## CHAPTER ONE

# "CALLED, CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL"

## **DEFINING "CHURCH"**

...."Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her; so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless"....

Ephesians 5: 25-27

In this teaching we are going to deal specifically with our calling as bondservants and handmaidens of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will look at scripture which will deal with the different aspects of our calling, and also some of those things which we need to do in order to walk in the "fulness" of what we have been called to in Christ. In the above passage the apostle Paul is comparing marriage between a husband and a wife to Christ and His Church. It is important for all believers to have an accurate working definition of the word "church" in their hearts, for it will lead directly to a better understanding of their calling. The word used in the Greek for church is "ecclesia" and is common in this usage throughout the New Testament. But before the Church came into being at the day of Pentecost it was used as a term in Greece which meant "a calling out, an assembling together for a definite purpose". As we put that original meaning towards the meaning that the Father had intended for His Church, we see that they are one and the same - for indeed we are "called out" of this world and indeed we are "assembled" for a definite purpose.

# "AS BELIEVERS GIVE THE WORD OF GOD A CONTINUALLY GREATER PLACE IN THEIR LIVES, THE QUICKER THEIR MINDS WILL BE RENEWED"

In Ephesians 5:27 the Word of God states:

...."that He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that she should be holy and blameless"....

Some time ago I was reading and meditating on this verse and I asked the Father how He was going to bring the church - which at that moment was filled with strife and division and the slanderous lies of the Evil One - into the Glorious Church spoken of here. This verse puzzled me somewhat because I had heard about the "catching away of the Church" and read about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and so I wondered how He was going to take a church which was operating in worldliness and without a very high degree of faith, and make her holy and blameless. It was then that He began to show me from my own walk with Him. When I began to seek the Father and His Word, the first thing He showed me was that I must depend on Him for "all things" and, as my tendency was still to depend on my own understanding and ability, the process of changing my thinking to conform to His Word (Will) seemed very slow in the beginning of my walk. Of course, as believers give the Word of God a continually greater place in their lives, the quicker their minds will be renewed. Each time I would operate outside the Word of God and lean upon my own understanding, I would "fail" in whatever I attempted to do, and the desired goal would never quite be reached and there would, of course, be no satisfaction at all. The Father was teaching me to continually reach out for the things He had for me by standing on His Word until the "physical manifestation" of the promise (blessing) came. It was in this way that I began to truly see His perfection and His love (which He has for all of us), and I wanted to enter into the place wherein I would experience it to a continually greater degree in my life. Through all these lessons it became clear in my spirit that if I "sowed" to the flesh I would see failure and if I sowed to the Word of God I would see success, and because of these things (and after many, many years) I learned to keep my eyes continually on the Word of God in EVERY circumstance.

# "THERE WILL BE A GREAT CRY HEARD THROUGHOUT THE LAND AS MY JUDGEMENT INTENSIFIES"

Getting back to what the Father said to me about the Church after I had asked Him how it was possible to have a Church without spot or wrinkle in view of the conditions which now existed, He said:

...."In My Church, as the great judgement begins with the household of God, the consuming fire of My Spirit will be poured forth upon My people and I shall lay bare those things which have not initiated in Me, and consume the dead works of the flesh. It is in this way that each one of My children will be brought to the

realization that they can be either for Me or against Me, but if against Me, they will allow themselves to suffer great loss at the hands of the Evil One. For to those who have already, more shall be given and to those who have not, what little they have shall be stolen away from them. On one hand there will be those who will forsake all and give themselves wholly unto Me, and on the other hand there will be those who still find their pleasure in the things of the world rather than in Me. But truly I say to you, the wheat shall be separated from the chaff and the chaff will be consumed by the fire of My Spirit; thus will My beloved Church be purged and cleansed of her filthiness and indeed she shall shine brighter than the sun.

And yes, many will fail entirely in all they have set their hand to, and there will be a great cry heard throughout the land as My judgement intensifies, for indeed all that was hidden will be exposed for what it really is. And there will be those who are honoured and exalted in the sight of all My children. For when persecution arose against them they steadfastly refused to compromise My Word in any way and with these I am well pleased! As the outpouring of My Spirit continues to escalate in the earth, the battle of the ages will move out into the open, and My mighty ones shall crush the Evil One and his forces for all to see.

Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit for, truly I say to you, when My children begin to partake of His fulness, it will not take long to accomplish the desires of My heart in the earth, and I will come and I will bring My Beloved Bride to the feast which I have prepared for Her. Only walk by faith in all things and keep your eyes fixed on Me for your "redemption" draws near!"....

Amen

### THE "FLOOD" OF HIS SPIRIT IS COMING

The Father impressed on my spirit that the volume and the intensity of the Holy Spirit would be so great as He moved forth to judge that all sinful flesh in the midst of the congregations would be burned up. In other words, before the "catching away of the Church comes, the Body of Christ will be the "Glorious Church" without spot or wrinkle. From these words of the Father, true believers can clearly see the need to stop whatever it is they are doing and go before Him in a spirit of repentance - taking whatever steps necessary to move into the path of His perfect will - for the "flood" of His Spirit is coming and we do not want to be

caught outside the Covenants of promise! Considering these things we will now go on to look closely at our calling and see exactly what the "Divine Requirement" is. We must never settle for what "flesh and blood" says, but rather only what the Spirit of God says (reveals) in all things. All who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour have been called by God. Every believer must have a revelation ("revealed knowledge") of who they are in Christ Jesus and what they are called to - both in their own individual life, and also "corporately" in the Body of Christ.

# MANY BELIEVERS ARE CONTINUALLY FED "WORDS OF DEATH AND DARKNESS

In Romans 11 the Word of God states:

...."Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus called as an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God"....

And again in Romans 16 it is written

...."among whom you also are called of Christ Jesus"....

We must pay close attention to the words "called" and "set apart" because we are going to see clearly in the Word of God that they run together throughout the Scriptures. There is a great misconception (deception) in the minds of many children of God that says, once a person has received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, that that is the first and last step they need to take. This lie needs to be absolutely obliterated from existence - for how it demeans all that our beloved Lord sacrificed for us at Calvary. Many believers are continually fed "words of death" from some of the pulpits of the land, but in these days the five-fold ministry shall be purified and come forth as gold, and if all those who have been "ministering unrighteousness" fail to repent then they shall be removed swiftly from their position (Jeremiah 23:1-4). These are tough words, but we need only to look through the Word of God to see numerous examples of men who refused to do what they were called to by God - and thus they perished in their disobedience and rebellion. I do not desire to dwell on this topic at length for I have a great love for all those who are called to the ministry but, regardless, the truth must be spoken so that the rebellious shepherds of the Lord Jesus Christ might repent and

enter into the knowledge of the Truth. O how we must pray and intercede for all those who fall into this "category", for the souls of the sheep are precious in the sight of the Master and He will not allow them to be led astray by evil and self-willed men and women who are interested in their own self-esteem more than the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Enough said!

# THE "WORK ETHIC" - AS WE KNOW IT IN OUR SOCIETY - IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE FATHER FOR IT BREEDS DEPENDENCE ON "SELF"

In Romans 8:28 the Word of God states:

...."And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"....

This verse of Scripture is one which is widely misinterpreted within the church because many believers lack "revealed knowledge" in the area of their calling and how "all-encompassing" it really is once they are born-again. In this verse we see that it is written that we are "called according to His purpose". We are not called and then expected to just go our own way and accomplish our purpose - hoping that what we do will somehow please God. I realize that this last statement may seem elementary to some, but there are "multitudes" who have "allowed" themselves to be led astray by the doctrines of "good works" which abound within many areas of the church. Let it be said here and now that the "work ethic" - as we have known it in our society - is an abomination to the Father for it breeds dependence on "self", and our own ability to get by rather than the total dependence upon His Word - which the Father requires of "every" child of His. If we truly desire to "work" for God then we will set ourselves to obey ALL of His commandments - for it is only faith (trust) in His Word which pleases Him (Hebrews 11:6) and whatever does not proceed from faith is sin (Romans 14:23)! From the moment we are born-again we must realize fully that we are called according to His purpose and that He will empower us to complete every task we are given by Him.

"WHEN THE CHILDREN OF GOD "MENTALLY ASCEND" TO THIS SCRIPTURE THEY LEAVE THEMSELVES OPEN TO "ALL MANNER OF DECEPTION"

In Romans 8:28 the Word states that:

...."God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him"....

Many believers leave off "to those who love Him" and end up with "God causes all things to work together for good"! When the children of God "mentally ascend" to this scripture they leave themselves open to "all manner of deception" by the Evil One because they then hold to the idea that no matter what they do God will still make all things work together for good - regardless of how sinful and rebellious they may have been. Now it is certainly true that the Father is able to turn the works of the Evil One to serve His purpose in the lives of those believers AFTER they have repented of the unbelief which "allowed" the Evil One to freely attack them and work through them in the first place. But what happens in many cases is that those believers become slothful - instead of diligent - towards the Word of God, and thus they "allow" themselves to be deceived to the point that they will believe that sickness, poverty, or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death (the curse) that has come upon them, is from God to "keep them in line" or "teach them a lesson"! That is precisely when they will stand up and say, "I guess God causes all things to work together for good", and God will get the blame - far and wide - for the disaster and the tragedy that they brought upon themselves through their own unbelief and rebellion! These things ought not to be so! We need to go before the Word of God with all diligence and reverence and not just read it casually. What this scripture is really saying as we examine it more closely is this: God is enabled to cause all things to work together for the greatest good of those who will "obey" Him!

# "THOSE WHO TRULY LOVE GOD ARE THOSE WHO OBEY HIS WORDS AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS"

Jesus said in John 14: 21,23:

...."he who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him"....

and in verse 23

...."If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word and My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him"....

From the words of our beloved Lord we can see that those who truly love Him keep His Word by obeying His commandments. Therefore, as we look back to Romans 8:28, we can state this verse as follows, "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (and those who truly love God are those who obey His Words and keep His commandments). From these scriptures every believer can see clearly that this entire spiritual principle is based on the obedience of the believer to the Word of God. The last part of verse 28 states:

...."to those who are called according to His purpose"....

How else are we able to fulfill the Heavenly Father's purpose for our lives but by constant obedience to His Word? Therefore, this whole passage was directed to those who were walking in faith at the Church in Rome, exhorting them to continue on - knowing that God would indeed make "all things work together" in order that His perfect will might be fulfilled in their lives. Every child of God needs to realize that the Word of God makes no provision for anything less than a full and absolute commitment to God, and that it is futile to try and bend the Word of God to accommodate their own selfish desires because, quite simply, it will not work - and will ultimately end in some form of disaster or tragedy!

### **DEFINING "SALVATION"**

"Salvation" - Greek - "soteria": denotes deliverance, preservation. Material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension, also the spiritual and eternal deliverance granted immediately by God to those who accept His conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus - in Whom alone it is to be obtained.

"Salvation" speaks of the present experience of God's power to deliver His children from any of the temporal evils of this world - through His Word. "All things" in verse 28 are all of the fulness of the precious inheritance which belongs to each of us in Christ Jesus - and all these tools and weapons are put into effect by the exercising of our faith in the Word of God. All of these principles I speak of are dependent entirely on faith and obedience and being separated (consecrated) wholly unto God - spirit, soul and body. This is the "narrow path" Jesus spoke of

in Matthew 7:13, and it is time for ALL believers to enter onto that path through the continual exercising of an absolute faith - working through a perfect love -in order that the Glorious Church be manifested in the earth. As believers seek first the Kingdom of God and to walk in His righteousness (for we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21) - every deed which is done in the mighty name of Jesus will be a "pure manifestation" of the righteousness of God in the earth, and thus all will begin to see a "true representation" of the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ through the Church in this last of the last hour.

#### "FREE" WILL

### In 1 Corinthians 1:1-2 the Word of God states:

...."Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the Church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints (literally - holy ones) by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours"....

The children of God MUST come to the clear realization that their Heavenly Father had formulated His plan for their lives before they ever called on the name of Jesus. Many Christians are confused by this fact thinking that if this is so, then we must be little more than "robots" here in this earth. Quite simply, people will always have a "free" will in every decision they ever make - and thus, in reality, nothing that we "ultimately" do in this earth as far as our service to God goes is ever against our own will. The Father will NEVER override our will by force or compulsion, but rather He seeks to capture that "agreement" by His tender and wondrous love and kindness towards us. The Father's plan for our lives - which He formed before the foundation of the earth - was based on the fact that in His Omniscience (His all knowing and infinite knowledge) - He knew that we would choose Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and the moment we were born-again was when we first opened ourselves up to be made vessels fit for the Master's use.

### THE FIRST STEP: GIVING "PREEMINENCE" TO THE WORD OF GOD

Confusion will never "enter" the heart of a believer who has put the Word of God first place in their life, for in their pure devotion and obedience their mind will be continually renewed and their heart will constantly "purified" and in a "state of readiness" to receive the true, or exact, knowledge of God - in and by the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. How blessed are the children of God who "choose" - through an act of their "will"- to meditate day and night in His Word! For this is the first step to receiving all the blessings that the Father has for us and it is certain that continual obedience to this command will allow us to walk and live in His "best" here in this earth.

# "FELLOWSHIP" WITH THE "WORLD" IS AN ACT OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE FATHER AND HIS WORD

In 1 Corinthians 1:9 it is written:

...."God is faithful through Whom you were called into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"....

From this scripture we can see clearly that we are called into fellowship with Jesus; hence the command to keep our eyes fixed on Him (Hebrews 12:2). These things are the distinct alternative to "fellowshipping with the world" and keeping our eyes fixed on "ourselves" (Romans 12:2, James 4:4). As believers we must "know" in our heart that "fellowship" with the world is an act of hostility towards the Father and His Word, and thus, if we maintain any desire whatsoever to remain in fellowship with the world rather than in fellowship with the Word of God, we make ourselves enemies of God! In the epistle of James - which was addressed to the faithful Israelites throughout the Church - he warned them of the inherent tendency of man to make a "religion" out of the Gospel through mental ascension and selfish interests, and in chapter 1, verse 26, James defined pure "religion" by writing:

...."external religious worship (religion as it is expressed in outward acts) that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world"....

As we look closely at the Word of God and see just what our Heavenly Father has to say in ANY given area of Christian life and ministry, all of the "lies" and "myths" which have been "allowed" to plague and hinder the Body of Christ will be exploded - and ultimately the Evil One will be removed from the midst of all those who are truly seeking the fulness of God's will. In the light of the "revealed" knowledge which has entered into the hearts of God's children his vile lies will be consumed and perish!

# ...."FOR MY DETERMINED PURPOSE IS THAT I MAY KNOW HIM - THAT I MAY PROGRESSIVELY BECOME MORE DEEPLY AND INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH HIM"....

In his letter to the Philippians the apostle Paul discusses at length our calling in Christ and His attitude, which of course was perfect; beginning at Philippians 3:7 the Word of God states:

...."But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as one combined loss for Christ's sake. Yes, furthermore I count everything as loss compared to the priceless privilege - the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth and supreme advantage - of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly"....

# Philippians 3:7-8a Amplified

From this passage we can see clearly the true heart-attitude that is developed in children of God as they truly forsake all to follow Jesus. Let us continue on with this passage.

...."For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish, refuse, dregs in order that I may gain Christ, the Anointed one, and that I may actually be found and known as in Him, not having any self-achieved righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the law's demands - ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus

acquired, but possessing that genuine righteousness which comes through faith in Christ, the Anointed one, the true right-standing with God, which comes from God by saving faith"....

Philippians 3:8b-9 Amplified

Paul talks here of his intense desire to remain in continual right standing with God, and that it is the basis of faith in Christ (the Anointed One and His Anointing) which will keep the children of God in right standing with the Father at all times. Continuing on in verse 10, it is written:

...."for my determined purpose is that I may know Him, that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His person more strongly and more clearly. And that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection which it exerts over believers; and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death, in the hope that if possible I may attain to the spiritual and moral resurrection that lifts me out from among the dead even while in the body. Not that I have now attained this ideal or am already made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of, grasp and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus the Messiah, has laid hold of me and made me His own"....

Philippians 3:10-12 Amplified

Paul states in verse 10 that, "his determined purpose" is that he might know Jesus more intimately. As the children of God seek this close relationship with the Father and His Word, they shall surely come to the "full realization" of His calling, and that they have been bought and redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lamb into service - for we are His workmanship recreated in Christ Jesus that we may do those works which God planned beforehand for us, taking the paths which He prepared ahead of time for us that we should walk in them, living the life which He pre-arranged and made ready for us to live (Ephesians 2:10)!

## "WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!"

Continuing on in Philippians 3:13 the Word of God states:

...."I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own yet but one thing I do, it is my one aspiration - forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the supreme and heavenly prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward"....

## Philippians 3:13 Amplified

As children of God, having answered the call upon our lives, we must seek to be brought to the place where our first and foremost (in fact our only) desire is to walk in the perfect will of our Heavenly Father in all things. For if we seek to do ALL of the will of God ALL the time, we will assuredly walk in the fulness of our calling and we will accomplish - in Christ Jesus - ALL that we were created for. What else is there that could be more fitting or precious as the "crown" of our entire existence than to have our beloved Lord Jesus utter the words, "Well done My good and faithful servant! How clear these things become when God's children take their eyes off of themselves and focus on Jesus Christ - our Lord and Master!

### JESUS IS OUR "PERFECT EXAMPLE"

In Hebrews 3:1-2 Amplified it is written:

...."So then brethren, consecrated and set apart for God, who share in the Heavenly calling, thoughtfully and attentively consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed as ours when we embraced the Christian faith. See how faithful He was to Him Who appointed Him Apostle and High Priest, as Moses was also faithful in the whole household of God"....

There are two definite things we need to see from this passage. The first is that we must - at ALL times - "thoughtfully and attentively consider Jesus" in all that we say and do. The second thing is that we must see and understand that we are both called and chosen to be faithful to God and to His plan for both our lives individually as well as the Body of Christ as a whole. Verse 2 states, "see how He was faithful to Him who appointed Him." In knowing that it is only faith which pleases our Heavenly Father we should have an intense desire to learn everything the Word of God says about faith - and how to release the "force of faith" in our lives at all times. Once again it must be said that Jesus is our "perfect example" - for He emptied Himself to trust and lean upon the word of His Father, as it is

written in John 5:30 Amplified:

...."I am able to do nothing from Myself independently, of My own accord, but as I am taught by God and as I get His orders, I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision. Even as I hear, I judge and My judgement is right, just, righteous, because I do not seek or consult My own will. I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose, but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me"....

In this passage we find the "perfect heart-desire" of Jesus toward the Heavenly Father, and it must be ours also. Therefore, we must be found diligently studying the "dynamics" of faith as they relate to every area of our calling and life in Christ Jesus. As we do this we shall see clearly the fact that we are called to walk just as Jesus walked in this earth, and we shall also see that it is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to do so - in every way!

### **DEFINING "HOLINESS"**

In 2 Timothy 1:9 Amplified it is written:

...."For it is He Who delivered and saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness, that is, to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness; He did it not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and to further His own purpose and grace, unmerited favour, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began eternal ages ago"....

"Holiness" can be defined as the loving nature of God separated from evil - the Divine energy of which perfect righteousness and infinite love are the manifestation. How important it is for us, as children of God, to realize that we are called to a life of holiness - separated from sin and this world, unto the Father and His purposes in order that His presence and nature might be manifested through us to a dying world. As children of God, called and chosen in Christ Jesus, we have a direct responsibility to be obedient to EVERY instruction and command found in the Word of God. Those who truly love Him will have this determination to do "all of His will" emblazoned on their hearts, and in all they do they shall love the Lord their God with all their being (Luke 10:27).

In Ephesians 4:1 Amplified version the Word of God states:

...."I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to, and beg you to walk and lead a life worthy of the divine calling to which you have been called, with behaviour that is a credit to the summons to God's service"....

The apostle Paul entreats believers to lead a life worthy of their divine calling, and to behave in a manner which is a credit to the Lord Jesus Christ. At this time the Father has instructed me to share with you a word of prophecy I received from Him.

### Let us hear the words of the Father:

# "MY CHILDREN NEED TO CAST ASIDE THE FLEETING FEELINGS OF THE FLESH AND RENEW THEIR MINDS AND ESTABLISH THEIR HEARTS IN MY WORD"

...."My children need to cast aside the fleeting feelings of their flesh and renew their minds and establish their hearts in My Word. For how can they fellowship wholly with Me unless they think the way I think? How can they understand My ways when they persist in leaning upon their own understanding? Many whom I have chosen for great accomplishment in the establishment of My Kingdom in the earth have resisted My blessing and My direction which I have continually placed before them and, indeed, I have a supernatural abhorrence for ALL that proceeds from evil. It is time for each and every one of My children to choose their allegiance! Will their fellowship with the world and its ways continue or will they separate themselves wholly unto Me? For I desire only pure and simple devotion to My Word.

# "SURELY I WILL BRING TO A PLACE OF PROMINENCE - BOTH IN MY CHURCH AND IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD - THOSE WHO REFUSE TO VIOLATE THE LAW OF LOVE"

Many of My children struggle in the area of sin because of their reluctance to let go of the things of this world, and because of the evil intent of their hearts they make their "precious" inheritance - which was bought for them with the Blood of My dear Son - of no consequence. They grumble and complain of the

hardness of the life of faith, yet is not the life of faith one of rest and blessing, prosperity and abundance in all? Surely I will exalt those of My children who are not ashamed to confess Me in all that they do by their words and their actions. Surely I will bring to a place of prominence - both in My Church and in the eyes of the world - those who refuse to violate the law of love above all else.

### "THE DAYS OF MISREPRESENTATION IN MY CHURCH ARE OVER"

Hold fast My beloved handmaidens and bondservants! Do not be moved by what you perceive with your five physical senses for I am about to do a great thing amongst you. Do not be moved from your position of steadfastness, and take the authority that has been given to you and tread upon the Evil One at every turn. For the days of "misrepresentation" in My Church are over, and it is truly time for the revelation of My sons and daughters in the earth. I say to you this day that the traditions and the doctrines, which have hardened the hearts of My people, shall melt as wax in the sun - for nothing is able to stand before the Word of My power. Truly, truly I say to you My hour has arrived. Blow the trumpet in Zion. Go forth and proclaim the deepest revelations of My Word unashamedly. Do not fear the taunts of men for the Words you speak shall melt the hardness of their hearts, for no flesh - or any manifestation thereof - shall stand in the presence of My Glory"....

#### "THE COMMAND TO BE OBEDIENT"

In 1 Peter 1:14-19 Amplified version it is written:

...."Live as children of obedience to God; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires that governed you in your former ignorance when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel. But as the One Who has called you is Holy, you yourselves also be Holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written "you shall be Holy as I am Holy". And if you call upon Him as your Father, Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, then you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence on the earth, whether long or short. You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from your forefathers, not with corruptible things such as silver and gold. But you were purchased with the precious Blood of Christ"....

In this passage we once again see the command to be obedient children and to live lives that are not conformed to the world in order that we be in no way governed or affected by our "former ignorance" - that is, before we knew the requirements and conditions which are set forth in the Word of God. Let us lift up holy hands before the Heavenly Father and live lives which are always pleasing to Him (for His perfect will for all of His children is holiness) that we might be partakers of the "fulness" of His Divine Nature. As believers act continually in obedience to the Word of God - in and by the power of the Holy Spirit - their hearts will be purified and they will become clean and fit vessels of the Father's love and truth.

### "TRUE KNOWLEDGE"

In 2 Peter 1:2-4, 10-11 it is written:

...."Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world, by lust" .... "Therefore brethren be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you"....

In this passage many things become very clear to those hearts which are truly seeking God. First and foremost, we see that it is by divine power that we have everything provided for us pertaining to life and godliness. Secondly, we see that we shall have all we need to walk in the "holiness" we are called to, by the true knowledge, or revealed knowledge, of Jesus Christ, to our hearts - a knowledge which can only be revealed by the Holy Spirit. As this "true knowledge" is established forever in the hearts of believers the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ will begin to flow forth, and the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control will be in "abundant evidence" in their lives. It is as we put aside the darkened knowledge of this world and fill our heart continually with God's precious and magnificent

promises that our minds shall be fully renewed to our Heavenly Father's purposes and wisdom. And thus shall we truly become partakers of His Divine nature with Him, and He will walk and talk with us freely, and He will have the pure fellowship from His children that His tender and loving heart desires. In this last hour those who will truly answer their calling whole-heartedly shall be part of the greatest "victory" of the ages!

I will close with three portions of scripture which all believers should meditate upon and understand in their hearts, for the hour is late and God, with a great urgency, is calling His troops to war. For the return of our Lord draws near and we must be in our "proper place" - in order that the Glorious Church might become a Glorious Reality in the earth!

...."These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful"....

Revelation 17:14

...." Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the Marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. And He said to me, "write, blessed are those who are invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and He said to Me "these are true Words of God"....

Revelation 19: 6-9

...."And I saw Heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes are a flame of fire and upon His head are many diadems (crowns), and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies which are in Heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of Kings, and Lord of

Lords"....

Revelation 19: 11-16