

THE WORDS I SPEAK TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE.

JOHN 6:63 THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE; THE FLESH COUNTS FOR NOTHING. THE WORDS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE.

BEFORE I LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY, I WANT TO LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN THE JEWISH HOMES AT THE TIME JESUS SPOKE THESE WORDS AND LAST WEEK IN JEWISH HOMES AROUND THE WORLD.

THEIR TORAH READING WOULD HAVE BEEN;

NUMBERS 19:1-10 THE LORD SAID TO MOSES AND AARON: ²"THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW THAT THE LORD HAS COMMANDED: TELL THE ISRAELITES TO BRING YOU A RED HEIFER WITHOUT DEFECT OR BLEMISH AND THAT HAS NEVER BEEN UNDER A YOKE. ³GIVE IT TO ELEAZAR THE PRIEST; IT IS TO BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE CAMP AND SLAUGHTERED IN HIS PRESENCE. ⁴THEN ELEAZAR THE PRIEST IS TO TAKE SOME OF ITS BLOOD ON HIS FINGER AND SPRINKLE IT SEVEN TIMES TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE TENT OF MEETING. ⁵WHILE HE WATCHES, THE HEIFER IS TO BE BURNED--ITS HIDE, FLESH, BLOOD AND OFFAL. ⁶THE PRIEST IS TO TAKE SOME CEDAR WOOD, HYSSOP AND SCARLET WOOL AND THROW THEM ONTO THE BURNING HEIFER. ⁷AFTER THAT, THE PRIEST MUST WASH HIS CLOTHES AND BATHE HIMSELF WITH WATER. HE MAY THEN COME INTO THE CAMP, BUT HE WILL BE CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN TILL EVENING. ⁸THE MAN WHO BURNS IT MUST ALSO WASH HIS CLOTHES AND BATHE WITH WATER, AND HE TOO WILL BE UNCLEAN TILL EVENING. ⁹"A MAN WHO IS CLEAN SHALL GATHER UP THE ASHES OF THE HEIFER AND PUT THEM IN A CEREMONIALLY CLEAN PLACE OUTSIDE THE CAMP. THEY SHALL BE KEPT BY THE ISRAELITE COMMUNITY FOR USE IN THE WATER OF CLEANSING; IT IS FOR PURIFICATION FROM SIN. ¹⁰THE MAN WHO GATHERS UP THE ASHES OF THE HEIFER MUST ALSO WASH HIS CLOTHES, AND HE TOO WILL BE UNCLEAN TILL EVENING. THIS WILL BE A LASTING ORDINANCE BOTH FOR THE ISRAELITES AND FOR THE ALIENS LIVING AMONG THEM.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, GOD TOLD THEM WHAT THEY HAD TO DO TO SERVE AS HIS PRIESTS. AND WHAT THEIR ROLL WAS TO BE IN SERVING HIM. WHAT WE SEE HERE ALL POINTS TO THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST. SOME HAVE SHARED WITH ME THAT IN ISRAEL THEY NOW HAVE THEIR RED HEIFER AND ARE GETTING READY TO DO JUST AS IT SAYS SO THEY CAN TAKE ON THE ROLE OF PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE. THE HEIFER WAS TO BE TOTALLY BURNED. THIS TYPIFIED THE PAINFUL SUFFERINGS OF OUR LORD JESUS, BOTH IN SOUL AND BODY, AS A SACRIFICE MADE BY FIRE, TO SATISFY GOD'S JUSTICE FOR MAN'S SIN. WE SEE JESUS SAYING AT THIS TIME IN HIS MINISTRY APPROXIMATELY 1,964 YEARS AGO TODAY **JOHN 12:23-24** JESUS REPLIED, "**THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED. ²⁴I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNLESS A KERNEL OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS ONLY A SINGLE SEED. BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MANY SEEDS.** THE ASHES SPOKEN OF IN NUMBERS WERE TO BE LAID UP AS A PURIFICATION FOR SIN, BECAUSE, THOUGH THEY WERE ONLY TO PURIFY FROM CEREMONIAL UNCLEANNESS, YET THEY WERE A TYPE OF THAT PURIFICATION FOR SIN WHICH OUR LORD JESUS MADE BY HIS DEATH. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS LAID UP FOR US IN THE WORD AND IS POINTED TO BY THE SACRAMENTS, AS A FOUNTAIN, IN WHICH BY FAITH WE MAY HAVE CONSTANT RECOURSE, FOR CLEANSING OUR CONSCIENCES.

A TRUTH THAT JESUS WANTS US TO KNOW AND REMEMBER IS SEEN IN **JOHN 6:55-65** **FOR MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD AND MY BLOOD IS REAL DRINK. ⁵⁶WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY**

BLOOD REMAINS IN ME, AND I IN HIM. ⁵⁷JUST AS THE LIVING FATHER SENT ME AND I LIVE BECAUSE OF THE FATHER, SO THE ONE WHO FEEDS ON ME WILL LIVE BECAUSE OF ME. ⁵⁸THIS IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. YOUR FOREFATHERS ATE MANNA AND DIED, BUT HE WHO FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER." ⁵⁹HE SAID THIS WHILE TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM. ⁶⁰ON HEARING IT, MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID, "THIS IS A HARD TEACHING. WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?" ⁶¹AWARE THAT HIS DISCIPLES WERE GRUMBLING ABOUT THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DOES THIS OFFEND YOU? ⁶²WHAT IF YOU SEE THE SON OF MAN ASCEND TO WHERE HE WAS BEFORE! ⁶³THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE; THE FLESH COUNTS FOR NOTHING. THE WORDS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE. ⁶⁴YET THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO DO NOT BELIEVE." FOR JESUS HAD KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING WHICH OF THEM DID NOT BELIEVE AND WHO WOULD BETRAY HIM. ⁶⁵HE WENT ON TO SAY, "THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS THE FATHER HAS ENABLED HIM."

WE ARE ON A JOURNEY TO THE LAST SUPPER, THE CRUCIFIXION, AND THE RESURRECTION. TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS WE NEED TO SEE WHAT IS BUILDING UP TO IT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT THE WORLD SYSTEM THAT WE LIVE IN. BUT GOD'S PEOPLE MUST COME TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S KINGDOM WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS ARE FOR US TODAY. TODAY THE WORD IS SAYING BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD BY BECOMING A SPIRIT PERSON. . JESUS IS SAYING, AND WILL SAY AGAIN AT THE LAST SUPPER IF YOU ARE A SPIRITUAL MAN YOU MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL FOOD. YOU WILL HEAR JESUS SAY, THIS IS MY BLOOD GIVEN FOR YOU, IT IS THE NEW COVENANT. I MUST FEED UPON THIS BLOOD, THIS COVENANT. SOME CHURCHES WILL CELEBRATE THIS CEREMONY EVERY WEEK AND MOST EVERY MONTH, IF A TEST WAS GIVEN ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS, SOME WOULD KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE OLD AND MOST KNOW PRACTICALLY NOTHING ABOUT THE NEW. JESUS WILL SAY WHILE HOLDING THE BREAD, THIS IS MY BODY, DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME AND PROCLAIM MY COMING AGAIN. WHAT ARE WE TO REMEMBER, WHAT HE HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR US. A SPIRIT MUST FEED UPON SPIRIT TO GROW INTO THE FULLNESS OF JESUS. AS WITHOUT THE SOUL MAN'S FLESH IS OF NO VALUE, THAT IS, WITHOUT THE SOUL AND SPIRIT, THE BODY, THAT WHICH IS LEFT AFTER THE SOUL AND SPIRIT LEAVE THE BODY IS JUST GOING TO DECAY AWAY TO NOTHING. SO WITHOUT THE QUICKENING SPIRIT OF GOD ALL FORMS OF RELIGION ARE DEAD AND WORTHLESS. . CHRIST SHOWS THAT HE IS THE TRUE BREAD; HE IS TO THE SOUL WHAT BREAD IS TO THE BODY, HE NOURISHES AND SUPPORTS THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. HE IS THE BREAD OF GOD. BREAD WHICH THE FATHER GIVES, WHICH HE HAS MADE TO BE THE FOOD FOR OUR SOULS. NATURAL BREAD NOURISHES BY THE NATURAL INGREDIENTS IN IT, INGREDIENTS THAT ONCE WERE ALIVE, BUT NOW PREPARED FOR THE NATURAL BODY OF MAN TO CONSUME. YOU CAN SET AND LOOK AT A LOAF OF BREAD ALL DAY, BUT UNLESS IT IS CONSUMED IT IS OF NO VALUE. CHRIST IS LIVING BREAD, AND NOURISHES BY HIS SPIRIT. THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED HAS AS MUCH POWER FOR THE BELIEVER TODAY AS IT DID FOR THOSE WHO WALKED WITH JESUS. . HE IS THE BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. HE WHO MADE THIS PROVISION FOR OUR SOULS, THE GROWING OF OUR SPIRIT ALONE CAN TEACH US THESE THINGS, HE DRAWS US UNTO CHRIST, THAT WE MAY LIVE BY FAITH IN HIM. LET US LOOK TO CHRIST, THANKFUL THAT THE WORD SAYS THAT EVERY ONE WHO IS WILLING TO COME UNTO HIM SHALL BE MADE WELCOME. AND EVERYDAY WE WAKE UP, WE CAN BE A NEW BEGINNING IN CHRIST. THE MANNA THAT GOD PROVIDED IN THE WILDERNESS WAS THERE WAITING FOR THEM WHEN THEY AWOKE. WITH THIS AS A BACK GROUND OF WHAT JESUS WAS TEACHING, NOW LET US SEE WHAT

HAPPENING IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS AT THIS TIME.

LUKE 10:1-24 AFTER THIS THE LORD APPOINTED SEVENTY-TWO OTHERS AND SENT THEM TWO BY TWO AHEAD OF HIM TO EVERY TOWN AND PLACE WHERE HE WAS ABOUT TO GO. ²HE TOLD THEM, "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD. YET BE SURE OF THIS: THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR.' ¹²I TELL YOU, IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE ON THAT DAY FOR SODOM THAN FOR THAT TOWN. . . . ¹⁵AND YOU, CAPERNAUM, WILL YOU BE LIFTED UP TO THE SKIES? NO, YOU WILL GO DOWN TO THE DEPTHS. ¹⁶"HE WHO LISTENS TO YOU LISTENS TO ME; HE WHO REJECTS YOU REJECTS ME; BUT HE WHO REJECTS ME REJECTS HIM WHO SENT ME." ¹⁷THE SEVENTY-TWO RETURNED WITH JOY AND SAID, "LORD, EVEN THE DEMONS SUBMIT TO US IN YOUR NAME." ¹⁸HE REPLIED, "I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN. ¹⁹I HAVE GIVEN YOU AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; NOTHING WILL HARM YOU. ²⁰HOWEVER, DO NOT REJOICE THAT THE SPIRITS SUBMIT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN." ²¹AT THAT TIME JESUS, FULL OF JOY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, SAID, "I PRAISE YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND LEARNED, AND REVEALED THEM TO LITTLE CHILDREN. YES, FATHER, FOR THIS WAS YOUR GOOD PLEASURE. ²²"ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO ME BY MY FATHER. NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE SON IS EXCEPT THE FATHER, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHO THE FATHER IS EXCEPT THE SON AND THOSE TO WHOM THE SON CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIM." ²³THEN HE TURNED TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID PRIVATELY, "BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE. ²⁴FOR I TELL YOU THAT MANY PROPHETS AND KINGS WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU SEE BUT DID NOT SEE IT, AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU HEAR BUT DID NOT HEAR IT."

SO PRIOR TO THE DEATH OF JESUS WE SEE HIM COMMISSIONING HIS FOLLOWERS TO GO BEFORE HIM TO DO A JOB. I BELIEVE IT IS THE SAME TODAY. JESUS HAS COMMISSIONED THE CHURCH TO GO BEFORE HIM TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR HIM. THE WAY FOR HIS RETURN. THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS SAYS, A TIME IS COMING WHEN THE TRUE BELIEVER WILL SAY WITH THE SPIRIT, "COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS COME". LOOKING BACK TO WHAT WAS BEING STUDIED AT THE TIME IN THE HOMES OF THE JEWS. HOW TO SANCTIFY AND PREPARE A PRIESTHOOD TO DO THE WORK OF GOD. WHAT WE SEE HERE, JESUS DID JUST THAT BY SAYING, "GO IN MY NAME" THE NUMBER THAT HE SENT, SEVENTY AND TWO. IN SCRIPTURE WHEN SEVENTY IS USED IT POINTS TO THE PERFECTION OF SPIRITUAL ORDER - AND TWO = WITNESS. THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO PUT SPIRITUAL ORDER IN PLACE IN GOD'S KINGDOM. THEY WERE TO FIGHT A SPIRITUAL WAR. WHAT WAS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THEM. NOTHING, NO NAMES, NO AGES, NO SHOWING OF THEIR LIFE STATUS, NO MENTION OF EDUCATION, NO MENTION OF SEX, RACE OR COLOR. JUST THAT THEY WERE SENT BY JESUS.

JOHN 20:21 AGAIN JESUS SAID, "PEACE BE WITH YOU! AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU."

SO JESUS JUST SAID AND DID WHAT? . ¹⁹I HAVE GIVEN YOU AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; NOTHING WILL HARM YOU. - - - - AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU."

AGAIN WHAT IS HE LOOKING FOR US TO BE?

1 PETER 2:9 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.

LOOKS TO ME AS IF GOD HAS DONE HIS PART!!!

SO I HAVE SEEN THAT THE SPIRIT IN ME IS WHAT COUNTS WITH GOD. I HAVE SEEN THAT JESUS SAYS THAT I MUST FEED UPON HIM, WHO IS A SPIRIT FOR MY SPIRIT TO GROW TO ITS FULLEST.

ISAIAH 11:2 THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL REST ON HIM— THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND OF UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND OF POWER, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD—

AS WE FEED UPON THE WORD WE NEED TO SEE HOW THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS AT WORK IN US.

FIRST BEFORE I BELONGED TO GOD -

JOHN 6:44 "NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS THE FATHER WHO SENT ME DRAWS HIM, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.

HE MAKES KNOWN TO US THE LOVE OF GOD AND OUR NEED FOR HIM. FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. THE GIFT OF GOD IS HIS SON TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT OF OUR SIN.

THE MOMENT WE CONFESS WHO JESUS IS, **ROMANS 10:9-10** THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. ¹⁰FOR IT IS WITH YOUR HEART THAT YOU BELIEVE AND ARE JUSTIFIED, AND IT IS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT YOU CONFESS AND ARE SAVED. AT THAT TIME THE HOLY SPIRIT THEN COMES INTO OUR HEARTS TO DWELL PERMANENTLY.

AT THIS POINT IN OUR LIVES AND FROM THEN ON, WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION. I THINK THAT DECISION IS GOING TO DETERMINE WHERE WE SPENT ETERNITY. ROMANS 10:9-10 AND MY ASKING JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR, SAVED ME.

BUT WHAT I DO WITH THE SPIRIT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN ME WILL DETERMINE WHETHER I AM GOING TO SPEND LIVE UPON THE EARTH OR IN HEAVEN WITH MY HEAVENLY FATHER. THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN IN ME, IF HE IS THERE, IS GOING TO CREATE A BATTLE. ME, I, ANDY DETERMINES WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE BATTLE.

GALATIANS 5:17 FOR THE SINFUL NATURE DESIRES WHAT IS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT WHAT IS CONTRARY TO THE SINFUL NATURE. THEY ARE IN **CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER**, SO THAT YOU DO NOT DO WHAT YOU WANT.

THE YOU SPOKEN OF HERE IS YOUR OLD SINFUL NATURE. I AM PRIVILEGED TO HAVE MY BROTHER HERE WITH ME THIS WEEK. IF YOU LOOK AT US YOU KNOW WE HAVE THE SAME PARENTS, SOME FEATURES AND PERSONALITY TRAITS WE GET FROM OUR MOTHER, OTHERS FROM OUR FATHER. NOT MUCH CAN BE DONE WITH MY FEATURES, THAT WHICH YOU SEE. ALTHOUGH SOME ARE SPENDING THOUSANDS ON CHANGING THEM. BUT THERE ARE THINGS I CAN DO WITH THE PERSONALITY TRAITS, I CAN SAY I DON'T WANT THAT IN MY LIFE AND MY WILL, WILL FIGHT IT. IF I AM STRONG WILLED ENOUGH I WILL WIN.

NOW GOD HAS GIVEN ME HIS DEVINE TRAITS, THEY ARE IN CONFLICT WITH MY OLD SELF, WHICH WILL I ALLOW TO WIN?

ROMANS 6:4 WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE.

ROMANS 8:1 *THERE IS* THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION TO THEM WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.

I MUST FEED UPON JESUS - THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME MUST GROW STRONG. IF I AM TO BE GOD'S CHILD I HAVE NO CHOICE. **SO MANY HAVE GRIEVED THE HOLY SPIRIT SO OFTEN AND SO LONG THEY ARE POWERLESS**

EPHES. 4:30 AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, WITH WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

WHEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD COMES TO LIVE IN US, IT COMES AS A LITTLE BABY.

GALATIANS 4:1 WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT AS LONG AS THE HEIR IS A CHILD, HE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM A SLAVE, ALTHOUGH HE OWNS THE WHOLE ESTATE.

ROMANS 8:5-6 THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE SINFUL NATURE HAVE THEIR MINDS SET ON WHAT THAT NATURE DESIRES; BUT THOSE WHO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT HAVE THEIR MINDS SET ON WHAT THE SPIRIT DESIRES. ⁶THE MIND OF SINFUL MAN IS DEATH, BUT THE MIND CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT IS LIFE AND PEACE;

AND THAT BABY MUST GROW IN YOU TO THE POINT THAT THIS BECOME TRUE IN YOUR LIVE.,

1 JOHN 4:4 YOU, DEAR CHILDREN, ARE FROM GOD AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM, BECAUSE THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.

ROMANS 8:9 YOU, HOWEVER, ARE CONTROLLED NOT BY THE SINFUL NATURE BUT BY THE SPIRIT, IF THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVES IN YOU. AND IF ANYONE DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, HE DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST.

1 JOHN 4:13 WE KNOW THAT WE LIVE IN HIM AND HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT.

AS WE HAVE SEEN THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS THEY WERE AS WEAK AS ANY GROUP OF HUMAN BEINGS. JESUS TOLD THEM THEY WERE TO DO NOTHING UNTIL THEY HAD THE POWER TO BE HIS WITNESS.

ACTS 1:8 BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

IF WE DON'T HAVE THIS POWER THEN WE ARE TO ASK FOR IT. THIS POWER IS TO CHANGE OUR LIVES. DO WE WANT IT? THE PURPOSE OF THIS POWER IS TO CHANGE OUR LIVES. DO WE WANT TO BE HOLY AS HE IS HOLY?

LUKE 11:11-13 "WHICH OF YOU FATHERS, IF YOUR SON ASKS FOR A FISH, WILL GIVE HIM A SNAKE INSTEAD? ¹²OR IF HE ASKS FOR AN EGG, WILL GIVE HIM A SCORPION? ¹³IF YOU THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!"

CAN WE SEE THOSE THAT DON'T WANT IT. THOSE THAT DO NOT WANT TO BE CHANGED?

2 TIM. 3:4-6 [THEY ARE] TREACHEROUS, RASH, CONCEITED, LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD-- ⁵HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER. HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM. ⁶THEY ARE THE KIND WHO WORM THEIR WAY INTO HOMES AND GAIN CONTROL OVER WEAK-WILLED WOMEN, WHO ARE LOADED DOWN WITH SINS AND ARE SWAYED BY ALL KINDS OF EVIL DESIRES,

WHEN WE HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD AT WORK IN US, WE NOT ONLY DRIVE OUT THE DEMONS AND SICKNESS OF THIS WORLD AS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURE TEACHING FOR TODAY, BUT OUR FOCUS IS CHANGED.

1 COR. 12:31 BUT EAGERLY DESIRE THE GREATER GIFTS. AND NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY. LOVE

GALATIANS 5:22-25 BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, ²³GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW. ²⁴**THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE SINFUL NATURE WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.** ²⁵**SINCE WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT.**

HOW EASY IT WOULD BE IF I COULD JUST SAY, I WAS SAVED IN 1949, FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IN 1953, BUT THE SCRIPTURE SAYS IT IS NOT THAT WAY.

EPHES. 5:18 DO NOT GET DRUNK ON WINE, WHICH LEADS TO DEBAUCHERY. INSTEAD, BE [CONTINUOUSLY] FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

WHAT IS THIS SCRIPTURE SAYING, DO NOT DRINK, NO, IT SAYS DO NOT GET DRUNK IT WILL CHANGE YOUR PERSONALITY, BUT GET CONTINUOUSLY FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

THIS RESURRECTION SEASON - WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING TO GOD FOR HIS GREAT SACRIFICE? THEN LET US FOCUS ON THESE SCRIPTURES.

ROMANS 12:2 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.

AND KNOWING WHAT HIS PERFECT WILL FOR OUR LIVE IS - LET US DO IT.

1 COR. 12:31-13:3 BUT EAGERLY DESIRE THE GREATER GIFTS. AND NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY. ^{13:1}IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM ONLY A RESOUNDING GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL. ²IF I HAVE THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND CAN FATHOM ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE A FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING. ³IF I GIVE ALL I POSSESS TO THE POOR AND SURRENDER MY BODY TO THE FLAMES, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.

LET US WALK IN GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO US, HIS SON WHICH IS PURE LOVE.

2 COR. 4:8-12 WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, BUT NOT CRUSHED; PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR; ⁹PERSECUTED, BUT NOT ABANDONED; STRUCK DOWN, BUT NOT DESTROYED.

¹⁰WE ALWAYS CARRY AROUND IN OUR BODY THE DEATH OF JESUS, SO THAT THE LIFE OF JESUS MAY ALSO BE REVEALED IN OUR BODY. ¹¹FOR WE WHO ARE ALIVE ARE ALWAYS BEING GIVEN OVER TO DEATH FOR JESUS' SAKE, SO THAT **HIS LIFE MAY BE REVEALED IN OUR MORTAL BODY.** ¹²SO THEN, DEATH IS AT WORK IN US, BUT LIFE IS AT WORK IN YOU.

ALLOW JESUS TO BE REVEALED IN OUR BODIES.

PHILIP. 2:5-8 YOUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS: ⁶WHO, BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE GRASPED, [HELD ON TO] ⁷BUT MADE HIMSELF NOTHING, TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A SERVANT, BEING MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS. ⁸AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLING HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO DEATH— EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!

MAY WE HUMBLE OURSELVES AND GIVE UP ALL THAT IS DISPLEASING TO GOD, AND DO ONLY THOSE THINGS WHICH BRING HIM GLORY.

PHILIP. 3:8-10 WHAT IS MORE, I CONSIDER EVERYTHING A LOSS COMPARED TO THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD, FOR WHOSE SAKE I HAVE LOST ALL THINGS. I CONSIDER THEM RUBBISH, THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST ⁹AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN THAT COMES FROM THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS

THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST--THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND IS BY FAITH.

¹⁰I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH, THIS RESURRECTION SEASON - BECOMING LIKE JESUS IN HIS DEATH - LET US NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT JESUS, BUT LET US KNOW HIM. LET THE CRY OF OUR HEART BE, NOT MY WILL FATHER, BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE IN MY LIFE.

2 COR. 10:5-6 WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION THAT SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST.

AND THIS WILL HAVE GREAT RESULTS IN OUR LIVES.

JOHN 15:14 JESUS SAYS, **YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND, [IF YOU ARE OBEDIENT TO ME].**

THIS RESURRECTION SEASON MAY WE ALLOW THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO LEAD US, DIRECT US, AND TEACH US THE TRUTH OF GOD.

AMEN.