

The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 67

The Spirit of God is the third person of the Trinity: Abba Father; Jesus Christ; and Holy Spirit. Although Holy Spirit is invisible, He is absolutely tangible. He does not just show signs of improvement, but He makes a noticeable difference in your life that cannot be overruled by satan.

His presence and His power layer you with the kingdom of God preservation that is impenetrable to any opposition that is of the world system: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. As you become more intimately acquainted with God's wisdom, love, and power, you will work with Him to cut away anything vexes Him, grieves Him, or quenches Him.

The Spirit of God seamlessly connects you with the mind of Christ. He equips and empowers you with each engagement. He never, not even once, deviates from God's purpose and plans for your life and times. You should pursue this one relationship, no matter the cost of your investment. You should always desire a seamless connection with Holy Spirit to demonstrate that He is a present, active force in your life, every nanosecond of each day for the rest of your life.

Crystallization

Acts 2:22-38 The Voice (VOICE)

²²All of you Israelites, listen to my message: it's about Jesus of Nazareth, a man whom God authenticated for you by performing in your presence powerful deeds, wonders, and signs through Him, just as you yourselves know. ²³This man, *Jesus*, who came into your hands by God's sure plan and advanced knowledge, you nailed to a cross and killed in collaboration with lawless outsiders. ²⁴But God raised Jesus and unleashed Him from the agonizing birth pangs of death, for death could not possibly keep Jesus in its power. ²⁵David spoke of Jesus' *resurrection*, saying:

I see the Lord is ever present with me.

I will not live in fear *or abandon my calling* because He guides my right hand.

²⁶ My heart is glad; my soul rejoices;

my body is safe.

²⁷ You will not abandon me to experience the suffering of a miserable afterlife,

nor leave Your Holy One to rot *alone*.

²⁸ *Instead*, You direct me on a path that leads to a beautiful life.

As I walk with You, the pleasures are never-ending, and I know true joy and contentment.^[a]

²⁹ My fellow Israelites, I can say without question that David our ancestor died and was buried, and his tomb is with us today. ³⁰ *David wasn't speaking of himself*; he was speaking as a prophet. He saw *with prophetic insight* that God had made a solemn promise to him: God would put one of his descendants on His throne. ³¹ Here's what David was seeing in advance; here's what David was talking about—the Anointed One would be resurrected. Think *of David's words* about Him not being abandoned to the place of the dead nor being left to decay in the grave. ³² *He was talking about* Jesus, the One God has raised, whom all of us have seen with our own eyes *and announce to you today*. ³³ Since Jesus has been lifted to the right hand of God—the *highest place of authority and power*—and since Jesus has received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has now poured out what you have seen and heard here today. ³⁴ *Remember*: David couldn't have been speaking of himself rising to the heavens when he said,

The Master said to my master,

"Sit here at My right hand,
in the place of honor and power,

³⁵ And I will gather Your enemies together,
lead them in on hands and knees,
and You will rest Your feet on their backs."^[b]

³⁶ Everyone in Israel should now realize with certainty *what God has done*: God has made Jesus both Lord and Anointed King—this same Jesus whom you crucified.

³⁷ When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Our brothers, what should we do?

Peter: ³⁸Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the ceremonial washing of baptism^[c] in the name of Jesus God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours.

Footnotes:

- a. [2:25–28](#) [Psalm 16:8–11](#)
- b. [2:34–35](#) [Psalm 110:1](#)
- c. [2:38](#) Literally, immersion, a rite of initiation and purification

Confidence

Romans 8:11 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

John 14:15-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵If ye love me, keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 16:12-14 King James Version (KJV)

¹²I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

¹³Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁴He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 15:26-27 King James Version (KJV)

²⁶But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

²⁷And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

1 John 5:4-15 J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

²⁻⁵The test of the genuineness of our love for God's family lies in this question—do we love God himself and do we obey his commands? For loving God means obeying his commands, and these commands of his are not burdensome, for God's "heredity" within us will always conquer the world outside us. In fact, this faith of ours is the only way in which the world has been conquered. For who could ever be said to conquer the world, in the true sense, except the man who really believes that Jesus is God's Son?

⁶⁻¹²Jesus Christ himself is the one who came by water and by blood—not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. The Spirit bears witness to this, for the Spirit is the truth. The witness therefore is a triple one—the Spirit in our own hearts, the signs of the water of baptism and the blood of atonement—and they all say the same thing. If we are prepared to accept human testimony, God's own testimony concerning his own Son is surely infinitely more valuable. The man who really believes in the Son of God will find God's testimony in his own heart. The man who will not believe God is making him out to be a liar, because he is deliberately refusing to accept the testimony that God has given concerning his own Son. This is, that God has given men eternal life and this real life is to be found only in his Son. It follows naturally that any man who has genuine contact with Christ has this life; and if he has not, then he does not possess this life at all.

¹³I have written like this to you who already believe in the name of God's Son so that you may be quite sure that, here and now, you possess eternal life.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵We have such confidence in him that we are certain that he hears every request that is made in accord with his own plan. And since we know that he

invariably gives his attention to our prayers, whatever they are about, we can be quite sure that our prayers will be answered.

Conception of the Church

John 4:34 King James Version (KJV)

³⁴Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:36 King James Version (KJV)

³⁶But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

John 17:4-5 King James Version (KJV)

⁴I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

⁵And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

John 19:29-30 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²⁹A jar of sour wine was sitting nearby, so they soaked a sponge with it and put it on the stalk of hyssop^[a] and raised it to his lips. ³⁰When he had sipped the sour wine, he said, "It is finished, my bride!"^[b] Then he bowed his head and surrendered his spirit to God.

Footnotes:

- a. [John 19:29](#) The hyssop branch points to the sacrificial death of Jesus. Hyssop is first mentioned in Ex. [12:22](#) in reference to the application of lamb's blood upon the door posts of the homes of the Hebrews the night of Passover. Hyssop was also used for the cleansing of lepers and points to the cleansing of our souls that happened when Jesus was crucified for sinners (spiritual lepers). See [Ps. 51:7](#); [Heb. 9:19](#).
- b. [John 19:30](#) This is from the Hebrew word *kalah*, a homonym that can mean "fulfilled [completed]," and "bride." Jesus finished the work of our salvation for his bride. The translation has combined both concepts. For a fascinating study of the Hebrew word used for "bride" and "finished," with its universe of meaning, see *Strong's Concordance*, Hb. 3615, 3616, 3617, 3618, and 3634. Although the completed work of salvation was finished on the cross, he continues to work through his church today to extend God's kingdom realm on the earth and glorify the Father through us. He continues to work in us to accomplish all that his

cross and resurrection have purchased for us, his bride. His cross fulfilled and finished the prophecies of the Messiah's first coming to the earth. There was nothing written that was not fulfilled and now offered to his bride.

Psalm 22:30-31 The Passion Translation (TPT)

³⁰His *spiritual* seed^[a] shall serve him.

Future generations will hear from us
about the wonders of the Sovereign Lord.

³¹His generation yet to be born will glorify him.

And they will all declare, "It is finished!"

Footnotes:

- a. **Psalm 22:30** Jesus, our crucified Savior, had no natural offspring. These are the sons and daughters who were birthed by the work of the cross.

Romans 8:22-28 The Message (MSG)

²²⁻²⁵All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

²⁶⁻²⁸Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 King James Version (KJV)

¹²For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

²⁸ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

³⁰ Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

³¹ But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Conception in You Character of Holy Spirit

Isaiah 11:1-10 King James Version (KJV)

¹ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

² And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Fruit of Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 King James Version (KJV)

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

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

Spiritual Gifts of Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 King James Version (KJV)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calling and Election

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 The Message (MSG)

¹³⁻¹⁴Meanwhile, we've got our hands full continually thanking God for you, our good friends—so loved by God! God picked you out as his from the very start. Think of it: included in God's original plan of salvation by the bond of faith in the living truth. This is the life of the Spirit he invited you to through the Message we delivered, in which you get in on the glory of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1-5 King James Version (KJV)

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

²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

⁴And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

⁵And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 14:17-19 King James Version (KJV)

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

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

¹⁹Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Romans 15:5-7 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

⁵And may God, the source of encouragement and patience, give you the same attitude among yourselves as the Messiah Yeshua had, ⁶so that with one accord and with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

⁷So welcome each other, just as the Messiah has welcomed you into God's glory.

Romans 15:13 King James Version (KJV)

¹³Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Conception through You

Psalms 3:3 King James Version (KJV)

³But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Shield from the Hebrew Honey: "Our prince has a limitless arsenal that guarantees perfect protection personally."

Conservation from Holy Spirit

Sealed [G4972] to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for preservation (lit. or fig.) security or preservation.

Ephesians 1:1-14 (KJV)

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

²Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings [supernatural disposition] in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴According 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:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated [foreordained] according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 King James Version (KJV)

²¹Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Romans 8 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

Therefore, there is no longer any condemnation awaiting those who are in union with the Messiah Yeshua. ²Why? Because the *Torah* of the Spirit, which produces this life in union with Messiah Yeshua, has set me free from the "*Torah*" of sin and death. ³For what the *Torah* could not do by itself, because it lacked the power to make the old nature cooperate, God did by sending his own Son as a human being with a nature like our own sinful one [but without sin]. God did this in order to deal with sin, and in so doing he executed the punishment against sin in human nature, ⁴so that the just requirement of the *Torah* might be fulfilled in us who do not run our lives according to what our old nature wants but according to what the Spirit wants. ⁵For those who identify with their old nature set their minds on the things of the old nature, but those who identify with the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶Having one's mind controlled by the old nature is death, but having one's mind controlled by the Spirit is life and *shalom*. ⁷For the mind controlled by the old nature is hostile to God, because it does not submit itself to God's *Torah* — indeed, it cannot. ⁸Thus, those who identify with their old nature cannot please God.

⁹But you, you do not identify with your old nature but with the Spirit — provided the Spirit of God is living inside you, for anyone who doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah doesn't belong to him. ¹⁰However, if the Messiah is in you, then, on the one hand, the body is dead because of sin; but, on the other hand, the Spirit is giving life because God considers you righteous. ¹¹And if the Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we don't owe a thing to our old nature that would require us to live according to our old nature. ¹³For if you live according to your old nature, you will certainly die; but if, by the Spirit, you keep putting to death the practices of the body, you will live.

¹⁴All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to bring you back again into fear; on the contrary, you received the Spirit, who makes us sons and by whose power we cry out, "*Abba!*" (that is, "Dear Father!"). ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our

own spirits that we are children of God; ¹⁷and if we are children, then we are also heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Messiah — provided we are suffering with him in order also to be glorified with him.

¹⁸I don't think the sufferings we are going through now are even worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us in the future. ¹⁹The creation waits eagerly for the sons of God to be revealed; ²⁰for the creation was made subject to frustration — not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it. But it was given a reliable hope ²¹that it too would be set free from its bondage to decay and would enjoy the freedom accompanying the glory that God's children will have. ²²We know that until now, the whole creation has been groaning as with the pains of childbirth; ²³and not only it, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we continue waiting eagerly to be made sons — that is, to have our whole bodies redeemed and set free. ²⁴It was in this hope that we were saved. But if we see what we hope for, it isn't hope — after all, who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we continue hoping for something we don't see, then we still wait eagerly for it, with perseverance.

²⁶Similarly, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we don't know how to pray the way we should. But the Spirit himself pleads on our behalf with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷and the one who searches hearts knows exactly what the Spirit is thinking, because his pleadings for God's people accord with God's will. ²⁸Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose; ²⁹because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers; ³⁰and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be considered righteous; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

³¹What, then, are we to say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare even his own Son, but gave him up on behalf of us all — is it possible that, having given us his Son, he would not give us everything else too? ³³So who will bring a charge against God's chosen people? Certainly not God — he is the one who causes them to be

considered righteous! ³⁴Who punishes them? Certainly not the Messiah Yeshua, who died and — more than that — has been raised, is at the right hand of God and is actually pleading on our behalf! ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of the Messiah? Trouble? Hardship? Persecution? Hunger? Poverty? Danger? War? ³⁶As the *Tanakh* puts it,

“For your sake we are being put to death all day long, we are considered sheep to be slaughtered.”^[a]

³⁷No, in all these things we are superconquerors, through the one who has loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers, neither what exists nor what is coming, ³⁹neither powers above nor powers below, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us through the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.

Circumcise every Obstruction

Romans 11:1-29 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

I ask then: Has God totally rejected *and* disowned His people? Of course not! Why, I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin!

²No, God has not rejected *and* disowned His people [whose destiny] He had marked out *and* appointed *and* foreknown from the beginning. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

³Lord, they have killed Your prophets; they have demolished Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.

⁴But what is God’s reply to him? I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal!

⁵So too at the present time there is a remnant (a small believing minority), selected (chosen) by grace (by God’s unmerited favor and graciousness).

⁶But if it is by grace (His unmerited favor and graciousness), it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace [it would be meaningless].

⁷What then [shall we conclude]? Israel failed to obtain what it sought [God's favor by obedience to the Law]. Only the elect (those chosen few) obtained it, while the rest of them became callously indifferent (blinded, hardened, and made insensible to it).

⁸As it is written, God gave them a spirit (an attitude) of stupor, eyes that should not see and ears that should not hear, [that has continued] down to this very day.

⁹And David says, Let their table (their feasting, banqueting) become a snare and a trap, a pitfall and a ^[a]just retribution ^[b]rebounding like a boomerang upon them];

¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened (dimmed) so that they cannot see, and make them bend their back [stooping beneath their burden] forever.

¹¹So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step *and* transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.

¹²Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment *and* greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement!

¹³But now I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I lay great stress on my ministry *and* magnify my office,

¹⁴In the hope of making my fellow Jews jealous [in order to stir them up to imitate, copy, and appropriate], and thus managing to save some of them.

¹⁵For if their rejection *and* exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of a world to God, what will their

acceptance *and* admission mean? [It will be nothing short of] life from the dead!

¹⁶Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches.

¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree,

¹⁸Do not boast over the branches *and* pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast *and* feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you.

¹⁹You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in!

²⁰That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud *and* conceited, but rather stand in awe *and* be reverently afraid.

²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense].

²²Then note *and* appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you—provided you continue in His grace *and* abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).

²³And even those others [the fallen branches, Jews], if they do not persist in [clinging to] their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and against nature grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much easier will it be to graft these natural [branches] back on [the original parent stock of] their own olive tree.

²⁵Lest you be self-opinionated (wise in your own conceits), I do not want you to miss this hidden truth *and* mystery, brethren: a hardening (insensibility) has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the ^[a]full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in,

²⁶And so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob.

²⁷And this will be My covenant (My agreement) with them when I shall take away their sins.

²⁸From the point of view of the Gospel (good news), they [the Jews, at present] are enemies [of God], which is for your advantage *and* benefit. But from the point of view of God's choice (of election, of divine selection), they are still the beloved (dear to Him) for the sake of their forefathers.

²⁹For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]

Hebrews 4 King James Version (KJV)

¹Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

²For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

³For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

⁵And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

⁶Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

⁷Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

⁸For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

⁹There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

¹⁰For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

¹¹Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

¹²For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

¹³Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

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

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

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

Continue to exercise the Wisdom of God

Isaiah 63:9-10 (KJV)

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Continue to exercise the Love of God

Ephesians 4:29-32 (KJV)

²⁹Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

³⁰And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

³¹Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour [agitation, commotion], and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

³²And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Continue to exercise the Power of God

1 Thessalonians 5:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

¹⁹Quench not the Spirit.

Complete in Christ

Colossians 2:10-12 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁰And our own completeness is now found in him. We are completely filled *with God* as Christ's fullness overflows within us. He is the Head^[a] of every kingdom and authority in the universe!

¹¹Through our union with him we have experienced circumcision of heart. All of the guilt and power of sin^[b] has been cut away and is now extinct because of what Christ, the Anointed One, has accomplished for us.

¹²For we've been buried with him into his death. Our "baptism into death" also means we were raised with him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised him from death's realm.

Footnotes:

- a. [Colossians 2:10](#) Or "Source."
- b. [Colossians 2:11](#) The Aramaic can be translated "flesh of sin." The Greek means "body of the natural realm."

Cherish Holy Spirit

Acts 4:33 King James Version (KJV)

³³And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

1 Corinthians 12:2-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

²You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led off after speechless idols; however you were led off [whether by impulse or habit]. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the [power and influence of the] Spirit of God can say, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is [my] Lord," except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are [distinctive] varieties of *spiritual* gifts [special abilities given by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers].

Matthew 12:30-35 King James Version (KJV)

³⁰He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

³¹Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

³²And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

³³Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

³⁴O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Mark 3:28-30 King James Version (KJV)

²⁸Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

²⁹But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

³⁰Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

Luke 12:9-12 King James Version (KJV)

⁹But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

¹⁰And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

¹¹And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

¹²For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Contributions of Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 King James Version (KJV)

¹And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

³Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast.

¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 King James Version (KJV)

¹It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

²I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

³And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

⁴How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

⁵Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

⁶For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Ephesians 2:10 The Message (MSG)

⁷⁻¹⁰Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.