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Do you know that you have an inheritance? It Begins With An Image reveals this God-given blessing and how to change your image to receive it!

We want positive changes, but we often don't know how to make the needed changes to receive the life God wants us to enjoy. This book reveals how to use the Word of God to change those undesired circumstances. And how does it all begin? It begins with the image we have of who God is and the great blessings He has for us. This book will help you make these changes and receive all the good things God has for His children.

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## Introduction

Hebrews 11:1 states that *faith is the substance of things hoped for*. Faith comes before the manifestation of the things hoped for, and hope has to come before faith. We have to get an image, a hope, of something before we can have the faith. We must use the word of God in order to cause that image to materialize (Heb.11:3) In the beginning God had an image. He had an image of what was about to be created, then He spoke it into existence. (Gen.1:2-3) We do the same; we must use the Word of God to get the image and the faith, to speak it into existence. God not only gives us the idea of what He wants us to have, but also the way for it to be manifested. I believe the following pages

will not only build faith in the person that reads them,  
but will also increase victory in their life.

It Begins with an Image

Chapter 1

### **How Do I Start To Change Things?**

How do you see yourself? Do you some- times wonder, “Is there a way out of my situation,” whether it is a physical infirmity or a financial infirmity? If so, how do you start to change things? I just imagine some even wonder if they deserve a better life than they have. Let’s look and see what the Bible says about those who love God.

*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things that God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9).*

Have you ever stopped to think of what God has given us, not just when you get to heaven but in the here and now? As each month and each year passes along, and with each trip into God I take, I realize more and more what He has for us and intends for us.

## Realize Your Inheritance

We are sons and daughters of God, adopted into the family of Christ. With this great transaction comes a great blessing, **we have the same inheritance as the Lord Jesus Christ who is the heir of all things** (Eph.1:11-14)! Christians are joint-heirs with Him (Romans 8:17), so therefore, everything that Jesus has is ours!

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 1:18-19,

*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

*19: and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.*

Now you might say, “Well, I don’t feel like I have everything. In fact, when I got up this morning, my body said differently. It said, ‘I don’t have everything.’” **But you really do have everything!** We have been given everything that we could ever think of, or ever imagine, or ever imagine needing concerning our body, or our family, or our finances. Everything that we could ever need has already been given to us.

Sometimes we sit around waiting for God to give us something, but He’s already given it. There’s no need in waiting for a sovereign move of God, because 2000 years ago Jesus died on the cross. He paid for our

sins, rose from the grave and ascended to the right hand of God and gave us everything He had as joint heirs in Christ! That is the sovereign move of God, and everything that we'll ever need was given to us. I praise God that we have this inheritance. If we have not received our manifestation, it's not God's fault.

You know, sometimes I just have to be honest with myself and admit that it is me. **God is not stuck.** He's already done everything, and then He gave it all to me. He delivered everything to me that could be delivered to me. So there's only one person that might be stuck, and that's me. The more I learn about His grace, His mercy, and His love, the more I just want to go further into Him and get this manifestation. I want to



have it alive in me where others can see it. It's important!

The inheritance that we have from God should be revealed in our lives, how we live, how we act. Some people think, "Well, I'm called to witness. I'm supposed to witness to every- body." No, you're not called to witness; you're called to be a witness. Others are supposed to see your life, and see the Godly love oozing out, prosperity oozing out, or health oozing out.

Now don't be in condemnation if you feel like you have fallen short in these areas. That's where the grace and mercy of God come in. His grace is there for you, until you can get to that point where when you walk down the street, or drive down a road, others notice that there's something special about you as you

pass by. The special thing is that you're full of God, and the manifestation of it is showing up on the outside. It's not just something locked up on the inside.

This inheritance that we have received is not just something for us to dwell on. We should be walking in every bit of the prosperity, every bit of the health that He ever delivered, every bit of the peace that He ever delivered. But it also is for a purpose. This inheritance is more than just something for us to have and to use for ourselves. There's more to it. If that were all there was, God would be a very selfish God. He's not that way. He didn't give us this inheritance for us not to have access to it. He's not one to give something, and then take it away. In fact, His Word says exactly the opposite.

*Hebrews 6:17, 18: Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

He can't take away what He has given. He cannot lie. In Him is all truth. If He said we were healed (1Peter 2:24), then it doesn't matter what our bodies say, part of our inheritance was healing. We were healed 2000 years ago. If He said that He took on our poverty and delivered back to us the riches of heaven, then He did. This is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 8:9).

So whatever you're expecting, wanting or needing—  
whatever it is, I know that God wants it more for you  
than you could ever imagine. More than I could ever  
imagine, more than I could ever convince myself out of  
the Word of God. As much as I would like to think that  
I know everything that God has for me, I know that it's  
even beyond what I can even comprehend at this time.  
But I comprehend more each day.

He says, in Eph 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to  
do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or  
think, according to the power that works in us.*

I believe that everyone reading this teaching probably  
loves Him. I know that I do. I love Him to the extent  
that I can possibly love Him. Now, I would like to love  
Him more, and I'm falling more in love with Him

everyday So if you feel like sometimes you don't know how much you love Him, don't feel alone, because there was a time that I didn't know how much I could love Him either, mainly because I did not fully understand His love for me!

It is a process, and He understands that. His grace is there. We are to continue on doing the things in the Word of God that cause His grace and His mercy to be poured out upon us. We start to see what He has for us. Then we continue day by day to fall in love with Him more, and more, and more. Then we are able to receive more and more of what He has.

You know, I'm walking in as much of the power of God right now as I can. There is more for me, but as far as what I'm walking in right now, it's as much as I'm able to do. As I go more into His Word, and I develop a greater relationship with Him, then there is a greater anointing for me. The more that I die to the things of the world, and the things of the flesh (Gal. 2:20), and the emotions, then the more anointing I will have. The same goes for everyone called of God.

*1 Corinthians 2:10 says, "But God has revealed them to us, through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God, for what man which is in him, even so no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God".*

We can never, with our natural mind, ever comprehend or learn the things of God. Never! Now this is where religion, denominations, traditions, and all that, have taken a wrong turn. They are deceived into thinking God can be understood with the natural mind alone.

He delivered unto us the Spirit of God to not only be with us, but to dwell and live inside of us. The word dwell means to set up housekeeping. He's there to reveal and add the power to sweep out the things stopping us from walking in our inheritance. He's going to be there forever until the day Jesus returns; that's the job of the Holy Spirit, to bring to us the things of God, to reveal them to us when we don't know where we stand in healing, prosperity, peace, or whatever area we are facing. It's the job of the Holy Spirit to get that

across to us and to bring about this manifestation into our lives. Everything that we could ever need, ever think of, or ever want.

Just because somebody has taken part of that inheritance, and maybe perverted it, and used it to heap upon themselves Cadillac's and new houses all for fleshly reasons, doesn't make God and His Word wrong. He still wants us to have all the prosperity and all the healing He delivered 2000 years ago. He wants it manifested in our life.

We love Him, but He loves us even more. When we said, "Jesus, come into my heart. Live in my heart. I want to live for you. I give my life to you," we immediately became a child in the family of God, and we became entitled to an inheritance in every area of



our lives! It was delivered free of charge. No way we could earn it, or work for it. It was delivered by the grace of God. Now, He wants us to take that inheritance and do something with it. He wants us to live comfortably; He wants us to have everything. But He also has another purpose for that inheritance.

### Change Your Thinking

Look, God isn't into us having *zero* at the end of the month. What we need to begin to see is a \$50 month." That is, whenever everything is paid at the end of the month, and we come down to the bottom line, we still have \$50 left over. When we get that image on the inside, and we have that manifested in our life, then we need to begin to see a \$100 month. And while we are at

it, why don't we go ahead and get that image on the inside that we could have a \$1,000 month!

“Why are you saying this, Brother Rogers? So we can heap more upon ourselves?” No! So that we can be vessels for God to flow through and touch this world! We have people around us right now, all through the area, in dire need. People that need to see a little bit of God out of us. How can we do that if we're broke?

Think about it! We come down to the end of the month, we paid that \$325-a-month payment on that brand new pickup truck, and paid the rest of the bills, and there is nothing left over. So what? If we had had a \$100-a-month payment, we would have another \$225 a month extra. Then we would have had a \$225-a-month.

*It is a matter of changing an image.* You know, we accept things the way they are too easily. “Well I ended up with a zero month. Everything balanced. I paid all my bills. I paid all those big car payments, the house payment, and at the end, I have zero. Well, at least I paid everything.” And we accept that, and keep going. Then, we accept that throughout our entire life. “Well, my body hurts, so I’m going to accept that for the rest of my life.” That’s not what God intended. He didn’t intend for us to accept that.

He didn’t intend for my joints, (just because I’m 57 years old) to hurt. He didn’t intend for me to accept that. He expected me to have a different image, the image on the *inside* of me of a healed body. Of a body that’s walking in the fullness of health.

How can we get all those other souls saved, if we go home early to heaven? How can we reach and touch and change other people's lives, if we're in a wheelchair, or can't get around very well. How can we minister to the needs of other people? There's no condemnation. His grace is there, and He will heal us and set us free. He will also lead us out of debt financially, which is His perfect will—not to owe any man! What I'm saying is, it's not in Him for us to accept our situation and live with infirmities and debt for the rest of our life. He didn't intend for that 2000 years ago. He gave us an inheritance, that we could walk out of it, and be a vessel for Him to use.

## Chapter 2

### **I Want What's Mine!**

Before we change our life and the things in it, we must change our image of it. Before we can change the image, we must have something to change it to; this is why we must know we have been given an inheritance.

#### Understand Your Inheritance

Let me point out, it's an inheritance for us to use, not an inheritance where we just sit down on nice padded pews, no matter how nice the pews are. We might even feel comfortable sitting there. This inheritance isn't for us to do that. It wasn't His intention for us to take this inheritance and just sit (if you don't mind me saying this) on our inheritance. He

wants us to get off our inheritance and do something with it! Begin to use it in the body of Christ. It's called **increasing the kingdom of God.**

*Ephesians 1:11, In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...*

First, most people need to know that they have an inheritance. Many people in the body of Christ still haven't realized that they have an inheritance that God freely gave them. It's nothing they can earn. It's there for us to receive and have manifested in our lives.

Ephesians 1:17, ...*that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of **His inheritance** in the saints...*

We need to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the inheritance that has been given. Reveal to us everything that God has given us. Many acknowledge their inheritance of salvation, but when it comes to other things in the Word of God, they excuse it away, saying that it passed away and God doesn't do that anymore. Some might have a revelation about their inheritance in the part about healing. Others may have the revelation about prosperity, peace, or that He's a

life changing God. Others may not have that particular revelation. Whatever it is in which we are short; the Holy Spirit will hold nothing back.

### Your Inheritance Is for Blessing Others

Yes, we have prosperity as a part of our inheritance, and guess what? It's free; we don't have to pay for it with our tithes and offerings. Jesus paid the price for prosperity, also. I get tickled sometimes with some friends of mine that say they are called as businessmen in the body of Christ, called to make money. There is that calling, that gift of giving (Romans 12:8). **Yes, that is the actual calling—the gift of giving, not just to make the money for their own pleasure.** I get tickled because they act as if God has given them some big secret to make money. God



never intended to withhold anything from anybody. If He reveals something to a person for making money, He expects that person to share it, to re-produce it, to multiply.

You see, God is a God of reproduction. He wants us to take that revelation that we have in the Word of God and begin to reproduce other people that can go out and make money for the kingdom of God. There has to be a right motive somewhere along the line. We have to correct our motives, if they're out of line. He expects us to reproduce. Actually, we're only cutting our own supply line off if we don't reproduce. When we begin helping other people, that's when the blessings begin to flow. Whenever our motive is to help

others in the body of Christ, we have touched God's heart.

My wife and I don't worry about any need or anything, because we know that God is going to supply it. We make sure that in our hearts we keep the right motive of "why are we in ministry?" Well, He showed me a long time ago that He is a life changing God. So I'm supposed to be out there for Him to change other people's lives. That's helping other people. Changing their lives from where they are now to another place. It doesn't matter what my call is, my motive has to be right. The motive is helping other people.

## The Holy Spirit Reveals Your Inheritance

We have to help those who are lost and those that are in the body of Christ that don't have that revelation of the Holy Spirit and how He assists us. It's to overflow out of us and into them. That opens up the blessing of God in our life. But first, we have to realize that the Holy Spirit is the one who will reveal. He's the only one who can reveal to our natural mind, our natural eye, and the natural things of man. We can't find out the things that have been freely given to us. It's only by the Holy Spirit. He's the one that will reveal these things to us. "Would you prove that to me?" Yes.

1 Corinthians 2:10, *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the*

*things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.*

Now, having the spirit of this world is being a child of the devil (Romans 8:1-10). That's basically what that is. If we are of the world, then we are a child of the devil. We have to be either a child of God or a child of the devil. There is no in-between here. We are one or the other. Before we were born again, we were a child of the devil. A child of the spirit of death, instead of the Spirit of Life.

Romans 8:2, *But the spirit of life which is from God.*

Now, he's talking about our born-again spirit. He's not even talking about the Holy Spirit. First, he

said, “*Not the spirit of the world.*” That’s an unborn-again spirit. That’s a spirit that is unable to receive the things of God or understand the things of God. Then he says, “*But the spirit who is from God.*” That’s our born-again spirit. At that point, when we were born again, we received the capacity to understand and receive things from God. Before that, we couldn’t.

I remember before I was born again. When I would open a Bible in one of those motel rooms, I couldn’t understand one word of the Bible. I knew about all the Bible stories; but as far as taking the Bible, opening it up, and trying to read it, I couldn’t. I mean I couldn’t even focus on it more than two minutes, and I certainly didn’t understand what the Word of God said. But when I was born again and I received the Holy

Spirit, I may not have understood very much at a time, but I did begin to understand. I received the capacity to understand the Word of God and the things that God had for me, and was able then to begin to understand Him. Before that, I couldn't even understand Him.

One of the biggest problems that we have in getting people filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues is that the more education they have, the more they let their minds get in the way. It's because their minds are always trying to analyze and figure it out. How do you figure out praying in other tongues? The natural mind is not going to understand the things of God. That certainly explains it. Continuing, He says in 1 Corinthians 2:12, *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that*

*we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

Once again, He's talking about what we just said—**our inheritance**; *that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God, here on this earth as well as in heaven.*

Verse 13, *These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things, with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

He told the people at Corinth, Look, you're a bunch of babies, and this is how I can tell. All you do is fight and fuss and have divisions among yourselves; so therefore, you're babes. I want to give you more! You have been given the greatest teacher in existence to compare things to the Word of God; but you're more interested in the color of the carpet and who is sitting in your seat. I can't even explain some of this to you because you're carnal. You're babies in Christ; I can't even get past the milk (my paraphrase of 1 Cor. 3:1-3).

The more we allow our born-again spirit to come forth by turning ourselves over to the transformation and illumination of the Holy Spirit, the more we will begin to see ourselves as God sees us. Which is His



Image projected in us and through us. It's called conforming to His Image and walking into how He sees us, which is an overcomer. Walk into the inheritance we have been given, and be blessed as a son or daughter of God.

## Protect Your Inheritance

1 Corinthians 3:9-10, For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

The Apostle Paul is talking here about false doctrine, wrong teaching, men's traditions, religion, and things like that. He goes on to say in verse 11, *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* You must be born again. There is no other way. You must accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. That is the foundation. That is your way to Heaven. He said not only that, but Paul also said to be

careful about how we build upon this foundation. Be careful about how we use this inheritance that has been delivered to us. Be careful about how we use these things from God that He has given to us. Paul said, Be considerate of how you use these things that the Father passed on to us and what we do with the things of God and make sure we go all the way with the things of God.

Paul goes on to say, 1 Corinthians 3:12-14, *Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

Do you know that it doesn't just stop here? It doesn't stop with salvation, it doesn't stop with getting filled with the Holy Spirit and having that speaking-in-tongues experience. The evidence of speaking in other tongues is not even the issue in the Word of God. The issue in the Word of God is whether we want the Holy Spirit praying on our behalf or not. Whether we want Him involved in our life, teaching us, and praying for us, and standing in the gap on our behalf. The issue is whether we want the Holy Spirit in our life, bringing our inheritance to fruition, and keeping us until the day of redemption. That is the issue!!!! The Holy Spirit is the One who keeps us until that day that Jesus returns. He will teach us, and keep us on the foundation, and show us how to build carefully on it.

What Paul is saying is here's the foundation, we have salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ; but Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so that you could understand and have the capacity to receive the things from God that have been given to you freely, your inheritance. The Holy Spirit will keep us going in the right direction, building upon the foundation with correct doctrine; so that, whenever we stand before the Lord Jesus Christ, it doesn't go up in smoke. The work that we do here on earth is going to be tested by fire; and that which stands the test of fire will receive a reward. That which doesn't stand the test of fire will be burned up like a pile of straw.

I told a bunch of people the other day, "You know you don't want to end up in India in some ghetto

doing good works just because you wanted to do good works. You want to be where God wants you to be, doing those good works. You need to take time with the Holy Spirit and find out exactly where you are supposed to be and what you are supposed to be doing.”

All I am talking about is we don't want to be in the wrong place spending our entire life thinking that we are doing something good, and we didn't even ask Jesus where we were supposed to be. We didn't even take the time to find out from the Holy Spirit, who knows every part of the plan of God for our life. If we don't take time out, it is our own fault because everything in our inheritance was supplied for us to find out exactly where we are supposed to be.

1 Cor 3:15 explains, *If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved.* Paul continues to talk about if anyone defiles this temple of God, God will destroy them.

He's talking about false doctrine. You know, we think sometimes as Believers that Paul is talking about the smoking and drinking. You know smoking is not good for your health. It will destroy your health. Alcohol will destroy your health. But, what He's talking about here is doctrine. He's saying to be careful about how we build on our foundation, and what direction we're going. Be careful to make sure that you get the Holy Spirit involved in what you believe.

Ephesians 1:13, *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your*

*salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

The Holy Spirit is part of our inheritance. He is our earnest. Our deposit. Our seal toward the day of redemption. He will set up housekeeping in us. Purge out false doctrine. Purge out the things that are not of God, such as wrong thinking, doubt, and unbelief. We cannot afford not to pray in other tongues. We need to allow the Holy Spirit freedom in our life, illuminating the Word of God that contains our inheritance, and causes it to come alive in our life, so we can begin an image change.



## Chapter 3

### **Holy Spirit Brings Alive the Word!**

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Holy Spirit freedom in our life. Illuminating the Word of God that contains our inheritance, causing it to come alive in our life, so we can begin an image change.

### Your Image Transformer

A lot of people think that when you talk about praying in other tongues, it means intercession or tongues for interpretation. Most of the tongues talked about in the New Testament are tongues for edification. That means we can begin to get the Holy Spirit in our lives and let Him start transforming us out of those things that weigh us down.

This is what Paul talked about for the most part in the New Testament. There are tongues for interpretation, tongues for the unbeliever, and tongues of intercession. Mainly tongues are for our personal edification. Our

private “Hot Line” to God. When we pray in other tongues, we pray down the plan of God, and the mind of Christ for our life is revealed. Therefore, we don’t have any excuse but to be on the right path receiving everything from God.

“Well, Brother Rogers, I don’t feel like I’m receiving everything from God. In fact, this morning when I got up, you should have seen my body. I could hardly get out of bed.” That’s all right, the grace of God is there and that’s why the Holy Spirit is there. To purge you of that doubt and unbelief that you’ve been walking in, and transform you to that inheritance so you can receive your healing, and get up a healed person.

Alleluia!

We've got to begin to get an image on the inside of ourselves of people with an inheritance. You say, "I'm failing. My prosperity message is failing me. I need to listen to a television prosperity message this coming Sunday morning, because my prosperity message is failing." No, what you need to do is begin to change the image on the inside of you, of who you are. Let the Holy Spirit begin to build upon that image. "Well, Brother Rogers, I'm not even that far. I just can't get up every morning without sinning before the morning is over." You need to begin to change the image of who you are on the inside. **It starts with an image!** We've got to get the image on the inside before we can have the manifestation on the outside. The Holy Spirit will begin to bring alive to us who we

are, which is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We are  
overcomers!

We can't keep on with the same image we have  
right now and have change in our lives. It doesn't  
happen that way. "Well, how does the Holy Spir- it help  
us transform?" I'm glad you asked. I'll give you an  
example.

*2 Corinthians 8:9, For you know the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your  
sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty  
might become rich.*

We cannot begin to change the image inside us  
without the Word of God. The Holy Spirit will take the  
Word of God and begin to change that image, if we will  
begin to turn ourselves over to Him. If we are falling

short in our life, we must make an image change.

Whatever area it is where we are falling short, then we need to take the Word of God and begin to meditate on it. **We got in the shape we are in by what we did in the past; we will change things by what we do now and in the future!**

## Work with Your Transformer

We get to thinking that the Holy Spirit will just do it for us without us doing our part. Wrong. That's not the way it works. He can only work with what we give Him. First, it's our surrender to Him. Second, we must have an idea of an image to develop from the Bible. We must begin to give Him something with which to work. That's where the Word of God enters the plan.

*2 Corinthians 8:9, For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

He was able to do that, because He took on our poverty! We have to begin to take that and meditate

upon it and let the Holy Spirit begin to develop that image inside of us. That image starts to take hold because we are getting the image developed on the inside, that He already took on our poverty that is in us. Now we are beginning to develop the image that we have to the riches of heaven. Now things don't look so bleak. Unless we change our image, we are never going to walk out of where we are.

So about right now you must be thinking, "How do you know that God wants to change me?" That's just the way He is. He wants to change you. He wants to change me. You'll just have to believe me. "Well, you'll just have to accept me the way that I am." *No, we won't!* God wants to change us *from glory to glory to glory to glory* (2



Cor. 3:18). That's the job of the Holy Spirit, among other things. He'll get in on our act, and begin to purge us, begin to transform us, but we must give Him something with which to work.

## Renew Your Image

He's got to have an image from the Word of God. ***I was crucified with Christ*** (Galatians 2:20). *There's an image!* Crucifying the flesh, leaving that sin behind. *Sin shall not have dominion over me* (Romans 6:14). There's another image. If sin defeats you every day, you need to begin to get that image on the inside. Sin shall not have dominion over me! The Word of God does not lie! If it says, *Sin shall not have dominion over you*; then, *sin shall not have dominion over you*. It has no dominion. It does not rule in your life. You need to begin to get that image on the inside. You can't have the manifestation of no sin, without that image first. The image must come first!

You need to begin to look at yourself differently.  
*I'm the righteousness of God in Christ* (see 2 Cor.5:21).  
You need to begin to get the image on the inside of you that you can become what the Word says. That you can receive the inheritance that you've been freely given. Not just written words on a page, but manifested and alive in your life, so all can see. I want to see it in my life. I want others to see it. I don't want them to have to question. I want them to be able to see it working in my life. I won't settle for anything less.

This is part of the job of the Holy Spirit, if we will let Him get involved in our life. With the Word of God, He will begin to change us until we conform to that image of Christ. You see, **the Word of God is the image of Christ** and that's the direction that we're to

head. But there's just one problem, we have to let Him get involved in our life. We have to decide that maybe we are not so perfect after all. Maybe we have more doubt and unbelief than what we thought we had.

## Pray in the Holy Spirit

*Jude 20, But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.*

When we go up, we leave something behind. For example, when you go up a ladder, you leave things behind. Well, when we pray in the Holy Spirit and build ourselves up on our most holy faith, we begin to leave behind those things that we once were. Now the Holy Spirit can take the Word of God and begin to change us and make us into the image of Christ. But if we don't get Him involved, there is nothing He can do, because He won't force us.

Some people thought when they received the Holy Spirit that it was a wonderful experience.

It was for a week or two, and then the experience wore off. Ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty years have passed. Then we think back to when we received the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful experience it was. **Well, it ought to be an experience every day for us to get with the Holy Spirit.**

When the Pastor gets up and preaches about prayer, you think it's spending five minutes out of your day. Well, five minutes is a little bit of a start. It would be nicer, though, if you would spend at least an hour with the Holy Spirit each morning every day. "Well, I can't do it every morning; I can do it at night." Well fine, stay up all night! He'd like us to get to know Him. He'd like to get a chance to work in our lives. "*Well,*

*Brother, I just don't have time!"* **You really don't have time not to pray!**

There have been a lot of rough times that my wife and I have been through in the ministry. One thing I've found though, as long as I keep praying in the Holy Spirit and keep building myself up on my most holy faith. I never lose that image of what He's called me to do, who He's called me to be, and where He's called me to go. I never lose that image. It's because I give Him the chance to re- new it day by day, hour by hour.

We have to begin to let Him into our life. He won't force His way into our life. We've got to invite Him in. "How do we invite Him in?" We ask the Holy Spirit to  *dwell*  in us with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

The most fun I had in Peru was getting Baptist pastors filled with the Holy Spirit! I'll never forget this one wonderful man. He came to me and through the interpreter said he'd been having all kinds of miracles by laying hands on people. People were receiving miracles in his church. They were going out getting people saved, the lame walking, the blind seeing, and lots of things happening. He said, "But there's just one thing. I just haven't been able to get filled with the Holy Spirit." I thought, my goodness, most Holy Spirit filled people are not even doing what you're doing! He got his wish that night. I laid hands on him, and in a split second, he was spewing out those other tongues.

It's more than just a Pentecostal experience. It's a way of life, and we have to stop long enough to begin



that way of life. It's not just when we get excited while listening to good preaching. It's not just when we have a good praise report. It's an every-day-way-of-life-offering-ourselves- over to the Holy Spirit. And spending that hour each day praying in other tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:2, *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.*

The word mysteries in this verse means the mind of Christ, the will of God for our individual lives. His plan for every part, every step we take. All in line with the Word of God, His image that we have planted in our life.

*Also, remember it's okay with Satan if you go part way!* In other words, he doesn't mind if you start

following instructions of how to get your life changed and never finish them, you just stop! God, on the other hand, can use faithfulness as a reason to trust you with an increase.

## Chapter 4

### **Building Upon Your Foundation!**

The Holy Spirit wants to change the image inside of people. You can't move forward without that image change. You will get stuck and stay in the past, if you don't begin to change that image. That's why the Holy Spirit is here. He was sent to help us effect change in our lives so that we not only don't stay the same, but we don't go backward.

#### Receiving from God

*1 Corinthians 2:9, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has*

*revealed unto us through His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, yes the deep things of God.*

To some people *the deep things of God* are the big, mystical things. They take scripture out of context. What he is talking about here is everything in your inheritance, everything that was given to you at the cross. The Holy Spirit's job is to bring that to you. First, His job is to give us the capacity to receive the things of God, to be able to understand them and to have them manifested in your life.

Before we were born again, we were spiritually dead; we couldn't receive anything from God. I know you probably look back now and realize you did not understand anything concerning God. I didn't understand it. Then you were born again and you

received the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:38). And He came in and made your spirit new. Made you come alive. Your spirit was no longer dead. Now it was born from Jesus Christ. Now you're able to begin the trip to understand the Word of God. That's what He is saying.

1 Corinthians 2:11, *For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

He's talking about the effect of the Holy Spirit upon your spirit, which makes you now have the capacity to

understand the things that have been freely given. Paul was laying a foundation, because he was going to address some problems. And all through First Corinthians, he addresses some severe problems.

Once he said, “Turn him over to the Satan for the destruction of the flesh. There’s immorality among you, people sleeping with people they shouldn’t be sleeping with.

(see 1Cor.5:1-5). He was starting to correct doctrine. He was implying, “Here’s the Holy Spirit. He’s been sent to reveal the things of God, and you’re not going to know these things without the Holy Spirit’s work upon your born again spirit.” You see, some have taught that whenever you are born again, you know *all* things. That’s just not the case. You *received* the capacity to

know those things, but you don't know *all* things when you become born again. The capacity is there for the Holy Spirit to begin that teaching effort upon your life and get across the things of God.

## Foundation Check

The first thing the Apostle Paul does is lay a foundation. The foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ. It's not in men. So don't be looking for it in men. Don't say, "I'm of Brother Rogers, I'm of Brother Roberson, I'm of Brother Hagin." Paul said the foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ, and there's only one foundation. Then, not only is that the true foundation, but it doesn't just stop with that. It continues. He said to be careful how you lay upon this foundation (see 1 Cor 3:10-11). We are going to build a little more upon that foundation now.

When God called me to the ministry, there was one thing I had noticed in the body of Christ which I



did not like. I saw ministers teaching the Word, and preaching the Word, and it sounded good. But they weren't laying the Word out where any of us "little dummies" (I was speaking of myself at the time) could grab hold of these things and begin to apply them to our lives. They were not telling me how to achieve them, just that I ought to do them. I really wanted to change. The desire to change was there, it still is. I want to change. I want to change into His image. (Thank God, a man by the name of Dave Roberson came into my life with a message to tell me how.)

There were times I would hear message after message, and it seemed that I could not get anything out of it, and begin to apply it. It sounded like a good theory, but when it came to putting "A" with "B", and

“B” with “C”, I couldn’t grasp it. With many of these messages I heard, if some- body asked me what the message was about, I couldn’t tell them for sure. But it sounded really good.

I wanted to hear messages that I could apply to my life, and begin to change; or at least have that opportunity to apply something, so that I would at least have the opportunity to change. So I asked the Lord, “If you’re calling me to preach and teach Your Word, then, Lord, give me some things that these people can use. Give me some things that I can use in my own life; and then I’ll know, because they worked in my life, they’ll work in other people’s lives. Teach me in a way that I can teach others.” That’s been my heart’s cry all along, that He would give me those things.

Anyway, we're going to lay more upon this foundation, so that you'll begin to be able to apply some things in your life out of the Word of God and it won't look so vague. It won't just look like words on the paper, but things you can begin to put into action. Now there's just one thing about this teaching. It doesn't work if you don't apply it. If you don't put it into action, you won't get any results. You will sit here, and ten years from now, I will drift back into the church and you will be the same person I met today. Maybe even worse, because you know more truth and you don't apply it. Therefore, you slip back. See, you're accountable. We're accountable for the truth that we receive. We're accountable for applying it in our lives.

## Foundation Accountability

As we hear more truth from the Word, we grow more into accountability. For example, you get born again, and you get a cold or a headache, and you lay hands on yourself and say, “Jesus, heal me.” I mean, He just comes and heals you. Five or six years down the road, you’re slapping your forehead over and over saying, “Heal me, heal me,” and nothing happens except your forehead gets red from slapping it too much. That’s because you grew into a new area of accountability. You began to know more things out of the Word of God, but you didn’t apply them. The grace which got you by when you were first born again no longer works, because you are walking in more accountability to having received more truth. It takes

more. There's not anything wrong with God, it's just that you're supposed to be growing up.

Paul said *there came a day that I put away childish things* (1 Corinthians 13:11). You have to begin to apply the things that you hear. If you don't, you can even slide backwards in your spiritual growth, because of the accountability.

Anyhow, Paul says to make sure that you're careful how you build upon this foundation, because one day your works are going to be tested by fire. The works that are not of Him, not of the Holy Spirit, not under God's will, those works will be burned up, because they are your own works, by your own hand. That into which the Holy Spirit leads you, that by

which the Holy Spirit transforms you and takes you into step by step, that will remain when tested by fire.

When the day comes and you stand before the King of kings and the Lord of lords, you are going to know beyond the shadow of a doubt whether you followed your plan or God's plan. And as you're standing there, your wife isn't going to be there to hold your hand. Your husband isn't going to be able to hold your hand. Your pastor is not going to be there to hold your hand. You were given the Holy Spirit to teach you, and guide you into all truth. He is called *the Spirit of Truth* (John 14:17) so that you might be careful how you lay upon this foundation. So, you can't blame it on me. You can't blame it on that evangelist that drifted in every now and then, and you can't blame it on your

spouse. My accountability is to give you the truth,  
whether you like the truth or not. Once you receive the  
truth, the rest is up to you.

## Seek God's Peace

*Romans 5:1-2, Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

If there's one thing that you want to go after in the kingdom of God, my friends, it's peace. With peace, there's less defeat from the enemy. The peace is what enforces his defeat. He can't do much with you, if you're walking in God's peace. He doesn't have a whole lot he can grab hold of when we're walking in peace. One thing I've been so appreciative of is the early teaching that I received concerning peace and



going after peace. Of course, that's the job of the Holy Spirit also, to bring us into that peace with Him. But, we have to give the Holy Spirit access to our lives to allow trans- formation into the peace of God.

**Have Faith to Receive the Inheritance** In verse 2, *through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* It's by faith that you're going to have access to everything that has been freely given to you. It's by faith that the Holy Spirit is able to work.

When we lay hands on someone that's demonic, oppressed, or possessed, some people have the idea that the louder you yell, and the louder you scream, the quicker the devil comes out. That's not true. There have been many times that I've whispered in a person's ear,

and commanded the devil to leave. And they were totally free in a split second. It's the faith present in which the Holy Spirit is able to operate. It's He that removes the demonic oppression. The faith that's present in you is the faith with which He has to work. The faith that is present in you gives Him the power to work. Now, when He said, *that this devil comes out by prayer and fasting* (see Matt 17:21), He was talking about removing the doubt and unbelief from your life. When doubt and unbelief is removed through prayer and fasting and is replaced with hope followed by faith, then the Holy Spirit is able to come in and remove the attack from that person. So, it's by faith that we have access to this grace. It's through faith that we access this inheritance, which is by grace. So, the access to our inheritance is by faith. You might say, "Well, you're

trying to turn me into one of those faith people.” That’s what I thought they were trying to do to me at times, turn me into one of those faith people. What I found is that God is a faith God. *Without faith it is impossible to please Him* (Hebrews 11:6). You can call me whatever you want. People do all the time! But, I’ll tell you this, you might as well settle the issue in yourself, that God is a faith God. I tell you, we could stop right here and you would have enough to dwell on for a week.

## Build Your Image with Hope

Continuing with verse 2 of Romans 5, *Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.*

How many of you know that before you can have faith, you have to have hope? Hope is not a bad word. I can remember a time that some around me would threaten to beat me with a stick if I said the dreaded words “I hope so.” You can’t have faith without hope. Hope is the first step. Believe me folks, I’ve run into a lot of people that have lost hope. We can’t even talk about faith, because we’re trying to restore the hope first. We’ve got to restore the hope before we can

restore the faith. That's part of that image that we are describing.

You have to begin to build that image, and begin to let the Holy Spirit bring that image forth in you, that image of what He is to you and who you are in Christ, what He has for you. Whatever image has been destroyed, you have to begin to rebuild, you have to get that hope back! Without that hope, you can't even cross the line into faith. When the Holy Spirit sees your hope cross the line into faith, then He has something to work with and that's when you have the manifestation of whatever it is you need. Prosperity, healing, peace, no matter what it is. You have to cross the line from hope to faith, but you have to have the hope before you can ever cross over into the area of faith. It's time we turn

ourselves over to the Holy Spirit by doing things in the Word of God to begin that journey to regain our hope and then to **turn it into faith.**

## Chapter 5

### **It's What You Do That Changes Things!**

I can remember being told, when I first came to God, that hope was a bad word, that I didn't need hope, I needed faith. I later found that my way out of something and entering into something else better, starts with hope, but it must continue on through other steps in order to enter into the faith necessary to change things. The Holy Spirit has a role in that hope. We need to look at that process and the steps the Word outlines to take us there.

Romans 5:3-5, *And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

The Holy Spirit has a role in that hope. He assists in bringing you into that place where you have hope. The Holy Spirit wants you to have hope. So hope is a good thing. There has been a lot of wrong teaching in the body of Christ because scripture has been pulled out of context.

I wait a long time sometimes when He gives me something, before I'll ever preach it. I'll meditate on it, and meditate on it, and meditate on it, and pray over it,



and pray over it, and ask the Holy Spirit over and over to get it clear in my mind. I want to make sure there's not some piece I'm leaving out that He's trying to get across. I've had some passages that it would be a year later when I finally got the revelation on what He is talking about in the Word of God. But, it was worth the wait. It was worth the wait, because then I had the truth, and I didn't have to accept straw in the place of oats.

Let me tell you something, you shouldn't have to accept straw. I've heard some preachers say, "Well, you just need to eat the oats and spit out the straw." I'm not called to preach straw. The body of Christ doesn't need me to give out straw. I'm called to give out good food.

Jesus asked Peter, “*Do you love me?*”

Peter said, “...*You know that I love you.*”

“Then tend to my sheep. *Then feed my sheep* (John 21:17).”

I’m called to feed the sheep. I’m called to feed the flock. Even though sometimes you may not like the food that is shoveled out there before you, at least it is good food and nourishment to your spiritual body. Sometimes we don’t like the feed, but what you ought to refuse is the straw.

## Worship and Meditate to Change

So if you take that word *glory* (Romans 5:3), and begin to look it up, and break it down into the Greek, and meditate on it, what it actually means is to worship, to worship in tribulations. **It's what you do in the tribulations that changes things**, that produces, not the tribulations themselves. This is where meditation comes in, reading verses over, and over, keeping the verses in context with one another. Yielding to the Holy Spirit. Meditating on the Word of God. Meditation will give you something that you can use in your own life and begin to change your life and effect a change on those around you.

Do you know you're supposed to reproduce?

You're not a one-man show. You're not a one-woman show. You're supposed to reproduce. You're supposed to be producing others. Whatever your call is, you're supposed to be re-producing that call in the body of Christ. Maybe you're a nursery worker; you're supposed to be reproducing anointed nursery workers for the kingdom. Just like I am as an evangelist, a preacher, and teacher (whatever you want to call me). It doesn't matter what your calling is. You're still called to do the same things in the Word of God that I'm called to do in the Word of God. Nobody's an exception. Now you might say, "I don't feel called to the pulpit." That's not the issue. The issue is the Word of God, and the principles in the Word of God that will change your life.

So Paul said *to glory in tribulations* (Romans 5:3). Keeping that in mind that he says to worship in tribulations, he says *knowing that tribulation produces perseverance*. As you walk through these tribulations, you can't stand and worship God—not even one day—without producing some perseverance. Perseverance means to go after something no matter what may try to stop you. As you stand in these tribulations, instead of these tribulations overtaking you, you maintain dominion over them, producing perseverance in your life. *And perseverance, character* (Romans 5:4).

Now we're talking about character. We're talking about growing up. We're talking about leaving behind childish things. We're talking about leaving behind this attitude that the Pastor is paid and called to hold my hand all my life. And it's a sad day when you feel like

you can trust old sinners, not even born again, better than you can trust Christians. I've seen some that I could trust more than Christians. This is very sad. He said to be a witness unto the world. They are the world, and yet they're being the witnesses.

Paul said perseverance produces character. You don't have to ask for more tribulation to have the perseverance that produces more character. What you're doing is submitting your soul to worship in combination with the Word of God while you're going through the tribulation. This perseverance is produced in your life, and through that perseverance *then* you begin to develop the character of God. Rock solid character, that's the kind of character I am talking about! Where your word is good. You're known by

your word. When you make a commitment to the church, or to someone else, they know that it is going to be carried out, because your character has been developed. We're talking about character, not flakiness. You're not some person that acts like you are out there in the "Spirit" all the time, and you are not producing any fruit on your tree. We're talking about character. That you're not lazy. That you've set your hand to what God has called you to do, and where He's called you to work.

Let me tell you something. God didn't call you to get up every morning and say, "I hate going to this job." He didn't call you to a job that you get up every morning and say, "I dread going, and this is never going to end." What you need to do is begin to change the

image that's before you. Begin to ask God to change the image, change the direction, and provide something better. He didn't put something in your heart for it not to be applied. Maybe you're some- one that works in an assembly line, and yet you have this desire to work with plants. God put that desire in your heart.

See, we have this idea about God that if you're not called behind the pulpit to preach, then you must not be called. That's false. Be careful how you build upon this foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. You see, there are many callings in the body of Christ, and in the five-fold ministry there are certain callings—Apostle, Prophet, Evange- list, Teacher, Pastor, Helps, Administrations and Governments (Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:28).



## Choose to Change Your Image

You might have a calling that all through your life you wanted to deal with plants, raising plants, having a nursery. Through your life you're a witness unto the world. Well, God put that in your heart, and yet you're going to that old assembly line job every day. Oh, God called me and this is my cross to bear. No, I don't think so. What you need to do is begin to change the image and get that image before you of what He called you to do, to own and operate your own nursery. Begin to get that image of the biggest nursery in the world out before you. And even though it may not come, except step by step, at least you've started by getting that image out before you instead of, "Well, I've

got to get up and go to work this morning. I sure hate this job.”

Now, don't take on any condemnation. There're lots of people in that position, but are you going to stay that way? Or are you going to begin that trip to change your character? Begin to remove the character flaws, begin to put that image out before you. What has He placed in your heart? I have one partner in a church in Kansas, and God has put in her heart to raise and show horses. Through that, she is making money for the gospel. They are financing the gospel. They have helped finance more than one of the trips to minister in Peru. Well, she has horses and donkeys you know, and God can always use a donkey. Ha! Ha! Another partner

is a farmer and has used his farm to finance the gospel.

What is it that He's placed in your heart?

What is it that you're getting up every morning dreading? Is it so bad that you need to go to church to get that oppression off your life, because you sinned that morning by getting up and complaining, murmuring, and grumbling about the job that you hate? Do you know that when you murmur, complain, and grumble, it doesn't even have to be about the Pastor, you still have sinned?

When you've sinned, you've opened up that door, and that's where that oppression comes. Then you have to come to church on Wednes- days, and make sure that you get there, even if you have to crawl there, in order to get that oppression off of you. Then make it

till Sunday morning to get the oppression off of you again. So you end up in that cycle, coming to church to get oppression off of you, not making any advancement in the kingdom of God.

Maybe you need to take a look at the image. Do you still like me?

People spend fifty to sixty years working the same old job that they hate. They end up retiring, but dying a year later. If they know God, they go to heaven. They probably went home early and didn't even get to complete their course. Maybe never ever being in the will of God. Murmured and complained for fifty years, if they made it that long. Just because they didn't begin to make the changes necessary in their life.

All I'm saying is, let's begin to look at what you're doing. Begin to make the change. It starts with the image that's before you. If you have it in this heart of yours to become a building contractor, to build houses, and you're over in Tulsa working in a steel mill instead, you need to get before God and repent, and begin to change that image. That desire didn't get into your heart by accident.

I have in my heart to preach to the entire world. I have in my heart to teach things like this to the body of Christ, so they can stop where they are and begin to make changes. That's what consumes my life day and night.

God puts desires in our hearts. And if you slide way back and never develop the image and never make the steps necessary to get yourself over into His will, even if it takes a little time, then you're going to end up going to heaven never finishing your course. You might have lived out your life, but I'm talking about finishing *His* course that *He* has for you. If you have it in your heart to build houses and you're in a steel mill, then you need to look to God and say, "Help me to change this." It starts with that image change on the inside.

Once you have determined God's direction, then you're able to stand through all kinds of things that hell throws at you. Now you are called to run the race and complete the course. All because you took the time to

make a change in your life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## Chapter 6

### Applying These Things to Your Life

Maybe you have heard the old saying, “You can give a man a fish and feed him for a day, but you can teach him how to fish and feed him forever.” Such are the things of God, especially the things we talk about in this book.

One thing we must first establish is in Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*. Whatever God said through Jesus and His Holy Spirit back then still applies today. You have to believe this, my brother and sister. The Word of God is true and has not changed.



Line Up Your Words with God's Word .Our life is different, it needs to change; our circumstances need to come in line with God's word, to how God sees things. Maybe there are things in your life that you would like to see changed. We must deal with the circumstances in our life. But we do not have to deal with them the way the world deals with them. The Word of God says in Hebrews 10:20 that we as *born-again believers are now in a new and living way.*

What if we could change the direction or the outcome of our circumstances? There are truths in the Word of God that will do just that. So if we can teach you about how to use these truths, then we can teach you how to fish, so to speak.

God intended, at the cross, for everything we would ever need to be freely given by His grace. That means we can't earn one bit of it, He freely gave it all. John 19:30 tells us, *When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

Everything we would ever need—body, soul, and spirit—was done and given at that time. That is how God looks at it now. Through His eyes it's already given, already done. So if we don't have a need fulfilled in the natural, it's not because God has not done it.

Jesus said in Mark 11:23, *"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but*

*believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”*

This shows we also have an important part to play in His plan. You have to change how you think about things. You have to change the image or how you see things. Maybe you are like some of us who have been taught or sensitized into some belief for many years. Maybe you're convinced that God does not heal any more and you have to live with your circumstances all for the will of God.

For one to believe this thought, “I have to live with my cross, bear it for God's glory,” is accusing God of not doing enough. It's giving God glory for putting poverty, sickness and death in your life, when God in His goodness and mercy would never do such a thing.

These words and thinking patterns over the years caused an image of living with poverty and sickness. It caused you to believe that God put this lack in all areas on you for His Glory. It's going to take a new image to start believing correctly, and then change your circumstances. This new image must be formed the same way the old image was formed that led you to doubt and unbelief.

God formed the earth and everything in it with His words.

Hebrew 11:3, *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Getting a new image in you and seeing how God sees things will take new words. It will take you speaking God's words. Only then will doubt and unbelief begin to change to faith and believing in your heart. The word of God which you begin to speak begins to build an image of truth. What once was fact now becomes truth all because you begin to say what God says about your situation. You are building an image of truth with His words which is Truth. But it takes time, patience and endurance.

## It Takes Time

Here in Oklahoma, all of our big lakes were made because of dams. So where we live, a dam was built on the Illinois River to create Lake Tenkiller and produce electricity for the area. There are gates on the dam that, when opened, allow the water to come pouring through. The water turns the turbine which, in turn, generates the electricity. When the dam is finished and the city is ready for electricity, the workers flip the switch. The gates open and there is no power. Oh no! There is something wrong with the dam. So they go around and look at the reservoir and find that the water level is not high enough to go through the gate. The reservoir did not have time to fill up after construction had stopped.

In the same way that you have to get the water level high enough to go through the gates of the dam to have enough power to generate electricity, you have to have enough of the Word in your heart for the Holy Spirit to be able to produce the power on your behalf. When you start, it's going to seem like you are doing no good—powerless. Do you think after the first day or the first week your heart, your reservoir, is full of the word of God?

## Make Faith Confessions

Jesus said *that it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks* (Luke 6:45). When the pressure is on, the mouth will always speak what is in the heart. So how do we change this? I know that you are probably wondering, how do I start that process of change? I am so glad you asked me that question. If I were the one who had an infirmity or was on a death bed, I would begin to *look toward God and say this, preferably out loud, declaring:*

**Father, you gave me life abundantly said it.**

**You gave it to me, and You do not lie (See Titus**

**1:2, John 14:6). You said I can have what**

**I asked for (See John 14:14).**



**“Thank you, Father, that you healed me 2000 years ago. Thank You, Father, that I am healed. Thank You, Father, that I am healed. Thank You, Father, that I am healed. Thank You, Father, that I am healed. I am healed. I am healed. I am healed. You see me healed, so I see me healed (See 1 Peter 2:24).**

**“I have abundant life. I have abundant life. I have abundant life. I have abundant life!”**

## **The Overcomer's Confession**

Make this confession out loud. Say this over and over and over again. You ask, "For how long?" As long as it takes for the manifestation of your healing, or whatever lack it is that you have, to come forth. Remember, God does not need to be convinced. You are building a new image of how God already sees you. You are just saying what God says about your problem, changing that image and moving from doubt to believing. It doesn't matter whether its finances or healing, you use the confession of God's word to get a new image and build your faith to walk out of your circumstances.

We began with an old saying and now we will end with this. In this book you are given the Word of

God for changing your image for all areas of your life; but there is just one problem, it will not work for you if you do not use it. My prayer is that I have taught you how to catch a fish.

*The following pages contain scriptures and confessions that will, if applied, change your life, or you may look up your own from your own Bible.*

*Please be blessed by this book and pass it on.*

## Confession Scriptures

### Crucified with Christ

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Matthew 16:24-25 If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

John 12:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

I am Crucified with Christ. I am dead to self.

(also see Romans 6:6 and Colossians 3:3)

Wisdom

Isaiah 11:2    The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon me, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Ephesians 1:17-18    That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His

calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Colossians 1:9 Ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Luke 21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.

Peace

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.



## Gentleness

1 Peter 3:4 let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

2 Timothy 2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

## Humility

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.

1 Peter 5:5-6 God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

Mercy

Psalm 25:10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Truth

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present your- self approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

## Health and Healing

Proverbs 4:22 The Words of God they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

3 John 1:2 I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Psalm 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

## Joy

Nehemiah 8:10 Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life. In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.

James 1:2-3 Count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

Psalm 118:24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

## Love and Acceptance

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 John 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment.

### Marriage

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Philippians 1:27 That you stand fast in one spirit,  
with one mind striving together for the faith of the  
gospel,

Ephesians 4:23-24 My mate and I, are re-  
newed in the spirit of our mind, 24 and we put on the  
new man which was created according to God, in true  
righteousness and holiness.

## Prosperity

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor — this is the gift of God.

Deuteronomy 8:18-19 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.



## Financial

Isaiah 55:11      So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not re- turn to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

1 John 5:14-15      Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Ephesians 3:20-21      Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to

Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all  
generations, forever and ever.

## Monthly Income

Deuteronomy 8:18 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Isaiah 66:12 Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gen- tiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried,

According to your word Lord, I command and call forth, and lay hold of the minimum monthly income of \$ . (Personal, Business, Ministry)

## Debts

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another.

Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

I call myself free from the bondage and slavery of debt; and whom the son sets free, is free indeed.

## **“Mirror” Confessions By Gary Carpenter**

Regarding this passage of scripture, 1 John 4:17  
kjv ...as He is, so are we in this world. The Holy Spirit  
said to me, “Understand what John meant by that. He  
meant that as Christ is, so are you, while you are still  
living in your mortal body.”

2 Corinthians 3:18 kjv But we all, with open  
face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are  
changed into the same image from glory to glory, even  
as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Jesus, I see you as in a mirror.

As you are, so am I.

You are the son of God.

I am a son of God.

You are Holy.

I am Holy.

You are sanctified from this world.

I am sanctified from this world.

You are righteous.

I am righteous.

You are raised from the dead.

I am raised from the dead.

You have already been crucified.

I am crucified to the world.

You have already died to sin.

I am dead to sin.

Sin has no dominion over You.

Sin has no dominion over me.

You live in the Father's love.

I live in the Father's love.

You are the King.

I am a king.

You are the High Priest.

I am a priest.

You have all authority in Heaven and Earth.

I have authority in Heaven and Earth.

You are anointed with the Holy Ghost and Power.



I am anointed with the Holy Ghost and Power.

You and the Father are one.

I and the Father are one.

The Holy Spirit performs what you say.

The Holy Spirit performs what I say.

You do the will of the Father.

I do the will of the Father.

All things are possible to You.

All things are possible to me.

You clearly hear the words of the Father.

I clearly hear the words of the Father.

You see what the Father is doing.

I see what the Father is doing.

You do what the Father does.

I do what the Father does.

Angels hearken to Your voice.

Angels hearken to my voice.

All things are yours.

All things are mine.

You walk in the light.

I walk in the light.

You are pure.

I am pure.

You do only righteousness.

I do only righteousness.

You love the Father.

I love the Father.

You love me.

I love you.

You love people.

I love people.

You live forever.

I live forever. I am from above!

My citizenship is from Heaven! Satan has nothing in me!

I am born of the Spirit!

I am a product of creation, not the law of Genesis. I love righteousness. I hate iniquity. I hate sin. My “meat” is to do the will of Him that sent me.

## **In Him Confessions By Gary Carpenter**

### **IN CHRIST**

I have been declared “just” in the sight of God. I am redeemed by grace alone. I had nothing to do with it. I didn’t pay the price. It was free to me. Jesus paid a terrible price to redeem me. Redemption means I have been cleared by payment. Jesus took my guilt and paid the price in full with his own blood. I am justified because of payment in full. No accusations against me have any legal standing before God.

Romans 3:24 kjv Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

I am free from condemnation. I am in Christ Jesus. I no longer walk after the fallen nature of the

flesh. I now walk by the righteous nature of Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus emanating from my reborn spirit cancels the curse and has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 kjv There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

IN HIM

In him I live, and move, and have my being.  
What a vast storehouse of power! In Christ my Savior

and Lord I have life! energy! Strength for impossible tasks!

Acts 17:28 kjv For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

The life of Christ is my life. The life of God is in me because I am born again. His life in me is my light. His life in me lights my way.

John 1:4 kjv In him was life; and the life was the light of men.



Christ was made to be sin, even though he had never committed sin. I was made the righteousness of God in him, even though it was not me who lived a righteous life. Jesus was made to be sin. I have been made righteous. I am the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 kjv For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

God chose me to be in Christ before the foundation of the world. In Christ I am holy and without blame before him in love.

Ephesians 1:4 kjv According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

I do my Lord's sayings and the love of God is perfected in me. I know that I am in Him. I walk even as he walked. I live as he lived.

1 John 2:5-6 kjv But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6: He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

I have an anointing from God that lives within me. Concerning those who would deceive me, I have no need that any man teach me. The anointing teaches me all things, and is truth, and no lie. As that anointing has taught me, so shall I live in him.

1John 2:26-27 kjv These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in

you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

I have confidence that when I ask anything according to His will, He hears me. Because He hears me when I ask, I know I receive the answer to the petitions I have desired of Him.

1 John 5:14-15 kjv And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Son of God has come and given me an understanding, that I may know him that is true. I am in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1 John 5:20 kjv And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

## BY HIS BLOOD

Christ is my high priest of the good things that have come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this world; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place in Heaven, having obtained eternal redemption for me.

Hebrews 9:11-12 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

I have boldness to enter into the holy of holies by the blood of Christ, in a new and living way which He has

originated for me, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.

Hebrews 10:19-20 kjv Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

I walk in the light as He is in the light. I have fellowship with the believers and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses me from all sin.

1John 1:7 kjv But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

## THROUGH CHRIST

I have been justified by faith. I have peace with God through my Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 kjv Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

I am dead indeed unto sin. I am alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Romans 6:11 kjv Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am not a slave, but a son. Since I am a son, then I am also an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:7 kjv Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

I refuse to worry about anything. I pray about everything and with thanksgiving I let my requests be made known unto God. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keeps my heart and mind through Christ Jesus. I am constantly at peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 kjv Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.