

## ***SET “MY” People FREE!***

I’m very privileged to travel as part of my business. The down side is I do miss some time with my family which is very important to me. The upside is I get to meet new Christians and visit some other churches when on the road. The one thing I’ve noticed the past few years is the increasing number of Christians that are bound on the Spiritual side of their walk with Christ.

Based on these and other observations along with, most importantly, insight from the Holy Ghost I have concluded that my brethren need to be freed from the horribly deceptive tactics that Satan has bound them with: Making brethren “Think” they are totally free when in reality he is using this false sense of security to bind family members even more through his subtlety.

Please allow me to break this down as I share my perspective with you.

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These are the same words that Moses/Aaron used when speaking with Pharaoh, but how could they be relevant today? (In Exodus 5:1 the exact words Moses/Aaron used are “Let my people go” one of the uses of this word “go” is “to set free”.)

Very simple: Satan’s job is to stifle the word and quench the Spirit into a place of complacency to neutralize the power of God. To that end he is doing a great job.

You ask: “didn’t Jesus set us free when he went to the cross, died, was buried and rose from the dead?” Absolutely! From a salvation outlook this is 100% all you need. However, from a walking fully in that freedom no, this can only happen by walking in and with the Holy Spirit!

Remember what Paul wrote: **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:3** *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

An interesting word here is Subtilty which carries the meaning of “False Wisdom”. False wisdom: by thinking that you’re walking in the Holy Spirit when you’re not experiencing the fullness of truly walking ***“in”*** the Holy Spirit.

Here we go, I’m barely into this teaching and someone already is saying “Satan cannot hinder the power or work of God”, oh no, did you ever read **Matthew 13:58** *“and he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief”*, or **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:18** *“Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again, but Satan hindered us.”*

It amazes me that Christians have no wisdom with regards to “Satan’s Mission”. Yes, Satan has a mission:

1. Keep mankind from Eternal Life
2. How Angels are sent here to minister for us
3. Hid the complete purpose of the Comforter
4. Blind mankind from the “Power” that God has provided for them
5. **Steal, Kill and Destroy**
6. Cause havoc everywhere he can
7. Cause strife
8. Create division
9. Break up families
10. Pervert the word of God (Religion)
11. String people out
12. Cause drunken driving accidents, & on and on and on.....

There is going to be a struggle for us with our old nature trying to get us to slip back to our old ways, even Paul wrestled with this in **Romans 7:15-25** meaning that everyone is going to be challenged by Satan. It was so horrible for Paul to speak these words in Romans 7 that condemnation must have been setting in as we see in verse 1 of chapter 8 when he exclaimed “*There is therefore **NOW NO CONDEMNATION** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*”, *Glory to God.*

Let’s stop here for a bit and break this down: Back in verse 15 of chapter 7 in Romans Paul say’s “*for what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that I do*”.

This is Paul speaking! He was sharing with everyone that even he was struggling with his sinful PAST. Keep that word PAST in your mind at all times. Satan wants you to think that your past is in the NOW and that God is not pleased with you.

Nothing could be further from the truth. It is all about your “**Heart Attitude**”! Think not? Keep reading and I will reveal this truth to you through God’s Holy Word!

**Verse’s 17-19** *Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

Paul states that it is sin that dwells in him. Sorry brethren, if Paul had issues with sin that dwelled in him and he was the most dynamic figure in the New Testament other than Jesus Christ Himself guess what, we are going to have issues with our sinful pasts being used by Satan to try and bring us down and back to him.

Here’s some good news: God has thrown our sins into the sea of forgetfulness! If your old sins are being brought up who’s doing that? **Can not be God! Impossible! God does not lie!** Your

old sins are gone forever IF you've repented! Only Satan or people can bring up your past! It is your choice to allow condemnation to rule your life or to walk in Divine Grace!

I've chosen Divine Grace. Doesn't mean I don't struggle, doesn't mean I don't fail, doesn't mean I don't need repentance, it simply means I know who I am in Christ and I will not allow Satan access to my actions, thoughts, or future. I do, at all times, allow God to **STOP** me in my tracks from committing a new sin against Him.

Oh, oh, a new sin? That's right if I sin it is only SIN NUMBER ONE! My record of sin is no more, no where to be found!

Example: I've repented and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior I have NO SIN RECORD, I'm white as snow, no past. Now today I have an impure thought and dwell on that thought which leads me into sin (Jesus said even the thought is sin). I now have on my record ONE\* sin. When I repent I go back to white as snow, no past, get it? \*This one sin is under the grace of God. It is NOT recognized under the Old view of sin! You do NOT move in and out of God's Grace once you're Justified! Sin IS NOT Imputed!

However, Satan/people/pastor come and say God is not pleased with you, you're really not saved. God is mad at you. God is going to give you cancer. You are not pleasing God. This is an Old Testament mentality: a consequence for an action view of God. The consequence for our sins was finished at the cross. There is only one final consequence for you ***IF You Choose*** to draw back, need I say it, I shudder to even say it!

When Satan comes and tries to condemn me I simply say: "I don't receive those thoughts, those are your thoughts, not mind. I'm clean and repent for even giving you this much of my time and submit all my thoughts to the power of God in Christ Jesus"!

If I do or say something wrong I quickly ask God to forgive me and DO NOT allow guilt or condemnation to attack me because I know I'm clean and that God is still well pleased with me because that's what the New Testament is all about.

IF you shut down the thought process you've won over 99% of the battle up front. The problem is we dwell on the thought that Satan puts into our mind, or a comment by a pastor/person, and then we move into an area where we open a door for Satan to come and condemn us.

You are Judas to Satan: you've switched sides and now you are clean and FREE. He knows just what that means, you have the power over him. He also knows that if you walk in that FREEDOM no doubt others will follow and be converted. He must seek other ways to put you into bondage.

I mean come on don't you think that God knew we would struggle with human issues even after we are saved? Really! God knew and made provision for us under his Divine Grace which we walk in. Paul talks about God's Grace so much I'm shocked at how we miss it.

Can a well bring forth sweet water and bitter, James 3:11 how can you be a sinner and free? You are insulting the Grace of God when you refer to yourself as a sinner "Present Tense".

You and I are a "PAST SINNER"! Totally delivered – just as the angels have a free will in Heaven so do you after you are set free to continue to walk in the grace and liberality of God out of love and gratitude for Him or you can choose to go back to satisfying your flesh and do despite to the free gift of God and put Jesus to an open shame, Hebrews 6:4-6. Like Peter so eloquently says in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:20-22, you're like a vomit eating dog. "HEART ATTITUDE!"

Makes me sick when a person/pastor prays jointly, so humbly and states: Lord we're all sinners, me included ....., I totally reject every one of those prayers. I'm not a sinner! I was a sinner period. I'm Free! Don't try and get me to join in agreement with you and insult the Cross of Christ. Jesus' blood is not weak.

God knew we were not able to make it through the flesh. Wake up church family/preachers/teachers/pastors, God is not working from the outside in he works inside out.

Why would God allow Jesus and why would Jesus change His entire existence forever, as he can never go back to His first state again, IF we were going to be judged according to the flesh in the end anyway?

Is David, Abraham, Adam, Jeremiah, Peter and the others in heaven? Was God merciful to their unrighteousness in the Old Testament? Well, if people could go to heaven in the Old Testament why would Jesus have to come? If we could get in before why come? So what if we have to make yearly sacrifices, big deal, no skin off God's nose, is it?

This is a whole NEW DEAL, Testament, we can have the SAME type of relationship with God that Adam had with God before the fall!

Hold on now. It's true, only difference is Satan is much wiser and cunning then before and knows his time is now very, very short so IF he can get a few notable public Christian figures into a hypocritical position he can over throw the faith of many. You know why? Because their eyes were on man not God.

Jesus said that it was "EXPEDIENT", John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.* Now everywhere else the word Expedient is used it is translated "Profitable". Let's read this verse with the word correctly translated: *Nevertheless I tell you the*

truth; It is **Profitable** for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Profitable? Profitable? WHAT? Profitable? Why didn't he say "The Word" was expedient for us to read, study and learn from? Why? We must answer this question.

Read the words to Petra's song CLEAN: hard to improve on this:

**Clean lyrics song by Petra**

**Songwriter:** Hartman, Robert M;

*You might see me stumble, you might see me fall  
You might see me cornered with my back against the wall  
I may be incognito, maybe out to lunch  
Maybe caught red-handed or maybe just a hunch*

*But I'm clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord  
Clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord  
Like a spotless lamb, I'm blameless in His sight  
With no trace of wrong, left to right  
I'm clean, clean, clean*

*Kneeling in the closet, begging daily bread  
There may be a skeleton hanging overhead  
Where are my accusers, nowhere to be found  
They all dropped their stones when the master came around*

*'Cause I'm clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord  
Clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord  
Like a spotless lamb, I'm blameless in His sight  
With no trace of wrong left to right  
I'm clean, clean, clean*

*I've missed the mark I can't deny it  
I don't condone or justify it  
But I've done nothing that His blood can't wash away  
When I take it to the cross and start to pray*

*Hey, I'm talking to you  
Hey, He's gonna see me through  
Hey, I'm talking to you*

*I'm clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord  
Clean, clean, clean, clean, clean before my Lord*

*Like a spotless lamb, I'm blameless in His sight  
With no trace of wrong left to right  
I'm clean, clean, clean*

I once heard a preacher say, God's word is simple you need someone to help you misunderstand it. That statement is so true. Satan knows this too. He has brain washed the body of Christ over the years with so many false ideas like:

1. God wants you sick for His Glory
2. God has put this hardship on you because He is drawing you closer to Him
3. God is teaching you something but you're not listening
4. You must be sinning
5. Your heart is not right
6. You have secret sins you're not dealing with
7. You have an ancestry sin
8. You're this or that and on, and on, and on the list goes.

Here is the problem with that thinking. Is God so small that he has to resort to this type of psychotic method to reach His people? Come on, really, let me put a sickness on them so they can pray to me so I can heal them of this thing I put on them. (No – No – No, God takes what Satan has devised as evil and used it for good.) No wonder the world does not want anything to do with a God like that, me either. In all of this Satan is NEVER blamed, why? Thank God my God is not like that!

**Verse 18** is where Paul's words should really encourage us when he states: *"for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not"*

Look at King David who God Himself said "I find David to be a man after My Own Heart". In the flesh, during the time of the Old Testament, David was what we would have concluded as someone who was totally selfish and a murderer and someone who should have been stoned. Now David and his family suffered the consequences of his actions for many, many years after. Yet, God said David was a man after His Own Heart! HEART ATTITUDE! Keep this in your mind and heart at all times during your walk with the Lord. Remember this view of David from God to us was smack dab in the middle of the Old, Law Driven, Testament!

Please take special notice to the words *"for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not"*. In other words, my heart is set to do the right things for God but I'm struggling to get it right all the time!

For me this means a total reliance on the Power of God in Christ Jesus. We can not do this on our own! It also means that God knew humans were going to be attacked and struggle after their conversions and allows us under His grace some liberty as Paul so clearly say's in Galatians. **But we are "NOT" to use this liberty as an occasion for the flesh.**

Now I'm the one bringing this teaching about God's Divine Grace to you so I have to make sure that you don't take this teaching as a license to practice sin. I don't care how much grace there is IF you knowingly allow yourself to go into a situation of adultery or fornication is that clear. That is flat out a NO, NO! It is like taking fire into your lap! Don't be stupid.

Remember, people who do casual or recreational drugs are just as hooked in that life style as those who are on street drugs. They think that by using a different term it has less of an effect. Talk about deception!

God in His loving mercy has given us a divine liberty, space, for our shortcomings in order to allow us to grow in this Grace we've been given. Grace means: The Divine influence on the **Heart** and its reflection **in** the life!

This grace does not give us license to commit "**Premeditated**" sin! You can only fool yourself and some people, you will NEVER FOOL GOD, NEVER! He knows your HEART ATTITUDE!

Now the more submissive we are to the Spirit of God the less the effects of the old sin nature will have on us. It's like the old wore out example: If I have a glass filled with rocks there is not much room for the water. The more rocks I remove from the glass the more room for water.

Same with the Spirit of God the more of my old self I remove the more room I make for God. Yes, it really is that simple. Only with God it works like this: The more we submit to the Spirit of God, God pushes the old nature out and fills it in with Him!

If you're struggling, God moves closer to you, not farther away. He smothers you up in His love he does not chase you away.

We were not pleasing to Him before he sent Jesus, why would he then cast us off after we received Jesus knowing we were bound to struggle in the flesh? There is a song titled: "Come Just as you are to Jesus" and that statement is true however, once someone comes just as they are to Jesus they must measure up to our standards is how some people/pastors/churches think. SICK! Who assigned you to play God? You are not these peoples God. Give it a rest and let God bring them along to his standards.

You know the comments: you shouldn't be smoking or drinking because that is not pleasing to God. You shouldn't drink any beer or wine in public as a weaker brother may see you and go back to his old way of life. Give me a break. If someone goes back to their old life style it's because of the lack of love or the man made conditions that are being shoved down at them, or it is an excuse for those to willfully go back to their old lifestyles.

In over 30 years of walking in the light I've seen it all: the hypocrites, the bible thumpers, the ridged, the libertarians, the clean up the outside preachers, the fall of pastors and more yet

NONE of these things moved me! I'm sold out to Christ, period! I will NOT allow anyone else's walk or talk to make me do this or that, I'm bought with a price and SOLD OUT to Him who paid the price for me! I don't care if it ends up being just me and Jesus all the way to eternity I'M SOLD OUT and **I'M NOT TURNING BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Today too many people/pastors are spending valuable time trying to get people to clean up the outward appearance and not on the only thing that matters, developing the Spirit and training the brethren how to get closer to the working of the Holy Spirit of God.

Let's look at this in reality. Jesus said in **John 14:16 & 26, 15:26 & 16: 7** what the role of the comforter is and that the comforter is the "Holy Ghost" and that the comforter will:

1. Abide with us forever
2. Teach us all things
3. Bring all things to our remembrance of what Jesus taught
4. He will testify about Jesus
5. He will reprove the world of sin
6. He will reprove the world of righteousness
7. He will reprove the world of Judgment
8. Guide us into all truth
9. He will not speak of Himself
10. He will show us things to come
11. He will glorify Jesus
12. He will receive from Jesus
13. He will then show it to us

Now sit down and put your seat belt on at this next statement by me: Notice here that Jesus did not say I will have chosen men write down instructions for you to follow who will give you rules and rituals to follow, "MAKE SURE TO READ THE BOOK"!!

DO NOT misquote me here. I am not saying there is no place for the word of God because it is our barometer and guide. But as far as this section here Jesus did not call the written word of God our comforter. He said the Holy Ghost is the comforter! In fact I'm supporting my position throughout this entire teaching by what? The Holy Word of God! Don't try and pervert the intent of this teaching.

Plain and simple people/pastors are almost all dealing with the flesh and not the development of the Spirit and this is where the real time needs to be spent, on the development of the relationship with the "Holy Ghost"! Yes, a relationship with the "Holy Ghost"!!!!

Let's spend a few minutes here and support this theory with some supporting verses:

**Roman's 8:1-5** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: <sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

Why didn't it say who walk after the word? We'll get into this a bit more a little later let's continue with the scriptural support verse before we do that. In fact this scripture supports my statement about those who are trying to clean up the flesh that they are the ones who are in the flesh and not in the Spirit because when you are in the Spirit there is NO Condemnation!

**Roman's 8:9-16** *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. <sup>10</sup>And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup>The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

This is very interesting. We're only in the Spirit IF the Spirit of God dwells in us. That means being filled with the Holy Spirit! This CANNOT be done from an intellectual ascension or a sensation of goose bumps or a feeling of euphoria, it has to be God infilling you.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they ARE the son's of God! It's clear that Paul is encouraging us to develop in the Spirit, why is there no mention of the Word comingled with these verses?

**1st Corinthians 2:4,10-12** *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: <sup>10</sup>But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

Paul's speech and preaching was through demonstration of the Spirit and of Power! These things can only be revealed through the Spirit and it's the Spirit that searches out the "Deep" things of God.

Does this mean that you can only go deeper with God through the Spirit? Here again you would think that it should point us to the word if that was the way to go deeper with God. Although you can certainly go deeper with God through studying His Holy Word in fact I whole heartedly encourage everyone to study His Holy Word!

To take this a step deeper here notice in verse 12 that it clearly states: *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.* In other words there are things from God to us that we can only access from the Spirit of God and not in the word! That's right these are things in the Spirit vault of God that are NOT in the word!!!! However the word will support the Spiritual revelations you receive.

It's encrypted: like a secret code. You may ask why would God do that? It simple, because God knows that Satan will pervert anything he can to destroy the people and keep them from gaining full access to God. Satan can tap into the things that are for the children of God if we allow him to.

This is a deeper level that we can all access only through the Spirit of God and if you aren't being led of the Spirit of God you cannot access this level.

**1st Corinthians 12:7** *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

Interesting that the manifestation of the Spirit is given to us to profit

**1st Corinthians 12:8** *For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

Only through the spirit of God can one have the word of wisdom, knowledge and so on.

**1st Corinthians 14:2** *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*

Best way to speak to God is revealed here.

**1st Corinthians 14:15-16** *What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. <sup>16</sup>Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?*

This is not for you to "show off": it's for edification and when you're truly in the Spirit you will know when to "Tone it Down"! This is all about God, not us.

**2nd Corinthians 3:6** *Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

Far too many people, bible thumpers, beat others over the head with the letter of the word without understanding the Spirit of God. Not much has changed from the days of the Pharisee's interpretation of the Law when Jesus had to continually correct them.

**2nd Corinthians 3:8** *How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*

Ah ha! Clear enough?

**2nd Corinthians 3:17** *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

This is what I'm talking about. So if you're struggling with past life issues and your heart is not fixed in the direction of practicing sin don't allow Satan, your pastor or other Christians

condemn you or make you feel like you're not pleasing to God. God has provided liberty to us during these times of struggle and growth.

**Galatians 3:3** *Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*

This is exactly my point. Today people/pastors are working on the outward **appearance** not from the inside out. You cannot change the inside from the outside! CAN NOT BE DONE! IF it would have been done through the flesh God would not have had to send his only Begotten Son to save us. He tried to do it that way in the Old Testament and found out that it would not be done through the flesh.

**Galatians 5:16** *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

Not walk in the word to stop the lust of the flesh – in the Spirit!

**Galatians 5:17** *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

Struggling? Here is the battle ground. Don't let others condemn you!

**Galatians 5:18** *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

We are under Grace! Liberty! DO NOT USE YOUR LIBERALITY AS AN OCCASION FOR YOUR FLESH. This liberality is NOT a free pass to sin without consequences but in Grace to give you space to grow in while you seek to do those things that are pleasing in God's sight. God wants us to be always seeking His face and His will for your life. God wants your HEART!

If you are first in your life, you have your reward!

If God is first in your life you have the greatest reward: Eternal Life with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost and all the Heavenly host for all eternity!!! Glory and Praise to God!

**Galatians 5:22** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

If people/pastors are condemning you they are NOT walking in the Spirit.

**Galatians 5:25** *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Notice, we are to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! IF we do it this way our outside gets clean through God's way!

Encouragement without the condemnation, NOW THAT'S GOD!!!!!!!

**Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

Yea, you tell them Paul!

**Galatians 6:8** *For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

This is NOT talking about a struggling brother or sister who is having issues. This is talking about people/pastors who are not following the biblical instruction back in verse one. Those who want your flesh to line up by trying to work from the outside-in rather than the inside-out.

DC Talk has a song “What if I stumble” the words written for this song is very important for us today:

*Father please forgive me for I can not compose  
The fear that lives within me  
Or the rate at which it grows  
If struggle has a purpose on the narrow road you've carved  
Why do I dread my trespasses will leave a deadly scar  
Do they see the fear in my eyes? Are they so revealing?  
This time I cannot disguise all the doubt I'm feeling*

*What if I stumble, what if I fall?  
What if I lose my step and I make fools of us all?  
Will the love continue when my walk becomes a crawl?  
What if I stumble, and what if I fall?*

*What if I stumble?  
Everyone's got to crawl when you know that  
You're up against a wall, it's about to fall  
Everyone's got to crawl when you know that*

*I hear You whispering my name [You say]  
"My love for You will never change" [never change]*

*What if I stumble, what if I fall?  
What if I lose my step and I make fools of us all?  
Will the love continue when my walk becomes a crawl?  
What if I stumble, and what if I fall?*

Cut your brothers and sisters some slack! God does!

**John 13:35** *By this shall all men know you are my disciples that you have love one to another.*

Pay special attention to the word “TO” “that you have love: one “TO” another. This word “TO” is an action word! Do this first and keep your big yap shut!

**Ephesians 5:18** *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

Paul tells us to be filled with the Spirit. Why no mention again about being filled with the word?

**Ephesians 6:17** *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

Finally the word is mentioned along with the Spirit but notice that the word is a weapon: it is the sword of the Spirit. When Satan/people/pastor comes at you use the HOLY WORD of God as a sword to cut off the source of the condemnation, guilt, etc.

**Ephesians 6:18** *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

Pray in the Spirit? I've heard pray the word. I've heard people and pastors say "all you need is the bible" or "all you need is the word of God". Paul clearly here and in many other verses is talking about praying in the Spirit and developing in the Spirit isn't he?

Very key point here: It was Jesus who said he was sending the comforter not a book or books.

**Philippians 3:3** *For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

We are to worship in the Spirit – **John 4:23 states** *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.* Why did Jesus say the word "Spirit" first? I hope this teaching is making that clear.

**1st Thessalonians 5:19** *Quench not the Spirit.*

The word Quench in the Greek carries this meaning with it "to suppress" "to stifle" and thus this writing as this is exactly what Satan has done to the body of Christ today.

It's time to wake up this sleeping giant and turn the tables on the Devil!

**Hebrews 10:29** *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

Remember what I've stated a few times "Don't use this liberty as an occasion to practice sin"! Without the Spirit of God you are NOT smarter than Satan. If you allow yourself to be driven by flesh Satan will entrap you and remember he plays for keeps. Think not? Look back at all the church leaders over the past 20 years or so who he exposed.

**1st Peter 1:22** *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

Can not do this through the flesh you can only do this through the Spirit.

1st Peter 4:6 *For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*

We are to live according to the Spirit! Get it? Why not the word? Don't misquote me here I'm not saying anything against the Word of God. I'm pointing out the fact that we are to develop the Holy Spirit in our lives, and that this part of our walk has been quenched by Satan.

**1st John 4:6** *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

Two Spirits? You better know this! Satan counterfeits the true. I mean if there is no real there can not be a counterfeit can there? Many people/pastors stay away from the things of God because someone somewhere gave society a bad image of the real gifts of God. I cannot give you a orange \$20 bill or a green \$7 bill because it is very obvious that they are not real because money is not printed in orange and we do not have \$7 bills. But if I give you a green \$20 bill I have a chance to deceive you with a fake because it looks like the real, get it?

**1st John 5:6** *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.*

The Spirit is truth. Has Satan been keeping the body of Christ from the full power of the Spirit of Truth? Just in case you're wondering what the answer is, allow me to help you, YES!

The Holy Ghost is the Third Person of the Trinity isn't He?

Why doesn't anyone ever mention Him? Oh, I know you hear about him but it's a casual passing over not a relationship teaching.

Could it be a great deception tactic of Satan to keep the only source of physical association with the Godhead for these last days for those of us who are saved to draw truth and guidance from away from us?

Most people don't even pray correctly. People pray to Jesus and it was Jesus Himself who said in **John 16:23** *And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.* Don't pray to me, pray to the Father "IN MY NAME". He was talking about after his Ascension, isn't that the time we live in now?

I remember waking one morning and saying good morning to the Holy Ghost and the response I got stunned me "thank you, no one say's that to me". I felt horrible, the forgotten, and oh so important, part of the Godhead.

Matthew 12:31-32 *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. <sup>32</sup>And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

Are you kidding me? Come on, **ALL MANNER** OF SIN AND BLASPHEMY SHALL BE FORGIVEN UNTO MEN: **BUT** THE BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE "HOLY GHOST" SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN UNTO MEN!

If that isn't stunning enough Jesus goes on to say: AND WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH A WORD **AGAINST THE SON OF MAN**, IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM: BUT WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST, IT **SHALL NOT** BE FORGIVEN HIM, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD, NEITHER IN THE WORLD TO COME.

Wait just a minute, who was rejected by man? Who was tortured? Who died on the cross? Who rose from the dead? Come on, and IF you say a word against Jesus it will be forgiven you? IF you say a word against the Holy Ghost it WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN YOU! WHAT?

How important is the Holy Ghost? WOW! I shutter to even think about this!

Has Satan blinded our eyes to the critical key source for our lives here on earth?

I mean Jesus was clear when told us why he was sending the Holy Ghost and what the function of the Holy Ghost was to us!

In fact Satan has the Church so timid on the subject of the Holy Ghost we refer to Him today as the Holy Spirit and we really don't talk too much about Him because the world may look at us like we're some sort of strange being.

Come on when someone say's "the Spirit moved me to....." people, Christian people/pastors look at one another with a "yah right" attitude.

Let's be honest about it if someone told you that God just spoke to them to sacrifice their child we would all have reservations about that wouldn't we? But today we talk about how faithful Abraham did just that to Isaac and admire his obedience don't we? **Under NO circumstance do you even come close to attempting this today!** Someone might say, well aren't you talking out of both sides of your mouth now? No absolutely not! What? We're living in the New Testament and the days of sacrifices are over, halleluiaah!

I see person after person and pastor after pastor telling people how their lives should be perfect. I hear church after church say how the deacons and bishops are to live holy lives in order to serve as an elder and ALL of this is so false it is sickening and crippling. It makes people feel that they cannot be good enough to serve God. It glorifies the fleshly accomplishments. It makes one two fold the child of hell when they get discouraged and turn back to the world: **Matthew 23:15** *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

Under this type of thinking/teaching the following people could NOT have served God today in the Church:

1. Jesus – he drank wine and hung out with whores
2. David – he committed adultery and murder
3. Elijah – he had children tore to shreds and killed by a bear
4. Paul – he told Timothy to drink wine and was in jail
5. Peter – swore and lied

You're better off standing in the market place showing how holy you are than just on an elder board. I hear people say "**I'm an Elder!**" really saying "How dare you question me I'm holier than you", peasant.

In fact Pastors are teaching their flocks to walk in deception. Lot of sin behind those façades. To me what their saying is "we're watching you so hide everything and pretend you're Holy.

This life, our walk is all about "Heart Attitude" our heart attitude towards our commitment to God and our gratitude for what he has done for us.

It's not about a pastor/person/church congregation's view of us!

Don't get me wrong we are to encourage practicing and living a better/holy lifestyle.

1. Loving Unconditionally
2. Growing in Christ
3. Walking with the "Holy Ghost" (in the Spirit)
4. Loving our fellow workers
5. Loving our neighbors
6. Being examples to our families
7. Show grace to everyone
8. Being imitators of Christ and so on.

**However this IS NOT for Exclusion Purposes!!!!**

But this is all supposed to be done from the inside out. It is not to be done to show others how holy you are. It is supposed to be "the divine influence upon your heart reflecting outwardly", God's Grace to you and you living it towards others!

Hebrews 8:12 is so powerful and clear it should be a fixture in everyone's walk with Christ Jesus. **Hebrews 8:12** *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.* God will be merciful to our unrighteousness? He will not remember our SINS or INIQUITIES?

Merciful means Propitious which is "Presenting Favorable Conditions: Indicative of favor: Favorably inclined: Disposed to bestow favor.

Notice how carefully God said that He will NOT remember our SINS or INIQUITIES! Why did God separate sin from iniquity? Because in this context iniquity demonstrates His grace in the New Testament, iniquity means: Gross injustice or wickedness: A violation of right or duty: Wicked act.

Allow me to expound on this scripture like this: *For I will be merciful (by presenting favorable conditions and be favorably inclined) to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities (gross injustice or wickedness or any violation after they are saved) will I remember no more.*

**Remember to keep this all in balance: This is not a license to PRACTICE SIN! Sin is still SIN! This is about "HEART ATTITUDE"! IF your "HEART ATTITUDE" is correct then you can safely and freely move with the assurance of Hebrews 8:12 with grace filled flexibility.**

By the way you can certainly use this verse as a license to sin but remember Hebrews 6:4-6 is now yours also to walk in! Just thinking about getting away with something with a loop hole mentality demonstrates just where your "HEART ATTITUDE" is at!

The church is spending far too much time on IMAGE building instead of “Equipping the Saints for the Battle”: Football teams spend countless hours pouring over past game films to find out what their opponent does in certain situations so they can counter act those situations. The church today does very little to teach the body how to combat Satan when Satan plays of keeps.

**Romans 6:6-7, 14, 18** *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup>For he that is dead is freed from sin. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>18</sup>Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

This is a very Spiritual group of verses here. When Adam and Eve sinned their eyes were opened and they saw that they were naked. Some type of metamorphosis must have taken place. Same here in verse 6 a metamorphosis has taken place as Paul say’s that our old man IS crucified with him! Why Paul? That the body of sin might be destroyed! WOW! Again, why Paul? That, we, henceforth should not serve sin. Does he mean that we WERE the servants of sin?

Paul continues on and say’s in verse 7 for he that is dead is FREED from Sin. Well if we’re crucified we’re dead aren’t we? Then verse 7 is an absolute area where we can shout from the roof tops because under God’s Divine Grace we are FREED from sin.

If that wasn’t enough look what Paul states a few verses later in verse 14 Sin SHALL NOT have dominion over you because you ARE NOT under the LAW but UNDER GRACE!

In verse 18 Paul even goes further when he exclaims: this metamorphosis has FREED you from SIN and translated you by God’s Divine Grace into servants of righteousness. Glory to God!

Now let’s for a moment look at this from a fleshly view point, someone will likely say: “*Oh brother, you can’t say this. We need to be Holy, we need to be blameless, we need to be pure and we need to be clean in all areas of our lives in order to be truly accepted of God*”. This type of teaching is false and not of God.

Hebrews Chapter 10 has some very insightful information for us regarding where we’re going with this teaching.

**Hebrews 10:1** *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

So the LAW was a shadow of God’s good things but IT WAS NOT the very image of those things. The Old Testament LAW’S had to be offered year by year but they could NOT “Continually” make those who came perfect. However Jesus’ sacrifice did, it put us in “Continual” right standing with Him!

**Hebrews 10:2** *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

