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CHAPTER ONE

“SAVE SOULS THROUGH LOVE AND MEEKNESS”

1st Lesson: Galatians 6:1

2nd Lesson: II-Timothy 2:24 – 25

Golden Text: Matthew 18:14

Brethren are you not sorry for yourself about the texts read to you? The golden text explains that it is not the pleasure of your heavenly Father that any of you should perish. But may I ask, why you choose to perish?

Now, you can observe how our thoughts are at variance with those of God because you always wish that a rogue should be killed by God, that an evil doer should perish and all those who commit sin; the murderers, the extortioners and the swindlers should be instantly destroyed. You can imagine somebody who calls you a Beelzebub today, comes to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star the next day, you may express shock with a heavy heart. Also a person comes into your Bethel to cause confusion, throwing away the Bethel equipment and that you should go and call your Leader whom you refer to as God, what do you do? It happens that the following day His wife delivers a bouncing baby boy. You will murmur against God and ask why He disgraced you. Someone is always antagonistic against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, but all of a sudden he wins a contract or he is made a president, will you not be exasperated about the situation? You will murmur against God and will ask why God should do things like that, because you who serve Him had not been rewarded by Him.

Do you think that the death of a rogue, pleases God? What, if a murderer is executed, would such be pleasing to God? Have you not realised that the thoughts of man are opposed to the thoughts of God? This is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathered not with Me scattereth abroad.” Have you not observed that the entire world is against God? Our Lord Jesus Christ alone is with the Father. He alone gathers with the Father. It was for that reason He volunteered to come from above in order to save mankind when the Father wanted to destroy this sinful world.

Much as it was not God’s pleasure that we should perish, so He had no option.

There was nothing good in man. It was a matter of 'Can't help' that the Father sent His Son to come and die for the redemption of men. What else could He do?

THE MESSENGERS WERE ILLTREATED

He sends His angels daily into the world in order to instruct man on what to do in order to be saved. These angels, were illtreated, beaten up, cast into prisons, and some of them were killed. At another instance, God sent out His prophets into the world in order that they may plead with man to turn over a new leaf and become His instrument for work. Man got hold of the prophets, beat some and killed others. But you have heard that a city without a prophet is doomed. Now, tell me, was there any point in time when there were no prophets?

Who is the person who has always delegated those prophets into the world? It is the Father. Has there been any prophet who was not killed? Right from Abel to Zacharias; can you mention any prophet who was not killed by the worldly people. In the case of Zacharias; the soldiers beheaded him while he was ministering at the alter. You are quite aware of the story of John the Baptist, Herod cast him into prison and at the end, he was beheaded by the soldiers on the orders of King Herod.

You have heard the story of Our Lord Jesus Christ. What crime did He actually commit? He was sent to the world to shed His precious Blood for our own redemption. When He arrived, He was tortured, arrested and killed by the people of the world.

You must have heard of the twelve disciples and the Apostles of the early christian era. The worldly people persecuted them, some of them were burnt on stakes; some were put into prisons and some of them were killed in cold blood.

DO NOT RESIST AN EVIL DOER

Have you heard what has been read out to you that, "If a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such a person in the spirit of meekness ..." It is not said that you should use any violence, even if he is using a gun, a machet, sword or any type of weapon to fight against you. As a spirited child, you have to bring him back with the spirit of love and meekness. Imagine somebody coming with his loaded gun in order to injure you, but you are asked to fight with him without even a piece of stick, bow and arrow, a kitchen knife or any defensive instrument. You are asked to fight empty-handedly against any assailant who has a loaded double-barrelled gun. How do you do it?

Have you seen why the worldly people say, "Let us go in there"? Since our Lord Jesus was killed, they believed they would be able to kill the children of God. The people would often bulldoze into a Bethel where you are engaging in the Services of God. The people might take you away for their own selfish motives. This is the man-

ner the worldly people often rejoice or claim that they had succeeded in driving out those who profess to worship God and in destroying Bethels established by an individual. They would rejoice over their action to see that everything was destroyed. That is the world's idea about the things of God.

There has never been any time when there were no guns, matchets, swords, sticks or clubs or power; but God has always instructed His children to win back such persons who have derailed from the path of rectitude with love and meekness. Fire cannot be used effectively in extinguishing fire. It is water which is used to quench fire. It is impossible to use evil to conquer evil, just as you cannot quarrel with somebody in order to stop him from quarrelling. War cannot be an effective means to stop war. You can only use peace to prevent war. You cannot use hatred to stop hatred, except love.

This is why you are asked today to use all good virtues as a child of God to restore whoever is overtaken in a fault. No matter the gravity of the fault, you should use good virtues such as love, patience, humility, meekness and gentleness to restore an evil doer. Many people do not understand the fact that most of the problems and difficulties besetting us are the results of the evil we had committed. If this has not been so, then every human being would have avoided evil practices.

EFFECTS OF BAD EGGS

It is an undeniable fact that the presence of a thief in a family would upset the family absolutely. No matter the social standing of that family; be they doctors, engineers, millionaires, presidents or lawyers. If there is a thief among them the family stands upset. In the same vein, if you have a drunkard in your family and every time reports are received that a member of your family has fallen into a gutter, or that he is lying unconscious by the road side, or that he is found in a dangerous place, the family members would not be at rest. They would be so worried about his welfare and even wish that he should die to erase the shame or disgrace.

It is exactly the same thing with God who is not pleased at the death of an evil man. The family will eventually seek means to remedy the state of shame by either confining or restricting his movements in order that he may forsake his former habits. I am asking whether confinement is the correct measure with which an evil doer could be changed? Some feel that a habitual thief should be imprisoned for at least ten to twenty years or at most for life. Is that the best means of changing a thief? Others in their own opinion feel that such a person should be disowned or ostracised by the family, and that the family should sever connections with the thief. I am asking, whether that is the appropriate treatment to be given to an evil doer so as to win the person back to God?

MAN'S IMPERFECT PERCEPTION

The theme of the lesson that you will take home today, is what is read to you. Whenever you find any person overtaken in a fault, since God does not wish that any sinner should perish, He wants him to be brought to Him so that they may be changed and be saved. It is, therefore conclusive that His eyes are always upon the evil ones also. Many people pre-occupy their minds about the time God will destroy this world of sin. But the important question is, if God should destroy the world today who will be saved, and who will remain? Do you believe that the type of prayer offered by David that God should wage war against those who fight against him, and make trouble with those who trouble him is supported by God? Remember also when Israelites had forsaken the covenant of God and had slain the prophets of God with the swords. Prophet Elijah prayed to God to rain down fire from heaven to consume the Israelites because they had killed all the prophets and that he was the only prophet left because they sought to take his life too. Do you believe sincerely that God supported that type of prayer? In His own reaction, God told him I have reserved, yet, seven thousand men who have not bowed down to worship Baal. If you pray that God should destroy the evil ones, He will not grant your request. Having known that God does not punish and that He is not pleased at the death of the sinful ones. People take upon themselves to carry swords, guns and matchets to fight those who offend against them because they have known that God will not retaliate for them.

Can you find any person who leaves vengeance to God? He says, "Vengeance is Mine (Romans 12:19) I will repay". Is there any person who wants to be cheated or who would like God to revenge for Him? You know that God will not do it at the time you want, and you ask when He will come down to revenge for you, and so you have to avenge yourself to prove to people that you are equally a strong man.

CIVIC FALLACY

Law enforcement agencies are established everywhere such as Law Courts, e.g. the Customary, Magistrate, Native, High and the Supreme Courts with Magistrates, Judges to preside over them. The aim of these agencies is to deal with the law-breakers and to eliminate offences. Is this the right measure with which to change offenders? When the judge gives a verdict that an offender should be hanged or imprisoned for life; such a judge will be marked a learned Judge. "A Daniel has come to judgement;" do you think that God is pleased with that action?

If a police officer tortures and torments law-breakers by binding their hands and legs, beating and inflicting on them wounds and injuries and you congratulate such

a Policeman for having executed his duty efficiently. I am asking you whether God is pleased with such treatment meted out to the law-breakers? When angel Gabriel instructed Moses that any woman or man who committed adultery should be stoned to death; do you think God was happy with such an instruction? Moses received the ten commandments not directly from God but from an Angel. Since, these were the traditions of the angels, and that was why punishment clauses were entrenched in the commandments.

Have you not heard the text read out to you? It says that if any person is overtaken in a fault, as a child of God, and a spirited child, you should restore such a person with godly virtues like gentleness, meekness, love, truth and righteousness. The fault has no description, it could be fornication, stealing, adultery, swindling or any other form of sin.

CIVIC INFLUENCE OVER DIVINE SERVICE

In some churches, if members are indebted to the church they are suspended or disfellowed from the church. They would no more participate in the "Holy Communion," but remains as ordinary members. Is the action that is taken against such people, appropriate? At times somebody is indebted to the church, if he dies from this plane of manifest, if the debt is not defrayed on behalf of the deceased, the church members would disown him and would not bury him according to the church rites. I am asking you, is such treatment approved by God?

When somebody is sick, he would go to the Pastor to pray for him, but the Pastor would not pray for him. He would do everything humanly possible to get well, he is still sick. He will then go to the necromancer for treatment, and if his church knows about this, he will be suspended because of indulging in preparation of juju concoction. He will consequently be excommunicated from the church on charges of witchcraft.

A great many people complain that Brotherhood preaches against beating children or wife, quarrelling and suing people to court, they are surprised. It is their feeling that all offenders should be beaten up, taken to court to learn a lesson. Since you had engaged in the exercise of retaliation, what profit have you got? Have you not heard that any person who kills, will himself be killed? Remember also that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived.

THE RECONDITE WISDOM OF TRUTH

It is true that the world has not yet attained the wisdom of truth and that is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "I have yet many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into

all truth..." Is the embodiment of the Wisdom of the Truth not found here? The Words that you hear now constitute the only source of salvation and redemption for the world. But, whoever rejects these words resists God's will. All those who do not accept this truth are scattering, and not gathering for the Father.

The only means of reforming a sinner is to deal with such a person through the demonstration of love, truth, patience, humility, meekness, temperance and gentleness: knowing fully well that anyone who beats another person, will also be beaten. Note that no matter the respect you command from your child, once you pronounce woe on him, the respect for you is lost from him. If you were so loved by your wife, from the moment you abuse and curse her, her love for you is gone, the respect or honour you always get from her dwindles. On the other hand, any day she is punished and illtreated by you, or if she is driven out, what you will gain from her thereafter is disrespect.

At any time you get somebody imprisoned with the view to teaching him a lesson, while in the prison, he will plan how to teach you a lesson after his discharge. The members of his family will plan to teach you a lesson, all his relations and friends will plan to teach you a lesson and so throughout your life, you will be plotting to teach one another lessons. It is true that whether you do good or evil the world would not love you. The safest way is for you to practice the Gospel preached to you. Apart from this, there is no other way to salvation. The people of the world complain that it is the church which has caused all the confusion in the world, saying that their offending members are not punished for whatever crimes they have committed. This statement is erroneous.

WRONG APPLICATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

What has prompted people to backslide from the church is the Word of God which teaches that if you are slapped on one cheek, you should turn to him the other side also. On hearing this, you will wonder how it will be possible for you to be slapped by a man like yourself, and you fail to show him that you are also a man. The most painful thing is that when a thief comes to steal from your house and you catch him red-handed, if you attempt to raise an alarm, he will quote the passage for you. If you are a child of God, why do you deviate from the words of God? He is only trying to help himself. The worldly people have employed these contradictions to buttress their wickedness, and also commit atrocities against the children of God knowing that they will not retaliate. But I tell you not to bother for His word is life eternal. He knows what you are suffering, but He says avenge not yourselves, vengeance is Mine I will repay you, said the Lord. Therefore if your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him drink. Many people seem to be fed up with the words of the

scripture which says that God will judge the sinners. They ask when He actually will execute this judgement. God is not pleased at the death of a sinner. We shall now have the first lesson.

1st Lesson: Galatians 6:1

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

Brethren, how many of you have this virtue? Have you now realised why you **have been advised to allow each person to himself?** Somebody may commit only an offence, but in the course of rebuking him, you offend in three ways. This is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye: and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote of thy brother’s eye.”

You have not yet refrained from committing sins, and you possess no godly virtue. You do not know yourself, but when you find a liar, you will abuse and curse him, beat him up, and drive him away. Will you agree that you are worse than the liar? Whosoever does not practice this Gospel is not qualified. It is just like having two persons in the same family and are brothers from the same parents. One shoots and kills the other. He is arrested and taken to court and the judge imposes on him a death sentence. It means that two persons are killed in the same family.

This is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.” Can you not feel that it would have been better for one brother to die, while the other is allowed to remain in the family than to kill two of them?

MAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERATE

It is not God’s pleasure that any person should perish. There is none yet who gathers with Him: none is prepared to do all he can in order to restore the defaulters and win them back to God. All of you here, if anyone is overtaken in a fault, you will beat up and drive such a person away from your area, and possibly you can do away with his life. Do you not know that by so doing you have covered someone who was in darkness with a greater form of darkness? Or do you not know that once a person commits an offence, such a person is in darkness? It is with love, peace, gentleness and kindness that such a person would be able to see clearly: once the person is treated with these virtues, his eyes will be opened to see the light.

You may conclude that God is pleased with our sickness, poverty, affliction, torture, or with our diverse problems. This is why it is said that God is making a clarion

call, Saying: Whom will I send and who go for me? As an upright child of God once you see any person in a fault whether he steals or fornicates you should treat him with love, gentleness and meekness in order to restore him.

You will agree to the fact that in the world, all church denominations, the hierarchy of church dignatories from the Pope, Bishop, Pastor to an ordinary member, have all derailed from the truth. Angels and men are the same, angels commit atrocities just as men do. Angels even commit the worst atrocities. They hate man for the fact that man is set at the head of angels. This is why at any time one commits an offence, the angels do not take it kindly. This is confirmed with the Scripture that the children of God shall judge both men and angels. I ask, what are the instruments of this judgement? They include humility, gentleness, love, kindness, meekness, temperance, righteousness, peace and patience.

GOD'S PATIENCE IS NO SLACKNESS

These virtues are used to effect His judgement and because He does not want any person to perish. He wants all to be saved and so He shows us what life pattern we should follow. If we live a quarrelsome, grudging life, will it save us? Of a truth, none of those patterns of life gives glory to the Almighty God. And we are well aware that God is never pleased that any person should perish. As it is said, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness: but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Can you not realise that God's long patience paves the way for our repentance?

This is why God has revived Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the world so that He may use love, peace, meekness, temperance, longsuffering, and righteousness in teaching the world and demonstrating same to people so as to win them back to Himself. This is also why it is said, "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Should you be told that the end of the world is in sight, that person is deceiving you. You may be told that Brotherhood is spreading like wild fire in Nigeria, that is not true. It has not spread out sufficiently. The doctrines you have received must be taken to the utmost part of the world. The teachings and doctrines of this Kingdom must be spread to the inhabitants of the world, after which the end will come.

What is the motive of a person who comes in contact with a thief but instead of arresting him to the Police, sympathises with him, loves him, bears patiently with him and released him to go? What is the benefit you get when you exercise patience if you are abused, cursed, beaten up, and you are not angry with anybody, He is sav-

ing souls, he is winning souls for God. He does not wish that any sinner should die, and so He continues to endure all sorts of situations. Has the person who beats you up and you neither say a word nor retaliate, the understanding you have? **The thoughts of God are hidden to man and the Wisdom of God is not only higher than the worldly wisdom, but has also confounded the wise men of the world.** May our second lesson be read.

2nd Lesson: II Timothy 2:24 – 25

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.”

Brethren, have you heard that? Church denominations are fighting against themselves, cursing, abusing, calling each other all sorts of evil names, and one is opposed to another. Is that the work of God? You say you are a Brotherhood yet you continue to quarrel, fight and tell lies. You have no patience, no love, and you are easily annoyed. What type of Brotherhood are you? You will observe that the teaching you receive here is final. Why you should possess the qualities of patience, mercy, love and all the virtues of God is so that you may be able to endure all situations and call other souls unto God so that on the final day of reckoning, they may be saved. Even if you see them at fault, you will be able to win them back using all good virtues to restore them to their former positions. If we have no gentleness, love, humility, patience, meekness, truth and kindness, how are we going to win back those who are perishing to God, and to restore them to their former positions? God does not like the death of any evil person. No matter how evil a person had been, if he perishes his death is not pleasing to God. But, if you see a defaulting soul, may be such a person has committed murder or has stolen or is a pauper or an out-cast, and you go to him and pamper, maintain, endure and stay with him, I tell you God will be very pleased with your action.

PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD

You have been instructed to put on the whole armour of God. What is this armour of God you are told to put on? It is patience, faith, humility, love, truth, meekness and endurance. It is with all these virtues of God that we can fight and win the wiles of the devil. If you declare that you are stand-

ing by the truth, you have to take up this armour to fight against satan and he will actually run away from you. You may find so many people who are still given to drunkenness. They cannot help it; they have tried all ways possible to refrain from drinking but to no avail. It is **not** to their pleasure to continue to drink; they are looking for somebody who will come and help them out. You have now been commissioned to go and help the drunkard to overcome his difficulties. Let us consider the case of a herbalist or a **necromancer**. It is **not his pleasure to continue to indulge in his concoctions**, but there is just nothing he can do. If you happen to go to him, he will even advise you not to indulge in that type of a thing because it will avail no benefit. But if you ask him why he does it, he will tell you that he is induced by certain circumstances. If you can approach him and salvage him out this ruin, God will be very pleased with you.

It is not the pleasure of all the armed-robbers, swindlers and thieves to do vicious things, but they have no other options. They often do this job with great shame and in tears. They are looking for somebody to come to their aid. If you go to them to save them out of what they have found themselves, then this will be very pleasing to God. I want you to go and interview a prostitute or fornicator, you will discover that it is not her pleasure to continue in the prostitution. She is looking for somebody to help her out. It is the same with those who snuff and smoke. When you come across somebody smoking or snuffing you become so annoyed with him, and at that instance he can cry. What shall I do to be able to refrain from this. There is nothing he can do. He is looking for a helper. It may not be your pleasure to commit murder, but through one thing or the other you commit it; it may be unintentional. God is not pleased that we should perish, consequently there is a great joy in heaven for any soul that repents.

DO NOT LIE AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

When you are angry, do not tell lies against the truth that God instructs you to be angry. You should not tell lies that God has approved of your bullying anybody when you are annoyed. When you inflict corporal punishment on anyone and claim that you do the work of God; you are telling lies against the truth because that is not the work of God. The work of God consists of our possessing of the virtues of patience, love, humility, truth, meekness, longsuffering, temperance and kindness. It requires you to put on the armour of God which will enable you to do His work efficiently and effectively.

Now, you argue that you do not want to emulate the examples of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but claim to be the disciple of Moses, preaching the Gospel of retaliation. You deny being 'Jesus'. Are you then Moses? Similarly, when Pilate asked the Jews whether he should release unto them Jesus who is called 'Christ', they shouted crucify Him, crucify Him and asked that Barabbas be released to them; yet Barabbas was a thief and a murderer. Consider a situation in which a murder and thief is released to them, he is licensed to continue with his atrocities. Conversely, if Our Lord Jesus Christ was released, He would have continued in His good works. You will therefore be convinced that God is not pleased that we should perish, but we deliberately and foolishly choose to perish.

If we were to accept the lesson imparted to us by God that, we should not judge, so that we might not be judged. For with what judgement we judge, we shall be judged. Many members argue that if they are addressed as Beelzebub they would be so exasperated and that they try to avenge immediately in defence of Brotherhood you. Such a person does not defend Brotherhood, rather he is doing the work of his father, satan.

Many people think that it is fighting, quarrelling, punishing, and casting people into prison which has induced people to submit to Brotherhood, it is not. Those who do this, are trouble makers; and they do not realise that it is love, peace, truth, mercy, meekness and other God's virtues which are used in instructing them.

Do you notice that you are always opposed to the will of God? If somebody moves up to the altar instead of you helping him to overcome his difficulties, you drag him and beat him up, will you say that is the work of God? Can you use petrol to quench fire? There is no other way of changing a person except by the application of love, truth, patience and mercy.

Golden Text: Matthew 18:14

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”

Brethren, have you heard the text read out to you? Now, that you feel happy at the death of an evil doer, do you know that God does not take pleasure in it? Just as the Government and the teachers of schools would not be happy should any of the pupils or students fail any examination; so it is with God and evil-doers. It is for the same reason that teachers and lecturers spend sleepless nights and time to prepare their lessons in order to impart to their pupils and students so that they will all pass the examination at the end of the year.

It is said, "Every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abides with which he hath built there-upon, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so by fire." See that you are not rejected and your work accepted, ensure that your work is accepted as you are saved. Do you not believe in the above statement?

RESCUE THE LOST CHILD

When you spend sleepless nights gossiping, backbiting, quarrelling, fighting and indulging in every manner of evil in the course of your service to God, what is your profit? Our Lord Jesus Christ has set an example for us to emulate in that He is the only person who does not want anybody to perish rather He wants us all to repent so that we may be saved.

Be patient whenever you are abused and cursed. Accept sufferings at all times that you may be able to save souls from perishing. You should accept to be blamed, punished, tortured that you may help many other souls from perishing,

Do not ever offer prayers that God should exterminate murderers, fornicators, **swindlers, extortioners** because this is incompatible with the will of God. Do not rejoice at the sickness of your enemy or at any mishap that befalls him, instead, mourn and be sympathetic over the situation. Having known that it is not the will of God that anyone should perish, right from today, resolve to comply strictly with God's instructions.

If it were a matter of choice, who would ever have chosen to have a fornicator, rogue, murderer, blind or ugly child? If anybody was offered an opportunity to tell God exactly, what he wants from Him; who could have told God that he wants to be poor? Of all the blessings we have wished for our parents and children, have they got any? Actually, God does not delight in our poverty or in our becoming sick, but it is because of the sort of prayer you often offer such as: "O Lord, fight against them that fight against me." As a boomerang, the prayer bounces back to you.

If you desire the blessings of God, right from now, pray that your enemies should be blessed, and that God should bless thieves, murderers, adulterers, and should also love them. This is why it is said, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you: That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

LET YOUR LIFE PATTERN ATTRACT SOULS TO GOD

You should be patient unto the evil ones; love them and always be honest to them. Use humility and meekness to deal with them and endure them; so that you

can realise the benefit therefrom. God did not invite you to come to rebuke, defraud and illtreat people or fight with them, or abuse them.

When you testify with a shout of hallelujah and that you visited a certain Bethel and that the members gave you everything one requires in life; such as money, bed and clothes; and I ask, what do all these indicate? Another person would say that a particular person has got a car, erected a building, beget many children and other amenities for serving God. My question is, of what importance are those things to God, and how many souls have been changed for Him? In all that you do, know that His eyes are always on you, whether you are perceiving or thinking alike.

Above all, God will not destroy the world until the last sinner is changed, won back to Him, and brought into this Kingdom. The prayer offered by Our Lord Jesus Christ indicates that a child of perdition had been in existence. It is only the son of perdition who will perish, it is therefore common place knowledge that it is not the pleasure of your Father that any person should perish.

If no person desires to commit any form of sin, why is it that you are now being controlled by sins which have assumed an alarming proportions. It is the work of God that we should endeavour to tolerate evil doers. We should go forth to people who commit sin and show them their faults gradually using love, patience and humility and the rest of the virtues to win them. If you are able to save and restore lost souls to God, a multitude of your sins are covered. The scriptures say, "..... blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." Who are they whose sins are covered? They are those who win souls to God. The scriptures says, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin;" and I ask, who are those whose sins are not counted by the Lord? These are they who are not given to anger, those who through love, meekness, affection, gentleness, and patience restore and win sinners to God for repentance.

None of us would wish that any of our brethren should perish, but in the course of trying to bring them back to God, they will fight and curse us, asking if we have not forsaken that our beelzebub? The only way out is for you to love them, tell them nothing about the word of God with them. Rather, in all your dealings with them, use love and you will succeed in restoring and winning them back to God because you do not wish them to perish.

Be advised that you should not entice anybody into the Fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, but endeavour to deal with every stubborn person in a way that God would be pleased to save His soul. Do not seek for any thanks or praises from such a person because He will do it. But since God does not wish that he should perish, you should save him.

Consider a man who borrows money from you in order to defray his debt, there is no need asking him when he will refund the money, as he will not be able to refund that money as promised. The reason is that he had no money, hence he borrowed from you. What you should bear in mind is that, that money you have lent him is to save souls, and this is the same situation with an evil-doer. God is not pleased that any evil person should perish, and that is why He commissions you to bring them back to Him in order that they may be saved. This can be effectively done with the spirit of meekness, love, patience, humility, kind affection, long suffering and endurance.

Brethren, "A stroke of the cane is sufficient to the wise." He that hath an ear, let him hear, May the Lord bless His word. Amen.

Thank You Father.

CHAPTER TWO

THE CREATIVE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD

1st Lesson: Matthew 8:8

2nd Lesson: Ephesians 4:29

Golden Text: Luke 1:37

Brethren, the texts read to you summarize the theme of our lesson. You should take particular note of this gospel. You have heard the first and second lessons as well as the golden text. There is not a single word of God that is without power. That is why you are advised not to allow evil communication to proceed out of your mouth.

THE WORD HEALS

Are you aware of the fact that there is no word that comes out of your mouth that will fail to manifest? Every word that proceeds from your mouth must be fulfilled. The centurion told Our Lord Jesus Christ, "I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Our Lord Jesus Christ said unto him, "Go thy way; and as thou has believed, so be it done unto thee." Who do you think healed the centurion's servant? Note that he requested Our Lord Jesus Christ to speak the word and his servant will be healed.

SPEAK NO EVIL

We are warned not to allow evil communication to proceed out of our mouths because there is no word of God that is without power. Every word that proceeds from your mouth is power. Who does the work in the entire world? It is the word. With what does the presiding magistrate or judge pass his judgement? Is it not the word? The scripture tells us, "for by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

It should now be clear to you that all things are created through the word, yet the world knows not the word. That is why it has been stressed that you should not allow evil communication to proceed out of your mouth.

CHAPTER THREE

ALL THOSE BEGOTTEN OF GOD DO NO SIN

1st Lesson: Romans 8:16

2nd Lesson: Galatians 6:1

Golden Text: 1 John 5:18

Brethren, that is the text we shall use in opening this Pentecostal. We know that all those begotten of God do not commit sin. The son of God protects them and so the wicked ones cannot touch them. Have you not heard the wonderful tidings of great joy? If you cannot take in any other gospel during this Pentecostal, you should not fail to take in this very important one.

Brethren, all those begotten of God do not commit sin, because the wicked one does not touch them, since the Son of God protects them in front and behind, left and right, above and below, on their beds, in their offices and even in the market places; wherever they are the Son of God protects and keeps them. He had assured us when he said, 'I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.' And so Christ is always with all the brethren. Wherever you are, He is there with you. As you are sitting here, He is sitting with you. He could not have gathered such a large flock but only to abandon them to go somewhere else. Luckily He could not afford to leave you in despair and comfortless.

It is a gross mistake for people to say our Lord Jesus Christ is in the skies or somewhere else. Never should you say that again because it is erroneous to say He is in the skies, He is on the earth, He is in the water and on dry land, He is in you, He does not forsake His children even for a minute. He is everywhere abiding in all the brethren, who are invariably the children of God and who cannot afford to commit sin and to whom no wickedness can ever touch. This explains the reason why the children of God are free to shout on the name of their Father and on Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the streets, in all nooks and corners, in the morning and in the evening, at dawn and at dusk, at night and by day without any hindrance.

GOD'S LIKENESS IN MAN

A great many people claim that they emanated from the tree, others claim they originated from the mermaid while others claim to come from Europe or America;

but today it has been revealed that God Himself bears witness that we are His own children. God Himself bears witness that we are the children of God. What do you think and what do you say now against this knowledge? This is no longer a parable to us, because we have been told that God created us in His own image and likeness. What is God Himself? He is a Spirit that you inadvertently call witch/wizard which you visualise to bewitch you. It is that spirit that appears as if you are coming out from water or flying in the air or passing through any medium.

This is the spirit, the likeness of God in-dwelling in you. That spirit dwells in us and causes us to walk; He walks and talks enabling us to sleep because without that spirit, no one could sleep, open the eyes, walk, talk or even exist. I cannot really understand and it is highly inexplicable when one claims that he is a man and not God or that he is not a child of God. If you are not God, and if you are not the Son of God, what are you then? If you are the son of man it means also that you are the son of God, if you are the children of God it means that you are all gods because God Himself bears witness with your spirit that you are all His own children.

Man and God walk pari passu, you sleep with God, you make the same statement with God, you have one thought and plans the same operations with Him. What then differentiates man from God?

You are aware that during the first advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He was nothing else but God. He was called the son of man. What do you understand by the word man, man is a child of God, and what is a child of God, he is God Himself. And so brethren take note that we have committed a grievous fault when we say we have no business with God, while God is always associated with everyman.

WHO BEGAT THE CHILD OF PERDITION?

I am now calling on Lucifer to come and defend himself whether or not he comes from God or whether he has another father. Let him deny that he is not a child of God, if he is not a child of God whose child is he? He is an angel of God and the spirit which comes from God not because of his disobedience and insubordination he rebelled against God, that is his problem. In the same way, all your spirits are the spirits of God and they come from God, but simply because you are recalcitrant you refuse to be submissive to Him, and obey His orders.

Through your ignorance you claim to come from Nigeria, Ghana, Africa, Europe or America but today it has been revealed to you that God Himself and the spirit **bear witness with your spirit that you are His own children. Right now a great many** of you have never visited Lagos, whereas your spirits have visited Lagos, India, Britain, America and Russia; they have gone through all form of media. Have you not realised that we are all one? Yes, we are. Today there is differentiation between

sexes, races, and colour because we are in the flesh, whereas in spirit we are one without any discrimination. That is the only knowledge I want to impart to you and the only revelation I have to give to you so that you may not be deceived into believing in differentiation of colour, language or sex or mankind.

INCAPACITATION OF THE FLESH

The flesh is stupid, it is deaf, blind and dumb, it has no share in this new Kingdom of God! Do you know that the spirit of the person to whom you vowed that you would never be reconciled with in your life is with your own? They sleep, eat, walk and do many things together. You will realise from this that the flesh is foolish because in spirit you always appear together. It is meaningless for you to say that you have no dealings with a person because while your flesh denies him your spirit is offering prayers for his well being. Do you know that to the person from whom you have stolen his ₦ 100.00 in the flesh you have given him ₦ 200.00 spiritually? Your problem is that the flesh is blind.

There is no division between man and woman, white and black or between a child and an adult. We are all one, there is no difference or distinction between persons. Throughout this Pentecostal if you fail to absorb another gospel, grasp this, then it is sufficient. You claim that you are an Ibibio, Efik, Igbo, Yoruba, English or French when such distinctions do not exist; that gap has been bridged. We are all **one in the spirit. In the spirit, a Camerounian is the same as a Nigerian, a Nigerian is the same as an American**, that differentiation no longer exists. All mankind speak the same language, eat the same food and carry out similar activities.

THE TRUTH PREVAILS

Do you know that the spirit can speak any language? There is none that the spirit does not speak. All the languages spoken are spoken by the spirit. Any behaviour we show is that of the spirit. Do not bother yourself anymore that you do not know a person, even if he is perishing it is more of your concern. I am telling you that he will **not perish, because you too are with him, since you are the likeness of God; and God Himself bears witness with our spirits that we are His children.** Do not bother yourselves again complaining about loneliness, poverty, etc., because there is none who leads a solitary life or who is wretched; there is none who is fatherless or motherless, all of us are one since we are the likeness of God.

From today never you complain that you are alone for there is no loneliness in spirit. But it is incumbent on you to take in and believe in the gospel of to-night. Once you believe in it all is well with you. But, whether or not you believe in this gospel, it is true forever. The claims of all those who say they are not the children of

God but the children of trees, fishes, snakes and animals do not prevent them from being the children of God. They will forever remain to be the children of God. Similarly, the claim by some people that there is no God, does not prevent God from being in existence always. The result is that they are so ill-equipped that they cannot enjoy this Kingdom of God. For in as much as you know that you have Father, you will endeavour to know your Father and strive to resemble Him. It is, therefore, my initial assignment to teach the whole wide world to know that **all mankind are the children of God. There is the first step in the teaching realm of this Kingdom.**

From the moment you realise that you have a Father, you will begin to find out His whereabouts. You would want to know your Father and when you know Him you will resemble Him. We have denied God because we do not know Him and do not believe in Him, nevertheless, in spite of our unbelief He is constant. He is the truth, for we **are** one with Him. Realising that we are His own children, He continues to love us; always our Lord Jesus Christ protects and guides us and so we have no difficulties. He has done all these because He knows that we are His own children. Even if you claim that there is no God, or abuse and insult Him, He has no problem since He knows He dwells in you and you in Him.

It is because of this hidden and recondite wisdom which we lacked that the Comforter has come to reveal this wisdom unto us, leading us to the knowledge of the truth; it also brings us to the understanding that all the inhabitants of the world are one and are also the children of God. We should therefore not worry ourselves again that someone is from Lagos or America or Abidjan and claim that we have no connection with him. Since you were **all created** in the likeness of God, you will forever have an association with Him. As God would have it now, both the whites and the blacks intermarry. People from various countries intermarry and carry out commercial activities with countries other than their own.

SPIRITUAL UNITY

Through various Political and commercial activities, national and international **unions and associations** God has **really revealed** that all mankind are one. God has further shown us that we are all one. If you settle somewhere, you will find it difficult to live alone. You will marry a woman of any language, religion or colour different from your own. Your problem therefore is the flesh. In the spirit there is no quarrelling at all, no fighting and no segregation between the whites and the blacks, or man and woman or child and adult, or the sick and healthy, there is only one and the same entity. Always, as we sit down here, in the spirit we are in unity, we sleep to-

gether, converse together; even the small children take part in our conversations; in feasting, there is no trouble, no quarrelling, always co-existing because we are always with the Father and therefore with one another. Sometimes, as we are sitting down here, you begin to dose and fall into a trance where you meet with people from all walks of life some of whom you have never known but enjoying your time with them in conversation, in dancing, in singing, in eating and in other forms of activities. Have you ever known them?

Brethren I do not want to dwell longer in this discourse, let us have our first lesson.

1st Lesson: Rome 8:16

“The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

Brethren, have you heard what is read unto you? And tomorrow you will inquire about the writer of that statement. It is said: the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. If you are human, who created you? Was it not God? It, therefore, stands to reason that you are a child of God. Lament no more of your parentage that you are the child of Martha, Nko or Adam; only accept the fact that you are the child of God; and whosoever is created by God should accept that he is the child of God.

All mankind should, therefore, accept that they are all children of God. What has brought about trouble and confusion in the world is the spirit of segregation and separation: some people disclaim being the children of God and that they originated from the tree or from mermaid or from the hades; others claim they were begotten of such and such fathers and mothers; others still claim they come from Lagos or from Ivory Coast. If during this Pentecostal, the whole world accepts their sonship of God then their troubles would have ended; they would have relative peace; and the spirit of the Prodigal son will be completely removed when they go back to their Father.

SONSHIP

What has prompted you to think of what you will eat and put on? What make you feel that you have no father is the fact that you do not believe in your sonship of God. You have refused to accept that you are a child of God. Eventhough the Father is caring for you, maintaining you, feeding and clothing you, protecting and guiding you; but since you do not believe that you have a Father that is why you have no peace; you are thrown into a state of confusion; you have no joy; and your troubles

and problems continue to mount as you have not yet accepted him as your Father.

As the prodigal son took part of his father's inheritance into a far country and wasted his substance with riotous living, after which he started to worship stones and trees as God, indulging in charms and concoction for his salvation for which he received his due punishment so it is with very many people in the world today. But when the scales fell from his eyes and he became conscious of himself, he said to himself "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare and I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my Father and will say unto him, Father! I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." Immediately he said this in his contemplation his eyes were opened and his problems ceased. And so it is in the world today as many as accept truly that they are the children of God, the moment they realise themselves and accept God as their Father, that is the end of their tribulations and afflictions.

THE MIRAGE

The Father is before you and you are looking at Him; He is communicating with you, but your attention is focussed on the rocks, the waters, the tree, concoctions, charms and talisman, that is why you have not seen the Father. Right now if you come back he is standing in front of you: you will see Him. Even our Lord Jesus Christ is before you talking to you. What should prompt man to erroneously think that he should help himself in fulfilment of an adage which says heaven helps those who help themselves? How can man save himself? What should induce you to such insolence? What should deceive man into such wishful thinking? How can man, being carnal, save himself? David the Psalmist has told us that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it, and except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." How can man protect and guard himself? How can man save himself where God has not saved him?

As a result of this attitude the services we should have rendered to God and the brethren we turn same to idols and material things of the world. That time we should spend in worshipping God, or devote in doing good to our fellow man we waste on shaping idols from the rock, tree or water or iron. The honour and reverence we should have given to God we turn them on trees. We prostrate on the ground and roll the reon for the rock and tree, thereby robbing ourselves of the opportunity of worshiping the Almighty God. Take note that from this 1981 there is no child of perdition in your midst. The time of foolishness is now past. Eventhough you see your brother overtaken in any fault, as spirited children, as the children of God em-

ploy love, meekness, humility, and truth to interact with them because they are your brethren.

Live and walk no longer in the flesh, but in the spirit of righteousness, peace, love and in humility! No longer should you look at a man with carnal eyes neither should you listen to man with carnal ears. Live and walk with the eye of the spirit, ear of the spirit and the tongue of the spirit. Because we all were created into that one spirit.

CHRIST IN ALL THINGS

In the spirit there is no differentiation between man and woman, there is no distinction between a child and an adult for Christ is all and in all. It is this flesh that is deceitful, it can be camouflaged like a sepulchre painted white on the outside while the inside is surfeited with filth. That is why you fail if you judge from the flesh, the outward appearance. But if you judge from the spirit, you do not err. Many a times you do things according to the directions of the flesh and so you fall short of the grace of God. At a discussion you normally shout down on the young ones to give you the old ones time to talk because you regard the young ones as misinformed or immature. By so doing you fail. Sometimes women are not allowed to have any say at certain discussions because you consider that such a subject is not what women should discuss; it should be left for men, who are mature. Do you consider that the opinion expressed is expressed by a woman? By that you have failed. Sometimes a poor man attends a meeting and wants to express his opinion, he will be hushed down in because he will not be above to contribute even one kobo in the implementation of the idea. You have also failed. The opinion to be expressed is that of Christ. All the mistakes committed are caused by the flesh, the Spirit does not mislead. The Spirit is always in harmony and unity. There is no problem, only joy and gladness exist. For example if two boys fight and their parents come to advise them not to have connection with each other. They would be making a mistake because no sooner both of them will continue to play together and visit each other as friends, because they know that they are from the same parent which is God.

And so brethren, from today if you see any person overtaken in a fault, know that in the spirit, he has not committed any offence, but employ love, humility, truth and mercy to interact with him since he is your brother. Brethren I do not want to take you further, let us have our second lesson.

2nd Lesson: Galatians 6:1

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.”

Brethren, that is a living advice. If a man defaults in the flesh you who are spiritual should correct him spiritually. For what do we quarrel? Do we quarrel because of God, money, houses, cars, clothes or any other material things? You do not quarrel in things of the spirit. Carnal things bring about quarrelling, division and fighting: spiritually none of these things is needed, no food, no drink, no fornication, no material thing; there is therefore no cause for quarrelling. Your trouble is with your fellow man sometimes a man collects ₦ 10.00 from you with a promise to refund it in a week's time but when he fails you quarrel and fight with him and blame him for not practising the gospel. The question is, have you practised the word of God?

WORLDLINESS VERSUS GODLINESS

Sometimes, you have financial difficulties and you go to get a loan from somebody whom you see counting money when he tells you that there is no money. You will be so exasperated that you will begin to abuse him for not complying with the words of God. If somebody says he is a man of God you will argue because he has not given you your money. Is money a thing of the spirit? At times a brother needed some two naira to avert his problem but because of fear, he cannot approach you **directly**. He would then go to where you kept money and take out say five naira instead of going out to steal in order to eat. When you discover this, you decided to be at daggers drawn with him. Why don't you allow him go in peace since money itself is mundane and not spiritual. It is the flesh that needs money and not the spirit. That is why you are advised that if any man is overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, should restore such a person to God in the spirit of meekness and love, avoiding quarrelling, fighting and the use of bitter utterances. You have acclaimed yourselves the children of God and as you go out, you see other children of God who still give in to idolatry because of ignorance, do not be annoyed with them but use love, meekness, temperance and other godly virtues to distract them from these acts to embrace the truth.

When Paul went to Antioch, he discovered how the inhabitants there were inclined to idolatry to the extent that they had a shrine for the 'unknown God', Paul **started his enlightenment from there**. He said from the way he saw them, they were people who loved God so well. He was annoyed, but as a child of God, you can see

how he started. He made them to know that the God he was preaching to them was the one they were trying to serve in different ways, and that, this is the God who created heaven and earth and the things in them. This God, he continued, does not dwell in temples made with hands but all making abide in Him and do all things in Him, "for we live and move and have our being in Him" he said. Paul followed them to their places of worship and in turn, they followed him to his place of worship. Through this, Paul converted many souls to God without any stress nor strain.

This is the mainstay of the English adage which says that if you want to know the intricacies of a secret society or, wish to destroy same, you have to get yourself initiated into it, otherwise you cannot achieve your aims by external criticism or attack. This was the more reason why Paul made these utterances; "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more; and unto the Jews I became a Jew, that I might gain the Jews! to them that are under the law, as under the law, that might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without the law (being not without law to God, but under the law of Christ) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might be all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partakers thereof with you."

LOVE – THE GREAT WEAPON

So many of you here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star detest your parents and villagers, refusing to go to them because they are idol worshippers, and I tell you brethren, that attitude is very ungodly. Such actions do not give way to God's rulership. The gospel says that you who are spirited should always use love, meekness, patience, humility and other godly virtues to convert that evil doer unto God and that you the spirited should be careful that you fall not into temptation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the good shepherd because of His approach to issues: thus people regarded Him as the friend of sinners and publicans. He is not; rather, He used love and all the other spiritual virtues at His command as strategies to change evil doers to God. You can see that He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, followed the mode of life of His converts gradually before He could change them to God.

Christendom and the entire world have failed in that they have refused to use love, meekness, patience, humility and other godly virtues to change those they allege to be idolaters, polygamous etc., to God. Instead, they ex-communicate such

from the church thereby rendering the church empty. If christendom and the world were exposed to the accurate knowledge of truth, what they should have done, would be to forget all the shortcomings of the sons of men and continue to admonish them in the word of God, leaving the rest to God for accomplishment.

Assuming you fill a basin with palm fruits/kernels or yams and as you continue you walk, you start to throw out one by one the contents of the basin, it will be realised that before you end the journey the basin will be empty. You can see why Paul outclassed all other Apostles in performances; if you are really a child of God, and see people inclined to idol worshipping, do not speak to them about their acts but continue to admonish them in the word of God until their faith is established in Him, and then they will quietly decline from their old ways of life.

NEED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Many of you here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star when you get to places infested with fornicators, you open quickly to passages in the Holy Bible which condemn this act; brethren, I ask you, is that the way of the children of God? By this way, you have erred from the gospel. Again you might see those who have married more than one wife and others who, for the stomach pain like Timothy, drink a little wine, you immediately start saying that those involved in such acts will perish by fire: I ask, is that the way of the children of God? You have erred from the gospel and you should also know that you have not the spirit of God. Paul did not drink wine nor did he involve himself in any evil act. This was why he advised that it were better to desist from drinking wine or eating flesh or involving one's self in any act that would make his brother fall while in confidence. He wrote to Timothy to drink a little wine because of his stomach ache. Paul did not know that this will be exposed to public consumption and if Paul were to be alive to see the publicity of his secret letter he wrote to Timothy, he would weep. This was a secret instruction he gave to encourage Timothy.

Our work is not to discourage people but to encourage them. Instead of admonishing harlots, drunkards, sorcerers, and other evil doers whom you go to see, you start 'singing' that they would perish by fire. Is that the word of God? And what do you think will be their reaction when they hear your songs? From there, instead of trying to retrace their steps to God, they prefer to continue in their evil ways and perish. Our Lord Jesus Christ knowing the ways to change an evil doer, asked all those who labour and bear heavy burdens to come and He would give them rest. When the sinners and publicans heard this, they ran to Him and there they heard the word of God. Have you now seen the behaviour of the man of God? He has to employ all godly virtues in dealing with sinners to change them to God and not to

use all forceful ways on them.

You remember Zacchaeus, whom everybody knew as a tax collector, and regarded as the worst of sinners, according to their judgement. When he heard that our Lord Jesus Christ had entered into the town, he (Zacchaeus) ran and climbed up a sycamore tree in order that he might see Him since he was a very short man. When our Lord Jesus Christ get to the foot of the tree, He asked Zacchaeus to come down for He was going to put up with him. When people heard this, they questioned whether He did not know him to be a sinner? Did these people know more than Christ? From this action of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Zacchaeus declared that if he had cheated any one, he would pay back four times what he had cheated. You can now see how an evil doer could be changed. Zacchaeus had an instantenous conversion.

The work of God is not achieved by fighting or abuses as you do these days; rather it is achieved through love, meekness, patience, and other virtues of God. Brethren you cannot use evil ways to change evil; but to yet involve in good behaviour to eradicate the evil. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "He used the Holy Spirit to expel elementary spirits in you and this situation creates room for you, brethren, as I do not intend to be tedious unto you, let the golden text be read.

Golden Text: 1 John 5:18

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

Brethren, have you heard that? We know that all begotten by God do not commit sin, because Christ protects them and the evil one does not touch them. For this reason then, brethren, be very careful that when one gives in to stealing, fornication, drunkenness, and other vices, that you endeavour to use the godly virtues in bringing him to God since that is the work before the children of God. God was designated to be of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Israel in the olden days because they adhered to His instructions, it does not mean that they were the only children of God.

The Israelites were those who served God, that was why God is called, God of Israel. Why did our Lord Jesus Christ commission His disciples to go and seek after the lost sheep of the house of Israel? They are drunkards, fornicators, adulterers, thieves, backbiters, liars, idolaters and all those who indulge in all vices and the like. We have to go and bring them in. We have to use all the godly virtues to convert them to God.

EXERCISING RESTRAINTS

Now you are not insane but while having your bath in the stream, a mad man runs in and takes away all your clothes; if you run naked in pursuit of the insane person, the two of you would be regarded by the onlookers as mad fellows. Now you are a Brotherhood but your own parents have not yet embraced Brotherhood: for this reason, they indulge in all manners of vices like drinking, fornications, smoking and snuffing etc. If you abuse them because of their vices you have offended the Holy Spirit.

Again you are told not to flog the little children, nor fight and quarrel with your wife/husband; whereas you are now fighting and quarrelling everyday in your different compounds. You beat your children like slaves. Now I pause to ask you, what is the difference between you who profess to be a born Brotherhood and members of other churches who indulge in the same vices. A native doctor, necromancer, etc., beat their wives and children. What is the difference between church goers and those who do not?

Sometimes your excuse is that your wife is not a baptised Brotherhood and you vow that unless she is baptised into Brotherhood, you will not buy clothes for her again nor give her feeding allowance. What is the sense in your behaviour? Who taught you that since your wife does not accept Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that you should torment her? Sometimes as she is not a Brotherhood you intend to divorce her, who taught you so? Who told you to beat your children in order to correct them for stealing? You are told this night that the children of God do not commit sin. The scriptures say, "Therefore if thine enemy hungers, feed him, if he thirsts, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

DELICATE SITUATIONS

If your entire villagers do not see this truth, do not become offended nor abuse them. Do not despise them. Do not say that they all have perished and that you will never go there again. All these utterances do not give glory to God. Continue to demonstrate all the godly virtues to them practically, for the day the Father calls them, they will come. Therefore brethren, all those begotten of God do not sin because Christ protects them and nothing sinful has power over them. All those who commit sin are not the children of God, they have not seen God. Therefore, as the legitimate children of God, you must not commit sin.

Those who do not believe in God are like eggs, therefore, we must not use harmful words on them. It is easier to deal with a believer in God than with an unbeliever. That was why Christ said, "be wise as a serpent and be harmless as a dove."

Whenever a fornicator comes to you he will listen attentively to hear whether you will preach against fornication. If you do her or she will pack his or her loads and go away. He/she will say that you are preaching him/her. So it is with all those who indulge in vices.

The sermon you should give to the unbelievers must be seasoned with salt. You will always say, "Oh God has given you money, children, and all mundane things." They all will answer 'Amen'. You will say all these until the sinners become completely reformed. Brethren, it is not when you give somebody good or any material things of this world that will be regarded as very important. What is important is your behaviour and conduct towards sinners. If we see our brethren in one sin or the other, we should use love, peace, meekness and other godly virtues to correct them, and thereby lead them on to follow their God.

When somebody is guilty, do not bully at him because you all are brethren. When somebody is extremely poor and is indebted to so many people, do not disgrace him for God is able to raise him to a position of honour.

Brethren, I do not intend to be tedious with you for a stroke of the cane is sufficient to a wise man. Let all those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May God bless His holy words. – Amen.

CHAPTER FOUR

FATHER'S ADVICE

FATHER'S ADVICE AND BLESSING

The Holy Father arrived at 1.25 a.m. and was ushered in by the officiating choirs. Some spiritual songs choruses were rendered and everybody sang and danced dexterously. He later donated the Father's and Mother's money in two envelopes which were raised accordingly, reflecting spiritual and mundane gifts.

He drew His short text from Romans 14:17, reading thus: "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." He said that all were aware of what the Father had said before and what He is saying now that the Kingdom of God is not for food and drink but righteousness, He said that the qualities of an ideal Leader's Representative are love, peace, joy, adding that none should be found to be a thief, a swindler, a liar, a fornicator and a person who cause division. He said that it is all fine and lofty idea to erect a house for God, or buy a car to facilitate mobility for God's work, but what is really needed here in **this new kingdom is righteousness, peace, love, joy, and those who put these in practical application, are they who are qualified.** And again, you have to minister to the necessities of the less-privileged in our community. All should do away with anger, fastidiousness, division and gossiping. Our pattern of behaviours should act as a vehicle of social and spiritual changes in our society, cautioning that we should be always beaming with joy, and thrilling disposition for this undeserve kindness and grace which God has freely given to us.

But how can you create a situation for acts of righteousness to materialise? The Holy Father asked. When you see a brother or sister having no food or clothing, you have to supply him or her with her needs. It is unprofitable to erect ultramodern building everywhere, buy flashy cars, or fill your bank accounts with millions of naira, while your brethren are dying of hunger, or are being ejected by their landlords for none payment of house rents. What sort of Brotherhood is that? He queried. I want to assure you that righteousness can be propitiously created by cultivating the habit of being generous to your fellow men as well as using your material resources to do something for God. If you go to a place, He added, and **there is no Bethel, you have to build one.** This will be counted for you as righteous-

ness, and even if your commitment is one million naira, do not regret, it is all for your salvation.

What I am imparting to you are some of the components which provide wisdom, righteousness and salvation which had for years eluded the world. You have to take them home for some treatment. There are some sickness which need prayers or the gospels, but some also need just food to get healed. There are some sick people who can get well immediately they are shown large sums of money, while some get well immediately gospels and prayers are delivered to them.

And when you give out willingly, you should expect your Father to replenish your purse also very ~~sparely~~ ^{generously}. The greatest savings you can ever put in your spiritual bank is to serve God and humanity without grudging. It is said that a stroke of the cane is enough for the wise, let those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May God bless His words – Amen.

“TO THE PURE ALL THINGS ARE PURE”

Titus 1:15:- “Unto the pure all things are pure, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”

Brethren, that is our spiritual food. When you see a person who sees merman, apparition, witches and wizards, you should realise such a person does not believe in God. When a person says that he has seen Our Lord Jesus Christ, Moses, Elijah or John the Baptist you should come to the conclusion that his heart is pure. And invariably when a person says that he is seeing apparition, juju concoction, charms, merman or, diabolology, do not doubt, all his heart is impure. For whoever his mind is pure all things about him is pure. All those whose hearts are impure, all the things about them are impure or unholy. It is the heart which initiates any action. If you say that all is well, truly all things must be well.

That is why those who do not give their hearts to God, are wavering and are being tossed around aimlessly. When you believe that God is all things for you, all things shall be well with you and you will have no problems, not those who think about mundane things such as clothings and food.

I personally commend very highly the impressive Leadership of Pastor M. Akwang who has ably piloted the affairs of the International General Fellowship to a huge success. All the Executive members of all other Fellowships are supposed to be members of the Executive of this great Fellowship. The “Leader’s Representatives Fellowship” is the off-shoot of this International General Fellowship: The door of this great Fellowship is wide open for all. Brethren I do not want to be tedious unto you, let those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May God bless this words – Amen.

THE BENEVOLENCE OF GOD

The Holy Father said later, "Before I bless you, I have to give you Spiritual Food." And our Spiritual Food is drawn from Matthew 26:31 "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad."

Brethren, you all are aware of what to-day is. It was in a night like this that certain unique events occurred which transformed the world for the entire mankind to receive salvation. It is the revelation of the passage read to you that has kept us till now.

Many of you do not know the main purpose of which you were called. You simply come here to be ordained and your feet washed. The essential thing that should pre-occupy your mind which is your personal salvation has been ignored.

It should have been the pre-occupation of the entire humanity to show a thankful heart to the being who paid that supreme and definitive sacrifice for the redemption of mankind. Many people believe that our Lord had come, while a lot of others are still expecting Him to crash-land from the blues. That is why it is necessary to bring to your remembrance that it was on Wednesday like this that our Lord Jesus Christ paid that supreme sacrifice. We keep the watch and pray" on every to commemorate this significant event. Today is not a day we should toy with. That was why Our Lord Jesus the Christ asked the disciples to watch with Him for at least one hour.

He was arrested at 3 a.m. in the early hours of the morning, and that is why we in the Brotherhood conduct our "Watch and Pray" till 3 a.m. and beyond. It was also on that fateful Wednesday that He washed the feet of the 12 disciples and united them as one. Therefore we have nothing to do with time because all things are done as the Father pleases. His actions can neither be challenged no questioned. All things done here have their spiritual essence.

Those of you who had not been observing the "Watch and Pray" sessions, should start right now in earnest to observe it. It is imperative to do so in absolute love and appreciation to Our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us. Therefore being elected as a Prophet and your feet or hand washed is mere secondary issue. The crux of the matter is to show appreciation to Jesus the Christ for using His blood to purchase and to transform humanity. And you should agree with me that if it were not the arrest that night and His ultimate death, the word of God would have been in vain. But it had to happen because it had been written of Him. It was God's Master Plan.

We are therefore saved by Grace. We simply inherit this Kingdom through His magnanimity, and therefore this time of His rule and reign should not be toyed with. Your mundane wisdom, riches, position or even suggestion is not needed here. You

are free to enjoy the Kingdom gratis. There is nobody who would not want to be here, but the reality of it is that it is only those who are needed that are called. The ability to do something for the Father comes from Him, and not from anybody. And you cannot do anything better than what He has purposed for you.

Brethren, I do not want to take you further, let those who have ears to hear, hear. May God bless His words – Amen.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE KINGDOM OF JOY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOW WITH MAN

1st Lesson: Luke 17:20 – 21

2nd Lesson: John 14:16 – 17

Golden Text: II Corinthians 3:17

Brethren, three texts read out to you constitute what has brought confusion into the world. Various people from different parts of the world are gazing at the sky when Jesus the Christ will just fly down like a jet plane to establish His kingdom. Some are saying that if He had already come things will not be as difficult as this in the world. There will be no economic recession, wars, famine, earth-quakes and the rest of the things which have set the whole world in disarray. But as a matter of fact these are the very signs of His physical presence and reign on the earth. When the Pharisees asked Our Lord Jesus Christ when the manifestation of the Kingdom of God shall come, He told them that the kingdom of God is not by observation.

BROTHERHOOD IS THE NEW KINGDOM OF GOD

You may think the Kingdom of God is in the sky, or in London, Washington D.C., in U.S.A., in Lagos or at Biakpan. That will be a wrong concept of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not something material or physical, it is purely spiritual. The Holy Spirit is witnessing for our Lord Jesus Christ and bringing to remembrance all what He had taught. The Holy Spirit bears eloquent testimonies to the works and the teachings of our Lord Jesus the Christ. He does not testify about any material wealth, wisdom, position, but about the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. And all the prophets testified about the Holy Spirit. That is why it is said that whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit shall never be forgiven in this generation and in the generation to come. The Holy Spirit since time immemorial had been in the world; but the world neither knew nor identified Him. And that is the cause of confusion and untold hardship in the world. All the teachings and works of Our Lord Jesus Christ are now consummated in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. That is why every time I continue to intimate you that Brotherhood

is not a church, a prayer house, service centre, healing home. Brotherhood is the new kingdom of God which God has personally come to establish on earth.

YOU ARE IN THE NEW KINGDOM

If you say that you are attending Brotherhood church or prayer house, you are woefully wrong. But if you say that you are in the Kingdom of God, you are perfectly right. That is why people regard you as something that is odd and strange. As the Pharisees and the Scribes of old gazed at the sky anticipating that He would come from there, whereas Jesus Christ was already in their midst, so are the churches of christendom of today gazing at the sky awaiting His arrival. That is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said that unless a man is born of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. I have told you repeatedly that I am not the doer of these works, and it is not done by you_ or the angels either. This is the spirit of truth, and God who has come to dwell in our midst. You should therefore not gaze at the sky expecting Him to crashland, because for eternity He shall not come. He is already here with us. And again do not allow anybody to deceive you saying He is here or there; or in the mountain side or in the secret chambers. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not testify about any mundane things, rather at all times He made absolute proclamation about this new Kingdom.

WHAT IS IN BROTHERHOOD?

Brethren, I want to assure you that this is that promised kingdom. You should not doubt it. All what had ben said about this kingdom in the past, have all materialised. If you are asked if there is something in Brotherhood, say yes. And there is no gain-saying about it. And what is that? It is the joy and the glory of God. But it is difficult to say if it is here or there. The people of the world have not seen it, but you hae been called through the baptism of water and spirit and you have seen Him lavishly. You have known Him for He dwells in your hearts. When you knock your head on the ground they think that you are doing it for man. He is within us and speaks to us in our houses, in the streets, in our offices. Everywhere He is with us. That is why it is not an exaggeration to say that we are the luckiest generation whom God has so used for His will and purpose. And I want to affirm that no sheep of God shall perish except the children of perdition. I would like you to read our first lesson again.

1st Lesson: Luke 17:20 – 21

“And when He was demanded of the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation.

Neither shall they say, Lord here! or lo! there, for behold the kingdom of God is within you."

WE ARE ALWAYS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Brethren, the passages read to you are the examples for us to copy from. If people ask you the similar questions, tell them exactly what the Bible has stated, do not add or subtract anything. It is a reality that the Kingdom of God does not come by observation. Those who want the full realization of this kingdom, should get baptized and get fully repented. You should not tell a person that He is in Lagos, Washington, London, India or at Biakpan. He is within you. As we are here, we are with the Holy Spirit, He converses with us and does all things through us. But the bane of the world is that they neither see nor know Him. But that does not deter Him from being within us. He teaches us what to do, heals us, works within our bodies and changes us. All the children of God have known Him. Those who say they do not know Him are looking for their personal glory. We have to do all things according to the dictate of the Holy Spirit. All of us should do exactly what He tells us to do adding and subtracting nothing. We should stop doing what He does not want us to do. We should tell the world that we are **not those performing the feats in Brotherhood. I testify about his works, and you are doing just the same thing.** We all know Him as a Being living in our hearts. If any person says He has power, he can see vision, he can heal or perform some miracles, he is a blatant liar. If any person or group of individuals say that they can change anybody, they are big liars. If any Pastor, Prophet, Apostle, Elder, Christ's Student, Christ's Servant, and indeed any member of the congregation or choir claims to have power, do not believe Him. It is only God who has power.

THE COMFORTER AND THE SUPERNATURAL TEACHER IS HERE

We have all realised that the glory of God is in our midst. His joy is also with us in full swing. We have acknowledged this, but the world is yet to come to this consciousness. His promises have also been fully manifested in this new Kingdom. Our Lord Jesus Christ promised the Comforter, the Supernatural Teacher, and sure enough all have manifested accordingly. He is here in our midst which we are all witnesses. It is a common issue these days to see the worldly people laughing at you once you give eloquent testimony about His physical manifestation on earth. The worldly people would rather blaspheme and denigrate the presence of the Holy Spirit. They call Him beelzebub, blood-sucker and apparition. The worldly people also say that we are not alone, yes that is true we are always with the Holy Spirit. He

is in front and behind us always. He is on our left and on our right. He rules and pilots all things in the world and in all the planes of manifest.

PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS ARE WITHIN OUR CONTROL

That is why we should not think of what we shall eat, clothe or shelter ourselves with, at any point in time. He has taken care of all these things so that our joy might be truly full. Neither swords, gun shots, nor charm can harm us. All principalities and powers are within our control. It is only our fault that we often doubt Him as the God of possibilities. And the worse of it all is that many of you still do not fully believe in Him. That is why this week has been exclusively set aside for the Holy Spirit to expose his recondite wisdom to you. It is ideal for you to be reminded again about what you might have forgotten about this truth. This will enable you to repent so that you may inherit the kingdom. That is why our Lord Jesus the Christ used a parable of equal right and equal pay to illustrate the story of the Kingdom of heaven. This is the story of the hired labourers who grumbled and murmured about the way their master and house-holder paid them. A certain king went out early in the morning to hire labourers. They all agreed to be paid one penny a day, and to this end, he sent them into the vine yard (farm) to work for him. This was at about the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning. And at about twelve noon he hired some other labourers at about the same rate of pay of just one penny only per day. And again at about three o'clock in the afternoon he engaged yet another set of labourers at the same rate of pay. At four o'clock, five o'clock and six o'clock, the similar and the equal rate of pay was offered to those labourers who came later. And eventually at close of work, the king started to pay the labourers what they agreed to receive as their wage of one penny each. This pay was sequent to the terms of their agreement, and not how early or how late anybody started to work. The terms of their contract was honestly and carefully actuated. The King did not cheat them. But those labourers who started early at nine o'clock, twelve o'clock, three o'clock in the afternoon murmured that they should have receive bigger wages than the rest of them who began a few hours to the close of work. The King told them that he had fulfilled his contract agreement of one penny per day. He told them why they were not supposed to receive more. He enumerated to them that he had done them no wrong. He said that he had to give to the last man even as the first one. He told them that it was lawful for him to do what he liked with his own thing.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GREATEST GIFT

The foregoing illustration is about the Holy Spirit, in that those who were called two years, twenty years, and fifty years ago were all given the same Holy Spirit.

Those who are called this year or who shall be called much later and till eternity shall be given the same Holy Spirit. That was why Peter told the people to receive baptism so that the spirit might be given to them as a gift and to their children from one generation to another. You should not rely on your mundane things such as money, wife, children and riches. A time shall come when people shall be walking round and looking for the Holy Spirit. It does not mean anything to be a Royal Highness, a Governor, President or a Minister without the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the greatest gift a person could have ever obtained. For when you have the Holy Spirit, all the signs as promised by Christ to all the believers shall follow those who believe. It is needless to keep on preaching to people who have no Holy Spirit, for they shall not listen or practise what is imparted to them. If a person is preached to and he gets baptism, he is fully liberated and vindicated.

WE ARE ALL EQUAL BEFORE THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR POSITIONS NOTWITHSTANDING

When you say, this or that person is under me, you have erred. We are all equal under the full control of the Holy Spirit, whatever may be your disposition, such as Apostle, Pastor, Prophet, Elder, Christ's Student or Christ's Servant, does not make you greater or better placed than the other. We are equal in spirit. There is nothing like baby spirit as some ill-conceived people used to claim. Those who receive the spirit now and those who shall receive in the next twenty years are the same. There is no male or female spirit. That is why I often tell you that this thing is not understood by you. Why do you lobby for any position? Once you have the Holy Spirit, you have got your full share in this Kingdom as there is equal right for all. Those who are given lion's shares in the love – feast celebration are all none believers and they have perished. This week has been set aside so that this recondite wisdom might be imparted to you. There is no position or office which is greater or better than that which had been exposed to you by giving you the Holy Spirit. Brethren, I would like our second lesson to be read to you once more.

2nd Lesson: John 14:16 – 17

“And I will pray the Father, and He shall give another Comforter that he may abide with you forever.

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth with you, and shall be in you.”

WE IN BROTHERHOOD HAVE RECOGNISED THE FATHER IN OUR MIDST

Brethren, has that statement not manifested already in our midst? Nobody should

call Brotherhood a church, because our Lord Jesus Christ had condemned all churches. When the Samaritan woman confronted Him about the mode and place of worship which was done in the mountain and later on in Jerusalem, our Lord Jesus Christ told her that a time cometh when true worshippers of the Father shall neither worship the Father on the mountain or in Jerusalem. He told them that they were worshipping what they did not actually know, for salvation is of the Jews. And in the main, all true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, as the Father seeks for such to worship Him. At this end of time, we in Brotherhood do worship the Father in spirit and in truth. We know Him, for He is right here in our midst. We must not listen to any vain talks. We must love, believe and have faith in Him since we are all one in Him. If we have one banana, a few groundnuts, biscuits, we have to share equally among ourselves. There is no male or female, aged or youngsters, we are all one and equal. Whatever you are, be you a lawyer, an engineer, a business baron, an administrator, all are one in spirit, and you can comfortably share a cup of water. In this Kingdom, nobody is known in the flesh but in Spirit, and little or nothing is required about your riches.

WE HAVE ONE GOD BUT VARIOUS OFFICES

It is an indisputable truth that where the spirit of God has taken dominion, there is equality. There is no wise or foolish man, there is no man or woman and there is no aged or young person. I had been telling you, and I am telling you now that there is no position you should struggle for in this kingdom. No matter how numerous you may be, we have "only one person." We share one love, feast, one spirit, but diverse spiritual talents. We have one God, but various offices. It is the Father who gives different people their various talents and in different dimensions. When we talk of one God, it is that one spirit which is in me and you. In this note, He is the one who prays, heals, sings, dances, preaches and teaches virtually all things. All the wonderful works which are performed here in Brotherhood are performed single-handedly by Him. Whoever says he or she has done this or that is simply a fake and an impostor. Whoever does the work which his master sends him beautifully, is an honest messenger, and must not arrogate any glory to him, but to God. I, as a person I know nothing, I have no wisdom, no power, but I know Him as well as you know Him too. He has all the power. If you doubt Him what about His works? He travels with you, sleeps with you, and does everything for you. If you are taken to court, do not think of what you shall say, for the Father shall be your mouth - piece. Do not think of what you shall say in your heart, the Father will speak for you. He is the doer of all things, and whoever wants Him, should get baptized. As soon as you get baptized, the right of sonship is bestowed on you, and your right of inheriting the kingdom is

granted to you.

God had never said that He had begotten the angels, except man. If the whole world should embrace Brotherhood, truly the whole world would be united into one single entity. All the things you have on this earth belong to God, the land, the air, the moon, the stars, the sun, the houses, cars, aircrafts and the rest of them belong to God. God is a Spirit, and where the Spirit is found, there is absolute liberty. In the spiritual realm, there is neither man or woman, young or old. There is equality and absolute freedom. The traits of those who have the Holy Spirit are manifest in love, peace, joy, meekness, mercy, humility and righteousness. He who has the Holy Spirit would first share things to others before he or she thinks of himself or herself. He does not do anything by the directives of the flesh, but the Holy Spirit only. It is a wrong concept to insist that it is Leader O. O. Obu who does this work. I have repeatedly said that it is not me doing the work, but the Holy Spirit. And to this end, all glories, honour and dominion should belong to the Holy Spirit, now and even forever more.

YOU ARE COVERED WITH DARKNESS IF YOU ACCEPT A LION'S SHARE AT FEAST CELEBRATION

Your being made a Pastor, Prophet, an Elder, a Chorister, Apostle, Deaconess does not make you different from the rest of the brethren. The fact is that you are of the same and one spirit. That is why you are being admonished daily because you do not understand what you are doing. It is therefore needless seeking for position because Brotherhood is one indivisible body and spirit. He sees visions, heals, teaches, and above all, He transforms all of us. He takes dominion over all things. We are in one spirit, eat and dine on one table, and every person is equal to the other. Those who are baptized today or tomorrow, are all equal in the same one spirit. Those who were baptized then years, twenty years or forty years ago are equal in the sense that we have the same and one spirit. We are all equal. It is therefore pathetic to say that any person should be given a lion's share all in the name of being a pastor, an apostle, a secretary, chairman of a Bethel or fellowship. Whoever takes a lion's share of love - feast or other things, is covered with darkness. We should be so greatly appreciative to the Father for setting aside this day for His recondite wisdom to be exposed to us. Do not look unto any person for anybody, but look unto the Father alone. Do not praise anybody, praise the Holy Spirit. If you give anyone anything, do not say that it is you who have given to him, ask him to thank the Father. It is the Father who does all things, and nothing is done by any man or angels. It is the Father who heals, protects, writes even this gospel. This is the time of the Holy Spirit and we must glorify Him at all times. You should not look for any

glory, because all glories belong to the Holy Spirit absolutely. We should do all things for the glory of the Father. Brethren, as I do not want to take you further, let the golden text be read.

Golden Text: II Corinthians 3:16

“Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

Brethren, have you heard that text? You do not have to look for position or glory. A question of having come first does not matter at all here. There is no reserved seat for anybody. Do not look for position or glory or you should better go back to the Kingdom of satan. I have repeatedly told you not to seek for any position. It is only the Holy Spirit who reigns and rules here. There is no colour bar, male or female, young or old. We should respect ourselves as people having the same spirit and sharing the same love feast. We should respect our fellow brethren as we have the same indwelling spirit in us. When you honour a man, you are automatically honouring God. That is why in the Brotherhood, women have equal right to preach from pulpit since the spirit operating or dwelling in all of us is just one spirit. There is neither a male or female spirit. We do not fear or honour anybody, but the indwelling spirit. Do not treat anybody despitefully. Do not cheat because all things belong to us and have the same spirit. If you think that you are better than others, it means then that you are yet to know this truth. In the olden days, all those who believe, had one heart and pooled their resources together. Nobody does anything, rather it is the Holy Spirit that does all things, and it is He only who exists. We do not exist at all.

IS LEADER O. O. OBU THE DOER OF THE WORKS IN BCS?

This is the time of the Holy Spirit, and we are apt to serve Him with all our hearts and possessions. We are one and equal in Him and a symbol of His prime creation. The angels may be great and have immense power but they are to serve man.

Brethren, a stroke of the cane is enough for the wise, let those who have ears hear. May God bless His words – Amen.

**CURRENT FELLOWSHIPS' ROLL CALL OF CHAIRMEN AND
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- 1. Women International Fellowship**
 - (i) Deaconess Victoria B. Clarke – International Chairperson
 - (ii) Deaconess D. A. Apraella – International Secretary.

- 2. International Men's Fellowship**
 - (i) Pastor Sonny Joe – International Chairman
 - (ii) Pastor Anietie Etuk – International Secretary.

- 3. International General Fellowship**
 - (i) Pastor M. Akwang – International Chairman
 - (ii) Pastor G. E. Effiong – International Secretary
 - (iii) Elder Edward Ette – Deputy International Secretary

- 4. Spirited Children's Fellowship**
 - (i) Pastor Victor A. Essah – International Chairman
 - (ii) Pastor G. Enwere – International Secretary

- 5. Leader's Representatives Fellowship**
 - (i) Pastor M. Ejedawe – International Chairman
 - (ii) Pastor J. I. Iyoh – International Secretary.

- 6. International Deaconesses' Fellowship**
 - (i) Deaconess J. M. Konu – International Chairperson
 - (ii) Deaconess A. O. Mkpanam – International Secretary

- 7. The Spiritual Council of Churches**
 - (i) Pastor M. E. Etop – International Chairman
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- 8. International Choristers' Fellowship**
 - (i) Pastor E. C. M. Ukam – General Choirmaster