

## **THE REVELATION OF JESUS**

**“You cannot correctly follow a man whose ways seem like alien ideas to you.”**

## CHAPTER ONE

### BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

#### JOHN 1:24-31

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

These things were done in Bethabara\* beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world! **This is He** of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." NKJV

#### **The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**

It is not possible to point people to Jesus when you do not have prior knowledge of his personality. This kind of knowledge comes through divine revelation, and this kind of revelation comes through deep intimacy with God. Normally in those days, Jesus would appear like every other man. Sometimes one could hardly differentiate him from others. There seemed to be no too special and outstanding feature to his physique, he was just as simple as every Jew. He lived that way so that people's knowledge of him would not be based on any physical factor. Such physical factors are earthly and therefore subject to decay and easily forgotten with time. But the knowledge of Christ that comes via God's revelation comes with power and better assurance, it is un-doubtful and usually not easily forgotten. The Father does want every man to see and know Jesus, the Christ, but such knowledge that lasts must come through God's special revelation; he has to open one's eyes to see Jesus as he really is, otherwise correct followership might become so difficult or even almost impossible.

Seeing Jesus is seeing God himself. Jesus is the visible likeness of the invisible God (Col. 1:15) and therefore, the only safe thing for any believer to do now is to be simply committed to knowing him more and more daily, because he doesn't hide himself from

those who diligently seek him with all their hearts (Heb. 11:6). Until your personal [experiential] knowledge of Christ is sure, you do not really know the Lord you serve yet. God wants to be known. He wants the entire world to see and know him. He wants every pagan to come to the knowledge of him and to worship him, so he makes himself visible to those who seek him. He knows that knowing him correctly and well personally is what would make it possible and easy for any many to do exploit in his name. The church is created to carry out mighty exploits, wherever a Christians is or Christians gather. Daniel 11:32b says, **"...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**

Knowledge is power. Your spiritual strength increases as your personal and experiential knowledge of God increases. Your ability to overcome sin and all the trials and temptations that follow believers on earth is made possible as you keep increasing in your daily knowledge of the invisible God by beholding Christ Jesus. Your ability to do any might work and great exploits is determined by the dimension of the measure of the knowledge of Christ which you have received over time personally, not just of something you read, but of something you witness. Believers are called to be witnesses of the power, life and glory of God in Christ through their lives. That means it is what you have seen, touched and experienced that you can relate to people.

## **YOU MUST SEE JESUS BEFORE SHOWING HIM TO OTHERS**

**...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God...**

The message of this Baptist about Christ was validated on the platform of what he had seen about him. It takes a live witness to give the correct interpretation or narration of a particular event. John the Baptist saw Jesus first then he referred others to see him too. This is also to say, it is what you see about Jesus that you know of him, and it is what you see about him that you can tell unto other people. It is what you say to others about Christ from your live experiences that heaven backs up. And until the knowledge you pass to other people about Christ is backed up by heaven it can change no man; it will rather do more than good. What do you see about Christ, and how do you see him? Your message about Christ cannot be more than what you have seen and heard of him. The more you see the more you know, and the more you more the more empowered you will become in your faith.

## **HOW DO YOU SEE HIM?**

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:18 NKJV

We see Jesus with unveiled faces. Let us see the scripture above in its rich context:

**But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, <sup>8</sup> how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? <sup>9</sup> For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. <sup>10</sup> For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. <sup>11</sup> For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech —<sup>13</sup> unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:7-18 NKJV**

Moses went up the mountain to seek the Lord, and after about forty days of being with the Lord he returned to the Israelites. Because of the length time spent there and the undivided attention he gave to God, the glory of God's presence accompanied him down the mountain. The people saw and trembles because he face shone like an angel's. it was so bright a glory they could not behold God's glory in his face that he had to cover his face with a dark veil before reading the Law of God to them. In this way Moses caused a veil to be placed on their hearts spiritually. Their spiritual eyes became darkened, so darkened that when Jesus came they could not even recognize him. John said **"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. John 1:10-12.** They did not receive him because they did not recognize him, since they had a veil placed upon their spiritual eyes. But the gentiles (the pagans and unbelievers) saw Jesus and recognized him at once through the different means he

used. Paul said, "...**But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.** They preferred to stick to Moses' Laws, but even with the Laws being read their hearts were closed to the man whom the Laws really point to, the man Jesus who came to help them fulfill all the Laws once and for all with his flesh and blood. **But Paul also said, Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.** This turning to the Lord which is the remedy has been the issue with the Israelites. Turning to Jesus get the veil removed so that one would understand God as he really is and follow Jesus Christ correctly. The liberty to follow God through the Holy Spirit instead of through the Laws and Commandments comes when one turns to the Lord. The liberty to get to God easily without the scary sounds of thunders and lightening, and blazing fires like was seen upon the mount Sinai is made possible in Christ.

This is because the body of Jesus Christ was like a veil. When his body was bruised and torn with the scourging of the Roman soldiers and he died, the veil that keeps men away from seeing God and beholding the glory of his grace was torn. In his death Jesus tore the veil that prevents every man from seeing the glory of God by himself and beholding the beauties of his holiness with scary noises and appearances.

Then Paul speaks further saying,

**As all of us reflect the Lord's glory with faces that are not covered with veils, we are being changed into his image with ever-increasing glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.** 2 Cor. 3:18 GOD'S WORD

Therefore, the duty of each believer on a daily basis is that we keep on looking unto Jesus so as to continually reflect God's glory with faces that are no longer covered with veils of unbelief, doubt, fear, sin, self-life, guilty conscience etc. We must ensure that nothing keeps us from seeing the face of the Father and of the Lord Jesus (the two are one – John 10:30). The end of all this is that we might change into his image as it was from the beginning (Gen. 1:26-27). And Paul also reminds the believers in Rome that, For whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." Rom. 8:29-30. It is the destiny of every child of

God to look like God. This is the work that Jesus came to fulfill by his death. By an ever-increasing glory each child of God is being changed into the image of Christ as they make it a continual routine, beholding the image of Christ without change of focus. The writer of Hebrews teaches that "...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:1-2. Each Christian who has put his/her faith in Jesus must make it a point of duty to continue looking unto Jesus in all he does. We must fix eyes and attention steadily on him in order to put off all distractions and be able to carry his glorious presence around, wherever we go. It is in this way that Moses would have helped the Israelites see God's glory so that at his coming they would easily recognize Jesus. Likewise, it is in this way that any child of God can make Christ Jesus known to the world. It is through the changes and transformations that happen in their hearts continually as they behold him every day that neighbours and unbelievers around would see the Lord as he really is. When a believer bears this transformed image of Christ around and men see Christ's life in a common man, the light of God will be cast on them, they will long for the transformation to begin to happen in their own hearts as well.

As for John the Baptist, he saw in Jesus Christ a remover of sin. He was sent by God ahead of Jesus to clear the way for him. he did it, but what he did is something everyone reading this book and every believer alike should give attention to. What did he preach? John preached pointing people to Jesus, even his own disciples (Andrew inclusive) heard him preach this way, Andrew went along. But John's message was that men should behold him because he was sent to the earth to take away the sin of the world. This points clearly that every believer should have first met Jesus Christ as the one who has taking away their sin, when you come to him and he comes into your heart, he begins the work of cleansing from sin. His major purpose in your life is first and foremost the removal of sin, something you can never do for yourself. When this has taken place or begins to take place, your ability to see, hear and know him becomes easier and better. When Christ cleanses your heart then you have to present a Christ who forgives sin.

John the Baptist did not preach to his hearers to behold a Christ who gives health or prosperity. He never preached to present a Christ that gives job or some other earthly rewards first, he preached a Christ that takes away the sins of men.

Matthew reveals that, **"From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."** Matt 4:17. Even Jesus began his ministry with the call to repentance. Healing and other physical blessings followed both the crux of his assignment remains that all men should repent and turn to God because the kingdom of heaven can be accessed only by people whose sin have been removed and they are brought back to God genuinely. Sin remained the major problem existing between man and God and so Jesus came purposely to deal with it, and John the Baptist announced it to be what he was coming to do.

**He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.** 1 John 3:8

Jesus appeared to destroy the works of the devil. This is the first and basic message to see about him, John the Baptist spelt it out clearly and he also approved of the message. All through his days on earth as a Son of God, Jesus was all about shattering and destroying the works which the devil had done in the lives of men; he was all about undoing the things that Satan had damaged before his arrival and pointing to the world clearly that God did not intend any evil for humanity, but good (Jer. 29:11). He was revealed as a healer; he was revealed as one with power to exorcise demons. He preached repentance from all sins unto good works so that men should come to know the way back to God. Jesus was revealed as a provider. He was revealed as protector from the storms. His life revealed how patient and compassionate God is towards humanity. A woman who was caught in the sin of adultery was brought to him for judgment but he pardoned her, because God takes more delight in repentance from dead works than just condemning a soul to destruction. When we point men to Jesus let them see him as a Saviour and a judge. But that his judgment will be effected on the disobedient souls.

**...but there stands One among you whom you do not know.**

What you will say about Jesus depends on what you know, have seen about him, and also how you see him.

John 1:29-31

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

John the Baptist disclosed to his baptismal candidates some key truths that he had seen in Jesus. He told them to behold him because:

1. *He is the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world,*
2. *He has the authority to handle the matter of sin that has corrupted man and the entire world,*
3. *He is a great person, far greater than John. That means his ministry was of a greater dimension than that of John,*
4. *He has been in existence from the beginning, even before his birth. He knows so much (actually everything),*
5. *He has been approved by God because the Holy Spirit descended on him and rested on him,*
6. *He is supposed to be revealed to Israel*
7. *Revealing him to the world was the major reason behind his own ministry. Seeing and recognizing Jesus and the purpose of his coming was what would make John's ministry relevant before God and men,*
8. *Jesus was coming to baptize them with the Holy Spirit after they received the baptism with water meant for public announcement for the renouncement of sin,*
9. *Jesus is the chosen One of God*

These and many others were the things John preached as his baptismal message. Every work of God must point people to Jesus. And every preacher or worker of the gospel must deliberately point men to Christ who is the essence of the church herself.

They things that God made clear to John the Baptist and which he saw concerning Jesus Christ formed the component of his ministry, he centered on Jesus because he had seen Jesus through the things said to him by the Father. No preacher of the gospel can say anything about Christ that is beyond the level of revelation they have had about him. Your message and its power to transform men is determined by the level of revelation of Christ's message in the message. And whatever revelation about Christ that has not been established and sewn into the fabrics of the preacher's life may not exert any lasting effect upon the recipients of the sermon or teaching. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles wrote about the things that Jesus began to do and teach in his days as a minister of the gospel not only the things he said (Acts 1:1). The things you say about a man or a thing depends on what you have seen and heard concerning the object or person. Vision influences knowledge and the knowledge of a man about another man influences the depth of intimacy that would come between them. How much you, can do or will do for the good of another person is largely based on how deep your knowledge about that person is.

Whatever you see a believer doing as service unto God today is based on how he sees Christ and the things seen or heard of him. Even one's ability to obey his words promptly are dependent upon how much he is familiar with Christ's voice and the way he speaks and leads.

I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. 'I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.'" John 1:31-34 NLT

## CHAPTER TWO

### JESUS, the center of creation

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** John 1:1

The Greek word translated in English as 'Word' is the word 'LOGOS'. The translators of the bible have applied this word to explain several terms. But in its usage here, it points to 'a center of reference', as if to say, Jesus was the main 'center of reference' in the work of creation. God's design was to fashion a world of things (living and non-living) that have their root in him, and possesses an attribute of his nature; such that everything in creation can be used to point men to Jesus. Paul even wrote the Romans in his address to wicked men saying, "What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Rom. 1:19-20. So by implication, all things in creation were made with one purpose – that the creator might be known. They all have a voice that tells their users who God really is. God did not intend that men worship the created things, but that those things created should fashion the path to their creator, so that all men, regardless of where they may be, may be redirected to God for true and spiritual worship.

John reveals in John 1:2-5 that, "He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." All things were created by him and for him (Col. 1:16). Making use of or relating with the things that God has created should bring all men back to God. This means God actually fashioned the way for every man ever born of a woman to notice him and come to worship him, no man really as an excuse. The coming of Jesus Christ is to accentuate and make clearer God's way of salvation. God's love and goodness is shown when he makes creates all things, making them to bear an attribute of his divine nature so that all men would feel their ways to him. Revealing Jesus eventually was to make clearer the path to true life in him. Putting all these divine attributes in a human form (as Jesus Christ) was also for the purpose of making way to find him easy and straightforward. He would not put eternal salvation in mere lifeless objects, but in a human being full of the divine nature, and through whom his whole form as God would be seen and felt.

During his days on earth John and other disciples saw him; they held him and lived with God [who had come in flesh in blood]. Talking about him was with much assurance and with undeniable proofs, God backed up their evangelistic works with powerful signs, healings and all manner of miraculous works due to their prior revelation of Jesus Christ, the subject of their ministry.

**“If you truly know the Lord, know him in his power and let having all that he is composed of become your daily pursuit. Such is his will for you.”**

In 1 John 1:1-4, John the apostle said, **“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.** Because of this, the end of every human being who lives on earth is Christ. Becoming like Jesus is the end of all who follow him and behold him. **The more one beholds him the more the transformation happens.**

Jesus has been from the beginning of God’s existence. In John 1, John testified that, he existed in the beginning as Word, he was with God and he was God. Jesus testified that he and the Father are one (John 10:30). He also said that existed before the birth of Abraham (John 8:58). When God was calling Moses into the ministry to send him into Egypt he introduced himself as the ‘I AM’ (Exodus 3:14).

It is clear that the entire life, businesses, works and ministries of the apostles surrounded the life of Jesus. They were everything for the Master just as he became everything for their sakes. They made him the center of their lives and all what they did was in obedience to the Spirit of Christ, and Jesus was practically at the center of all that they did. No doubt he did many mighty works through them, seeing they had given up on themselves and were ready to let go of everything that could compete for the glory of the Lord in their lives.

## **ALL THINGS ARE MADE BY HIM**

**Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.** John 1:3

The creator of anything is more powerful than his creation. He knows the form of his works, and has perfect knowledge of all its compositions. He has power to shut it down and to influence all its actions at will. Every wise inventor understands how to put off his works if it gets out of control. Lucifer was made by God but when he tried to ascend above God he was cast out of Heaven. The secret of the existence of every object of creation lies in the understanding of its creator. If all things were made by Christ then all things need Christ to attain their full potential on earth; nothing created by Christ can be a master of its own destiny. He designed all things to depend on him. Life becomes difficult for those who live independent of Christ; they will not have rest for their souls until they come back to their creator. The only possibility for reaching one's full potential is when we abide in him daily (John 15:4-7). Struggles in life are handled by Christ for whoever abides in him. Fruitfulness in life and ministry for every believer is possible only when we abide in him who has created both our lives and the ministry itself.

"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live." 1 Cor. 8:6

It is through Christ that all things came into existence, even mankind. The Greek word 'LOGOS' relates to any subject of discourse. In John, it describes how Christ's human origination is born out of God's reasoning factor (a product of his mental faculty). **"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.** Gen. 1:26, 27. Humanity existed in God as a subject of discourse within the Godhead. Then he concluded that man be made in the exact image and likeness of the Godhead, given body to be on earth as its ruler (Psalm 115:16). Man was fashioned to rule the earth according to God's perfect mind and thought, just as the Lord rules in heavens. Because God must have soliloquized before birthing humanity to earth, we can boldly say that man's origin is found in God; man is the product of the council of the Godhead. Man cannot make reasonable, eternal and positive impact on earth outside of his daily relationship with the Godhead (Jer. 23:22). Because Jesus is the Word of God who existed from the beginning as God, dwelt with God and was God himself, we can also establish that Jesus created man. John gave a testimony that in his life on earth, Jesus would not entrust himself to man because he knew all men (John 2:24-25). His knowledge of ALL MEN was because he made all men and understands the entire form of man. Before anyone is born to the earth he knows the person. This explains why abortion does not please God; it is a great wickedness to God and to the human soul. God who puts the baby in the womb should be duly

consulted over every medical complication that could bring about the suggestion for the evacuation of a fetus in the womb (Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 8:14; Psalm 32:8).

Whatever exists today exists because Jesus gave a command and brought them forth into existence.

## CHAPTER THREE

### Jesus is the image of the invisible God

**“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”** Col. 1:15-17

Being the image of the invisible God and the firstborn over all creation has placed Jesus as head above all other things. God is Spirit and may not be seen with one’s physical eyes, yet he came in the flesh of man to be seen, he has called Jesus, the son of Joseph. But spiritually he was God, he was the son of God. It is as a lion’s cub is a lion and also a son of a lion. Jesus became God whom we could see and relate with, he made himself visible in flesh and blood. He showed by the way he lived what manner of people he created us to be from the very beginning. He displayed what it really means to be in the image and likeness of God while dwelling on earth:

1. He was free from sin, self and the power of the devil
2. He overcame all temptation
3. He overcame the world
4. He fed the hungry followers of his
5. He lived with his disciples and was like one of them, it took a kiss from Judas Iscariot to reveal him to the Roman Soldiers
6. He healed sick people, yet was never sick
7. He walked in divine wisdom
8. He fasted and prayed
9. He prayed both in the earliest hours of the day before others awoke to their normal day’s activities and also in the evenings after his preaching and evangelistic tours. Jesus also did vigils, he prayed all nights sometimes
10. As long as he had strength he worked while it was still day (John 9:4)
11. And when he was tired he rested. Even when they was storm, he slept because he believed that it was not by storms that he would end his life. He also believed in God’s protections. In the midst of the storms he rested peacefully.
12. He showed signs that God’s power and anointing was heavily at work in him (Acts 10:38)
13. He went about wherever he could doing what God and the people regarded as good works

14. He told stories to make the truths and realities of the kingdom of God become clear and plain to ordinary people, because he wanted them to be saved
15. He was so compassionate with sinners and even befriended them in order to save them from sin. He loved the world so much that he agreed to die in their place so that sinners might become saints, what love!
16. Jesus cast demons out of people
17. He lived by faith (all his trust was on God). All his trust was in God.
18. He was humble and took the form of a servant before everyone he related with

As a man he displayed all these attributes for all to see so as to reveal to us that God has a standard of life that has been preordained for him from the beginning. In Ephesians 2:10, Paul the apostle declared that we have been saved and given a new life Christ so that we would have the divine capacity to do good works that we have been predestined for. Paul told the Colossian believers that "...in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." Col 2:9-11. This implies that for whosoever has put faith in Christ, God lives in the person bodily. He is prepared to carry out the good works that pleases him. If you have put your faith in him just know that he is currently at work in you, making you to be willing to obey him and he is also supplying unto you the strength you need to do those things he gives you the desire for. Because you accept Christ into your heart by faith you have accepted God into your heart. God would be prepared each day to make known his power, love, grace, wisdom, authority, patience and all that makes him God. One thing he never takes away from his sons is the privilege of Son-ship and eternal priesthood in the order of Christ Jesus. Of this privilege Peter, the apostle said, **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** 1 Peter 2:9-10. Those in the faith are regarded as a people belonging to God, because the things that are found in God are equally found in them.

Paul asked to remind the Corinthians that Jesus Christ lives in them literally (2 Cor. 13:5). He declared of himself that Jesus Christ lives in him, and that he is dead to sin and self and the world (Gal. 2:20), which things are also dead to him (Gal. 6:14). Jesus told his disciples to believe in God and also in him. he also said to them, "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me John 14:1, 7." In John 10:30 he declared openly, **"I and the Father are one."** No doubt he could do the things he did while he was still in the flesh just like every other man. He made this clearer to Philip by saying to him, **"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been**

**among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** John 14:9. It is not possible to separate Jesus and the Father; the two are one indeed.

Jesus replying Judas (not Iscariot) said, **"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."** John 14:23-24, which entails that when he moves the Father moves and vice versa.

In Acts 10:38, Luke, the Physician wrote about **"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."** all the mighty works Jesus wrought were made possible because of the Godhead dwelling in him bodily. God was with Jesus as he went about doing good.

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:19-23. Truly there was nothing Jesus did that he did on his own. All what he ever did on earth was as the Father showed him. Whatever judgment he saw the Father gave was what he gave. He was on earth physically, but practically doing the things which the Father was leading him to do; he was being controlled from heaven. Jesus was connected to the heavens and was literally and practically following the Father's to-do-list for each day. He was the visible image of the invisible God. The things the Father did spiritually Jesus did physically.

For the purpose of continuity he called disciples and showed them the same things he did. So that when he returned they would follow the same path he followed, by this way teaching all men to obey all he had taught them. Up till now the Lord still searches for a believer whose entire life is controlled and coordinated by heaven just as is seen in Jesus Christ. He still seeks for a believer who meets up with the standard of life which God has set from the beginning. His intent is for a people who will dominate the earth and bring it under control according to God's desire.

Therefore if you have received Christ by faith into your heart, you have received God. Today, Jesus is not here in person, but now lives in you spiritually. In you now dwells

the fullness of deity since you have received full life in your union with Christ Jesus (Col. 2:9-10).

He walked and lived in the power of God, something that was uncommon in their day. But today again, he is set to have his saints receive this as a renewed revelation of who he really is. He is not one preacher or just one powerful magician who once lived, Jesus is the Christ, anointed of God to do the things he does. He is the Son of God, and the firstborn of all other creation, because he is the creator himself. Being the firstborn, he holds the perfect form of the Father and lives to show us what manner of life we ought to live today in knowledge.

Having a good knowledge of who you really are makes it possible for you to do live on earth according to the standard God set when he called you, as it has been set from the beginning. It becomes possible for anyone to do the things that Jesus did and even much through faith ().

## CHAPTER FOUR

### Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets

**Don't misunderstand why I have come-it isn't to cancel the laws of Moses and the warnings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them and to make them all come true.** Matt. 5:17-18 TLB

In his coming he fulfilled the words of the prophets and the expectations of the Laws of Moses to the Israelites. By the life he lived, the world is made to know what manner of life God really plan for man before their creation. The Laws given by Moses was to serve only as a guard/guide to preserve their lives, and to also sustain the fear of the Lord on earth.

Paul wrote the Galatians saying,

**“Let me put it another way. The Jewish laws were our teacher and guide until Christ came to give us right standing with God through our faith. But now that Christ has come, we don't need those laws any longer to guard us and lead us to him. For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and we who have been baptized into union with Christ are enveloped by him. We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same-we are Christians; we are one in Christ Jesus. And now that we are Christ's we are the true descendants of Abraham, and all of God's promises to him belong to us.** Gal. 3:24-29 TLB

This by implication means that the Jewish Laws and customs were a means to an end, and Jesus is the end of these Laws and customs. The Laws given to the Jews preserved them, so they could be like salt in the earth to preserve the earth until the ultimate provision for man's salvation was revealed. When Jesus came, he did not keep those laws aside, on the contrary he put forward through the life he lived the entire message which God was really passing to the Jews and the whole world. God's eternal was not just for the Jews or some select group of people, they only served as samples of what God would do. As Jesus died, salvation was made available for all men, including the Jews. This time, nobody is to be saved by obeying any Laws or Jewish customs, but by putting their faith in the finished works of Christ at Calvary. All that Moses received as Laws for the Jewish culture have been fulfilled by Christ, so that no man should bother himself with those old customs, but that all might live for him who have died and resurrected. The prophets spoke many things which pointed to Christ and the work he

would do. Therefore anyone who must interpret their prophecies cannot do so correctly unless by the power of God, to know what the Spirit was saying through them concerning Jesus Christ and the works he came to the earth to accomplish.

Every preacher therefore who must nurse the hearers of his sermons should be very careful in the discharge of the gospel. Do not try to make the people of God see their pious obedience to certain religious Laws and customs as the reason for their salvation (Gal. 3:26). They should know that by putting faith in Christ and in the work he accomplished through his sacrificial death on the cross, he has made complete deliverance possible for any man who believes, whether young or old, Jew or Nigerian or people of any nationality, tribe and tongue in the world (Titus 2:11). Not even gender (male or female matters now. Nothing like transgender in God's design, he made either man male or female - Gen. 1:27. Any other thing comes from the underworld not from above). God does not consider the rich over the poor for salvation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual blessings available for the saints in the heavenly places are reachable to all alike there. There is no special provision for priests, bishops. It does not matter whether anyone is educated or uneducated, what matters is that faith is put in Jesus Christ. And by following him day by day in obedience as he leads, we fulfill all the requirements of God which the Laws were meant to help in keeping the Jews within the will and blessings of the Father. Now for the none Jewish believers, all that is required is that you put your faith in Jesus Christ, and decide to be committed in following him day by day according to the leading of his Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14). This is true because Jesus now lives in us, in him we also live and move and have our being. Therefore if he has fully obeyed and fulfilled the Laws, then by our unfeigned trust and faith in him, we have also fulfilled the Laws required to please God. It is God who is at work in us making us willing and able to do those things which please him and also please our neighbours (Philip. 2:13).

## CHAPTER FIVE

### THE STRIVE TO SEE JESUS

#### *Herod, the tetrarch*

Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed, because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, 8 others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. 9 But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him. Luke 9:7-9

Whenever men sought to have anything to do with Jesus, they were looking for a revelation of a divine attribute of God. Even unbelievers looked for a sure way of seeing him. if people who have not had any reasonable encounter with the One true God why should you a believer who goes to church 'back-to-back' not cry out that he might reveal more about himself unto you than you have known? Your current level of divine revelation about Christ has a lot to do with your personal relationship with him and how you respond to anything that refers to Jesus Christ.

#### *Zacchaeus, the tax collector*

Zacchaeus was also another notable figure who strove to see Jesus.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:1-10

It is a matter to wonder to wonder about, how even people who were known publicly for looting and pocketing public money discovered that they needed to have some personal revelation of Jesus Christ. His life was a wonder to Zacchaeus. Verse 3 says, he wanted to see Jesus but he could not because of a physical limitation. But when Jesus saw the man's longing desire, he reveal how much he was also interested in seeing the man, and he called him and told, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." The man was glad and welcomed Jesus gladly. Without saying much yet, "...Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." And because of this Jesus told him in the midst of the people there with him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Again we are discovering that the when any man receives a revelation of Jesus the first impact brings about the salvation of the such a soul.

Repentance from dead works precedes every work of ministry. If you claim to have ever received a divine revelation from Jesus, one of the first major effects that such revelation or encounter should exert upon your life is to bring you to the point of repentance from anything that has become a weight or sin in your life family and ministry. No man sees Christ again and remains the same except if he the revelation was not from him.

These days I hear several people claiming to have had a divine encounter or see some special visions or receive some divine revelations about Jesus, but is seen around their lives still raises a question of doubt in one's heart, whether it was Jesus Christ they saw or they just imagined to have seen him. How can a man claim to have seen or met Jesus and still pretend to be a saint during courtship with an intending spouse, only to bring her home and turn her into a punching bag, beating her up for any reason? How can you claim to have seen him and you are cheating during examinations and test or interviews? How can you say you have revelation of him and still preserve a store of vulgar, unwholesome and dirty words in your mouth, words that bring a curse on people who hear them? How can you claim to have seen him when you lie at will, so easily that even your conscience has stopped bothering you? Some go to their work place by 8:30am and report that they came by 7:00am or any time before 8:30am just to cover themselves up? Some men who still maintain their church life keep concubines

outside the home whom they feed, meanwhile their wives and children stay back at home in hunger, yet they say they have seen Jesus.

You cannot see Jesus and still forge certificate(s) or seek to remain longer in your public office by forging date of birth; you must repent from those things as a sign that Jesus Christ has been revealed to your heart. You cannot claim personal revelation of Jesus and still smoke or get drunk secretly with alcohols. No one who has seen Jesus well maintain a saint's life outwardly while he is a sinner, dying in sin inwardly. Once Jesus has been truly revealed to your heart he deals with every appearance of sin in your heart. Zacchaeus met Jesus for the first time and God's salvation reached him that very day, his life was saved and he immediately began to bear the fruit of repentance and salvation practically by restituting to the publicans he had cheated. He refunded the monies he had stolen through his office as a tax collector. If any man is truly born again and have seen the Lord, restitution should follow immediately as a fruit to show that one has really met the Christ of God. But how can one say he has met with Christ when he still keeps the much had looted from the public office even when no one knows about it, doesn't the Lord see everything and knows all that goes on in the world, even into the depths of the earth?

## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **Jesus is eternal life**

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16-17***

..."If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10

..."Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14

Eternal life is the new life which everyone who accepts Christ into their hearts as Saviour and Lord receives. Eternal life is the new creation life. Eternal life is the exact life of God; it is that which God originally formed Adam and Eve with. This life reveals that the original plan God had for man was to have man live forever as he also lives, but disobedience to his instruction introduced corruption into the system and that plan was distorted. In Christ Jesus there is restoration. God's daily desire is to have more and more people come to Jesus in order to receive this life so that they may be able to enjoy all the spiritual blessings kept for them in Christ Jesus. The Almighty desires that we all who are in Christ should live together with him in the heavenly places. It is the life that is without sin; it is pure and blameless and is the free gift of God to all who believes in Jesus Christ and embrace his finished works (Rom. 6:23). Jesus is the source of this life because he is the creator of it. Accepting him by faith is accepting this eternal life.

In his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob in John 4, Jesus told the woman that if she knew whom he was that spoke with her she could have asked him for water that lives, water that springs up into eternal life. All these explains that the eternal life which God predestined for man is because he created man to live forever, and in his commitment he sent Jesus to accomplish this. That means you reading this today is supposed to live forever, if you have put your faith in Christ you will surely live forever with God, if you stay with him to the end no matter the cost. Here on earth is the place to again receive this life which was lost at the beginning (Gen. 3).

If you must offer any help in this life to any brother or sister, a neighbour, a colleague or a friend, let it be a help that has eternal value; what to offer therefore is the invitation to come and put their faith in Jesus Christ. Eternal life is the lost life that is

restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whoever does not have it here on earth will never see the kingdom of God. In replying Nicodemus Jesus told him, **"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again"** (John 3:3). That means to be born again is to again receive the eternal that was lost from the beginning.

Although Nicodemus was a scholar, *"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council"* (John 3:1), yet he never guaranteed that he had eternal life. Jesus had to teach him again that, "...God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." A lot of people (both the church and the unchurched) think that knowing Jesus and receiving eternal life comes only from devoted study memorization of several scriptural verses. Even some of the Jewish folks were highlighted by Jesus when he said they read the Laws because they thought that in it they would find eternal life. This is part of what Jesus told them about their perceptions of eternal life,

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does..." I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life... **You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.** John 5:19, 24, 39-40. Studying the bible and Christian novels is not the same as coming to Jesus. Knowing the bible is not the same as knowing Jesus. Memorizing many portions of the bible is differing from knowing Jesus. Becoming devoted to biblical doctrines and being religious is not the same as coming to Jesus. One could be doing any of these and more and never saw Jesus yet. Serving as church leader back to back is not the same as seeing Jesus. Many people still serve as General who have not seen him. Many individuals are elected into exalted leadership positions in their church but they may never have seen the man of crucified Lord. The fact that you seem to be everybody's preference in a religious matter, or in something that have to do with your church does not mean you have known Jesus or that you have seen him more than the others. Seeing Jesus is knowing him, and knowing him means you possess eternal life.

Bob Mink in a blog post in September, 2016 wrote, "Several Christians have a critical view of the Pharisees because pretty much everything we hear and read about them is negative. Nobody likes to be called a Pharisee as it is a label that suggests unbecoming actions and attitudes. Calling someone a Pharisee could be a judgment on them, as

some see it. Those familiar with the New Testament Gospels know Jesus was often in conflict with Pharisees. They frequently criticized him and tried to trap him. Jesus, however, never fell for their traps, but took them to task as well as he engaged them with questions they never had any clue to, he always startled them with his questions clearly. There is much to criticize about the Pharisees. But while there seem to be much legitimate criticism of the Pharisees, there are also some things for which they should be commended. That may surprise you, but it is true. As one observer notes, "The Pharisees were not wrong in everything they did."

For one thing the Pharisees took their relationship with God seriously. They were deeply earnest about their religion. This reminds me of the emphasis in the book of Proverbs: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (9:10a). "The fear of the LORD is not shrinking from him, in terror, but acknowledging and honoring him." Chuck Swindoll says "to fear the LORD is to take God seriously."

The Pharisees are to be commended for several theological beliefs they held and taught that paved the way for Christianity. One is they made monotheism (belief in one God) the heart of Judaism. They also maintained the Old Testament expectation of God's promised Messiah. A third point of theology, unlike the Sadducees, is the Pharisees made belief in the resurrection and afterlife a crucial part of Judaism, something that made the fear of God basic in the heart every devoted Jew.

Now, the Jews in the days of Jesus were pretty much committed to the writings of the Prophets and the Laws of God handed down to them through Moses. They studied it devoutly with the aim of pleasing God and to possess eternal life yet they refused to come to Jesus to have the life which they sought. They did not recognize him in the scriptures and in their reading of it, meanwhile John disclosed that in him was life and the life was the light of men. Therefore as long as they read, study and memorize it without seeing Jesus and coming to know him in flesh, it did them much harm rather than the good it is intended to offer. The Pharisees were so learned a category of people who won the interest of other Jews because of their pious devotion, yet since they did not receive Jesus to be the essence of whatever they thought they knew, they still had a problem, eternal life was beside them but they did not recognize it.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples using words that seem like throwing a challenge to them. He said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. **For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.** Matt. 5:17, 20

The Pharisees did all they could according to the demands of the Jewish Laws to possess eternal life, and they taught others the same thing. And Jesus in the above statement seemed to commend their efforts, he even made it like a base point, the least expected of whoever must enter heaven. If anyone must enter heaven, such a person must practice the righteousness that surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, such a person must come to Jesus to receive the new life (eternal life), and be changed daily by following Jesus Christ while they are still in the flesh. Such a person must commit to seeing Jesus as he really is.

### **Jesus is the light of men**

***In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*** John 1:4-5

Right from the very beginning God made man in his exact image and likeness. He made man in the light so that man would be the product of light [just as he (God) is], and at the same time bearing the life that make the light what it is, because he (God) is light and dwells in light. He put light within man, this light was the spiritual factor that connected man (Adam and Eve) to the Godhead. This light was the same as the divine nature which dwelt in Jesus bodily (Col. 2:9). What made it possible for man to appear on earth in the exact image and likeness of God was this light, which is a product of the life and nature of the Godhead. Animals and other inanimate creations were not created with this light. In the beginning of things, it is recorded that on the first day God created light; God actually made the firstborn of all his creation to appear first before other things followed (Col. 1:18). The psalmist in Psalm 119:105 said, "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*" Meaning that the word of God is what lightens his path, giving him clarity as he journeys on earth. Any man who disregards the ministry of God's light in his/her journey in life disregards God's life, the person will walk in darkness and end in destruction. This life is what John reveals the name as the 'Word' (John 1:1), and explains further that he became flesh and lived with men, he is Jesus, the Christ (John 1:14).

And God said, "**Let there be light,**" and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day. Gen. 1:3-5

Jesus is indeed the light of men as revealed by John. God who has no pleasure in darkness created the light first so that humanity would not be made into darkness. The light God made that time was the light for men to live by. The effect of God's light was

both of spiritual and the physical effect. He made obvious what manner of life he wanted for man, a life without darkness. For a reason not written out, the earth which God formed was nothing, but a challenge to the darkness which was spread across the deep.

And John the beloved revealed thus,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.** John 1:1-5

Since all things were made by the Word, we can say he is light and was the first thing to exist. He had always been the firstborn of all creation (Col. 1:18). God's first creation remains the light, but this light was a life. John said, "...in him was life and that life was the light of men..." that means God began creation work by placing a center of reference, he introduced the life who will be prototype of all that is made under the watch of the light.

### **Jesus is the wisdom of God (Proverbs 8:1-36)**

<sup>1</sup> Listen as Wisdom calls out!

Hear as understanding raises her voice!

<sup>2</sup> On the hilltop along the road,  
she takes her stand at the crossroads.

<sup>3</sup> By the gates at the entrance to the town,  
on the road leading in, she cries aloud,

<sup>4</sup> "I call to you, to all of you!

I raise my voice to all people.

<sup>5</sup> You simple people, use good judgment.

You foolish people, show some understanding.

<sup>6</sup> Listen to me! For I have important things to tell you.

Everything I say is right,

for I speak the truth

and detest every kind of deception.

<sup>8</sup> My advice is wholesome.

There is nothing devious or crooked in it.

<sup>9</sup> My words are plain to anyone with understanding,  
clear to those with knowledge.

<sup>10</sup> Choose my instruction rather than silver,  
and knowledge rather than pure gold.

11 For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies.  
Nothing you desire can compare with it.

12 "I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment.  
I know where to discover knowledge and discernment.

13 All who fear the LORD will hate evil.  
Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance,  
corruption and perverse speech.

14 Common sense and success belong to me.  
Insight and strength are mine.

15 Because of me, kings reign,  
and rulers make just decrees.

16 Rulers lead with my help,  
and nobles make righteous judgments.

17 "I love all who love me.  
Those who search will surely find me.

18 I have riches and honor,  
as well as enduring wealth and justice.

19 My gifts are better than gold, even the purest gold,  
my wages better than sterling silver!

20 I walk in righteousness,  
in paths of justice.

21 Those who love me inherit wealth.  
I will fill their treasuries.

22 "The LORD formed me from the beginning,  
before he created anything else.

23 I was appointed in ages past,  
at the very first, before the earth began.

24 I was born before the oceans were created,  
before the springs bubbled forth their waters.

25 Before the mountains were formed,  
before the hills, I was born—

26 before he had made the earth and fields  
and the first handfuls of soil.

27 I was there when he established the heavens,  
when he drew the horizon on the oceans.

28 I was there when he set the clouds above,  
when he established springs deep in the earth.

29 I was there when he set the limits of the seas,  
so they would not spread beyond their boundaries.  
And when he marked off the earth's foundations,

30 I was the architect at his side.  
I was his constant delight,  
rejoicing always in his presence.

31 And how happy I was with the world he created;  
how I rejoiced with the human family!

32 "And so, my children,\* listen to me,

for all who follow my ways are joyful.

<sup>33</sup> Listen to my instruction and be wise.  
Don't ignore it.

<sup>34</sup> Joyful are those who listen to me,  
watching for me daily at my gates,  
waiting for me outside my home!

<sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life  
and receives favor from the LORD.

<sup>36</sup> But those who miss me injure themselves.  
All who hate me love death."

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **How to Receive Revelation of Jesus**

#### **Concentration births revelation**

What makes revelation of Jesus possible is one's ability to sustain an undistracted focus on Jesus. The clarity of vision depends on the quality of the eyes' ability to keep beholding until the die change comes. A perfect revelation of Jesus Christ is expected to bring about divine transformation upon the life of any man, and it revolutionizes one's whole life for the best. A man like Moses went up the mountain, and after forty days of beholding the Lord returned with a face as bright as that of an angel, he had concentrated on the divine and radiant appearance of the Almighty for that long without any distraction, and his physical look was transformed. That happened in the Old Testament. The glory that accompanied him from that mountain lasted for some days. Paul reveals in 2 Cor. 3, that if such an encounter under the Old Covenant (which was not the fulfillment of the eternal promise of God to the saints in Christ) had so much glory as that, how much more the glory and transformation that will follow the New Covenant. By implication, as many as come into Christ in this era, who receive divine revelation of Jesus Christ in the spirits, they are custodians of a dimension of glory that is real, and far surpasses that which was seen of Moses.

#### **SINGLENESS OF EYES**

**The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.** Luke 11:34-36

In this teaching Jesus reveals a great secret, a truth that should revolutionize the spirit, soul and body of any man. **"The eye of the body is the eye. Therefore if your eye is single, your body is also full of light."** what every believer should pursue on a daily basis is for God to make their eyes single. Other versions puts verse 34 this way, **"Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.** An eye that is single is an eye that is bad. For a man's eyes to be single is for his eyes to be focus and be without interference from other 'attention-seeking-sights'. But too many people do not understand this secret. A man whose eye is single on Jesus has a single purpose and pursuit in life. Just a normal human being is not wired to pursue to rats running in two opposite directions, so also it is not rational for any saint to seek his purpose in life from two masters. The way of Christ is completely opposite the way of the world. Any man who really wants to have deep, correct, and constantly increasing revelation of the Son of God, and be thus transformed by it have to fix

his eyes only on Jesus Christ. As Paul says in Philippians 2:7-10, Let us read it below:

**“But all these things that I once thought very worthwhile-now I've thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have put aside all else, counting it worth less than nothing, in order that I can have Christ, and become one with him, no longer counting on being saved by being good enough or by obeying God's laws, but by trusting Christ to save me; for God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith-counting on Christ alone. Now I have given up everything else-I have found it to be the only way to really know Christ and to experience the mighty power that brought him back to life again, and to find out what it means to suffer and to die with him.”** TLB

This are the words of a man who was in his days as good as a lecturer of Jewish Laws and customs, taught and mentored by Gamaliel, one of the most respectable teacher of the same course, his equivalence is probably a professor in our day. And Paul, having been well trained in the way rose to become an authority in the Jewish Judicial system; Paul was a professional Lawyer. But with all his knowledge, on encountering Christ he realized that all that was **'worth less than nothing'** compared with the priceless gain of knowing Jesus, the Lord. Paul discovered that he could not remain all that he was and become all that God wants him to be. Jesus taught his disciples that, only in denying who they are, and taking up their cross daily in order to readily bear the consequences of self-denial would it be possible for anyone to follow him correctly. That means unless a believer has come to the end of trying to become his natural (personal) dreams, he cannot become what God has called him to be. Only the man who has forfeited his own life and made up his mind to follow Jesus can really receive clear and correct revelation of Jesus continually. This is not the same as when God encounters a sinner, or an unbeliever sees a vision of Christ and becomes converted. Rather this means that one who is already in Christ must determine in his/her heart to become more and more like Jesus, by beholding him alone daily with the eyes of his spirit, and ready to follow what Jesus reveals about himself, no matter the cost.

You do not know what will be produced through your revelation of Jesus next until keep looking unto him day and night. The fruits produced through this kind of divine revelation is seen with time only as one keeps looking and following in obedience and faith (Heb. 12:2).

### **THE CHRISTIAN WITH AN EVIL EYE**

**...but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness...**

The revelation of Jesus through singleness of the eye is the revelation of his will in any matter at all. But if your heart is divided the fruit of revelation will never be seen.

Many Christians become confused and frustrated when in the bid to follow the Lord's way they do not seem to get through. But the problem is that most believers are still trying to look at two different directions. Quality of vision is determined by the level of concentration, it is born out of singularity of the eyes. Unfortunately most Christians who fill up our churches today have evil eye. An evil eye is a distracted eye. A man with an evil eye has too many options along with God's will. A man with evil eye is full of the alternatives to fall upon in case God fails. A man with an evil eye is destined to walk in darkness, gloom and confusion in life. When God and his will on a matter is not your stand, you will journey through life in darkness and confusion and your life will end in misery.

Paul wrote the Christians in Rome, he said,

**“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.”**  
Rom 12:2

All the patterns, customs, behaviours, and standards that people of this world follow negate that of the Lord Jesus; in fact the both cannot go together. As you live in this world and do one or two things to earn a living, be careful. You cannot jump at every methodology because it generally accepted as norm; God has a syllabus prepared for all saints who are alive on earth to follow. The summation of the syllabus is the man Jesus. You cannot see all he leads you to do and fail God.

Singleness of eye is born out of the transformation of heart that happens during renewal of the heart by the word of the Lord, encountered daily.

God must the church of evil eye. It is evil that makes people give God condition to meet before obeying him, as if man met a condition for him to send salvation in Christ. It is evil eye that makes many people come into ministry because of what they will get materially. Having evil eye is walking in the flesh. Until one is totally dead to the dictates of his human nature, his eyes cannot be single. Believers who do not have a focus singly fixed on Jesus do not command heaven's glory in whatever they do. They fall too easily into error and are full of complaints even in any work they may be doing for the Lord.

A Christian with evil eye does not offer God his best. They work and stay encouraged only when they are paid well, but turn to complaining and murmuring and gossiping when they do not receive good pay again. Such people are encouraged in their walk with God when men sing their praises, but are withdrawn when it seems that nobody notices them. They are elated in their services for God

when all things seem to be moving well, they definitely have no concrete revelation of Jesus, because their eyes still look at the world and wish to have the things they see on the world. People evil eyes are hirelings. Their eyes are right where their treasures are, their treasures are not with the sheep God gives them. As soon as a disaster comes around the sheep they are hired to take care of, they immediately withdraw to the place where their heart has always been.

Illumination is far from this kind of people. They appear to love God outwardly, but inwardly they lurk for the love of the world and the things in it. They may appear harmless only to burst out when their cravings are not duly satisfied. This category of people may be found to be faithfully serving another minister in a local church, but their eye is also seeing a future crowd that they are in control of. Once their expectations are no longer met they jump out at once without consulting God or even their leader for guidance. They remain with the minister giving their best service, but only waiting for an opportunity to also be in control, because of the goodies that seem to flow more to the leader in greater public view.

### **TAKE HEED**

**...Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness...**

This caution statement indicates the possibility of having a form of light which is but darkness. Jesus is the light of the world. Some people are deceived. They think they have a good revelation of Jesus because they are always invited to preach, meanwhile they are still struggling with some secret sin or bad habits. Every genuine revelation of Jesus results into transformation of life. Progressive revelation must produce progressive and instant transformation. Stop seeing your numerous preaching invitations a yardstick for measuring your depth of the revelation of Jesus. Even an unrepentant adulterer with a special ministry gift, after much fasting, prayer and study can become spiritually excited and inspired to bring the word accompanied with some charismatic involvement and cause what looks like the shaking of wind or fire, but God may never be in it. Let every believer make up his or her mind that the light in them that look like Christ 's light is truly genuine.

**...If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light**

The eternal plan of God is that as he is in the light and operates in the light; let everyone who calls on his name and serves him also be full of light. John says God is light and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Being full of God's light is being full of divine revelation about the divine nature of God in Jesus Christ. Let no part of you be in darkness. Allow Christ and his light in you to permeate every aspect of your being. Let his life be seen and felt in all that you do day by day.

When you make a speech or give a response, let Christ be heard. Let no cursing or insulting word and lies come out of your lips. Allow the seed of the life of Christ which has been sown in you to cause a radiation of his light to overshadow the dictates of the human nature, because you are dead and Christ is your real life now (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:6; Col. 3:3).

In the revival of these last days, God is really focused on and using individuals to bear his glory around as they go from place to place; he is using groups who are bounded with the strong cord of love to sweep entire villages, towns, cities and nations with the glory of his presence which follows them. And he is also using couples who have disciplined themselves in the fear of the Lord not to be defiled, become spotted and sprinkled with sin before marriage. He is also shifting attention to churches that hold fast the pure and correct doctrine revealed by Christ, put forth by the apostles and preserved by the various earliest fathers of faith. God knows those who are his and he will use each man or group as he finds them prepared. Each vessel or vessels will be used by God based on their level of preparedness for any task. The more prepared a man's heart is the more he is able to use the man. The dimension of heavenly glory and power that follows a vessel is based on how much they have dedicated their whole life unto God to become his instrument of praise.

### **FAITH GROWS WITH INCREASING REVELATION**

Faith doesn't increase it grows, and revelation does not grow it increases through constant gaze on the things above. Faith grows as it is being fed with the right amount of food daily. The food of faith is the word of God and prayer. **So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ** (Rom. 10:17 GNT). Christ is seen when he is preached. Your faith (trust in God for greater things) grows as your knowledge of the word of God increases. Your faith grows as your spiritual knowledge and understanding of God through the revelation of his word increases. The disciples of Jesus asked him to increase their faith and he simply told them that, if they had faith as small as mustard seed they could do wonders. Every disciple of Jesus already have a measure of faith to do such wonders. Actually you cannot even be his disciple without a little faith.

**The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.** Luke 17:5

And Jesus went ahead to make it clear that doing things for the Lord that are even more than he had done are possible, not because of increased faith in him but because he was ascending to the Father, and now he has ascended to the Father. This must become a revelation in the heart of every believer to take effect. You have to see it that Jesus is already seated in the heavenly places with the Father in authority and because of that you can do greater works. Your eyes of the spirit

have to focus on such truth and reality to yield the expected fruits. Day by day, each believer must decide to grow in their faith in Christ by feeding their heart with truths as deep as this.

**I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.** John 14:12-14

In Col 3:1-2, Paul said, **Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.** NLT

Setting your heart on what's in heaven is fixing your spiritual sight on Christ who is now sitting with the Father.

He gave the reason for the above statement: **For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.** Col. 3:3-4

All the possibilities for greater works lies with one's revelation of who is seated in the place of honour at God's right hand. Your ability to command result is possible because Jesus is the right hand-man of the Father. He is at the place of highest honour and authority, which is the requirement for his followers to the things that are greater than he did.

The faith to stay young at heart and spirit for ministry and kingdom exploits is grown through increase of divine revelations. As long and as often as you remain at the feet of Jesus to learn, you can be sure that he will keep you fresh and productive in spirit, and in the affairs of the kingdom of God among men.

Psalms 92:12-14

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.**

The spiritual vitality which makes a righteous person to flourish like a palm tree and like a cedar on Lebanon, will come to them as they remain planted in the house of the Lord; their flourishing in old age shall be as the abide in the courts of the Lord. God's plan for your life is that even as you grow in age, you should stay fresh and green, always showing signs of good nutrition. There is not a person who befriends Christ in the secret place that lives through the earth without having from visions from God about the future. As long as you keep beholding the beauties in the presence of Jesus, your natural weaknesses becomes an object of

God's grace. That means, when your age mates are rounding up their lives, you will be just be thinking of beginning some other things according to the fresh revelations you receive. The retirement that comes with the age of one's service to the government does not have impact on you. This is because you will be only relieved of some compulsory civic duties in order to be fully given to the service of the kingdom of Heaven. For a believer who prepares his life this way, your vision might become so empowered to keep you alive.

The knowledge of the word of God keeps one strong and young in spirit, soul and body. The revelation of Christ that comes to you is the wisdom of God made clear to you in order to add knowledge and understanding unto you. In Hebrews 4:12, the bible reveals that the word of God is a living thing. **"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** Christ becomes clearer to you as the word of God becomes clearer and gains solid root within you, root so strong enough to help you remain as firm as a tree that bears fruit. That is why the **righteous** is compared to a **palm tree** that **will flourish**, that **will grow like a cedar of Lebanon**; which is **planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.** As Christ is revealed to you daily, you become empowered more and more with the knowledge of the Son God. You will become mature and grow deeper and deeper in your faith in him; and you can easily trust him for greater things to be accomplished through your hands. You will be practically measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ; you will be attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. That means the Lord can use you greatly in your old age. His word can come in contact with your life and you will be renewed in strength like a youth. Since his word penetrate to the dividing line of the soul and spirit of a man, and the joints and marrow of a man, it means that his word can quicken your spirit, your soul and also impact your physical body with vitalizing nutrients to make it become sound and viable for the fulfillment of his divine purpose in your life that has not yet been completed in you.