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1: *A Timeless Question*

There is a prominent question in the heart of every Christian in this generation of ours. The question is: we know that God want us to be holy, we know that holiness is one of the standards which God expect all His children to meet. We know that without holiness no one will see the Lord according to Hebrews 12:14. No one shall see talkless of even inheriting God. Without holiness no one will see the Lord both in this present world and in eternity. We know that the issue of holiness is as serious as that. But is it possible to be holy? Is it possible to maintain the new life that Christ gives? Is it possible to live a sinless life in this perverse generation? Is it possible to live the life that pleases the Lord from the time at which one accepts Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of one's life to the very end of one's life on earth? That has been the ageless question in people's heart. Well, I need to raise at this juncture that several people, scholars and countless philosophers both within and outside the church have supplied many varying answers to this phenomenal question. The most common among the answers supplied is, "You cannot walk without your head shaking." Meaning that, it is impossible to be holy. This belief prospers greatly even among believers in the church.

Meanwhile, so many people says "it is impossible" to live above sin; because they themselves have not been able to overcome it. But when I study the scripture, I discovered that there is already a provision which the Lord has made to enable us to live without or perhaps above sin. It is not that God will start to make it. It is not that He would arrange for it. But He had made the provision readymade before we accepted Christ. What I am telling you is not just a mere theory, but it is what I had being privileged to experience in my walk with God. Besides, I have heard some of the elders in the faith teaching this principle and I have seen it

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manifested in their lives. These elders have tested it and proved the principle to be true. They have proved it that it is possible for someone to live sinless life; provided he understand this divine provision and begin to key himself into it. As a matter of fact, no one could overcome the old-self or sin by his strength. For the Bible says, ***“By the arm of flesh shall no man prevail.”*** The arm of flesh shall ever fail a man. This is a major reason many people have not been able to live above sin. So many people have been attempting overcoming sin by their own strength. Therefore, dear friend, perhaps you are trying to overcome sin by your own strength, you will never prevail. You will understand this better very soon as you go on steadily with me in this study.

Some people think that the solution is fasting. They fast severally thinking that they will not sin again, yet they still find themselves sinning. Some tried setting principles, as I also tried using principles some years ago. In those days, when I was struggling with lust, I set certain principles for myself. First, I decided not to be greeting sisters. Second, I decided that I will not be looking down whenever I am going somewhere; so as to avoid seeing sisters. And third, I decide to be fasting whenever I will attend a meeting that will involve meeting sisters. I so much loved fasting then to the extent that one day, my mother called me and said, “Sola, you know you meet me in the race of faith, this your fast is getting too much. Reduce this fast.” My eldest sister also told me then, “Sola, you are growing lean, reduce your fast.” I decide to put these things on record; so you may understand that I had also tasted the captivity of self, and that I have been privileged to experience the practicality of the principle God is raising with you today.

During that time, I tried fasting, but fasting did not tame sin. I also tried going alone, this likewise failed. Some brethren even reported me to my friend, saying, “Please, talk to your friend, we don't understand the type of Christianity he is practicing; why is he not greeting people? They added rhetorically. They don't really know what I was passing through then, only I knew that I cannot but lust. But when God opened my eyes to the divine provision, and that I believed and keyed myself into it, it began to work for me.

So, perhaps you have been trying to overcome sin – you have tried all what you could and it end up in frustration. I want to introduce a divine package to you in this material. The moment you understand it, believe it and key yourself into it, you will experience total victory over sin. I pray that it will become your experience as we go into the study now in the name of Jesus.

2: Identifying the Devil's and God's Children

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:8-9 NKJV

But if you keep on sinning, it shows that you belong to Satan, who since he first began to sin has kept steadily at it. But the Son of God came to destroy these works of the devil.

The person who has been born into God's family does not make a practice of sinning because now God's life is in him; so he can't keep on sinning, for this new life has been born into him and controls him—he has been born again. TLB

With these two versions of the Bible, you should have been able to notice some things in this passage. Verse 8 says, “**He who sins ...**” this expression is all inclusive; it means, whoever sins belong to the devil. It depict that the Lord

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shows no care about whether the person attends church services or not. Because a smoker that is not attending church services is as the same in His sight as the sinners who commit themselves to attending church services. The professional prostitutes in hotel are in the same category with other sinners who attends church programmes

The sinners in the church are in no way better than those outside it; because they are children of the same father. Likewise, pastors, bishops, apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers of the word, deacons and deaconesses, church leaders ... who sins is of the devil. The word "of" there implies that such a person is a kind of the devil – he or she is a specie of the devil – the person carries the gene of the devil. Our God is not a respecter of person. Friend, do you really understand this scripture?

Now, the latter part of verse 8 says, "***For this purpose the Son of God was manifested; that He might destroy the works of the devil.***" When you hear the word "For" what comes into your mind? What does the word "For" means? What does the word "For" symbolize in the passage? It is talking of or referring to reason. The reason for the coming of Jesus was to destroy the works of the devil.

Ordinarily, from that passage, we understand that; if not that the devil has been working and making man to sin, Jesus would not have come to the world. He would not have suffered. He would not have gone to the cross. Hence, He would not have died. Dear friend, Jesus actually passed through all the sufferings because His manifestation on earth was to destroy the works of the devil. Therefore, if anyone wants to prove that he had accepted Jesus into his life, what evidence are we going to see in the person's life? According to verse 8 of our study passage, the apparent evidence we are going to see is that, Jesus would have destroy sin and other works of the devil in his life. Jesus would have destroyed all the works which the devil initiated in man since Genesis 3. And since Jesus has destroyed devil's works, we should not see sin or sinful habit in you any more. Is that not true? I think it is. But provided we are still seen sin in you when you claim to have been born-again, what does our study text told us about that? It says, the person is still a child of the devil, regardless of his claim. Do you understand the scripture to that point? Alright, let's examine verse 9 right now;

Whoever has been born of God does not sin,

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for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:9

Do you note that the passage quoted above begin with ***“Whoever has been born of God does not sin ...”***? Do you know why it begins in that way? What actually is the function of the word “Whoever” in the passage? Does it have exclusion? It is an all inclusive word. Whoever has been born of God ... whether he is an Igbo, Hausa, Yoruba or a white person from Europe, USA, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran ... does not sin. The established truth is, whenever one is born of God the person does not go on sinning. What will enable him or her not to go on sinning is explained in the second part of verse 8 that we have examined previously. It says, ***“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.”***

3: Mark of Genuine Conversion

***Whoever has been born of God does not sin,
for His seed remains in him; and he cannot
sin, because he has been born of God.***

1 John 3:9

When a person has genuinely accepted Jesus, Jesus would have destroyed the work of the devil in his life. And by the virtue of what Jesus has done, the redeemed is enabled to rule over sin. Furthermore, the passage quoted above explains why whoever has been born of God will not go on sinning much later. It says the redeemed will not continue sinning because the seed of God remain in him. Whereas, what NKJV called “***The seed of God***” is what TLB referred to as “***God's life.***” Due to this, we can logically conclude that the seed of God means the life of God; the real life that God carries – the life that makes God to be whom He is. Then, when someone meet Christ and accept Him, what used to happen is that there will be an alteration in the gene of the former life the person lived before. After that is achieved, God will then install His own gene instead. God will install His seed – His own life – what makes Him to be God into the person's life. The moment He installed it, the person will be enabled to live above sin. Since it is the inner man that controls the physical, by the ability of the life of God in the inside of the redeemed, he will begin to live sinless life. That's why 2 Corinthians 5: 17 says;

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation; old things have passed away;
behold, all things have become new.***

To understand this seed (life) much better, we would glean wisdom from *Mendelian* law in Biology - Genetics. Those who studied Science and

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Laboratory Technology and any other Biology related courses will quickly understand this. When we talk of Genetics according to Mendel, we are talking of Gene and Chromosome. Do you remember these in Biology, dear reader? Chromosome is that thing which carries the identity – the trait – the character of a person. Human beings are usually formed by the contribution of a man and a woman (normally husband and wife) in union. Is that true? That contribution of the man and the woman usually come in form of chromosome. The chromosome represents the traits of the parents. The man's contribution carries everything about him, likewise the woman's. That's why you see some children who resemble their parents as if they split them in two. If the gene of the man overpowers that of the woman, the gene of the father will be dominant in the child, while that of the mother will be recessive. However, the underline fact is that, it is the gene of the parents that produce and determine the character of every child. Now child at birth has no say on what his or her character should be when he or she grows up.

Hence, when the Bible says, ***“For His seed remains in him;”*** it shows that everything about God – His holiness, sinless ability, righteous nature, character, power, grace etc. is embedded in that divine seed. So at rebirth, God use to conduct the installation of His chromosome into the life of whoever gets born-again. The moment this is achieved, the person is carrying God. When you carry the chromosome of God, whom do you carry? It is God in His fullness.

Let's draw an allusion from Genesis 3. In this passage, God promised the redemption of man. He said, ***“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”*** (Gen 3:15) Through this passage God promised to put enmity between the serpent (the devil) and the woman. Likewise between the serpent's seed and her seed; the serpent's seed will bruise the heel of the woman's seed, while the woman's seed will crush the head of the seed of the serpent instead. You may wonder why Jesus had to be born by a woman. Why God did not just drop Him from heaven. God has to look for a woman – virgin Mary that will give birth to Jesus because when He promised man's redemption in chapter three of man's Genesis, He had state it clearly that it is the seed of the woman that will bruise the head of the devil. So,

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for Jesus to be qualified as the savior of the world, he had to be born by a woman. The matter is, by the virtue of that divine installation, God begin to dwell in the redeemed' life and His presence will always produce in the man an eternal hatred for sin. Every genuine child of God has unique hatred for sin in their heart. Instead of loving sin, God's presence in them makes them to hate it with passion. There is that eternal enmity in the heart of whomever carries God's life for the devil and his works. Now, dear friend, I want to know whether you are getting what God is revealing in our study text rightly or not. Help me answer the following questions, if God is dwelling in me really, who will be in charge of my life? When I laugh, who laughs? When I am talking, who talks? When I walk, who walks? When I reason, who reasons? When I say I want to rest now, and I rested, who engineers it? Every activity of the man who bears God in is inside ought to be coordinated by God who dwells in his inside. If a man who claimed to have experienced the said divine installation is still found sinning, what possibly could have happened? First, it may be that the person has not really experienced the installation of the gene of God into his life. Second, the fact that he is still sinning proves that the gene of the devil – the old man is still intact in the person's life.

Friend, permit me to still emphasis to you at this point that, the divine provision which enables a man to live sinless life is the seed of God –the chromosome of God – the life of God – the divine sperm. The moment that installation takes place; the person is enabled to say no to sin – he can then live above sin and lustful desires. Do you understand this principle to the point I have explained? That's gratifying! Now, a critical question we need to quickly provide answer to

4: The Process of Divine Installation

*Whoever has been born of God does not sin,
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sin, because he has been born of God.*

1 John 3:9

The latter part of the passage quoted above reveals how the installation usually takes place. It says, "... **and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.**" This exposes that the way the divine seed usually enter into man is by being born. The means of installing the divine seed is by been born again – by been born into God's family. May God enable you to catch this understanding. You may wonder why Jesus had to emphasis to Nichodamus in John 3 that, **"Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** And you know, the phrase "Born-again" has become a common slang. It has become like slang in the household of faith; though we didn't understand its right meaning. We seem not to know the reason which makes being born-again a necessity. The expression, "being born-again" shows that the person was born before, and he needs to be born anew. He needs to experience what is called 'Rebirth.' It is only by rebirth that the installation of the chromosome of God – the seed of God – the life of God – the character of God can be actualized.

The Necessity of Being Born-Again

I will make a further explanation, and please, read carefully. What makes being born-again so much needed for every life is on the fact that everyone on earth was born unfortunate in our first birth. I know that what I will be sharing at this juncture may hit you. Everyone on earth was born unfortunate! Unless you believe this bitter truth, you will not be set for rebirth experience. In our

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first birth, we were born unfortunate, unproductive, bad, wicked, evil etc. (see Romans 3:10-18). Do you know why? It is on the fact that it was both Adam and Eve who ate the forbidden fruit after the serpent had succeeded in deceiving the woman. That indeed engineered the problem. Since the birth of every child must involve the coming together of a man and a woman in union. Hence, right from the fall of the first man, every birth of a child which involves the coming together of a man and a woman in union usually produces corruption. Do you understand this, dear reader? This is because it was both Adam and Eve who ate the forbidden fruit in the garden. And by the virtue of the fruit they ate, the real life they carried was corrupted. Then, every birth of a child which involves the coming together of a man and a woman used to produce corrupt seed.

Consequently, every one of us is product of corruption – we all have corrupt beginning. Does this hurt you? Unless you accept and understand this truth, you will not value being born-again by experience. The first birth we had was an unfortunate one. We were born with fake life; the original life was lost in Eden. It was indeed an unfortunate birth!

Base on this knowledge, whenever I see people celebrating their birthday, a question used to come to my heart. The question is, “Hope this celebrant has experienced rebirth or he is just wasting his money to celebrate his unfortunate beginning?” If anyone celebrates his or her Biological birthday without being born-again, he or she is just wasting his money to celebrate or commemorate his or her corrupt beginning. This makes the need for experiencing rebirth so great. In the contemporary time, some people are spending millions of naira to celebrate their corrupt birth without caring about the experience of the second birth. Some are even spending up to Billions of naira without **any** care about their eternity. This is because they do not understand that they were born unfortunate in their first birth. They failed to realize that, they were born spiritually disabled, limited, and unproductive; hence, they were born with a fake life. This is why being born-again become so necessary.

Dear reader, don't forget, what we are checking is how the installation of the divine seed – the life of God – the gene of God used to take place. You have been exposed to what it means to be born-again. Before there could be the installation of the seed of God to your life, you need to accept that you had an unfortunate

first birth – you need to acknowledge that you were born as a corrupt seed biologically. This does not in any way implies that you should start to disregard your parents. On no account should you say to your parents, “I wish you don't give birth to me.” At least, the first birth you got through your parent position you for the second birth. Provided you were not born biologically, you will not be qualified to experience the second birth. Or do you think, dear reader, that you could have the hope of the second birth when you have not experience the first birth? It is impossible!

What Rebirth is Not

When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, the fruit destroyed the life of God in them and erected SELF instead. Before, it was God at work in man, but after the fall, SELF – the old man took charge of man's life. So, right from that point of fall, SELF is responsible for everything man does. Every activity performs by man was being coordinated by self, who was erected in man. Rebirth is not just a mere raising up of one's hand during altar call after sermon. In my few time of service in the kingdom, I had met some people who had raise up their hands in several meetings and yet, they are not born-again experientially. This is because rebirth is an experience; it is not just a mere raising up of hands. How does this experience usually happen? Rebirth always goes along with death. Before God will come into a life, there will first be the death of SELF who occupied the space of God in man. When the death of SELF is achieved, the next requirement is his eviction. After the two is done, there will now be the installation of the seed of God. Having explained what rebirth is not; let me now define what rebirth is. The next chapter will expose you to the nitty-gritty of what rebirth is. Please, follow on patiently.

5: What is Rebirth?

Rebirth is the death and evacuation of the old man and the coming in of the new man. This is the simplest definition I can give to the experience of rebirth. Let's examine Colossian 1:27 together:

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Christ in you is the hope of realizing the lost glory. If there is any hope that man could still live sinless life, it is that there should be the death and eviction of the old man, and the coming in of the new man. Who is that man? He is JESUS. Jesus must come and take His place in you. When this has happened, every activity of your life will be coordinated by Jesus just as it was for the first man (Adam and Eve) before they fell. The moment Jesus becomes the resident of a man's life, all the activities of that man will be coordinated, controlled, ordered, etc. by God. Dear friend, do you now understand why some people keeps raising their hands in salvation altar call, and yet their lives did not experience change?

Friend, the fact remains that rebirth is an experience. If there is no death and eviction of the old man, the new man will not come in. And unless He (Jesus) comes in, living sinless life is not achievable. Hence, you cannot overcome sin by fasting. If anyone asks you to fast in order that you may overcome sin, tell him or her that victory over sin does not come that way. Likewise, victory over sin does not come by observing certain set principles. The only way out of the tyranny of sin is, to surrender to Christ and to permit Him to establish His kingdom within you. There must be the death and evacuation of the old man,

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and the seed of God's life must be installed. When this is accomplished, living the new life of Christ will be made possible for you. Without stress, you will hate sin with passion; because Christ in you is the hope of realizing the lost glory. It is only when Jesus occupies your life that you can have the hope of living a sinless life.

For the sake of emphases, I want you to respond to the following questions, first, who is the seed that must be planted in you before you could live holy life? Second, what is that divine provision for living sinless life? It is Jesus Christ Himself. When Jesus Christ comes into your life, you will know He is there – it is not an abstract thing, it is indeed an experience. I have also emphasized that, if the old man (SELF) who was erected in man by the fruit which Adam and Eve ate does not die and get evicted out of man, the new man will not come in. There will be complete experience of rebirth when there is the death and eviction of the old man, and the come in of the new man.

The Challenge

Many people have been deceived today, by several kinds of fake teachings. As I had earlier noted, some erroneous preachers prescribe fasting for people who are tired of the servitude of sin; and pray all kinds of wasted prayers. To enter into the experience of sinless living, you need to pray a singular prayer point. I have prayed the prayer myself and it worked for me. You know that it is the old man that makes you to sin, as Galatians 5:19-21 says, ***“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”***

The above passage established that FLESH usually produces some works and those works are what we called SIN. Flesh – Self – the Old man is a manufacturer per excellence. He produces more than seventeen products, and all his products have a brand name called, “SIN.” Hence, it is the old man that is producing sin in you. What should you do now to overcome SIN? Should you ask God to destroy the sin in you? NO. Why is it not? It is the manufacturer of

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SIN that must be rightly handled and executed. If he is spared, while his product is being destroyed, he will still produce another later.

Let us take NAFDAC as a relevant example. In Nigeria, NAFDAC usually seize and burn fake drugs; they believe that by burning fake drugs, its production will be stopped. But since they have been using this strategy, have they been able to eradicate the production of fake drug in the country? Why have they not been able to stop the production? It is because they are using wrong strategy for the assignment. It is because the manufacturers are spared. Instead of arresting and dealing with the manufacturers, they are seizing and destroying their products. If you destroy their products or close down their manufacturing site, what they will do is to relocate to another place and start their work afresh. Hence, asking God to destroy a particular sin, *i.e.* asking that God should destroy anger makes us to act like NAFDAC who attempts to eradicate fake drug production by seizing and burning fake drugs, while they spares its manufacturers.

The singular prayer you need to pray to experience rebirth is, “Lord, I handover the old man who produces sin in my life to you. Execute and evict him from my life; so that you may establish your kingdom in me.” Do you really understand this prayer point? When God answer this prayer, rebirth will be an experience in your life. Then, you will know by experience that man can live without sinning. This principle is applicable to all types of sin. Whatever kind of sin you are struggling with; I want you to know that you can overcome it if you will dare to apply the principle explained in this booklet. May your life become a physical evidence of the efficacy of this truth in the name of Jesus.

6: *Maintaining the New Life*

As I had earlier established in the previous chapters, the termination of the old self, excommunication of the works of the flesh and the coming in of the new man – Jesus is the beginning of the new life. But, it is one thing to receive the new life in Christ and another to know how to sustain it. It is paradoxical to know that many in the contemporary time who indeed experienced salvation and the infusion of the high life through the Holy Spirit, are losing it in a short while. They did not enjoy the new life for long before it got lost. But, does this contradict the eternal nature of salvation? Of course not, the truth is that, the eternal (new) life could get lost if one lacks the adequate knowledge of how to keep it and maintain its fervency. This chapter is dedicated to examine how the new which Jesus offers through grace could be cared for, nurture and nourished. 1 John 3:9 has made us to know that those who have been born into God's family do not sin, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they have been born of God (NLT). In maintaining the life of God within you, we would consider the following principles;

1. ***Know what has happened to you***

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. Rom 6:6

You indeed need to keep this knowledge in your heart, it should not sleep off; when it sleep off, it makes you live in the dark of what Jesus had accomplished in your life. Make the knowledge of the fact that the old man (the producer of sin in you) have been destroyed and rendered inoperative by the power of the cross of Christ fresh in your heart daily. When you do this, you will be able to maintain the new life you received from Jesus. Keeping the consciousness of what Christ did makes you to live in freedom.

2. Reckon yourself to be Dead Indeed to Sin

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, (Romans 6:11a)

Start to see yourself dead to sin. Count yourself, think of yourself, consider yourself dead in regard to sin and its passions. We know that a dead man (human corpse) cannot respond to sin any longer no matter how provoking the temptation might be. A dead man cannot fight, abuse, retaliate, covet, get drunk, steal, lie (he can't even open his mouth), practice immorality, defend himself, keep malice, become angry, murder, deceive, proud, hate, jealous, envy, revile, etc. (Galatians 5:19-20; Romans 1: 28-31). This is how children of God really need to think of themselves. I mean when you keep counting yourself dead indeed to sin, you will be able to retain the new life you received from Jesus.

3. But be Alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord

... but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 6:11

Note that Romans 6:11 did not stop at reckoning yourself dead indeed to sin, it proceeds unto saying 'but be alive to God.' This means that it is not enough to count yourself as dead to sin. There is no perfection yet in this until you become aglow with God. As you stop the practice of sin, be alive to God and to whatever has to do with His kingdom. Let all your interest, passion and affection become enraptured for God. Be easily stirred and aflame when it comes to the issues of God's kingdom. As you stop living in sin, begin to live in God immediately. However, the question is, how can a man's heart get alive with God? It could be cultivated by allowing your soul to start panting for God. This is what the Psalmist's heart was undergoing in Psalms 42: 1-2 when he said, ***“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*** Let your heart begin to yearn earnestly for God. Just like your heart was running after the things of the world and its pleasures before, let it now be channeled after God now.

4. *Do not Allow Sin to Reign in you*

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. Rom 6:12

Henceforth, do not permit sin to control the way you live nor give in to its lustful desires. Anyone who yields to the lustful desire of sin will not have the passionate love of God in him (1 John 2:15). The passage quoted above maintains that you now have power over sin; since you are born-again. The fact that the cross of Jesus has crushed the old man – the manufacturer of sin in your life and that Jesus has started living in you enables you to rule over sin. Sin should no longer be your master after salvation experience. The truth is, Jesus enables you to rule over sin by His grace, it is now left to you to either permit it to have further reign in your mortal body or not. It is your solemn responsibility; hence, God will not carry it out for you. That's why the Bible says, '... do not let ...' Suffice to say here that, if sin still bears rule over your life after you have experienced salvation, it all your fault. You permitted it, that's why it has a stay. I challenge you to break loose from its unlawful tyranny today, God's grace is already in you, put it to work!

5. *Do not present your Members as Instrument of Unrighteousness to Sin*

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. Rom 6:13

What the scriptures refers to as your members includes your heart, mind, thought, eyes, mouth, ear, head, leg, etc. It simply means the whole components of your body – spiritual, physical and emotional. None of these should be yielded as instrument of wickedness to sin. Dear reader, do you know what Job did in dealing with his own member? He said, “I have made a covenant with my eyes, why then should I look upon a young woman?” (Job 31:1) He consciously made covenant with his eyes never to look lustfully after a young woman. All the

members of your body are to be deliberately disciplined. Now that you have received God's life, you shouldn't let any part of your body become a tool of unrighteousness to sin.

6. Instead, Present both yourself and your Members to God as Instrument of Righteousness

It is written, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.* (Rom 12:1). There is a divine pattern of presentation which God expects. Anyone who did not follow the pattern will be unacceptable to God. Your 'bodies' note the plurality in the word in quote. It means the whole of our bodies – spirit, soul and physical body all together are to be presented as living sacrifice to God. Likewise, it is living sacrifice, not dead. Besides, you should have no say over your life again, just as a sacrificed animal on the altar usually lose control over itself. Your life should be completely devoted as offering to God. This is the first issue.

The second issue about the pattern of presentation is that, it must not be defiled. Your life is to be presented clean and pure to God. Any life devoid of this will be unacceptable before God. For our God is holy and without holiness no one shall see Him. Thirdly, you have to package your life in a way that God can accept. You need to present your life to God according to the principles of His word. The manner of life you are living should agree with the dictates of God's word; when you do this, your life will be a sweet sacrifice to God.

Reflection

Know that to whomever you present yourself to obey, you are that one's slave, whether of sin leading to **death**, or of obedience leading to **righteousness**. Dear friend, in those days when you were living in sin and worldliness, you were very far and estranged from righteousness. This has to be reversed. Now that you are saved, you are expected to live in righteousness and obedient to the word of

God; and thereby distance yourself from sin and worldliness (Romans 6:20).

7. *Be committed to those things that Lead to holiness and Eternal Life*

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 6:21-22

8. *Do not be conformed to this World*

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rom 12:2

Do not be conformed any longer to the way of this world. Avoid going by the norms, customs and traditions of this world. Ways of the world is directly opposite to that of God. In the ways of the world, spiritual virtues are always considered unimportant while high value is placed on material possession and physical pleasure. The scripture says, “But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.” (1Timothy 5:6 NASB) If you are a man, don't exclude yourself from this Bible truth. It is applicable to both gender. Whoever (gender-notwithstanding) who lives in pleasure is dead while still living. This means that the individual is considered as living corpse before God. The Holy Spirit expects all believers to avoid such lifestyle.

9. *Be Transformed by the Renewing of your Mind*

Note that the word 'renewing' is a present continuous tense. It means renewing of your mind through the word of God should be a continuous exercise. It should be a day-by-day renewal. New Living Translation of the Bible renders this verse

thus:

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

This passage presupposes that there is a particular way that whoever is living in the world usually think and view issues of life. This actually needs to change, but the only means of achieving this is by letting God. If the new life will be sustained in you as you desire, your former way of thinking has to be changed by God. The good news is, God is committed to do that to whoever allows Him. He will not force it on you; hence, He will wait for your consent. When you permit Him to change the way you think, you will know what is good, acceptable and His perfect will.

10. ***Be Responsive to Grace***

Titus 2:11-12 says, ***“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,”*** You have the grace of God in your life as God's child. There is a particular work that the GRACE will be doing in your life. What will it do according to the above scripture? It will be TEACHING you. The grace of God will teach you to say 'NO' to every ungodliness. Grace will not force you. You are expected to respond to what He teaches you. You will be the one to say the 'NO' it teaches you to say. It will also teach you to live a upright life, self-control and godly life. You are expected to act according to whatever the grace teaches you.

This is where most of the believers missed it; they did not know what grace is meant for. They did not know that they are the one to put grace to work. If the grace is not put to work, it will lie dormant. The grace will open your eyes to see clearly the right from the wrong; and will have you know that you are to keep to what is right.

In conclusion, as you through the help of the Holy Spirit keep to what is being highlighted here and some others that you will discover as you study the word of God personally; the life of God which you have acquired will be sustained in you. Also, know that as a believer, you have become a branch of Christ (the Vine). Abide in Him and let His word abides richly in you (John 15: 1-6, Col. 3: 16). The Lord will uphold you; and you shall not fall or falter in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Appendix: Winning with Jesus in Prayer

Beloved, join us to pray for the unsaved souls in our locality, state, nation and in every nations of the world on Thursdays of every week. Prayer starts by 12 noon – 12midnight, which may include fasting if you are privileged. How to go about it;

1. Choose an hour (1 hour) out of the 12 hours.
2. Choose a convenient place (venue) for yourself (the place should be good for communion with God; free from distraction).
3. Use the hour you have chosen to intercede for the unsaved souls, light of the gospel of Christ in dark nations of the world, missionaries on the fields and their families, pastors, teachers of the word, evangelists etc. Also ask God to release a fresh genuine passion for the lost souls into your heart. Thank God for hearing your request.
4. Pick a specific unsaved soul, village, town or city to pray for as God leads you.

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV)

This is a solemn call to every genuine sons and daughters of God in all places, “*He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who cause*

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shame.” “*And he who wins souls is wise.*” (Proverbs 10:5; 11:30b NKJV). May the Lord grant you understanding and grace to tarry on your knees in Jesus name. Amen.

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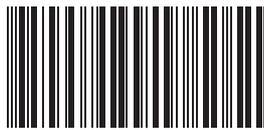
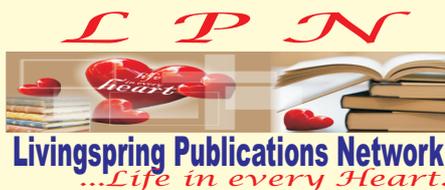
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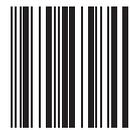
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