

# Flying Full Throttle

There is a process required to become a pilot. It requires for you to learn the laws of flight, what makes a plane fly, about weather, and about the rules required by the FAA, to name a few. These are usually taught to you in GROUND SCHOOL.

Ground School is taught in a class room by a teacher who has studied the material and is sure they know the theory of flight inside and out. The problem is, some of the teachers who say they are so qualified in flight fundamentals, have never gotten their flight training or their pilot license. They know in theory what the manual says but can't physically do what it says with the results that it says are to manifest.

One example of this happened to me. It is called "Spin Avoidance Training." Thirty-five years ago it was part of required flight training to physically learn and practice spin training, as it was called. Fifteen years ago when I learned to fly, spin training was considered unsafe and so I was taught the theory about it in Ground School but my flight instructor would not physically demonstrate how to get out of a spin.

After I acquired my pilots license, I went to a flight instructor who had been training pilots for over forty years and had him teach me spin training. We went up in a Cessna 172 and did spin recoveries. The first time he had me do it according to what I knew about it from the training manual. Had he not been there, I would have died! I could not make the plane recover and had he not "taken control of the plane" I would have plowed it into the ground. Theory cannot replace experience.

Just so that you know, it is not mandatory for you to go to an official Ground School to learn the required information to get your pilot's license; you can learn it on your own. And until the day comes to take the Final Check Ride to receive your pilot license, there is no requirement to study Ground School at all.

The analogy of Ground School was given to bring to your attention what and how the Church is functioning today.

Ground School is when you go to church to learn about the Bible. The Bible was sent by God to train our minds to think like God thinks. It was written by Holy Spirit using men to give us an example of how God functioned with Israel and then how He functioned with the first church. The way the First Church functioned is the way we are to function today.

The problem is that we have stayed in ground school and have NOT progressed to Flight School. Most of the Christian community is teaching Ground School, with no room being allowed for Flight School. Some leaders even teach their Ground School students to be cautious or even afraid of Flight School. Flight School is when you learn how to fly (function

in the Spirit). Until you get into the plane with the flight instructor (Holy Spirit), you have not entered into Flight School. What you know up to this point is only theory. You have never actually flown the plane.

The First Church didn't have much in the way of Ground School; they didn't have the plethora of bibles and commentaries about the hermeneutics of the bible. What they did have was a few letters written by some people who had done some flying (functioning in the spirit), about how to get connected with and taught by the Flight Instructor (Holy Spirit).

Many have been told that to grow in spiritual things or be in any kind of ministry you must go to a Bible School; that is Not True. When I was a young Believer, I asked God 3 separate times to let me go to a Bible School to be trained. His answer all 3 times was No! When I pressed Him to know why, He said that if I went to Man's school to learn, I would come out with my head full of man's teachings and opinions and I would be useless to Him in the spirit. When I asked Him how I was supposed to learn, He said that He was going to teach me; and He has. What I learned was done by what He laughingly called "the School of Hard Knocks". He arranged situations in my life that He used to train me. I love Holy Spirit. He has my life and growth in the spirit realm as His priority.

So what I know is not theory to me; I have walked through them and experienced them, learning the lesson correctly, according to God's will. Now my assignment is (1) to present to you the correct way to proceed so that you avoid some of the mistakes I've made and (2) to get you functioning with Holy Spirit, demonstrating the power much faster than it took me.

That is what our teaching is about; getting out of ground school and getting into the airplane. Holy Spirit is the Flight Instructor and our job is to get you in the plane with Him. Our job is not to just teach you about flying, even though we do provide some practical flight instructions along the way. Our assignment is to connect you with the Flight Instructor by providing opportunities to practice flying and then answer the questions that arise during the flight lesson.

We teach how to get you connected with the Flight Instructor (Holy Spirit) and then demonstrate how to function with Him during Flight School; (How to walk in the Spirit and do the stuff). This is what is missing in Christianity today, but not for long. Holy Spirit is bringing it back to the Body of Christ Full Throttle!