
THE APOCALYPSE

PART 1

UNVEILING OF FULL SALVATION



"Let there be Light" – Gen 1:3

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*The word Apocalypse is the Greek for
"the lifting of the veil"*

Part 1: The Unveiling of Full Salvation

When the veil is lifted from the bride's face, a much clearer picture of the person's face is revealed. A similar situation exists when we study the Bible. The more we study the scriptures the more we mature in the image and likeness of Christ, I discovered the unveiling of, initially two, but now three very important and prominent aspects, namely;

- The unveiling of our "**full salvation**"
- The unveiling of "**the blockage to your Promised Land**"
- The unveiling of "**Jesus Christ**"

"Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God's Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can't understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit. Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny [critical observation or examination] of no one but God. For who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahweh well enough to become his counselor? Christ has, and we possess Christ's perceptions." 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 TPT

It seems that the human race as a carnal being cannot understand these revelations of our full salvation and of Jesus Christ because it is a spiritual unveiling. For this deep revelation we need the mind of Christ; "*for we have the mind of Christ*" (1 Corinthians



2:16 KJV). Paul is saying that we *speaking wisdom among those who are **mature**, the wisdom that comes from God, hidden before now in a mystery.*

“It is his secret plan, destined before the ages, to bring us into glory. None of the rulers of this present world order understood it, for if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of shining glory.”

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 KJV and TPT

This is why the Scriptures say:

“Things never discovered or heard of before, things beyond our ability to imagine – these are the many things God has in store for all his lovers”

1 Corinthians 2:9 TPT

O, our Lord, Jesus Christ longs so much more for us than what we can imagine, dream, hope for or pray for.

“by the power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams”

Ephesians 3:20 AMPA

DO NOT GRIEVE THE SPIRIT

Apart from God’s promise that we have the mind of Christ, his believers are also “**sealed**” with the Spirit: “*The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience our **full salvation***” (Ephesians 4:30a TPT)

BUT, just look at the warning of Apostle Paul in the same verse;

“So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life”

(Ephesians 4:30b TPT)



Herein lies the secret of the apocalypse, “**the lifting of the veil**”. The unveiling is hindered because we grieve the Spirit of God by not allowing Him to change us, to restore us back to the image and likeness of God. It is the rebellious nature of the human race that grieve the Holy Spirit. A continuous rebellious spirit blocks the unveiling of our full salvation, blocking the entrance to our Promised Land and of Jesus Christ.

God warns us: “**Never restrain or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit**” (1 Thessalonians 5:19). *But man rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: “therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them”* (Isaiah 63:10 KJV).

We quench (*restrain, stop the flowing of*) the fire of the Holy Spirit when we “*do not lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity and insults. Instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ’s love*” (Ephesians 4:32 TPT). Sin is not only doing wrong, but also the lack of doing right (“*So if you know of an opportunity to do the right thing today, yet you refrain from doing it, you’re quality of sin*” James 4:17 TPT)

As the Holy Spirit is ready to bring salvation, healing and deliverance, we are to flow with Him. Failure to do so hinders His efforts to bring us into the supernatural. If the Holy Spirit is free to move in our lives, we will constantly be involved in impossibilities. God, forgive me that I have not honored the Holy Spirit as I should have done, that I have grieved Him. That I have allowed **self**, the **flesh** and my **own will** to work where the Holy Spirit should have been honoured. Oh, this sin is greater than we know. No wonder that there is so much feebleness and failure in the church of Christ.



TOTAL SURRENDER

The human race has to learn to surrender to God. The condition of God's blessing is absolute surrender of all into His hands. If our hearts are willing to do that, there is no end to what God will do for us, and to the blessing God will bestow. We as the body of Christ, must learn to surrender absolute to God! Sometimes we say, I hardly dare to do so.

“My Lord, O king, according to thy saying,

I am thine, and all that I have”

1 Kings 20:4 KJV

These are the words of King Ahab when in wars with Syria he had to totally surrender when Benhadad asked for it:

*And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. ² And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Benhadad, ³ Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. ⁴ And the king of Israel answered and said, **My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.***

1 Kings 20:1-4 KJV

To rebel is the opposite of surrender. We are born with a rebellious spirit as the Word of God is full of examples of the rebellious spirit of mankind;

Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

Deuteronomy 9:24



Therefore, we have to learn to let the spirit transform our spirit to surrender to become friends with Jesus.

But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Isaiah 63:10 KJV

When we truly can say: ***"My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have."*** His blessings can come upon us. You might not feel like humbling yourself in His sight. Acknowledge that you have grieved the Holy Spirit by your self-will, self-confidence and self-effort. As we bow before Him - just acknowledge God's teaching that in your flesh "there dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18).

“You must deny self once and for all”

The Apostle Luke warns us that even speaking against the Son of man shall be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven!

“And 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.”

Luke 12:10

Apostle Peter

A careful study of the life of Apostle Peter gives us more profound insight in the work of the Holy Spirit to transform us from a self-life to a surrender-life.

Are you aware of any person, except Peter that walked on water?

Peter as a devoted disciple of Jesus;

- **A man of absolute surrender**

He told Jesus *"we have forsaken all and followed thee"* (Matthews 19:27)

He gave up all to follow Jesus



- **A man of ready obedience.**

Christ said: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets" (Luke 5:4)

They knew there were no fish - but he submitted to the word of Jesus; "At thy word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5)

- **When he saw Christ walking on the sea;**

"Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee" (Matthews 14:28)

At the voice of Jesus, Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water

- **Peter - a man of spiritual insight**

When Jesus asked - whom say ye that I am?

Peter answered: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthews 16:15, 16)

- **Peter - the Rock**

And of his having the keys of the Kingdom

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthews 16:18)

Looking at these scriptures about Peter, we can say that Peter was a splendid man, a devoted disciple of Jesus and in today's term an **advanced Christian**! Would you agree on this? Peter did many things and much more than any average Christian in today's life.

Peter's transformation

No one could have expected that Peter needed deliverance! Peter needed deliverance from SELF. Self is the single, most important aspect throughout the Bible that causes the human race to sin, that man rebels and hence stands in the way of surrendering. God promised that if we humble ourselves and seek him, that He will listen to us and forgive us and even heal our land.



*"If my people, which are called by my name, **shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;** then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

2 Chronicles 7:14

Is it possible that this Peter that we just described above could have lived a life of SELF? Are you aware of similar advanced Christians, who also need deliverance from self? Let us take Peter's life as an example for us today.

When Jesus asked his disciples, who do you think I was, it was Peter that answered; "You are the Son of God" and Jesus told Peter that "**flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**" (Matthews 16:16). But when Jesus started speaking about His sufferings, Peter stood up and said: "Be it be far from thee, Lord" and Jesus rebuked Peter saying: "**Get behind me Satan**" (Matthews 16:22-23).

This is a clear picture of Peter in his self-will;

- Trusting in his own wisdom.
- Forbidding Christ to go and die.
- He trusted in himself and his own thoughts about divine things.
- He sought his own honor above the others.
- Life of self was strong in Peter

This might come as a surprise to many of you, but it is the truth. And this is also the truth of many of us – so called advanced Christians.

Yes, Peter had left his boats and his nets - BUT not his OLD SELF!



Deny Yourself

When Jesus rebuked Peter, he goes on: **"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"** (Matthews 16:24). The word cross in Greek refers to "a death sentence on a stake". No man can follow Jesus unless he does that. Self must be utterly denied.

What does this mean?

Peter denied the Lord three times; "I know Him not" (Luke 22:57)

- In other words: *"I have nothing to do with Him; He and I are not friends - I deny having any connection with Him."*
- Christ told Peter to deny SELF!
- Self must be ignored

THAT IS THE ROOT OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

Peter did not understand it and could not obey it. How many of us have heard this message in our lives, yet do not any understand the true and deep meaning of it. When Jesus said: *"Before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice"* (Mark 14:30);

Peter answered: *"Though all shall be offended, yet will not. I am ready to go with thee, to prison and to death"* (Mark 14:29; Luke 22:33)

Peter meant it honestly - and he really intended to do it

- BUT - Peter did not know himself.
- He did not believe that he was as bad as Jesus said he was.

O, how bad we are at knowing ourselves? It is our very nature, our self-centered life which is all unclean (See Romans 7).

**What are we to do with that flesh that is entirely under the power of sin?**

We need deliverance. Peter did not know it and it was in self-confidence that he went forth and denied his Lord.

Jesus used **"deny"** twice and herein lies the second secret of the apocalypse of our full salvation. Jesus told Peter to deny **HIMSELF** (Matthews 16:24) and later in Chapter 26 of the Gospel of Matthews that you shall deny **ME** (Matthews 26:34).

It is either deny SELF or deny CHRIST. There are two great powers fighting each other;

- Self-Nature in the power of sin and
- Christ in the power of God

Either of these must rule within us!**It was SELF that made the DEVIL**

- The devil was an angel of God, but he wanted to exalt self.
- He became a devil in hell.
- Self was the cause of the fall of man.
- Eve wanted something for herself - so our first parents fell into all the wretchedness of sin.
- Their children (we), have inherited the awful nature of sin.

Think about this;

Adam and Eve, living in an absolute perfect world, the Garden of Eden, having a perfect life. They do not know anything bad or evil. They only live a perfect life having communion with their heavenly Father, the Creator of the Universe every day. Notwithstanding this perfect life and environment, somehow, they were not satisfied. It does not matter how much man receives, he or she is



always on the lookout for more. Having this mentality, learn to recognize that “self” is still in control and the main reason for mankind’s fall.

Back to Peter, he was prepared for deliverance from SELF.

Jesus told his disciples to go and wait; “and on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came, and Peter became a changed man”. It is not only the change in Peter, the boldness, that power, that insight into the Scriptures and that blessing with which he preached that day; there was something deeper and better which happened;

HIS WHOLE NATURE WAS CHANGED

Christ said to Peter to “deny thyself”, but instead Peter denied the Lord. Peter learned this lesson well which is clearly evident in the first epistle of Peter;

“If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye, for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you”

1 Peter 4:14

“Hereunto were ye called, to suffer, because Christ also suffered”

1 Peter 2:21

Instead of denying Christ - he found joy and pleasure in having self-denied, crucified, and given up life to the death. That is why Peter could boldly say before the Council: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

“The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price”

1 Peter 3:4

“Subject one to another, and be clothed with humility”

1 Peter 5:5



Look at how Peter utterly changed;

- The Self-pleasing, self-trusting, self-seeking, full of sin, continually getting into trouble, foolish and impetuous, Peter is now filled with the Spirit and the life of Jesus.

Christ did it for him through the Holy Spirit

Lessons 1:

You may be a very earnest, godly, devoted believers, in whom the power of the flesh is still very strong:

- Peter had cast out devils and healed the sick,
- Yet the flesh still had power and the flesh still had room in him,
- It is because of that self-life in us that the power of God cannot work in us as mightily as He desires that it should work.

God is longing to double His blessing, to give tenfold blessing through us;

- But something is hindering Him, from doing this
- The self-life,
- Pride of Peter, the impetuosity, the self-confidence.

It is all rooted in that one word – “Self”

Christ said;

- DENY SELF!
- Peter did not understand that - never obeyed it,
- Every failing came from that.



What bitter shame and sorrow and pain and agony comes to us,

- Until at last we all find that there is deliverance,
- Peter went out and wept bitterly,
- There may be many godly people in whom the power of the flesh still rules!

Lessons 2:

It is the work of our blessed Lord Jesus to disclose the power of self;

- How could the carnal Peter, self-willed, strong in self-love, ever have become a man of Pentecost and the writer of his epistles?
 - It was because Christ placed Himself in charge,
 - And Christ watched over him,
 - And Christ taught and blessed him.
- All the warnings were part of his training!
 - It was Christ who led Peter to Pentecost.
 - Today it is still Christ who takes charge of every heart that is willing to surrender itself to Him.

No one else but Christ can give deliverance from the power of self.

He asks you to humble yourself before Him!

*"If my people, which are called by my name, **shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;** then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

2 Chronicles 7:14



THE CONFLICT

Since Jesus' ministry began on earth, there has been constant conflict. What was the root of this conflict, one might ask? One area of conflict was when the people constantly misinterpret the words of Jesus. Jesus fed the multitudes and departure to the other side (John 6). On the following day, when the people found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "**Rabbi, when did You come here?**" (John 6:25). It is profound what Jesus answered them (as He knew what is inside of their hearts);

"Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled"

John 6:27

Jesus was saying to the multitudes that you are not looking for the signs and wonder of yesterday, nor are you looking for healing, you are looking for food. The rest of that Chapter (6), Jesus tried to explain to the people that they must "*not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him*" John 6:27. They just could not understand how it was possible to eat His flesh for everlasting life (John 6:51).

We find the very same situation earlier when Nicodemus came to Jesus; "*Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.*" John 3:2. Immediately (again, because Jesus knew their heart) answered Nicodemus;

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3



Of course Nicodemus did not understand these words. Instead, he thought he must enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born. In both cases, Jesus was trying to give eternal life, but none understood Him. They all interpreted and reasoned from their physical mind. 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 (1 Corinthians 2:14). No wonder Jesus was trying to tell Nicodemus that *unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit* (John 3:5-6).

Jesus spoke in parables and told us earthly things and we still do not believe, how will we believe if He tells us heavenly things? (John 3:12)

Jesus was giving the people hope and said that he will destroy the temple and raise it up in three days again;

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:19

Instead of finding hope in these words, the people misinterpreted His words again. It was these very same words that sent Jesus to the cross!

“And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.”

Matthews 14:57

It was even these same words of truth, that made many turn against Him and walk away from Him!

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not

*believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father. **From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more**” John 6:63-66*

A Blind Man from Birth

At another time, Jesus healed a man born blind. In this example Jesus was telling the people that He is the **light** of the world! Religion can be more cruel than sin. There was constant conflict with the Pharisees because Jesus did not obey their religious rules. They openly declared that this could not be a man from God as he did not keep the sabbath day (verse 16)!

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

*⁵ As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.** 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷ And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. ⁸ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? ⁹ Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. ¹⁰ Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went*



and washed, and I received sight. ¹² Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees him that a foretime was blind.

¹⁴ And **it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay**, and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. ¹⁶ Therefore said some of the Pharisees, **This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day.** Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

John 9:1-17

I found this not a co-incident that Jesus healed a blind man. Could it be that religion wants to keep its members in blindness, not to see the light? Ironically, Jesus said; **“I am the light”** (John 9:5).

Cannot be a Prophet

On another occasion, one of the Pharisees (Simon) asked Jesus to eat with him. An immoral woman from the streets, known to all to be a prostitute, took an exquisite flask made from alabaster, filled it with the most expensive perfume, went right into the home of the Jewish religious leader, and knelt at the feet of Jesus in front of all the guests (Luke 7:36-37 TPT). While this woman stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil (Luk 9:38), it was the Pharisee, Simon, who thought to himself; *“this man cannot be a prophet – a man of God”*;



*“Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, **This man, if he were a prophet**, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.”*

Luke 7:39

It was the Pharisees who did not eat unless they washed their hands in a special way, holding to the tradition of the elders who accused Jesus and His disciples for not washing their hands before eating bread. Jesus answered them, *“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written;*

“This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men”

Mark 7:7-7

Jesus carried on talking, but this time much more cruelly;

*“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. **24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!** 25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

Matthew 23:23-28



While the Pharisees judged Jesus, his disciples and people from the outward appearance, Jesus was trying to reveal their real heart condition to them. Outwardly you may seem to be ok, but this is far from the truth. Jesus was saying to them that they are so aware to strain out a gnat (*a metaphor of what is least and insignificant*), but then swallow the camel (*a picture of self-righteousness – that would indeed kill you*).

It is what comes out of the heart that defiles man, Jesus said;

“There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.”

Mark 7:15

Religious Leaders

It was these religious leaders who were spiritual guides who thought of “themselves” as **superior** to those who did not keep the law as perfectly as they did. They preserved the law of Moses (Torah) and its right interpretation, gathered students and taught them and they administered the law as judges in the Sanhedrin. The Sadducees were real political and economic powerful people, members of rich families. Their only main social concern was to keep the social status and respect of the Romans. The Sanhedrin was also rich and powerful and had authority to deal with matters regarding religion, justice and economy. All this power and authority stood in their way to clearly see the true intentions and heart of Jesus. They just could not truly discern, a spiritual discernment, to see and to recognize the Messiah.

Jesus challenged the Pharisees’ interpretation of the Law because it lacked LOVE and COMPASSION!



It does not even incorporate the “Law of Love”. Through their tradition they make the word of God have no effect;

“Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.”

Mark 7:13

Jesus exposed them of who they truly are.

And so are we also struggling today that man’s rules are more important than loving people.

They did not understand the resurrection of Christ and the power of God. Their concept of God was just too small. They want to be in control and control everything around them. We also see this today! The conflict was and is about;

- **Authority,**
- **Self-awareness vs God-awareness and**
- **About priorities and values.**

A NEW COMMANDMENT

No wonder Jesus came and gave us a new commandment:

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

John 13:34

In this commandment lies a profound apocalypse – unveiling – of our **full salvation!** And when this happens the world will know and recognize that we are His disciples!

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:34



In our story where Jesus healed the man born blind, the Pharisees intimidated the man by continually asking him who healed him and how it had happened. When this man asked them if they also now want to become disciples of Jesus, they openly declared:

“We are disciples of Moses”

*“He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? **will ye also be his disciples?** 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but **we are Moses' disciples.**”*

Matthews 9:27

We are disciples of Moses: **“Our religious rules and laws are far more superior to the new law of love.”** When man places a higher value on religion, rules, regulations and man’s tradition, there is little, if any place to love! The third and most important secret in the apocalypse of our full salvation lies in the mystery of the **“law of love”**!

It was the beloved Apostle, John who wrote about this;

“God is love” 1 John 4:8

But John did not stop here, he moved on and explained to us that **“as He is, so are we in this world”**

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:17

Oh, let us meditate on this profound life changing words. Our heavenly Father is telling us that we can be like Him, in this world. Not in the future new world, nor in heaven, but in THIS world at the present time. As he is, so are we in this world. Hence, if God is love, His intention is that we must of also “love”. Love is our only outstanding debt to this world, as Apostle Paul revealed it to the Romans;



*“Don’t owe anything to anyone, except your **outstanding debt** to continually love one another; for the one who learns to love his fulfilled every requirement of the law. For the commandments, “Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet, and every other commandment can be summed up in these words:*

*“Love and value other the
Same way you love and value yourself”*

Love makes it impossible to harm another, so love fulfils all that the law requires”

Romans 13:8-10 TPT

Oh, how in debt are we not to this world –

“To Love one Another”

And here comes Paul’s warning;

*“To live like this is all the more urgent, for time is running out and you know it is a strategic hour in human history. It is time for us to wake up! For our **full salvation** is nearer now than when we **first believed**”*

Romans 13:11 TPT

Paul is speaking here of a **full salvation** and he links it not only with the “law of love”, but with the profound words “when we first believed”. The fulfilment of the law is now settled in when we love one another.

The root of true discipleship

“Herein shall the world see that you are truly My disciples”

John 13:34



The second part of the word of the Apostle Paul, namely; “**when we first believed**” has to do with our initial stage we were born again. Instead of going unto a rabbit trail here, we will fully discuss this in the second Part of the Apocalypse (Hence, see Part 2 of this teaching)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is however, one very important aspect, not to be missed by this apocalypse; Nobody can love from himself. The carnal man, the man in the flesh cannot love. Self-denial and total surrender is the first requirement and even for this, man needs the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the “**Ruach HaKodesh**”. For the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE;

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love” Galatians 5:22

It is only when we allow the Holy Spirit to do His work that full transformation take place. Paul wrote his prayer down for us in this regard;

“And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favour until supernatural **strength floods your innermost being** with his divine might and explosive power. Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his **love** will become the very source and root of your life.

- Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences – the great magnitude of the astonishing **love** of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless **love** beyond measurement that transcends our understanding – **this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!**



Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you”

Ephesians 3:16-20 TPT

I personally like how the AMPC version of verse 20;

²⁰ Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] **do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]**

Oh, might we all meditate on this prayer of Apostle Paul, not only to fully grasp and understand these words, but to let these words germinate inside of us like a seed, permanently change our nature towards our full salvation.

Let us all wait in silence for our full salvation

“Only to God is my soul in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

Psalms 62:2

The Apostle Peter also picked up this subject in his first epistle (remember, this was the Apostle who denied the Lord three times – he had learned this lesson very well; henceforth he is sharing this marvellous truth with us for today);



*“You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. The Holy Spirit has **set you apart** to be God’s holy ones, obedient followers of Jesus Christ who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood. May God’s delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over! Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his fountain of mercy has given us a **new life** – we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reborn into a **perfect inheritance** that can never perish never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!*

*Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our **full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time**. May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you’ve had to put up with the grief of many trials.”*

1 Peter 1:2-7 TPT

One cannot deny, looking at all these scriptures, that the author of all 66 Books in the Bible is the Holy Spirit Himself! Both Paul and Peter mentioned the power of the Holy Spirit that is doing the work deep within us.

Then comes verse 9

⁹For you are reaping the harvest of your faith—the full salvation promised you—your souls’ victory!

The KJV says it like this;

⁹Receiving the end of your faith, even the **salvation of your souls**.



Here, in this very verse – in the first epistle of this Apostle Peter – he unveils the mystery of our full salvation;

EVEN THE SALVATION OF OUR SOULS!

We receive more insight into this when looking at the Complete Jewish Translation Version as verse 5 and 9 state it;

⁵ Meanwhile, through trusting, you are being protected by God’s power for a **deliverance** ready to be revealed at the Last Time. ⁹ And you are receiving what your trust is aiming at, namely, your **deliverance**.

1 Peter 1:5, 9 CJB

Meanwhile – means, after we received Jesus Christ as our saviour, in the meantime, while we are waiting for our full salvation, we are trusting our Lord, Jesus Christ for our **deliverance**. Then comes the profound word of Peter – verse 9 – and you are receiving what you are trusting for – your deliverance! Trusting, means you have to have faith that the Lord will do it for you. To bring you to full salvation. The remaining question now is:

“Deliverance from what?” (and for that you have to read Part 2).

How we in the Body of Christ neglect to encourage, teach and correct the members of false doctrine in this regard! There is so much more to the Christian life, after we confess with our mouths and believe with our hearts that Christ Jesus is our saviour (Romans 10:9-10) – our blessed hope! In Romans 8 Paul is saying that the same power that God raised Jesus from the dead is also in us and that he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you (Romans 8:11). He (Paul’s) prays that this power (the resurrection power) supernatural strength and floods your innermost being and then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life (Ephesians 3:16-17).



Look again at our text, where Peter says that this Holy Spirit is responsible to “**set us apart**” to be God’s holy ones. When this happens, you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences – the great magnitude of the **astounding love of Christ** in all its dimensions (1 Peter 1:2).

“It is this mighty power of God that constantly guards us until our full salvation”

1 Peter 1:7

This is our blessed hope, our triumphant hope

And we are encouraged to “look for it”

*“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God
and our Saviour Jesus Christ”*

Titus 2:13

In the first epistle of Peter, we see three different results that comes from our new birth;

- We receive new life
- We receive eternal inheritance
- We receive our full salvation

O, how we miss our full salvation in the body of Christ when our preaching of the Good News stops at Roman 10:10 “**The heart that believes in him receives the gift of the righteousness of God – and then the mouth confesses, resulting in salvation**”. But God has more in store for us, a better victorious life on this earth that so many believers never experience and totally miss it (this has nothing to do with going to heaven).

Reborn:

God himself is the one who gives us new birth as **newborn believers filled with the life of Christ**. God is truly our Father, who gives us new life through his living mercy.



Eternal Inheritance:

The second result that comes from our NEW BIRTH is and eternal inheritance, which is available now by faith, and will also be reserved in heaven for us when we pass from death to life.

- The word guards is a military term,
 - meaning "a fort" or "an army garrison (a body of troops, stationed in a fortress or town to defend it) stationed to defend a city"
- We are continually being watched over and protected by God's mighty power.

Deliverance:

The third results of our new birth of full salvation is our deliverance - that will come when Christ is unveiled. It is ready to be revealed and waits for our discovery

- Greek verb apokalypso means to unveil and disclose.
- Peter is saying that there is a more complete salvation awaiting us when Christ is unveiled in the last days.
- The nominalized form of apokalypso is title of last book of Bible - Revelation.
- The unveiling of Jesus Christ.

Notice that there is an extravagant grace that will also be revealed to us in the last days.

Fasten your seat belts!

Now, Peter is saying to prepare your hearts and minds for action! It is like Paul is saying to roll up your sleeves – fasten your seat belts for the action that is coming!



So then, prepare your hearts and minds for **action**. Stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the marvelous **grace** that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is **unveiled**, a greater measure of grace will be released to you. 14 As God's obedient children, never again shape your lives by the desires that you followed when you didn't know better. 15 Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you.

1 Peter 1:13-15

As the Holy Spirit lives now in you – you are holy because He is holy!

You are to be holy, because I am holy

1 Peter 1:16

OUR DAILY SACRIFICE

Unfortunately, full salvation does not come by a once-off confession made by the mouth, but Paul urged us that we now need to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God!

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".*

Romans 12:1

THE LIVING SACRIFICE IS ANOTHER MYSTERY FOR OUR FULL SALVATION!



"Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to **surrender yourselves** to God to be his sacred, **living sacrifices**. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be **inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit** through a **total reformation of how you think**. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes."

Romans 12:1-2 TPT

Notice Paul's urgent requests;

"surrender yourselves" and a **"total reformation of how you think"**.

"A total renewed mind is a prerequisite for man's full salvation. One cannot be a living sacrifice to God without a total surrender of self."

God took the daily sacrifices in the Old Testament very seriously.

Abel knew it and under the law of Moses: "A daily sacrifice of a lamb was to be offered evening and morning;

*"And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a **sin offering** for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it."*

Exodus 29:36

This offering was mandatory and dealt with sin and guilt.

This mandatory offering was a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice to be made for all the sin of the world – Jesus Christ – our Passover Lamb;



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. ¹⁴ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the **purifying of the flesh**: How much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:12-15

The Passion Translation

And he has entered once and forever into the Holiest Sanctuary of All, not with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the sacred blood of his own sacrifice. And he alone has made our salvation secure forever. ¹³ Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities. ¹⁴ Yet how much more will the sacred blood of the Messiah thoroughly cleanse our consciences! ¹⁵ So Jesus is the One who has enacted a **new covenant with a new relationship with God** so that those who **accept the invitation** will receive the **eternal inheritance** he has promised to his heirs. For he died to **release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant**.

Hebrews 9:15 TPT

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.”

Romans 3:25



The Passion Translation

Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the **sacrifice to take away sins**, and now he is our mercy seat because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, he had been so patient - holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice.

As God the Father required a mandatory sacrifice from his people, Jesus volunteered to make to ones-and-for-all sacrifice for the remission of sin of the world. Just as God required a peace offering in the Old Testament, which was voluntary for those who have dealt with sin and guilt and therefore are blameless, He also requires from us – the New Testament Saints – a voluntary peace offering. We find this in the Book of Numbers;

*“And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the **peace offerings** were **twenty and four** bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.”*

Numbers 7:88

So that is why Paul encourage us to surrender ourselves to God as a living sacrifice. Notice the figure twenty and four in Numbers 7! The number **24** is used seven times in Revelation and linked with the peace offering in the Old Testament.

*“Encircling the great throne were **twenty-four thrones with elders** in glistening white garments seated upon them each wearing golden crown of victory.”*

Revelation 4:5



Hence, the 24 Elders as Revelation 4 referred to;

- Elders are those who have come to maturity in Christ!
- The immature will not be allowed to reign and rule.
- The word for maturity is that same word also translated as perfection!
- The union of Jesus - 12 tribes of Israel and the church 12 apostles of Jesus.
- A rank of heavenly beings serving as God's cabinet officers.
- A symbol of 24 prophetic books of the Old Testament.
- An actual council of elders - believers who are subordinate to God but ruling with authority and wisdom.

They are enthroned and have crowns which would speak of legal authority. Made up from the overcomers from among the community of the redeemed, the 24 elders are robed in Christ's righteousness - white garments, enthroned with him (Ephesians 2:6; Revelation 3:21, and crowned with glory. So when Peter is saying to prepare your hearts and minds for action, stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the grace that is coming to you when Jesus Christ is unveiled, we have to look at the Book of Revelation!

*So then, prepare your hearts and minds for **action**. Stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the marvelous **grace** that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is **unveiled**, a greater measure of grace will be released to you. 14 As God's obedient children, never again shape your lives by the desires that you followed when you didn't know better. 15 Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you.*

1 Peter 1:13-15

**MATURITY**

One thing is clear and true, **our full salvation has to do with perfection**. It is about our spiritual maturity. God is busy raising up an army who is fearless to rule and to reign with Him.

The parable of the wheat and the tares (Mark 4:25-29) clearly indicates that the trigger to harvest is when the **fruit is ripe**, or in other words matured! Immediately the sickle is put in, for the harvest is come.

The Parable of the Seed Growing

*And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; 27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. 28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. 29 But when the **fruit is brought forth**, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*

Mark 4:26 - 29

But what will your fruit be when it comes to full maturity.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, tares are the sons of the Evil one and when they come to maturity, poison flows out of them. Both tares and wheat will be harvested at the same time, but the tares will first be gathered and cast into a furnace of fire.

*The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; **but the tares are the children of the wicked one**; ³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*



⁴¹ *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;* ⁴² ***And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.***

⁴³ ***Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.***

Matthew: 13:38-43

On the Day of Reconciliation or Atonement, it was the only day each year that the Levitical high priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies behind the veil. Anyone among the people of God who has not come to **repentance** and refuses to afflict his soul will be cut off from the people of God. Anyone doing his own work instead of God's work - will be destroyed (Leviticus 23:27-32).

The seven churches in the Book of Revelation represent all churches / congregations on earth as seven represents completion, fullness, wholeness, perfection!

Just like the seven Spirits of the Lord, we are the 7-in-1 Bride, just like the Spirit

That is why Jesus sent such a strong warning to the congregation of Ephesus

The message to Ephesus went out when the Lord told them that I know all that you've done for me, all your hard work. I know you don't tolerate evil, you endured suffering without complaining, also know how you bravely endured trials and persecutions because of my name, yet you have not become discouraged. Ephesus was doing better than all the other congregation and showed these qualities;

- Working for the kingdom,
- Persevering,
- Not being tolerant of sin,
- Examining the claims of ministries,
- Enduring trials bravely.



But they did it without passionate love for Christ and that weakens our power and witness in the world. So Christ told them;

"I have this against you - you have abandoned the passionate love you had for me at the beginning (Revelation 2:4).

Jesus is referring to exclusive love that has first place in our hearts above all else. Think about how far you have fallen - Repent and do works of love you did first.

I will remove your lampstand if you do not Repent (Revelation 2:5).

The Greek word for repent is "*Mentanoia*" and it means more than just simply changing one's mind.

- It means "**to take another mind**"
- Turn for error - take up the Mind of Christ! (1 Corinthians 2:16)

Return therefore to your passion for me that motivated you at first

The Day of Reconciliation is a prerequisite to the celebration for the fullness of the harvest at the Feast of Tabernacles!

- It is at this time that the TARES will be burned up.
- This is when the wicked are removed from among the righteous (Matthew 13:49)

The fulfillment of the Day of Reconciliation is the next major event on God's prophetic calendar and coincides with Revelation 6:14 and Revelation 11:19.

Those who come to maturity in Christ as elders know that it is the Lord who is worthy to receive glory and honor and virtue, because he accomplished our redemption.

His work and not ours has brought us to maturity as we have yielded to Him!



And I saw that the one seated on the throne was holding in his right hand an unopened scroll with writing on the inside and on the outside, and it was sealed with 7 seals.

Revelation 5:1

The revelation to Daniel was to be sealed - but this revelation to John was a book that is to be broken open. Book in right hand - Scriptures!

According to Isaiah - the scriptures have been sealed so that the natural man cannot understand it!

*And every vision into you as the words of a book that is sealed, which if it were delivered to one that knows how to read, saying, **Read this, I pray thee: he shall say, I cannot; for it is sealed!***

Isaiah 29:11

There is a 3rd dimension to Scriptures that cannot be unsealed or understood by the natural man or by those who are spiritually immature. No one, except for those who have come to maturity in Christ, has been able to look upon it, and the only way we can come to maturity is in HIM.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Revelation 5:11

- Ten thousand a symbol of a military unit - under perfect discipline and control
- Ten thousand * ten thousand is the perfection and power, of all the heavenly hosts of the armies of God under the command of Jesus Christ.
- 1000 symbol of perfection



Thousands of thousands signify the sum and the results of walking in the perfection of Christ

Maturity comes from faith in the sufficiency of God's redemptive work that establishes us as sons and daughters of the Most High.

As He is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:17

Jesus in His glorified state has four elements:

- **Glory** - This is the manifested presence of Jesus. He lives in all believers - but the glory of His presence comes to rest on only a few. Sometimes seen and frequently felt.
- **Tongues of fire**: - Seen on the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. How many believers want to bring control to the fire? - When carnal man is in charge -the glory of God must lift.
- **Power**: - To be as He is involves being a continuous expression of power. Most seeking help outside of the church - because we are not clothed with heaven's power. If we had it - they would see it. If they saw it, they would come.
- **Triumph** = Jesus conquered all things - power of hell, the grave, sin and devil. He is saying that the lowest part of His body has authority over the highest part of everything else. Does not mean we live without battles - means our victory is secured!
- **Holiness** - Jesus is perfectly holy - separate from all that is evil. Holiness is the language through which the nature of God is revealed.

Those living from the triumph of Christ are different from those who live under the influence of their past



As He is - So are we in this world

God silences **Zacharias** when the angel announced that he will have a son. **Silences the voice of unbelief**, because words could affect the outcome of a promise. When he saw the promise fulfilled - God loosed his tongue. (Luke 1:12-21)

The opposite of Zacharias, we find **Mary**. She also received a message from the same angel that she will have a son, but in her case, when she couldn't understand and asked how it was possible, she answered:

“Be it unto me according to Your Word” (Luke 1:38)

We have a choice;

- We can stand in the shoes of Zacharias and lose our voice, OR
- We can walk in the ways of Mary and invite God to restore to us the promises we can't control.

Understanding is never a prerequisite to its fulfillment. It is our ignorance that ask for understanding, but it is our unbelief that ask for proof!

In the next section - Part 2 - we will look into more detail what precisely full salvation entails and what the blockage is to your “Promised Land” (full salvation)!

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*“I am the Bright Morning Star -
Surely I come quickly”
Rev 22:16, 20*

