havoc in the Body of Christ. Truly sad!

I am changing that by exposing them whenever and wherever My Family will let Me. My warriors have become bold and will look Our enemy in the face and expose him and then eject him. Are you one who wants to walk in My Kingdom and be used to defeat our enemy? I am training those who have ears to hear Me.

My Word says to make them your footstool. When you understand who you are in Me or really Who I am in you, demons will cease to be a problem in your life. Understand, they will never quit trying to influence you but they will have no access to you. Jesus said that they came to Him but found nothing in Him; they found no sin, which is their access into a Believer's life.

Demons are not to be feared. They only have the right to function against you if you are in sin or are in their territory. So the first requirement is to repent and get clean before God, which is done by confessing your sin out loud; then receive your forgiveness that was purchased on the Cross. I also confess out loud that I receive my forgiveness, my righteousness and my peace. You are now free and clean from sin. If you are some place that you know is off limits to you, leave. The off limit places are anywhere that you are convicted in your spirit that you are wrong to be there.

If you are after a demon, which is harassing you, you are to speak directly to the demon and command him to leave; asking God to get the demon off of you Does NOT Cause Deliverance. It is your job to command them to leave and then God and His Angels will cause it to be enforced.

A very important fact you must know: you can only do deliverance when a person has given you authority to do so. If the person doesn't want to be free, to go after the demon will only hurt that person. The word says that if you don't fill the house with God after the demon has been removed, the demon will come back with 7 other demons and the end result will be much worse. [Matthew 12:43-45] So never cast out a demon unless the person wants to be free and is willing to serve God as a result.

You must have their authority to cast out a demon

As a representative of the Kingdom, you do have the right to shut down their functioning in your presence. [Matthew 16:19] Command them to be quiet or stop functioning or for them to leave the room and they will obey you. I was praying in my house once with a friend and suddenly realized that there was a demon in my house somewhere. When I took authority and commanded it to leave another person who was in my house headed for the door. When I asked him where he was going, he emphatically stated "I've got to leave, I've got to leave!" We followed him outside, and after some instruction, he received deliverance.

Very seldom do I ever touch a person when I am doing deliverance. Jesus never did. Deliverance is done by command, not by the laying on of hands. Also very important, I never lay hands on any person to pray for them until directed to do so by Holy Spirit; and then only to do exactly what He has instructed me to do.

Do not command them to go to the pit or the dry places or for them to be bound in chains. You do not have the authority to do any of that and besides our example, Jesus, never did it that way. We can only do what He showed us to do. His command was always "come out" or "go". Since He was Perfect Theology and He came to show us how to do it, to do more is false doctrine. The truth is the demons will just laugh at you because you went beyond what you have authority to do.

If you are delivering another person, have them confess their sin and receive their forgiveness out loud. Now you are ready to command the spirit(s) to go. Talk with Holy Spirit while you are doing this for updates and further directions. He will train you to do this and keep you safe in the process.

In the spirit realm, we are way more powerful than demons because of what Jesus did on the Cross. For deliverance to work correctly and easily, you must know that fact. You must know who you are in Christ or better said, Who Christ Jesus and Christ the anointing (Holy Spirit) are in you. If you know that, if you know how full of God you are, the demons know you know and they will obey you. If you don't know where and in whom you stand, the demons will know your doubt and not obey.

One other question that needs to be answered: can a 'Christian' have a demon?' The answer is YES and many do! What you must understand is that when a person has a demon or when a demon inhabits a person, they live in the person's body, not in their spirit. Jesus never said, "get off or go away"; He said "Come out"! Understand that your body is just your house or earthly vehicle that you live in and is used to function through while you are here on earth. You are the person or spirit who lives in the body. When you die, you move from your house or body to another house or body in heaven.

Have you ever had guests come in your house for a visit or for dinner? My wife and I share a house and we frequently have guests over. My house is just the place where I live; IT IS NOT ME! I live inside of my house. That needs to be your attitude about your body; it is just the place where you live. When you understand that and quit letting your house dictate how you live your life, your body will quit having so much control over you. The devil's approach to most of us is through our body: food, drugs, alcohol, sex, and health. When you realize that fact, he will lose much of his ability to affect your life.

After you have commanded the demon to leave, do what Ephesians 6 says and STAND. While holding fast, ask Holy Spirit what to do next. Demons don't leave because you yell or get mad or jump up and down and scream or any other fleshly response; they leave because of the authority that you released and the position in the Kingdom you know you stand in! So as you inquire for wisdom from Holy Spirit, you will be shown or told how to handle them. As you command them to leave, God will take control of them and dispatch them. You can and should get animals delivered also. Get the authority from the owner and then do it the same way. The animals will love you for it and so will the owners!

God will allow what you will allow!

As My sons draw close to Me and develop My attributes in them, the demons will know that you know who you are in the Kingdom. They will become less blatant in their operation and will be just a nuisance to My warriors.

Also of Great importance; Never, Never do a deliverance with your eyes closed! You can get hurt in the process and you will miss the blessing of seeing the demon leave.

There are different levels of control that the devil can display in or through a person, from being an annoyance to almost complete control but if you are a Believer, KNOW that he does not own you and can always be removed from your life. Know that the demon will do to you and go as far as you will allow him to go. Remember, God will allow what you allow. It is always your choice, Always!

My Final Exhortation

I am pleased that you want to learn. Know that as you walk and talk with me, I will expose the enemy and then use you to deliver people who want to be free. Get close to Me and the rest will be easy.

I have sent My Apostles and Prophets in this time in history to do the same. They are here not only to teach but also to demonstrate My Kingdom Authority. If you are hungry for this authority that I have presented to you in this teaching, ask Me to send them to you. I have My Sent Ones and I am sending them to My Bride.

Ask Me and I will send them to you.