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OF A  
HOLY WOMAN**

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## INTRODUCTION

### ***Matthew 9:37, 38***

***Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.***

I believe this book is out in this end time to answer the prayer of the saints, past and present, that God may send in more labourers to His plenteous harvest. The truths presented in this book will release many women labourers into the harvest field. We have examined women ministry in the Old and New Testaments to open the eyes of Christian women to the need God has of them in His harvest field. The scriptures that many have used to build tradition and doctrine against the women ministry have been examined through the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. The key used in this book to get the right meaning of the scriptures many have misinterpreted is to let scriptures interpret scriptures. As the Lord set an open door before the church in Philadelphia for their righteousness and holiness, so also the door to full operation of Christian service of preaching, teaching, singing and others is opened wide to the righteous and holy Christian woman.

This book is written also as a special letter to the leaders of denominations and Christian assemblies that inhibit the woman's ministry through erroneous interpretation and application of some scriptures. In the light of the truth stated here, it is required of them to let the women preach, teach or do whatever the Lord assigns them unhindered, as long as they do so in righteousness and holiness without usurping the authority of man over them.

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# Chapter 1

## WOMEN MINISTRY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

There are many traditions, confusions and doctrines in many churches that have restricted the woman's participation in spiritual activities to the point that the woman sits down doing little or nothing at all in the church. The ones that are zealous and love to do something are afraid whether they are sinning, going against the will of God or not. It is important to go through the Bible to see what the scripture has to say about the woman. The scripture has revealed the Lord's instruction concerning her in the Christian ministry. These are things God desires which the Bible actually says concerning the Christian ministry and the woman that some are misinterpreting. What is intended in this book is to make the Christian woman understand what the Bible is saying concerning usurping the authority of the man so that she can find her place in ministry and operate maximally for Jesus.

### 1.1 The Woman: A Help Meet For Man

**Genesis 2:18**

***And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.***

God knew that it is not good that the man He has created should be alone. To match up with him, God created man for his purpose, worship, service and for the ministry. In this, God said it is not good that man should be alone. So He provided him a helper that will help him in order to achieve His purpose for creating man, whether those things are secular or spiritual: a helper should be with him to achieve these things. So the place of a woman is seen in whatever the man does from the beginning. As it was in creation so it is in recreation. As it is in the natural so it is in the spiritual.

The woman goes along with the man in all spheres of life to perform along with him that which God has commissioned him to do. In this case therefore, the Old and New Testaments will be considered to see the ministry of the woman in scripture. Did the woman take any public position in the Old Testament? Did she exhibit any spiritual function in public among the people of God? Did she have a ministry among men in the Old Testament? Let us examine some cases in scripture.

### 1.2 Miriam the Sister of Moses

While examining this case, we will want to bring out something which shall be understood better in the New Testament.

**Exodus 15:20, 21**

**20** *“And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*

**21** *And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.”*

Miriam had a ministry which was a very prominent ministry among the women. Both men and women enjoyed her ministry. Miriam was a prophetess, a musician and a leader. Her leadership role was also enjoyed by men; and her prophetic ministry was not limited to women only but to all Israelites, hence the scriptural injunction that women should teach women does not limit their ministry to women only. As a prophetess, she was dealing with all. A prophet is one that gives God's message to His people. She was a prophetess sent by God to Israel and had a ministry among the men and women as well as Moses and Aaron

**Micah 6:4**

**For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.**

The following scripture in the New Testament should not be misunderstood concerning the women ministry.

**Titus 2:1-4**

**1** *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

**2** *That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*

**3** *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;*

**4** *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.*

Here we see the older women commanded to teach the younger women. This however, does not mean that older women are to restrict their teaching ministry to the women only. They may also teach both men and women as the men do. The woman's ministry is not limited to women only. Miriam was a prophetess and received messages from God. She had a ministry to all. The woman minister ought to know that he has a ministry towards both the women and men, as the Lord gives the grace and an open door.

### **1.3 The Sin of Miriam**

Miriam was rebuked by God for playing down on the position of Moses, the leader God appointed over Israel

**Numbers 12: 1-16**

***And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.***

***2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath He not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.***

***3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)***

***4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.***

***5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.***

***6 And He said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.***

***7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.***

***8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?***

***9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and He departed.***

***10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.***

***11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.***

***12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.***

***13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.***

***14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.***

***15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.***

***16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.***



From this scripture we find out that God gave Miriam a ministry but she wanted to usurp authority over Moses and God would not take that.

Miriam wanted to terrorize or intimidate Moses, may be, because she was the elder sister. Not in matters of God! In creation, God put the woman under a man. The man was made the head of the woman. This authority is glaring in every respect in human society. It is so in marriage and family settings. The females in a family recognise the headship or leadership of the male among them when he comes of age. The society recognises his authority and representation over the family above any female in the family. His elderly and younger sisters willingly submit to his authority and family headship. This is naturally expected of them by the society.

God gives ministry to Christian women. But he expects them to give respect to men in the church. He will not take it lightly when a woman disrespects the men and behaves unruly among them. If the Christian woman can be humble, meek and holy she will go to any length in her Christian ministry, according to the calling and grace of God upon her. Eternal life will be her possession.

### **1.4 Deborah the Judge.**

Deborah was another woman in the Old Testament that had a ministry. Israel had gone into sin and idolatry. This brought them under the slavery of an oppressive heathen king. Even when the Lord

wanted to give Israel deliverance, none of the men were courageous enough to lead the people of God to victory. The men requested for and submitted to the ministry of Deborah.

### **Judges 4: 1- 9**

**1 “And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.**

**2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.**

**3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.**

**4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.**

**5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.**

**6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?**

**7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army,**

***with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.***

***8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.***

***9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.”***

The children of Israel had backslidden. All the men had become weak and fearful. None was courageous to lead the people to righteousness and victory. God gave a ministry to Deborah at this time. She judged Israel. That is, she made the people to know the righteous ways of God and showed them how to live in the fear of God. She was a prophetess. She delivered, preached and taught the Word of God to His people. The account of her ministry and dealing showed clearly that she did not usurp the authority of man. She recognised the leadership or headship of men over the women. By inspiration she called for a man to take the lead against the enemy. Note here that men recognised her divine authority in ministry and submitted to it. The matter is not who is in ministry, but whom has God placed His grace and anointing on. Deborah displayed humility and meekness, recognising the

place of man in her ministry. There was no abuse of power or disrespect for men. Her service and leadership was accepted happily and she accomplished her ministry to the glory of God. Deborah was a married woman who played her role well with her husband, according her love, submission, obedience and service as a wife. This is good in the sight of God. Let the woman deal gently with the men. Though the Lord has given her the calling and grace for ministry, she should exercise shamefacedness and sobriety, humility and meekness when handling or dealing with the men.

In **Judges 5:1-2** the Bible says:

***1 “Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,  
2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.”***

In verses 6-8 of the same chapter it says,

***6 “In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.***

***7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.***

***8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?”***

Verse 12 then says,

**12 “Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.”**

Israel had sinned and the Lord sold them to the hand of king Jabin and the man oppressed them for twenty years. The highway was deserted; this implies that the people were no more following the highway for fear of their enemies. The men were so afraid that they stopped walking openly for fear of attack of the enemies.

**Judges 4:68**

**6 “And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?**

**7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.**

**8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.”**

This was the word of the Lord, but there was no courage in men. All the men were afraid. That gave

room to the woman. First choice was given to the man but he failed. God looked for the second choice, put authority in her and use her to accomplish His purpose. Where men failed due to fear and cowardice, the women rise up as helpmate. Where darkness falls upon men, the light in the women shines bright.

## **1.5 A Mother in Israel.**

**2 Samuel 20:16-19**

**16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.**

**17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.**

**18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter.**

**19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?**

From this passage, we see that this woman was in the city where a stubborn man had run into. Joab the captain of David's army came in to destroy the

city because of that man. But this wise woman in that city stood in the gap in wisdom to pacify Joab with her words and was able to save the entire city from impending doom. Only the stubborn person was destroyed instead of the whole city. A whole city was saved from destruction by the gift of wisdom God had given this mother in Israel. The gift of God in a woman can bring her to prominence in this life. A man's gift (women's also) makes a way for him and bring him before kings. The Lord gave this woman a gift. She told Joab, "I am one of those people, wise counselors, that give counsel to Israel. Have you come to kill everybody in this city? Then you will destroy a mother in Israel." The gift God has given to a woman opens the door to her for ministry among God's people. It was clear that both men and women in Israel resorted to this woman for counsel.

### 1.6 Humility In Women Ministers

There is something that is noticeable in the ministry of these women:

#### Judges 5: 9

***My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.***

By this declaration, Deborah did not raise herself above the men she led and who worked with her. She did not despise the authority of men. If she did she would have brought blemishes on herself. That

would mean usurping the authority of men. Her ministry was run in recommendation and commendation of men. All were blessed and God was glorified. The wise woman counsellor in 2 Samuel 20:16-19 demonstrated this womanish humility in her ministry in the way she approached Joab (2 Samuel 20:16-19). Though older, she called herself his handmaid. With her sweet pacifying words, she was able to bring down the anger that was in Joab, thereby saving the city from destruction. We see in this women, humility, holiness and success in ministry.

God does not want the woman to think that she is higher or greater than the man. She must recognise the authority of man because it is given by God right from creation and He wants this to be maintained whether in secular or spiritual matters. He wants the woman to acknowledge this and not to behave otherwise, simply because she has certain gifts or calling.

The woman should know always that she is a subordinate and that it is God that has designed it so. She should not try to change the order as that will make her incur the wrath of God. She must remember always her position by nature and should not rush to sit on the throne over the man. As long as a woman understands this and submits to it she will do great exploits for the Lord with full honour and support of men.

## 1.7 The Ministry of Prophetess Huldah

**2 Chronicles 34:20-28:**

**20** And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

**21** Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

**22** And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect.

**23** And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

**24** Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

**25** Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of

*their hands; therefore My wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.*

**26** And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard;

**27** Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest His words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before Me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before Me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

**28** Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

Huldah was a prophetess which God used to bring a message of peace to king Josiah. As a prophetess, the Lord used her to bring great revival to Israel as a nation under king Josiah. We have in scripture the sure words of prophesy by which the Christian woman can bring salvation to individuals, families, societies and nations of the world. For the word of God says, "it shall come to pass that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy." It is God's word that gives salvation and deliverance. Everyone

including the women is commanded to preach God's word all over the world.

**Mark 16:15-16:**

**15 And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

This commission is not only to the men, it is to the women also. The preaching of the gospel is for everyone, both men and women. Huldah got the word of prophecy as the Lord gave her and preached it to the men that came to her. The Bible tells us in

**2 Peter 1:18-21**

**18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount.**

**19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day stars arise in your hearts:**

**20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

**21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

From this passage, we see that the prophecy in old time came to both men and women and was not subject to any private interpretation. The Bible is the more sure word of prophecy which is available to both men and women. Therefore, the women can prophesy through it by preaching the message of the Bible. Christ's commission to His followers gives the woman the authority to preach and teach the word of God to both men and women. That is the will of God for her life. It is the will of God for your life woman!

**Matthew 28:18-20.**

**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Women are disciples of Christ as men are and are to obey the commission given to Christ's disciples.

# Chapter 2

## WOMAN MINISTRY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

**W**hen Jesus the man of Galilee went about ministering to people from place to place, the disciples were all men. The reason is not known, perhaps it is because of the risk involved. To go about with women about in ministry is risky, especially when mixed with men. Some of the women disciples were married and mothers of children and home keepers who cannot leave their immediate environment. May be these were the reasons why Jesus did not mix women with the men, being careful that His ministry be not abused. It is vital to say that women in ministry must be very careful not to abuse the gospel of Christ through zeal without knowledge. A particular woman minister came to Abuja, Nigeria, knowing no one and having no money. She said the Holy Ghost led her to the City to preach. She ended up lodging in the same room with a man, cooking and eating together. God surely did not send her or else she acted foolishly to her destruction. The woman must be disciplined. She must not waste her life. She must not go about recklessly in the name of ministry. She can easily fall into immorality. Promiscuous

men can easily overcome her when she is unduly exposed. She must, therefore, be wise and calculate her ways. She must display the dignity of Christ's minister and purity of a true Christian woman. Seek counsel and be guided in ministry.

### 2.1 Women Among Christ's Disciples

There were women among the disciples of Jesus that served the Lord according to the grace given to them.

#### Luke 8:13

**1 And it came to pass afterward, that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with Him,  
2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,  
3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance.**

These women didn't have the privilege to be going from place to place with the twelve. However, when Jesus ministered in places near to them or in the community, they would avail themselves to render service to Him and His disciples. This is a very important part of women ministry as we see in scripture. This is called the ministry of help. Women can do this, supporting the preachers, helping in

whichever way the Lord gives her grace to help. The support and provision for gospel preachers is service to God. Many women are into this ministry. Men also operate in this ministry.

## 2.2 Women in Preaching Ministry

Another thing we see in the ministry of the woman in the New Testament is preaching the gospel. The Bible says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." When the Lord commissioned all people to go and preach and evangelise, women were not left out. They were also involved in announcing the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They went out and preached everywhere.

### Acts 8:3-4

**3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.**

**4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.**

However, this was done with decency; for God demands decency. Two women preachers appeared prominently in the ministry of Jesus Christ: the Samaritan woman and Mary Magdalene.

## 2.3 The Woman of Samaria

### John 4:25-30, 39-42

**25 The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things.**

**26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He.**

**27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?**

**28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,**

**29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?**

**30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him."**

**39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.**

**40 So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them: and He abode there two days.**

**41 And many more believed because of His own word;**

**42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

From this passage, we see that the woman of Samaria immediately received Jesus when she was convinced that He was the Christ. The next thing she did was to go into evangelism. Immediately she received the experience of salvation, she went about preaching to people. This



is natural. It happens to everybody that encounters the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. The demon possessed man was authorised to preach Jesus after his deliverance and salvation.

### **Mark 5:18-20**

**18 "And when He was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him.**

**19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.**

**20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.**

I will go with you." Jesus told him to go to his family and friends and tell them what the Lord had done for him. He began in Decapolis, about ten cities, going from place to place. This is natural for every person that gives his life to Christ including the woman. Women have the right to preach Jesus, His Lordship and what He has done in their life and in others to cause men and women to believe in Christ.

The woman of Samaria brought more people to Jesus through her testimony. The woman has the right to share her testimonies to all in all places including the church pulpit.

## **2.4 Mary Magdalene**

**John 20: 11 17**

**11 "But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,**

**12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.**

**13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.**

**14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.**

**15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing Him to be the gardener, saith unto Him, Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away.**

**16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.**

**17 Jesussaith unto her, Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God."**

Mary here, recognized the voice of Jesus and the Lord gave her a commission:

**John 20:16-18**

**16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.**

**17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God.**

**18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things unto her.**

**19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.**

**20 And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.**

“Go to my brethren.” Can our God not give ministry to woman? Here, the Lord gave the woman a message to preach to men. The apostles gathered themselves together to hear her. Both formally and informally the woman has Christ's authority to preach. Both in crusade and in church setting the woman has Christ's authority to preach. The most important thing is the message and not the platform. Every woman should know this and stand before men boldly, but humbly without shivering and

declare the message the Lord has given her. The woman committed with a ministry by the Lord should go forth in the name of the Lord and in His authority. The Lord commanded Mary Magdalene “Go to my brethren and say unto them.” This is a ministerial call and commission the Christian woman has received to preach the gospel in all manner, in all platforms, including the pulpit. She is free to use the illustrations and methods that will make people understand her. Mary was commissioned with a message to preach to the brethren in the “church.”

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them,” and that is a church. The woman can preach there if Christ gives her a message. The message given to Mary Magdalene was not a prophecy in the sense of the gift of prophecy. It was a direct instruction, “Go to my brethren.” His brethren were sitting somewhere. So in the church, the women can preach. The people can sit down and she be there to preach to them, because she has God's message and authority to do so. He that receives her receives the Lord and he that rejects her, rejects the Lord who has given her the message and the commission.

**Matthew 10:40:**

***He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me.***

**Luke 10:16:**

**He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:8**

***He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His holy Spirit.***

## **2.5 Prophetess Anna**

There is also the case of Anna, in the New Testament, who gave herself to prayer and intercession, serving in the temple.

**Luke 2:36-38**

***36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;***

***37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.***

***38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.***

Here we see that she spoke of Jesus to all (men and women) that looked for redemption in Israel. She committed herself to prayers and intercession, with fastings for many years. Certainly she encouraged

many to be involved in this ministry. She certainly recruited and organised others to pray for God's revival in Israel. She saw this come in the child Jesus, which she had the privilege to curdle in her arms. Prayer and intercession is a ministry women can be encouraged in. The Bible says, "greater works than this shall you do" (men and women) "because I go to my Father."

**John 14:12;**

***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.***

This promise is made to men and women in Christ.

## **2.6 The Four Daughters of Philip the Evangelist**

**Acts 21: 8-9**

***8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.***

***9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.***

In this scripture we see the four daughters of Philip prophesying. They all ministered to those in the

assembly, both men and women. It was God that gave them a place in their father's ministry. They worked with their father to promote the work of God. Possessing the gift of prophecy they spoke in the church whenever God gave them a message.

## **2.7 Women in Teaching Ministry**

There is also the teaching of the word which women could also participate in doing among the people of God. We must learn how to compare scriptures with scriptures in order to understand the mind of God.

**Acts 18: 24 28,**

***24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.***

***25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.***

***26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.***

***27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:***

***28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ."***

We can see here that when Aquila and Priscilla his wife listened to Apollos they understood that he did not know much about Jesus, although he spoke zealously. The two of them got involved in teaching Apollos the truth about Jesus. Apollos would not forget their dual ministry over his life by the will of God. Through them Apollos became a useful vessel in God's hand. If women teach in secular schools what stops a well learned Christian woman from teaching in a Bible School and in the church? (Where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus). There is no much difference between preaching and teaching. They both aim at communicating knowledge and understanding. If a woman is free to preach, what stops her from teaching? She is instructed to teach also.

**Titus 2:1-5**

***1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:***

***2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.***

***3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;***

***4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,***

***5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.***

If the woman is free to preach to men also as shown by the scripture, certainly she is free also to teach men. This scripture certainly does not limit her teaching ministry to women only. If we take this scripture literally without spiritual understanding, we will forbid the woman to teach children or youth, especially the male ones. So we see here that in whatever a man does, his wife is to follow him and help him. The scripture says He made the woman a suitable helper for man. A man with a teaching ministry who has brought up his wife in a good understanding of scripture, do no wrong to God to make his wife teach along with him in ministry.

When the husband is doing the work of God, the woman is not to fold her arms and say I am just a woman. She is to help him in whatever way she can. The husband drives the car often, the woman also can learn to drive so that when he is weak or something keeps him away from driving, the woman takes over to help him keep the journey in progress.

## **2.8 Husband and Wife in Ministry**

There are many men of God today who have made success in the gospel ministry through employing the help of their wives in the ministry.

## **1 Corinthians 9:5**

**Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?**

Paul is saying here that Peter, James and Jude were married and went about with their wives to play their roles along side with them in the ministry. The word of God says, "I will make an help meet for him."

## **Genesis 2:18.**

***And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.***

Any woman that may function in the Christian ministry of her husband must be born again and humble in spirit. She must not usurp the authority of her husband in the ministry. She must maintain her gifts and calling.

However, there are some ministers who use **1Corinthians 9:5** above to invite a single sister or a married sister to go with them for ministry in other places. You are a woman, a man is inviting you to go with him to a crusade and you agree to go with him all because he is your pastor. Are you his wife? You should know you are going with him for immorality. God respects decency. That is why wisdom must be exercised in ministry when dealing

with the opposite sex. Care and caution must be taken, otherwise you will become ministers of Satan. Let no woman allow herself to be abused because of ministry. Let the pastor go for that crusade with his wife and not a sister, except it is group outreach involving many. Let not your zeal in ministry be evil spoken of, neither give the devil a place. Heed the scriptural instruction:

**1 Corinthians 8:20, 21**

***20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:***

***21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.***

If the pastor's wife is not a believer or is indisposed, he must seek the face of God and counsel from true servants of God for companionship in ministry.

# Chapter 3

## SCRIPTURAL JUSTIFICATION FOR WOMEN MINISTRY

**P**reaching, teaching, praying or prophesying by women in ministry is justified by God according to the following scriptures:

**i) Romans 15:4**

***4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.***

Women ministry was practiced in scripture as we have seen. The woman ministry remains valid till this day.

The prophecy of the scripture showed that godly women should be involved in the gospel ministry at the end time, which is our time. Hence the ministry we see godly women engaged in today is of the Holy Ghost, except those of unruly and godless women, which are known by their fruits.

**ii) Joel 2:28,29**

***28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your***

**sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:**

**29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My spirit.**

iii) **Acts 1:8**

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

The Lord sent baptism of the Holy Ghost upon His sons and daughters to make effective witness (preachers, teachers, workers). Women also receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and are to engage in whatever ministry the Lord gives them for human salvation and the establishment of the saints

iv) **Corinthians 12:1-11**

**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;**

**10 To 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:**

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

Here the gifts of the Spirit are given for ministry in the body of Christ. Christian women also enjoy these gifts by which they edify the saints. Signs follow woman's ministry in the name of Jesus.

v) **Mark 16:17-20**

**17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

**18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

**19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.**

**20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

These things are seen practically among us. All these confirm that the woman has full access to the Christian ministry by the will of God. Signs and wonders follows the ministry in Jesus name. The Lord Himself works with them to confirm their word with signs following. This serve to justify the ministry.

**vi) Matthew 28:19, 20**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

The instruction of the Lord in this scripture does not

only involve preaching to sinners, but teaching the saints. Since women are included in the disciples of Christ, they are included in the commission to preach and teach the converts all the word of God.

By this commission, they have Christ's authority to teach men and women worldwide the gospel message and scriptural doctrines. If they do this faithfully they will see the presence and blessings of Jesus in their ministry. Also contained in this commission is the commandment to baptise the converts in water in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Women ministers have the authority of the Lord to baptise the converts. Where the woman ministers do not baptise converts nor serve communion to worshippers, it is church or denominational doctrine that restricts them, not the word of God. The labourers in the Lord's harvest are few. Women believers are part of the labourers the Lord has recruited for His service.

**Matthew 9:37, 38:**

**37 Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**  
**38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.**

**vii) God Is Glorified By Women Ministry In The Church And In The World.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**



***Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.***

***Romans. 14: 4, 10***

***Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.***

***10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.***

***11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.***

***12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.***

***13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.***

***14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.***

***15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.***

***16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:***

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

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

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

Restrictions must not be placed on women in ministry. The disciples forbid children from coming to Jesus and He rebuked them for such unrighteous action. He wanted the children to come to Him and be blessed by Him. Similarly, let no man or denomination hinder the woman by tradition or doctrine from engaging in gospel ministry among the saints, be they male or female in the congregation. The Lord is unhappy with such.

***John 9-11***

***9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.***

***3Jn 1:10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.***

***3Jn 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.***

**Hebrews 1:1**

**1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.**

**Hebrews 2:1-4**

**1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.**

**2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;**

**3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;**

**4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?**

God speaks in diverse manners to His people. One of the ways He speaks to men is by vision or revelation. The Lord is indiscriminate in the choice of His messengers. He uses children, women and men to communicate His salvation message. Many of us are witnesses to the fact that God has passed great revelation messages through women to the church and the world in our generation. These revelation messages are scriptural and lead men and women to salvation, holiness and faithful service. Some of these revelation messages

involve death or near death experiences. These revelation messages quicken scriptural truths and doctrines which are ignored or forgotten by the church. Those who verify these revelation by the scriptures and believe them to be from God are revived, edified and established in the Lord. If God sends a woman with a message to you as an individual, will you not receive it? If God sends her to the church, will they not give her the platform to deliver it? Let the woman who has the word of God testify it, preach it, teach it, sing it for human salvation and entry into heaven.

**Ezekiel 40:1-4**

**1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither.**

**2 In the visions of God brought He me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.**

**3 And He brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.**

**4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and**

***set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.***

***Revelation 3:22***

***He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.***

## **Chapter 4**

# **SCRIPTURAL CLARIFICATIONS**

### **4.1 Headship**

**1 Corinthians 11:1-6**

***1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.***

***2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.***

***3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.***

***4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.***

***5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.***

***6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.***

This scripture presents three kinds of headship.

## 4.2 The Headship of God over Christ.

Although Christ is God and is one with God, He left His form of God in full glory and authority in heaven and came to earth in the form of man. He came as a servant, a messenger, and was called the Son of God. Hence, God who sent Him is His head Philippians 2:6, 7. On earth He showed full submission to the Father. He sought the glory of God among men and not His own glory. He was obedient unto the Father, doing all that would please Him

### John 5:30

**30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

### John 15:10

**10 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.**

### John 17:4

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

These texts show Christ's subordination to the Father.

## 4.3 The Headship of Christ over the Man.

Jesus Christ is the head of man. He is the Leader and Master over the man.

### Ephesians 1:22, 23

**22 And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church,**

**23 Which is his body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.**

**Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body.**

We all submit to Christ. We seek not our glory, but the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. We obey Him without argument.

## 4.4 The Headship of Man over the Woman.

Man is made the head over the woman. The headship of man over the woman is given in three respects:

### 4.5 In Creation.

When God created the man and the woman, He gave the headship to the man who was first created.

### Genesis 3:16:

**Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**

**1 Corinthians 11:9**

***Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.***

In civil matters worldwide human beings of all traditions have the understanding that man is the head of the woman.

**4.6 In Marriage and Family.**

The God that instituted marriage and the family made it distinctly clear that the man is the head of his wife and of the family. The woman must be submissive to him and obey him in all matters that do not contradict the word of God.

**Ephesians 5:22-24**

***24 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.***

***23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body.***

***24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.***

**4.7 In the Church.**

This headship of man over the woman reflects in the church also, just as the headship of Christ over the man.

**1 Corinthians 11:4-7**

***4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.***

***5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.***

***6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.***

***7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.***

Because Christ is the head of the man, during worship (that is, praying, prophesying, preaching and teaching of God's word), the man should leave his head bare without covering it with a piece of cloth, cap or hat. His bare head should be seen. It is a physical symbolism of the presence and glory of Christ the Head, Leader and Saviour. During this period also, the women should cover their heads with a material head covering to show in a physical sense that man is not in headship and his glory should be covered at such moment for man is the head of the woman and the woman is the glory of the man. To do otherwise as practiced in some places of worship is contrary to the scripture. However, the head covering by woman is not a thing to be done at all times and in every place. It is observed only during formal sessions of worship to God and in her prayers to God.

## 4.8 Let the Women Keep Silence

**1 Corinthians 14:33-40;**

*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

*34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.*

*35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.*

*36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?*

*37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*

*38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.*

*39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*

*40 Let all things be done decently and in order.*

In our study so far we have understood by the scriptures that women are authorized by Christ to do the following:

i) Preach the gospel as a disciple of Christ.

**Mark 16:15**

*And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

ii) Teach the word of God to converts as soul winners

**Matthew 28:18-20**

*18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.*

*19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

iii) Testify of the works of God in their lives and in the lives of others in Christ.

**Psalm 107:2**

*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy*

iv) Sing in the worship of God in the church.

**Ephesians 5:19, 20:**

*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

*20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

v) Prophecy: speak to men for their edification, exhortation and comfort

### **1 Corinthians 11:5**

***But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.***

14:3

***But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.***

***Acts 21:8, 9***

***8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.***

***9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.***

All these activities involve speaking and talking. Women have scriptural authority to speak in these respects in the church. By Comparing scriptures with scriptures the meaning of scriptural texts comes alive and misinterpretations and confusions are removed.

### **1 Corinthians 2:13**

***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***

## **4.9 Understanding the Text**

When we consider the full text where this instruction is given, we will see the following:

- i. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.
- ii. Let the woman keep silence in the church
- iii. It is not permitted unto them to speak
- iv. They are commanded to be under obedience as saith also the law
- v. If they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home
- vi. It is a shame for women to speak in the church
- vii. This is the commandment of God
- viii. The women should not be forbidden to speak in tongues in the church
- ix. Let all things be done decently and in order

Considering the scriptural rights God has given to the Christian woman to speak, preach, teach, prophesy in the church, we know that it is not in these respects **1 Corinthians 14:34,35** speaks of; for the scripture is not divided against itself. Hence it is not in these respects that 1 Corinthians 14:34,35 says:

- i. The woman should keep silence in the church
- ii. It is not permitted unto them to speak
- iii. It is a shame for the woman to speak in the church

## 4.10 The Problem Caused by Women in the Church

We see in the following statements in the text, the problem women caused in the church.

- i. Confusion among the brethren.
- ii. Disobedience to the authority of men
- iii. Insubordination to leadership
- iv. Indecency and disorderliness.

These are acts of ungodliness that warranted the commandment given to women in this passage. This prohibition is definitely not the rule in every assembly. These rules are not unconditional. Where there is truth, righteousness and holiness in women, these rules certainly are not applicable. But in any congregation where the women are disobedient, unruly and exhibit insubordination and undue interference in the civil and administrative matters of the church, these rules apply. The woman's free and unhindered operation in the church requires her full commitment to scriptural truth and practical righteousness and holiness.

**2 Timothy 1:9, 10.**

***Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless, for the ungodly and for sinners for unholy and profane for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,***

***10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.***

Women like Deborah, Huldah and Priscilla will not need these rules to be set against them because they knew well the righteousness and holiness required of them and are humble enough not to underrate the authority of men. In a congregation where the women are not given to righteousness and holiness these rules must be applied to keep them from destroying the church through their carnal zeal and unrighteous interference. Many women get emotional and have not the courage to face issues of sin and rebellion in the church squarely as men do. This control is required over such to keep the church peaceful and righteous.

## 4.11 I Suffer Not a Woman to Teach

**1 Timothy 2:11-15**

***11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.***

***12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.***

***13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.***

***14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.***

***15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.***



We must again know that this passage is dealing with the case of the woman's disobedience, unruliness and insubordination to divine authority set over her. It is a repetition of the instruction given to the Corinthian Christians on the need to place control over unholy women. The passage above is analyzed as follows:

- i. Let the woman learn in silence
- ii. Let the woman be with all subjection
- iii. I do not allow the woman to teach
- iv. I do not allow the woman to usurp authority over the man
- v. But she is to be in silence
- vi. Adam was formed before Eve
- vii. Adam was not deceived
- viii. The woman was deceived
- ix. She brought the sin on Adam

This was why God allow suffering in childbearing

### **Gen 3:16**

***Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.***

- x. However, she shall be saved in children
- xi. Let them continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety

Comparing scripture with scripture, we should know that the passage before us forbidding the woman to

teach the word of God and commanding her to learn in silence is not an absolute and unconditional scripture. As shown already in scripture the woman has the right to prophesy: speak to others for their edification, exhortation and comfort. She is given authority as a disciple of Christ to preach the gospel inside and outside the church all over the world. One who is preaching often goes into teaching unaware because the two go together. As one authorized to make disciples, the Christian woman is also authorized to teach them to observe all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded in the scripture. She is also specifically commanded to teach Christian women on issues of righteousness and holiness.

### **Titus 2:3, 4**

***3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;***

***4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,***

Since the scripture does not contradict itself, we must seek to know what this scriptural passage seeks to achieve in the life of Christian women.

## 4.12 Reason for the fall of Man in the Garden

**Genesis 3:1-12**

**1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

**3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

**4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

**5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

**6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

**7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

**8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and

**Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.**

**9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Whereart thou?

**10** And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

**11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

**12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Adam was formed in creation before the woman, Eve. The person who had the dialogue with the serpent was the woman. Satan feared he would not succeed in his ploy if he attacked Adam. He found some natural qualities in Eve that favoured his ploy. When he engaged her, he got her deceived and inspired to involve Adam in the disobedience. Hence she was responsible for the transgression. The cause being that she was forward. If she had understood and practiced subjection to the man the fall would not have happened. Man would have withstood Satan. In her ignorance she “usurped” the place of man and collapsed the human race. She suffered the judgment by the decree set upon her child bearing.

### 4.13 Caution in the Church

The Holy Spirit would not allow this scene to be repeated in the church. The woman must be properly checked and supervised so that she does not bring sin into the church of Christ and damn human souls. To usurp authority means to hijack power, to seize authority. It means to stage a coup over the man and take over authority to lead and rule. This is evil. The “teaching” by the woman condemned in this passage carries the same meaning. It is something done contrary to godly authority. It is something done in stubbornness and pride, carrying no grace. It is a service of carnality done in contention and struggle against the man; that which the man is to do which is taken over by the heady woman. The authority of man in the church is hijacked by her. The leadership of the church is hijacked from man and she becomes the commander-in-chief. This must not happen. The woman must put on her shamefacedness and be sober in the church. She must recognize the natural headship of man, the divine headship committed to man and be in all subjection to the leadership of man over the work of God. This scriptural passage is better understood by the following scripture

#### Revelation 2:20-23

**20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to**

**teach and to seduce My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**

**21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.**

**22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.**

**23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

The wives must not usurp or hijack the authority of their husbands in the family. Many women do this and ruin their marriage and family. This is an evil the holy Christian woman must not do.

#### 1 Peter 3:4-6.

**4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

**5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:**

**6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.**

## 4.14 Women in leadership

### 1 Peter 3:7

***Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.***

The woman must realize her frame and seek protection and covering by submitting to this instruction. She is said to be a weaker vessel. By nature some special qualities are built into her by God in creation for desirable service to God and to men. But Satan takes advantage of these qualities to deceive her, destroy her and use her to destroy others. There are some qualities men possess and service they can render that are peculiar to them. Can a woman be a leader, a pastor? Yes, as we see in Deborah, she was indeed a leader and a “pastor” but she sought covering from man. She was meek and humble and recognized the authority of men over her.

### ***Judges 4:4- 6***

***4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.***

***5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.***

***6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?***

### ***Judges 5:9***

***My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.***

Apart from submission to her husband for counseling and guidance, the Lord gave a Barak to stand with her. She was sufficiently submissive to man's authority, though divinely anointed. Similarly, Priscilla in the New Testament was submissive to the authority of her husband with whom she served in the ministry.

The world of our time appears to carry the characteristics of Prophetess Deborah's time. The devil has done great harm to men. Men have fled away from the presence of God. They are scanty in the church. They are given to the world and have abandoned the work of God. The Lord is giving ministries to women to lead the world and the church through the final repentance and revival before the rapture. Let not the way of the women be blocked by traditions and doctrines that are

contrary to scripture. It is the Lord who has loosed the knots of scriptural passages many have used to deprive women labourers from entering into the harvest fields of their most loved Lord and Saviour to reap fruit unto eternal life. Now with these scriptural interpretations and open door set before the holy women, let the women go into the Lord's harvest for the coming of the Lord is at the door! Amen.

### **Revelation 3:8**

***I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee (woman) open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.***

# Chapter 5

## THE SCRIPTURES ON THE HOLY WOMAN AND HER MINISTRY

### **5.1 New Birth**

***II Corinthians 5:17,***

**Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

The woman who desires to serve God must be born again. She must show clear evidence of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. Her household and the people around her must attest to her new life and the righteousness of Christ in her.

### **5.2 Sanctification and Heart Purity**

***Ephesians 5:25-27,***

***25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;***

***26 That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,***

***27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.***

Sanctification is a separate experience of grace required in one who is already born again. A woman who is already born again requires sanctification of heart or heart cleansing as a second divine touch.

### **1Thessalonians 4:3**

***3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:***

By this experience her heart is given a second cleansing by the blood of Christ and operation of the Holy spirit through the word of God, by which she is rendered holy and pure in heart to serve God and relate with men and women in the church and in the world unblameable.

### **1Thessalonians. 3:12, 13;**

***12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:***

***13 To the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.***

### **1Thessalonians 5:23**

***23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Pray earnestly and persistently for your sanctification which God gives to all believers who desire to serve Him committedly daily in righteousness and holiness all the days of their lives.

### **5.3 Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

**Joel 2:28, 29**

***28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:***

***29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My spirit.***

**Acts 1:8;**

***8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

**Acts 2:14**

***14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren***

Holy Spirit baptism is God's promise for His sons and daughters. The main purpose for baptism with the Holy Spirit as shown clearly by the scriptures is

for the Christian service. The power received by this baptism works effectually in the believer and Christian minister to be more effective, fruitful and untiring in the Lord's business. Understand that those who are in Christ can be in ministry for God, but they become more effective, victorious, conquering and fruitful after baptism with the Holy Spirit. This baptism is evidenced by speaking in tongue by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The promise of Spirit baptism was made for daughters as well as sons of God. Women in the upper room were also filled with the Holy Spirit. This is scriptural evidence that a woman can go into whichever ministry God has called her. Pray earnestly for baptism of the Holy Spirit for effective ministry in the body of Christ.

#### **Luke 11:13**

***13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?***

Ask also for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for a rich ministry.

#### **Hebrews 2:4**

***4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?***

#### **5.4 Christian Restitution**

***Ezekiel 33:14-16;***

***14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;***

***15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.***

***16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.***

***Matthew. 5:23-24***

***23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;***

***24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.***

Restitution is the word used to denote the settlement of past wrong doings required of one who has believed in Christ. This involves apologizing to the owners of items one has stolen or appropriated fraudulently and returning those items unless the owner chooses to forgive the offender and says does not require them. Restitution also involves uncovering lies told and apologizing for them, confessing and ceasing from false documents results and claims. It is required also of a true believer to settle sour relationships in order to

live in peace and holiness before God and men.

**Hebrews 12:14, Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.**

Sufficient prayers and counsel from true and holy men and women of God are required before carrying out some delicate restitution, especially those involving others who are still unbelievers.

**Prov. 11:14**

**Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

**James 1:5**

**If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**

### **5.5 Godly Dressing and Adornment**

**Romans 12:2.**

**2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

**1 Timothy 2:4;10.**

**4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

**10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.**

**1 Peter 3:1-4.**

**Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;**

**2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.**

**3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;**

**4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**

**II Corinthians 7:1**

**Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

God demands holiness within and without from Christian women and men ministers. Perming, Jerry curling, hair attachment, cortex, lipsticks, jewelries, painting of the body, long nails, artificiality in adornment, weave-on and others in their class are filthy properties that defile a believer before God. Holiness demands that all these be removed from bodily dressing, including perfumes and the wedding ring. Trousers also called pants, short



skirts, tight fitting skirts, blouses and gowns, see through dresses, low necks exposing the women sensitive body parts are considered the dresses of harlots.

**Proverb 7:10**

***And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.***

The braiding or plaiting of hair does not refer to the natural way some women keep their hair but rather to ungodly, fashionable and worldly hairdo practiced by women whose drive is beauty and advertisement of themselves before men. They are children of the devil following his evil designs and fashions. They are known by their fruits.

***Matthew 12:33, Either 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.***

The dresses of a holy woman minister must go well below her knees with enough allowance that they do not pull back in her sitting position. To sit down and your knees are seen is to display unholiness in the sight of God. Equally loathsome is when in your dressing your armpits or breast region are bare. The holy woman's dressing must befit her message before her audience.

**5.6 Chastity of the Unmarried Sister**

***Ruth 3:10***

***10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.***

***1 Timothy 5:2***

***2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.***

The single lady or widow in the Lord's service must keep herself pure and spotless. She must not corrupt her tongue or be corrupted by men because of money or careless living. She must not practice masturbation or lesbianism. Purity must be seen in her relationships and interactions.

***1Tim. 5:2. The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.***

Her marital procedures must be scripturally right and clean. The person she accepts to marry must be a true child of God, possessing evidence of salvation and well-spoken of by the believers. The courtship, dowry payment and marital consummation must be well supervised by the church and should be with the fear of God.

**Heb.13:4.**

***Marriage ishonourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.***

### **5.7 Proper Marriage Union**

***John 4:16-18***

***16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.***

***17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:***

***18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.***

**Romans 7:2,3**

***2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.***

***3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.***

**1Corinthians 7:10,11**

***10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:***

***11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.***

The Christian woman must be in a proper and biblical marital relationship. The woman of Samaria got would need to get her marriage life corrected in order to continue with the Lord and serve Him. That would require scriptural guide and counsel of mature ministers to identify her lawful husband among the six men she had married. To continue in a wrong marriage relationship is to forfeit the Christian life and ministry. Illegal marriage keeps one in sin and death. If the husband is not converted, she is to remain with him in marriage, while doing her service to God, how much more when the husband is also in Christ. However, if there is a crisis that both her and the elders of the church cannot handle that warrants separation, she must remain unmarried or get reconciled back to her husband when the situation is under control.

### **5.8 Headship and Head Covering**

***1Corinthians 11:3-7, 15***

***3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.***

***4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.***

***5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her***

**head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.**

**6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.**

**7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.**

**15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.**

As Christ is the head of the man, even so the man is the head of the woman. The woman is commanded to cover her head with a veil when praying or prophesying to show that during spiritual worship of God the authority of man is not to be displayed, but that of Christ. Outside this formal spiritual activity, the woman is not under compulsion to cover her head with a piece of cloth or a head covering. This is because God has given her long hair which covers her head. The long hair on the woman's head is for her glory. The Christian women must not worship in the church or partake in a formal spiritual worship activity anywhere with her head bare. To pray or preach with your head bare is disobedience to the word of God.

**1Corinthians 11:10**

**For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.**

## 5.9 Submission to the Husband

**Ephesians 5:22-24**

**22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.**

**5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body.**

**5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**

**Colossians 4:18**

**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.**

**1Peter 3:1, 2**

**Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;**

**2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.**

Wives are commanded in scripture to obey and submit to their own husbands in everything as the church obeys and submits to Christ. The headship of the husband, even the unbelieving one, over the wife, is compared to the headship of Christ over the church. The submission of the wife to her husband should be in the same degree as the submission of the church to Christ. The Christian wives should obey and submit to their unbelieving husbands to the point that some of them can become converted

by observing the godly and unblemished life of their wives. However, the submission by the wife to her husband should be “as it is fit in the Lord”. Submission to the husband does not involve satisfying his sinful passions or obeying his ungodly demands and commands. The husband is not the owner of her soul but God and she is no where instructed to jeopardize her eternal life in order to maintain the earthly marriage union. As the three Hebrews children answered King Nebuchadnezzar, so must a Christian wife humbly but firmly answer her husband when he goes evil in demand and exercise of authority over her. The marriage relationship and its earthly privileges should be despised when the husband demands submission of the wife to his idols and Satan. God, is able to keep her in the marriage if he so wishes. She must not lose her soul to hell because of the fierceness of her husband. If God chooses not to preserve her in the marriage, she should be ready to terminate the marriage for the sake of her Lord Jesus and her eternal soul, not minding, whatever she may suffer.

#### **Daniel. 3:16-18**

**16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.**

**17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.**

**18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the**

***golden image which thou hast set up.***

***Acts 4:19,20***

***19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.***

***20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.***

***Acts 5:29, Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.***

The Apostles in this way withstood the ungodly leaders of the Jews that intended to ruin the Christian faith.

#### **5.10 Conjugal Relationship**

**1Corinthians 7:1-5**

***1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.***

***2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.***

***3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.***

***4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.***

**5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.**  
**Proverbs 24:3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:**  
**Proverbs 14:1, Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.**

The sexual relationship between the Christian woman and her husband must be treated with scriptural obedience and wisdom. The woman must seek to satisfy her husband so that she does not open door to the devil to frustrate her Christian life and ministry. She should know that fasting does not require ceasure of marital sex, except it is to be engaged in for many days. In case one desires to engage in long fasting, mutual discussion and agreement is required. Appropriate family planning method should be adopted to allow for the sexual relationship to continue. Soft and gentle words is required to prevent the husband from sex in times of tiredness, indisposition, sickness or genuine difficulties. The sexual life of the marriage must be sufficiently covered by prayer to keep the devil off from it. The blessing of the Lord should be sought upon it so it may bless the marriage with pleasures. Patience and prayers are required over some husbands in this area.

## Chapter 6

### THE SCRIPTURES ON THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN AND HER MINISTRY

#### 6.1 Wisdom and Caution for Women Ministers 1Corinthians 7:32-34

**32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:**  
**33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.**

**34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.**

#### Titus 2:3-5

**3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;**

**4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,**

**5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**

The single Christian sister has abundant opportunity to serve the Lord to every extent. She does not suffer restriction due to a husband or children. She has all the time to pray, study, sing, attend programmes far and near, go for vigil, do marathon fasts, go for crusades and evangelism. She that is married should know that it is not expected of her to go to the extent the single sister goes. To do so is to neglect her husband and the household and make the name of the Lord a reproach. The Christian wife must satisfy all her obligations towards her husband, children and household. She must do all things so that even if the husband is ungodly, he will not have a just cause to hinder her from doing God's service. Christian women should know that the human society sees the women as weaker vessels and does not expect them to play "wild and rough" in ministry. The risks which Christian men can take in ministry in the society may have to be avoided by the women. Such may be permitted for the men, but not the women. Let the Christian woman submit herself to God and to those the Lord has brought her under that she may be directed and guided to a fulfilled ministry.

**Psalm 32:8, I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye.**

**Isaiah 48:17-19**

**17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.**

**18 O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:**

**19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.**

**6.2 Go into All the World and Preach**

**Mark 16:15-20**

**15 And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

**17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

**18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

**19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.**

**20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

The woman is a disciple of the Lord Jesus and shares in the responsibilities of the commission or command given in the scripture. By the above scripture she is expected to do the following:

- i. Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
- ii. Baptize those who believe in the Lord Jesus among them.
- iii. Have signs following her ministry: speaking in tongues, casting out devils, taking poison without hurt, matching on serpents without hurt, laying hands on the sick and they will recover.
- iv. The Lord Jesus Christ works with women disciples who obey this command to confirm their words with signs following.

If God leads a woman to raise her up in a community where there is no gospel, she should arise to obey the Lord's commission on her. However, a woman who is in an established church where men function should submit herself under authority and function as she is assigned without contention. A woman's gift will certainly make a way for her and bring her before great men.

### 6.3 Teach them to observe all things

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

The Christian woman is a disciple of Christ just as the Christian man. This commission is also directed to her and is as follows:

- i. Go ye therefore and teach all nations.
- ii. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- iii. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.
- iv. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

This scripture authorizes the Christian woman to preach the gospel in order to raise disciples for Christ wherever she is. She is always authorized to teach the converts and the ignorant disciples all the word of God. The Lord has promised to be with her if she faithfully engages in this commission. But the

Christian woman minister should learn how to work among men with all subjection, holiness and understanding. The authority of man must not be usurped at any time.

#### **6.4 Study, Mediate And Obey God's Word**

##### ***Matthew 4:4***

***But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.***

##### ***Psalms 119:9-11,***

***9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.***

***10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.***

***11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.***

##### ***1 Timothy 2:15***

***15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

To maintain the Christian life and be successful in ministry the Christian minister needs to feed on the word of God daily as she feeds on food to maintain her physical body. The minister must never cease reading the scriptures and inspired writings by anointed Christian writers. She takes in sufficient

spiritual nourishment that will sustain her Christian life and enrich her with the Christian message. She should not be denominationally bounded but be open to God to use His anointed servant from wherever He chooses to bless her life.

##### ***1 Timothy 4:13-15,***

***13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.***

***14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.***

***15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.***

#### **6.5 Sound Prayer Life**

##### ***Jeremiah 29:10-12***

***10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.***

***11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.***

***12 Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.***

##### ***Matthew 7:7-8,***

***7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:***



**Mat 7:8**

***For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.***

**Ephesians 6:8**

***Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.***

The woman minister must give herself to prayer. Although she may be surrounded with marital and domestic demand, she has to create time for her God. Prayer is required to keep her in continual holiness before God. It is a vital means for her spiritual strength and mentoring in the Christian life and ministry. Apart from creating time for this, she needs to get a prayer partner to help her prayer labour. Night vigils, prayer and fasting and other prayer methods must be devised and be well participated by her. The God who answers prayers will always be there to prove His faithfulness and for her success and encouragement.

**6.6 Good Fasting life****Matthew 17:21**

***Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.***

Learn to fast. Fast often, but do not abuse your faith life by monotonous and uninspired fasting. Fasting

strengthens your faith and prayer and gives you victory over some strong holds of the enemy. Be sensitive to God's guidance to fasting.

**6.7 Preach and Teach Sound Doctrine****Titus 1:1-2**

***1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;***

***2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;***

**2 Timothy 2:2**

***2 And the things that thou hast heard of Me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.***

Preach the truth as you have learned in righteous and holy ministers. It is the truth that produces repentance from sin and holy living among believers. The truth gives the hearer freedom from sin, Satan and the world. Preach God's truth and love, truth and wisdom, truth and service. Emphasize truth, righteousness and holiness to your audience. Human blessings are found in obedience to God's scriptural truths. Remember that it is as you practice and preach those doctrines of truth that you and those you minister to can inherit eternal life.

**1 Timothy 4:16** *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

### 6.8 Have Faith in God for Your Ministry

**Mark 11:22**

*And Jesering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

**Genesis 15:1**

*After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

**Romans 1:17**

*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Learn to live by faith in God. Trust absolutely in God in God. Depend on Him for your provision, protection, power for service, and progress. Believe the promises God has made to you. Through faith in God you can confront oppositions on your way. Through faith you shall finish well and die in righteousness and holiness or be a partaker in the rapture of the saint.

**Hebrew 11:1-3,6**

*1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

*3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*

### 6.9 Support in Ministry

**Act 20:33-35**

*33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.*

*34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.*

*35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

**1 Corinthians 9:14-15**

*14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.*

*15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.*

Some ministries are small enough to be run by the women ministers without much need of human material and financial support. But some require these because of the size of the ministry. God will provide the support. He who gave the ministry will supply all that are necessary to run it successfully and righteously. He will stir financial and material support from the right source. However, we learn from Apostle Paul that the minister should be personally involved in providing and supporting her ministry where she can. Paul was into paid labour, engaging himself in his craft here and there to provide for himself and those working with him. He said he did this so that people will not blaspheme his gospel service on account of his financial demands. The women minister should never preach for money nor cajole the people of God into unwilling and ungodly giving. False prophecies, promises and miracles must be hated and resisted to the end, or her life never should she be in a rush to grow the ministry. She must work in peace, giving thanks for the little she is achieving for the Lord. She must avoid association with ungodly and deceitful workers. She must watch and pray over those who want to join or support the ministry to ensure God sent them.

### **6.10 Expect Your Rewards from God**

#### **Revelation 22:12**

***12 And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.***

### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

***58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.***

### **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

***6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.***

***7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:***

***8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.***

All that labour for the Lord in true and righteous ministry both man and woman shall be rewarded according to their works. Labour for the rewards that come from God. Make sure you keep yourself in truth, righteousness and holiness so that you may enter heaven and enjoy great rewards that awaits you. Know that God rewards His faithful servants on earth also.

Holiness and righteousness is the key to an acceptable and fruitful women ministry.

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.**

**2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.**

**3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.**

**4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.**

**5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**

**6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:**

**7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**

**8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**

# Chapter 7

## PREACH WHAT JESUS AND THE APOSTLES PREACHED

**E**veryone desiring to enter heaven must preach what Jesus Christ and His apostles preached. You will also have the same result they had and will receive His commendation as a good and faithful minister. The following are key messages of the Bible to be preached and taught besides the whole Bible. Preachers must preach the balanced gospel and labour in the word and doctrine to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus to God the Father for His eternal possession.

### II Tim 3:15-17

**15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**

**17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works**

As you study the Bible carefully note the following cardinal message preached by Christ and the apostle inspired by the spirit of Christ presented here. Believe and practice all the word of God that you may have entrance into heaven and the everlasting kingdom of God.

### 2 Peter 1: 8-11

**8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see far off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail:**

**11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.**

Please preach the full Bible message to others also for their salvation, holiness and eternal life. Many are ignorant of these truths

### 2 Tim 2:2

**And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

**Matt 28: 18-20**

**18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**1 Tim 4: 6**

**If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.**

**2 Tim 4:11-16:**

**11 These things command and teach.**

**12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in purity.**

**13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.**

**14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.**

**15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself**

**16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

**THE TRINITY AND SUPREMACY OF THE GODHEAD**

**The Holy Scripture**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The Holy Scripture is the word of God written by the inspiration of God, having final authority in all matters that concern men on earth and in the doctrines, activities and administration of the church of Christ in the world. The scripture is pure, perfect, powerful, and eternal. Its commandments are binding on all men. Its prophecies never fail. Its promises are dependable. Its central message is Jesus Christ and its offer is eternal with God. Its life is righteousness and holiness in Christ. Its ultimate promise is heaven. Its writers were perfectly inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Scripture, the Bible, is made up of 66 books, beginning with the book of Genesis and ending with the book of Revelation. The Scripture is called the word of God, or the word of Christ. Nothing must be added to it and nothing must be subtracted from it. All prophecies and revelations in the church must be authenticated by the scripture.

**Matthew 5:17-20**

**17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

**18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and**

***earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***

***19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***

***20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.***

**2 Timothy 3:15-17:**

***15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

***16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

***17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***

### **Trinity of the Godhead**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

God is one Person in three separate individuals called the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and three separate individuals in one Person called God, Lord, Jehovah, Creator. The Father, the Son

Jesus and the Holy Spirit exist from eternity to eternity. The Son came to the world to save men from sin, Satan and eternal death and give them eternal life, the life of God. On earth He bore the name Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 28:19**

***Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:***

**Mark 12:29**

***And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.***

**1 John 5:7**

***For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.***

### **Christ's Complete Victory Over Satan**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Jesus Christ is Lord and creator of Satan and his demon host. Jesus destroyed Satan and his kingdom on the cross. He did this to give men total freedom from the power and influence of Satan. In Christ those oppressed by the devil receive complete deliverance.

Jesus is Lord in heaven, on earth and under the earth. At the mention of His name Satan and his kingdom bow in total surrender! Christ's triumphant victory over Satan and his kingdom has been given **to all who believe on Him. Believers can**

**exercise this authority through faith in the word of God and the use of the name of Jesus.**

**Luke 10:17-20:**

***17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.***

***18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.***

***19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

***20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***

**Colossians 2:14, 15:**

***14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;***

***15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.***

### **The Judgment Of God On Sinners**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: God is the great and righteous Judge. Sinners and backsliders suffer His Judgment one way or the other in this world for their evil and wicked works and

in the life to come He will sentence them to everlasting condemnation.

**Luke 12:5**

***But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him.***

**Hebrews 10:30, 31:**

***30 For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people.***

***31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

### **The rewards of God for the righteous**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: God rewards the good deeds done by His righteous Children. It will be unrighteousness on the part of God not to reward the works of righteousness done by His righteous children. Hence believers should not be weary in well doing, for they shall be rewarded. God rewards the righteous both in this life and in the life to come.

**Mark 10:28 -30**

***28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.***

***29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,***



**30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.**

Hebrews 6:9-18:

**9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.**

**10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

**11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

**12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

**13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He sware by Himself,**

**14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.**

**15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.**

**16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.**

**17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:**

**18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.**

### **Salvation In Jesus Christ Alone**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Only in Jesus can men find the way, the truth and eternal life. He is the only way to God in heaven. Human beings on earth can be saved from sin and eternal damnation in hell fire only through Jesus. There is no religion, prophet, wise man or name in the whole universe that can bring salvation from sin and eternal death. Jesus is the universal Saviour and Lord.

**John 8:24**

**I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**

**Acts 4:10-12:**

**10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

***11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.***

***12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.***

**The Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

## Chapter 8

# RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS IN CHRIST

**J**esus Christ and the apostles preached that: As man on earth living among men, Jesus suffered in the hands of wicked men. His claim as the Lord and Saviour of the world and the Son of God was rejected. He was crucified on the cross. He died, was buried, but resurrected the third day and went back to heaven. He satisfied what God required for men's salvation from sin and eternal damnation and for their possession of eternal life. Now men in the world can be saved and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 16:21**

***From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.***

### **1Corinthians 15:1-4**

***1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;***

**2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**

**3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**4 And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.**

### **Repentance From Sin**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

A sinner who desires salvation from his sins and a new life of righteousness found in Christ must hate his sins and turn away from them. The works of the flesh must be rejected: fornication, idolatry, witchcraft, drunkenness, corruption, malice, stealing, lying, anger, backbiting, etc. Complete turning away from sin is required in order to receive the free offer of salvation that is in Jesus Christ.

### **Luke 13:3**

**I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

### **Acts 8:22, 23**

**22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.**

**23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.**

### **Faith In Christ For Salvation**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

A sinner who has repented from his sins needs to exercise faith on the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in order to receive salvation from sin and the power to live a righteous life. This requires inviting Jesus into his life to be his Lord and Saviour. Salvation from sin is also known as forgiveness of sin, born again, the new birth, regeneration, justification, and reconciliation.

### **John 3:14-18**

**14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

**15 That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

**16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.**

**18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

**John 1:9-13:**

**9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**

**10 He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew him not.**

**11 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.**

**12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:**

**13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**Restitution: Correcting Past Wrong Doings**

Genesis 20:1-18; Lev. 6:1-7; Ezekiel 33:14-16; Luke 19:1-10.

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

A person who has given his life to Jesus needs to make amendment or rectify the errors of his life where the scriptures specify so. Such include making peace with offended persons, making apology, returning stolen property, confessing hidden crimes to appropriate persons, making correction in marriage (in case of unscriptural marriage such as marrying two wives, marrying somebody else's wife or husband, divorcing one's first wife or husband), relinquishing false claims, certificates or results. This is required in order to have peace of righteousness and a conscience void of offence towards God and man.

**Matthew 5:23-26:**

**23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;**

**24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.**

**25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.**

**26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.**

**Acts 24:16**

**And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.**

**Philemon 1:17-19**

**17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.**

**18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;**

**19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.**

### **Sanctification Of Heart**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: One who has believed in Christ still requires an experience of grace called sanctification. Jesus prayed that His disciples might be sanctified. Sanctification is an experience which a believer receives from God by faith. The believer who is sanctified receives inner cleansing from the remains of sin in his heart and is purged from inward struggles and defilement of pride, anger, malice, lust, greed, bitterness etc which often overcomes the believer. Sanctification does in a believer what rinsing does in a cloth that has been washed with detergent. After salvation experience, the believer needs the experience of sanctification for heart purity and holiness. A believer needs consecration, prayer and faith to receive this experience from God. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Sanctification experience makes the believer's heart clean and pure. Sanctification also means consecration or dedication to God's use. Christ dedicated Himself for salvation and holiness of man..

#### **John 17:16 -20**

**16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

**17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

**18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**

**19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

**20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

#### **Ephesians 5:25-27**

**25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

**26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

**27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

### **The Fruit Of The Spirit**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Those who believe in Christ have the Spirit of Christ indwelling them. This Spirit sheds in them spiritual virtues of love, joy, peace, faith, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, self control. Every believer should avail himself for the development of the fruit of the Spirit to make his light shine before men in righteousness and holiness so that they may glorify God on his behalf.

#### **Matthew 5:14-16:**

**14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

**15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

**16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**Galatians 5:22-25**

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

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

**24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

**25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

**Believers Are Not Of The World**

Genesis 35:1-5; Exodus 33:4-6; Proverbs 7:10; Isaiah 3:16-24; 1Timothy 2:18-10; 1Peter 3:3-4; Numbers 31:50.

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour have become children of God. They are not of the world and so must not love the world nor the things of the world. They must not speak, walk, dress or act like the sinners in the world. They must steer clear from worldly dressing, clothing, make-up and styles. They must not use jewelry which include earrings, nose rings, necklace, chains, bracelets, rings, wedding rings,

and beads. They must not perm or jerry curl their hair. They must not use hair attachment, weave-on, cortex, lipsticks. They must not use body revealing dresses. The women must not use trousers, miniskirts and any kind of indecent dresses. The men too must not cut their hair in worldly styles nor dress ungodly. Their hearts must not be set on the riches or fanciful things of this world. Believers must abstain from worldly music and dancing and must not bring that into the church for the worship of God

**Matthew 6:19-24**

**19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:**

**20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**

**21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

**22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

**23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!**

**24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

**John 17:14**

***I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.***

**1 John 2:15-17:**

***15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***

***16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***

***17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.***

**Revelation 17:1-5**

***1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:***

**Believers Victory Over Temptation, Persecution And Suffering**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

All men in the world, believers or unbelievers, suffer temptation. The tempter is the devil. His aim is to cause the one tempted to fall into sin and suffer death penalty from God. Temptation can come in various ways and from various sources. Believers

are advised to be sober and vigilant, to watch and pray that they may not fall into temptation. Where required the believer may have to flee from the object of temptation, to cut off his right hand, pluck out his right eye, etc, in order not to fall into sin and damn his soul in eternal hell. God's grace is sufficient for anyone who looks to Him for help in times of temptation. Again it is normal for Christ's followers to suffer persecution and to face various kinds of challenges in life for righteousness and Christian service. These should be faced with faith, prayers and thanksgiving to God who is our Comforter, Sustainer, Provider, Wisdom, and Victory. Believers must take the challenges of life patiently.

**Matthew 26:41**

***Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.***

**Matthew 5:9-12**

***9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.***

***10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.***

**12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

**James 1:13-15**

**13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:**

**14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

**15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**

**Hebrews 2:18**

**For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

**There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

**Supremacy of Love**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The greatest commandment or the summary of all the commandments of God is love. Man is to love God supremely and to love his neighbour as himself. True Christian love for God and fellow men

keeps the believer free from sin and evil. To love God means to keep His commandments. Believers are to have sincere love for one another and for fellow men.

**Mark 12:29-33:**

**29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:**

**30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

**31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

**32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:**

**33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

**Romans 13:8-10:**

**8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.**



**9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

**10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

**Necessity of Prayer**

## Chapter 9

# BELIEVERS' POWER AND AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

**J**esus Christ and the apostles preached that: Prayer is an important duty for every believer. Prayer is talking with God. It gives the believer the privilege to express himself satisfactorily in a child-to-Father Relationship with God. Through prayer a believer can receive the desires of his heart from God. Prayer gives the believer the privilege to affect the lives of others in the world through the power of God. Prayer gives the believer power over Satan and his wicked system. We are to pray in the name of Jesus. We must pray according to God's word and promises, according to God's will. Men ought always to pray and not to faint. Men must repent from all sins and come to righteousness for their prayer to be answered by God.

**Matthew 6:9-15**

**9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

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

**11 Give us this day our daily bread.**

**12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

**15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

**James 5:13-16:**

**13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.**

**14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:**

**15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

**16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

**17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.**

**18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.**

### **Necessity of Faith**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Faith is indispensable for living. To live one must have faith in God, faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, faith on His word and promises and faith in the name of Jesus. God can only be pleased by those that come to Him by faith. All things are possible to him that believes in God and His word.

**Mark 11:22-24**

**22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.**

**23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

**24 Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

**Romans 1:16, 17:**

**16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

**17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

**Fasting**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Fasting is a spiritual discipline in which a believer abstains from food, solid and liquid. It may also involve abstaining from water. Fasting is a spiritual discipline required of every believer. Fasting strengthens the spiritual life of believers. There are some circumstances or forces of evil that only submit when prayer is backed up by fasting.

**Matthew 17:19-21**

**19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?**

**20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

**21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

**Acts 13:1-3**

**1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.**

**2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

**3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

**Healing, Deliverance, Miracles And Prosperity In Christ**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Men can find healing, deliverance and miracles through faith in Christ. Christ did not only suffer and die to provide salvation from sin, but also to restore the sick to health, deliver the oppressed from the devil and provide the needs of men on the earth. His blessings and prosperity are freely available to all who come to Him in faith. Through faith in Christ Jesus we can be healed of all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Through faith in Christ we can prosper in the work of our hands.

**Luke 4:18, 19**

**18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

**19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

**3 John 1:2**

**Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**

## EVANGELISM AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

### Baptism With The Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

One who is born again is promised the baptism with the Holy Spirit. This is called the promise of the Father. Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the infilling of a believer with the power of Holy Spirit. This is required for effective and fruitful Christian service. The evidence of baptism with the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. Every believer has the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Christ in him. But not every believer is baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit baptism a believer needs to believe that it is God's will for him. In hunger and thirst for the baptism with the Holy Spirit, he needs to seek the face of the Lord in importunate prayer and faith for this experience.

#### **Acts 1:5, 8**

***5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.***

***8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

#### **Acts 2:4, 38, 39**

***4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

***38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***

***39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.***

### The Great Commission

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

All disciples of Christ are commissioned by the Lord to go into the world and preach the gospel to every human creature. The commission given entails going out to tell the sinners everywhere the good news of salvation in Christ, baptizing those who accept or believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and teaching the believers all the word of God. This involves personal evangelism, crusade evangelism, literature evangelism, media evangelism and every legitimate way of passing the gospel of Jesus to the perishing world. The great commission has two components. Firstly, to bring sinners to faith in Christ for their salvation from sin. Secondly, to teach the believers or disciples all the word of God written in the Bible. This is required for their freedom, righteousness, holiness, victory, fruitfulness, and eternal life. It is not enough for a man to be born again, he needs to know and practice scriptural truths and doctrines required for

the security of his Christian faith. Without full obedience to every word of God and holiness, no man shall see the Lord. It is not good to be in ignorance. Ignorance of the requirements of eternal life will hinder one from possessing it. All true believers and churches are working for one cause and so should learn to work together where required to win the world for Jesus. The great commission calls for wisdom and dedication in Christ's disciples.

#### **Mark 16:15-18**

**15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

**17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

**18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

#### **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

**1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**

**3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

**4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:27, 28**

**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.**

#### **Ministerial Calling**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

All believers are given one or more gift to minister in the service of God. It is God that distributes these gifts to His Children according to His will. Every believer should trade with his gift of grace.

However, there is special calling into special function and office which God gives to whom He wills. No man takes this honour to himself. The things of God are not carnal but spiritual. It is God that calls to the office of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher. It is God that knows and calls people to be General overseer over Churches and ministries. To assume an office which God did not give you is to hurt the course of Christ and the lives of men. Hence ministerial office is not only attained to by desire, but by biblical qualifications and divine call. God equips His ministers with spiritual gifts for effective ministry among men.

**Matthew 4:18-22**

**18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.**

**19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

**20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.**

**21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.**

**22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.**

**John 15:1, 2**

**1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.**

**2 Every , branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**

**Ephesians 4:7-14**

**7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

**8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

**11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

**12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

**14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

**1 Timothy 3:1-13**

**1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.**

**2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;**

**3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;**

**4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;**

**5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)**

**6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

**7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.**

**8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;**

**9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.**

**10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.**

**11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.**

**12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.**

**13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**Christ's Authority Vested on the Local Church**

1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:15

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The local church of Christ is vested with divine authority to act representatively of Him in issues of administration among believers and church discipline. The local church is vested with the authority to teach the word of truth in the name of the Lord and to watch over the lives of church members. The roles of the church include judging between believers and administering discipline to the erring ones. Hence the leadership of the church must be respected and revered as those that must give account to God for all the souls in the local church. The pastors, Elders or Bishops of the church should be honored for their work sake. Honour also should be given to the deacons and all who are vested with righteous authority in the church of God, which is the house of God.

**Matthew 16:18**

***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.***

**Matthew 18:15-20**

***15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.***

***16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.***

***17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.***

***18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.***

***19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.***

***20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.***

**Acts 20:17-32**

***17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.***

***18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,***

***19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:***

***20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,***

***21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:***

***23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.***

***24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.***



**25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.**

**26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.**

**27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.**

**28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.**

**29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

**30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**

**31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

**32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

**1 Timothy 3:15**

**But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**

**Believers' Authority in Christ**

**Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:**

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ have been empowered by Jesus to do what He can do: to heal the sick, cast out devils, perform miracles. They have been given authority to use the name of Jesus in prayer and praise and for ministry and miracles

**John 14:12-14**

**12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

**13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

**14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

**Acts 3:1-16**

**1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.**

**2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;**

**3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.**

**4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.**

**5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.**

**6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**

**7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.**

**8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.**

**9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:**

**10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.**

**11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.**

**12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?**

**13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.**

**14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;**

**15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

**16 And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

### **Brotherly Love And Unity**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Brotherly love and Christian unity adorn the gospel of Christ and glorify God. The world by these

qualities recognizes the children of God and are attracted to the gospel of Christ. Brotherly love must be in sincerity and purity, without hypocrisy. Believers are one in Christ, whatever their tribe, nation, race, sex, rank, and denomination. Christian love and unity must be practiced with all sincerity and purity. Believers should be hospitable and generous. Christian love and unity must centre on the lordship of Jesus, the authority of scripture, biblical righteousness and holiness, evangelism and Christian service.

**John 13:34, 35**

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

***35 By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.***

**John 17:20-23**

***20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;***

***21 That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.***

***22 And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:***

***23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved Me.***

**1John 4:7-12**

***7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.***

***8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.***

***9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.***

***10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

***11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.***

***12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.***

**Philippians 2:1-5**

***1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,***

***2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.***

**3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

**4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

**5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**

**Galatians 1:6-10:**

**6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

**7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

**8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**

**9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

**10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**

# Chapter 10

## OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

### Water baptism

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Everyone who has heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, has repented from his sins and has accepted Jesus to be his Lord and Saviour with all his heart will require water baptism as a confirmation of his claim. Water baptism is one immersion into a body of water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Water baptism is not for ignorant children or people who have not yet repented from their sins.

### Mark 16:15, 16

**15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

### Matthew 28:19

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**Acts 8:36-38**

**36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

**37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

**38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.**

**Christian Devotion**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Studying God's word, hearing God's word, meditating on God's word and praying without ceasing play great role in making a believer know the Lord and His ways, obey the Lord and His word, grow in grace and acquire spiritual strength. The word of God in a believer's life and regular fervent and prevalent prayer build faith, make the believer victorious over sin, the flesh, the world, and Satan. Hence the believer must study the word of God, meditate on the word of God and hear the preaching of the word of God always. Good and inspired Christian materials as books, recorded messages etc. are of great advantage in this respect. Regular personal quiet time with God and family devotion are important observances for a Christian and the Christian home.

**Matthew 4:4**

**But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

**Luke 10:38-42:**

**38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house.**

**39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.**

**40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.**

**41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:**

**42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

**Ephesians 6:10-18:**

**10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

**11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;**

**15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;**

**16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

**17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

**18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.**

#### **Regular Observance of the Lord's Super**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion is to be observed by the body of believers regularly to remind each other of His death for human salvation until He comes. The Holy Communion must be

partaken by righteous and holy believer. Everyone must examine himself to ensure he is in the faith, before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. Taking the Holy Communion in sin attracts God's judgment. There must be respect for the body of Jesus and the blood of Jesus represented by the Communion bread and wine.

#### **Luke 22:19-20**

**19 And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.**

**20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you.**

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23-34**

**23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:**

**24 And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.**

**25 After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

**26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.**

**27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**

**28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.**

**29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

**30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.**

**31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.**

**32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**

### **Christian Giving**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Children of God should give of their money and material resources so as to advance the course of Christ among men. All believers are expected to pay tithes, which is ten percent of their earnings. Tithes

should be paid over salary and wages, food crop, and domestic animals. Apart from tithes believers are to give material offering willingly to the Lord. The poor and needy should be assisted. Believers are to give generously to support the gospel of Christ and His faithful ministers. Ministers of the gospel must not force money out of people for the cause of Christ. God loves a cheerful giver. They must not also play tricks on the people to drain them of their material resources. That will be iniquity before the Lord.

### **Matthew 23:23**

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:6-9:**

**6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**

**7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

**8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**

**9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.**

### **Importance Of Forgiveness**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Believers who have enjoyed the forgiveness of God and do enjoy it daily should also administer forgiveness to those that offend them, whatever the offense. Not to forgive those that offend them means forfeiting the forgivingness they have received from God. Christian husbands and wives should forgive their spouse of any sin including adultery. Hence no sin in marriage can cause divorce.

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

**21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?**

**22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

**23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.**

**24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.**

**25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.**

**26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**

**27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.**

**28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.**

**29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**



**30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.**

**31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.**

**32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:**

**33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?**

**34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.**

**35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**

**Ephesians 4:31, 32**

**31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:**

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

### **Christian Marriage And Family**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Marriage is for one man and one woman. Polygamy is forbidden by God. When a man who has never married before gets married to a woman who has never married before according to the terms of marriage, the union is binding for life till the death of one of the partners. Divorce and remarriage when the marriage partner is still alive in the world is evil and brings the damnation of hell. When marriage is formed it can never be dissolved by adultery. They phrase "Except for fornication" in Matthew 5:32 only concerns those who are still in engagement according to Jewish tradition. The practical example of this was what Joseph thought to do to Mary when he thought she had committed fornication. The phrase also concerns one whose marriage partner had been lawfully married to one who is still alive. Believers who want to marry must not marry unbelievers, but fellow believers. Marriage between man and man or woman and woman is an abomination to God. Husband and wives must live in love and raise up godly children.

**Mark 10:6-12**

**6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**

**7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;**

**8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.**

**9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

**10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.**

**11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.**

**12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.**

**Romans 7:2, 3**

**2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.**

**3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.**

**Christian Fellowship and Worship Service**

1Corinthians 11:1-15; Hebrews 10:25

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Believers must value the fellowship of themselves

together for the purpose of worship and for their edification, exhortation and comfort. Fellowship of believers helps the believer to grow in the faith and to be consistent in the Christian walk. However the believer must avoid the fellowship of ignorant and sinful worshippers where spiritual blindness prevails. The believer is particularly instructed to follow righteousness, faith, purity, and love with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Christ is the head of the man and the man is the head of the woman. During worship, praying or prophesying the man must leave his head open without any manner of covering on it. This is because Christ's headship over man must visibly be seen during such occasions. To lay any manner of covering on his head is to dishonor Christ. The word Bishop in Bible sense means pastor or elder in the church 1Tim 3:1.

Hence the tradition that a Bishop may preach or pray with a cap on his head and wear jewelry is a contradiction to the word of God and has eternal implications! Similarly, a woman should cover her head during program worship, when praying or prophesying. This is to show in a physical sense that man is not in headship during these activities. Those who rebel against this scriptural instruction shall answer for themselves before God. The Church is the pillar and ground of the truth. Hence scriptural decency, truth and orderliness must be observed in the local church without respect of persons.

**Matthew 18:19, 20**

***19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.***

***20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.***

**1John 1:3-7:**

***3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.***

***4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.***

***5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.***

***6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:***

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

**Praises and Thanksgiving**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Worship, praises and thanksgiving is our duty toward God our creator. We must always remember to give God thanks for all His mercies, kindness, love, and goodness shown to us and others daily. The forgiveness of sins we receive from Him through Jesus Christ calls for praise, worship and thanksgiving to the living God. Not only must we manifest the spirit of gratitude to God, God desires that we manifest that to one another. It is disheartening to God that human beings who drink His goodness every day do not bother to give thanks and praise to God. Even our fellow men feel disappointed when they are not appreciated for their good deeds. We must testify of the goodness of God and sing His praise with the whole of our heart.

**Luke 17:11 -19**

***11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.***

***12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:***

***13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.***

**14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.**

**15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,**

**16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.**

**17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?**

**18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**

**19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

**Ephesians 5:19, 20**

**19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;**

**20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

# Chapter 11

## LAST DAYS EVENTS

### Characteristics Of The Last Days

**J**esus Christ and the apostles preached that: The last days shall be characterized by multiplicity of iniquity, hatred of God, natural disasters, intensified satanic activities, backsliding, false prophets and teachers performing miracles, human carelessness and mockery for the coming of the Lord. Yet the last days also shall be characterized with outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon men and women for explosive gospel work and the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be preached in all the world using various means and scientific technology. Preachers of truth and holiness shall still be there doing their job until the end. Despite hardship, fierce persecution and great challenges, people shall still believe the gospel and persevere in righteousness till the end.

**Matthew 24:1, 4-14**

**1 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

**4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

**5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

**6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

**7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

**8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

**9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**

**10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one**

**11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive**

**12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

**13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

**14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

**2 Peter 3:1-14**

**1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:**

**2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:**

**3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,  
4 And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**

**5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:**

**6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:**

**7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

**8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

**9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

**10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

**11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

**12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

**13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

**14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

### **False Prophets And Teachers**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Believers should beware of false prophets and false teachers. These appear outwardly religious and spiritual. They show much spirituality with their mouth, but their heart is wicked and abominable. They can be known by their fruits. Their fruits include their sinful life, false doctrine, erroneous interpretation of scriptures, sin laden converts, demonic signs and wonders and outright rebellion against God. Believers must beware of them, must verify, test and proof every preacher by the word of God to see whether he is of God or not. The doctrines taught and miracles performed by them must be authenticated by the scripture. This scriptural verification is required on every preacher, General overseer, Church founder and even the Sunday school teacher. The souls of men are precious and should not be left in the hands of corrupt men to destroy!

### **Matthew 7:15-23**

**15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

**16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**

**17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

**18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**

**19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

**20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

**21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**

**23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

**2 Peter 2:1-3**

**1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

**2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**

**3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**

### **The Rapture of the saints**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The Lord will return to rapture His saints from the earth to heaven. He shall descend from heaven with His angels and the saints now in heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel. The trumpet of God shall sound. The Lord shall remain in the air.

The saints who came with Him from heaven shall return to the earth to be reunited with their body and shall resurrect with a glorious body. The saints alive on earth shall suddenly be changed and transformed, with glorious eternal body. They shall rise to meet the Lord in the air. The Lord shall take them all back to heaven for the marriage supper and to give them eternal rewards according to their works. This is a message of comfort to believers. The rapture is the first phase of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 24:36-42**

**36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

**37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

**38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,**

**39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

**40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

**41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

**42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:**

**13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

**14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

**15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**

**16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

**17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

**18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

### **The Great Tribulation and the Antichrist**

Rev. 13:1-18; 16:1-18; Zechariah 14:1-7 Rev. 19:11-21.

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

After the rapture of the saints to heaven there shall be great tribulation on the earth for seven years. This shall be the period of unequalled suffering, hardship and persecution on the earth. God shall visit the earth with series of divine judgment. This period also shall usher in the Antichrist who shall be a physical representative of Satan. He shall persecute the saints who shall become converted after the rapture and shall persecute the nation Israel. He shall declare himself God and demand worship from human beings. He shall cause men on earth to take his mark 666. Whoever shall collect it is damned forever. His reign and power shall be terminated when Jesus shall return physically to the earth at His second coming at the end of seven



years after the rapture of the saints to heaven. The Lord shall defeat the Antichrist and His army at the battle of Armageddon. He and the false prophet that promotes him shall be cast alive into the lake of fire.

**Matthew 24:15-22:**

**15** *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

**16** *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*

**17** *Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:*

**18** *Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

**19** *And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

**20** *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*

**21** *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

**22** *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10**

**3** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

**4** *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

**5** *Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

**6** *And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*

**7** *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

**8** *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:*

**9** *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

***10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.***

### **The Second Coming Of Christ For The Millennial Reign**

John 18:33-37; Acts 1:9-11; Isa. 2:1-5; 35:1-10; Rev. 20:1-10.

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

The Lord Jesus Christ shall return visibly to the earth as the King of kings and Lord of lords, accompanied by His angels and the saints to rule this world for a period of one thousand years. This is known as the second coming of Christ. Those who could not be accessed by the agents of the antichrist with the marks of the Beast 666 and those who by all means rejected it, though sinners shall again replenish the earth for one thousand years with natural human race. The one thousand years reign over the earth in a physical sense is called the millennial reign. During this time Satan shall be bound and cast into the bottomless pit so that he will not deceive the people living on earth. The saints shall rule with Jesus over the present world. The headquarters of the world shall be Jerusalem from where Christ shall be ruling for one thousand years. This period shall be characterized by wonderful peace, prosperity, abundant blessings, joy and gladness. At the end of the one thousand years, Satan shall be loosed from the bottomless pit to

return back to the earth. He will continue his deceptive work on the men of the earth. Many shall yield to him. He shall mobilize the natural men on earth to the battle of Gog and Magag against Christ and His saints. The Lord shall destroy them and bring an end to sin and rebellion forever and ever.

### **Matthew 24:30, 31**

***30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***

***31 And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***

### **Revelation 1:5-7**

***5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,***

***6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

***7 Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.***

**Revelation 20:1-5**

***1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.***

***2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,***

***3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.***

***4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.***

***5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.***

**Hell Fire For The Sinners**

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that:

Hell fire is a real place of eternal fire, everlasting burning and torment reserved for the wicked. Satan,

his demons and all sinners shall suffer everlasting damnation in the fire that burns with sulphur and brimstone. At the end of time, all sinners shall be resurrected back to life and shall be judged according to their works when they were alive on earth and shall be condemned into the lake of fire. Hell fire itself shall be cast into the lake of fire. The occupants of the lake of fire shall be Satan, demons or fallen angels and sinners. This shall be the end of all rebellion.

**Mark 9:43-48**

***43 And if thy hand offends thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:***

***44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.***

***45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:***

***46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.***

***47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:***

***48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.***

**Revelation 20:10-15**

***10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.***

***11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.***

***12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.***

***13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.***

***14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.***

***15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

### **Heaven: The Abode of Saints**

Isaiah 65:17-19; 2Peter 3:9-14; Revelation 21:1-27;

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached that: Heaven is the abode of God, the headquarters of the universe. It is perfect, glorious, delightful, comfortable, holy and eternal. It is the abode of angels, living creatures and the saints who have left the earth. Jesus calls it "**My Father's house.**" He has promised to prepare mansion in heaven for the righteous. God has other rewards in heaven for the righteous, including crowns and the privilege to sit with Him on His throne. Praise the Lord. The spirit and soul of every true and holy believer who dies on earth goes immediately into heaven for comfort, rest, joy and jubilation to await the resurrection of the righteous dead at the return of Christ, when they shall return to the earth to reunite with their body which shall assume a glorious eternal form resembling Christ's. At the end of the millennial reign, the Lord shall "create new heavens and a new earth." This involves the renovation of the earth and the atmospheric heaven and the headquarters of the universe shall be New Jerusalem, which shall decent from heaven as a bride adorned for her husband. Here God shall live with the saints in everlasting joy and comforts.

**John 14:1-3**

***1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.***

***2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.***

***3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

**Hebrews 11:13-16**

***13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.***

***14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.***

***15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.***

***16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.***

**Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14:**

***13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***

***14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.***

**May God bless your ministry and count you worthy for the reward, both on earth and in heaven, Amen.**

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1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
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4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).
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