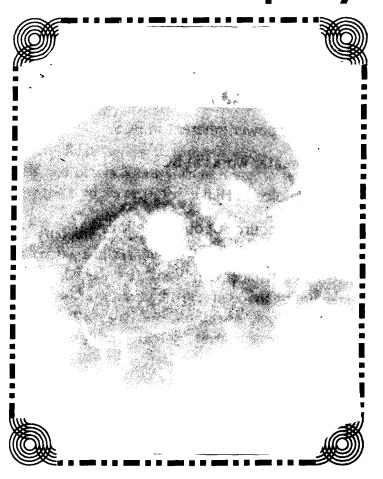
He works round the clock 24 hours nonestop daily



Let us hurry and rise to live after
His recondite teachings now that the
daily sacrifice is yet with us (Tomorrow
might be too late) Daniel 12:10-11

CHAPTER ONE

LIBERATION

FIRST LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice.

SECOND LESSON: II CORINTHIANS 10:17
But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT: II CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

INTRODUCTORY SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

THOSE WHO SEEK ME FIND ME FOR I DO MY WORK IN SPIRIT.

THE GOSPEL OF LIBERTY:

The gospel of today is to liberate you. The reason you are sorrowful, faithless, unfirm, proud is because of your failure to practise this gospel. This is why this gospel is brought to discharge you of these infirmities. The beginning of something invariably determines its end. Anything that begins in a good

way ends in the same way. Something that begins wrongly, note, ends wrongly too.

This gospel reveals that what a man sees shall pass away. Therefore, any one who hopes on what the eyes behold will surely be disappointed. It is because you hope on the things your eyes see that is why your eyes are hardly dry. If you so hoped on your father, the day he passes on, will you have any cause to even smile again? If you hope on your mother, children, money all these things shall pass away. When these ephemeral things, you hope on shall pass, where will you be? Whether your hope is in life, the same shall pass away. Our faith and hope are in the Father alone. Right from now let your joy be in the word of God, in God alone. Let your faith be in God alone.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

DO NOT HAVE HOPE IN MAN, FOR MAN SHALL DECEIVE YOU. BUT IF YOU HAVE HOPE IN OLUMBA HE WILL NOT DECEIVE YOU.

Can you now see why you are always weeping? You can also realise why many have since ceased to cry. Because all who hope on the spirit cry no more. Do not lament, do not complain that their mother, father or husband is dead. Such persons desire nothing mundane. They walk freely. Apart from that, the scripture has told us that 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God'. In so far as your heart is in God, thinking always of Him, you will remain pure and be devoid of anything that corrupts and defiles. You then remain up-to-date. There is no sorrow, anger, quarrelling, fighting and nothing evil. What obtains at this stage is joy, joy and joy.

It is said that all things shall pass away, but the word of God remains for ever. I give this gospel to you as a measure of protection and as a precious and marvellous thing, so that as the Father has overcome, you will also overcome. Time and again, I have told you that since 1938, I have not given thought to or planned for myself. I remain just the way I am. Many of you wonder how a living person cannot plan for his life or think about his daily commitments yet everything in and about him continues to move smoothly. It is that wonder I want to reveal to you now so that you can share in it. The same phenomenon has started its work in everybody. It works like magic. All should gird their loins for that thing has started its work.

HOPE ON THE INVISIBLE:

Right from 14th February, 1942, I challenged the whole world that if there should be any one who could annoy me, I mean succeed in getting me angry, a handsome reward awaits such a person. Uptil now and till eternity there is no such person who can annoy me and there is no such thing as anger as far as I am concerned. This is so because I hope on nothing or person. Have you ever seen me in a sorrowful mood? Have you ever seen me frown? If there is any who had seen or heard Olumba sigh he should come out and say so. Do I cry? Do I moan? the only thing I know is joy. Have you seen your fall, the entire world, both white and black? The reason why both the blacks and whites have fallen is because they hope and believe in the things they see, know and feel. If you have your hope on your dress at

home, on arrival there if you do not find it, you will become troubled and sorrowful. This explains why anybody who loses anything or person he treasures, refuses to be consoled and would not listen to any gospel. Say what you may to such a person, except you replace that which he has lost, he will not listen. What indeed can you preach to a man whose hope has been dashed? Such a person finds companion with despair and will be sighing always. Such people will continue to come for onwards of forty years seeing nothing. And for seeing nothing, or having their hope fulfilled, such persons promptly go away empty-handed because of their unbelief. But those who are faithful, full of belief and hope in God are filled with power. Can you now realise why those who abide in the flesh engage in evil communication? Such are the persons who say Brotherhood is a vampire organisation, is beelzebub, juju and so on. They claim to have seen something in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to consist of juju, falsehood, idolatry, witch craft and evil things. Those are the persons who wanted money, food, wives, husbands and other material things. Therefore, they saw Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as a finance house, Bethel, restaurant, babies home, centre for occultism and so on. When they come and find none of these they promptly go out to blaspheme against Brotherhood. The reason is because such persons abide in the flesh and come here seeking to be given a piece of stone, stick, ring, handkerchief, or any form of oil or water for the purpose of protection. Such things are not here and are of no avail.

A certain man testified here yesterday how he roamed the earth searching for power but found none. But as he arrived

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star gate at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, he felt the impact and shaken by the spirit. Such is the spirit and power that abides here. Whether the person is blind deaf, lame or dumb, whatever his heart desires have been, he finds them the moment he believes in God and steps here. He is a wonderful God. He is without limbs, eyes, ears, unknown, does not exist yet is so effective, powerful and kind. What kind of God is this? The way this hall is filled to capacity, it is full of power, truth, wisdom, mercy, love and all the virtues. All your sicknesses and infirmities are hereby healed and all your problems taken away. There is no death, lamentation, famine, anger or evil with you. Whatever had been your problems are here solved. His eternal joy now remains and abides with you.

THE POWER INHERENT IN BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR:

John did baptise with water for repentance. He was told that the person who person who person who person who person who person with spirit, John himself admitted, he bore witness of Him that He is the Son of God.

People say all sorts of dirty things against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. They wonder why the sick are healed in Brotherhood, the dead raised, the blind made to see, the deaf healed, the hungry fed and every nature of problem is solved here? They conclude that there must be 'something' inside it. If you argue that there is nothing in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, I ask you when you were going about with a basket load of iniquity and a bucket full of tears did you find any relief? Many people died in the hospital, healing home and shrine. But the moment one summons courage and arrives here all his

problems are taken away gratis without any protocol of sprinkling water, using herbs or burning incences. How then can you say that there is nothing here? I say there is something here! But the more you look, the less you see! What pleases me most here is members awareness and alertness to the truth, the words spoken by the Father. Hitherto people came here just for sight-seeing and food. Today there is great number of people that thirst for the word of the Father. The word of God when it falls to the ground breaks mighty rocks and rises to fulfil its will. All who come grieved, go home with joy and salvation. People who see you happy and gay ask you whether the Father has given you money or something; Your response is always He has given you something more—than gold and greater than the world. That is the intrigue and the treasure here.

If you tell a worldly person that you fast for seventy-two hours, (three days and nights), he will look at you with suspicion, that you are a great liar. To him it is impossible for a man to fast for 72 hours because he attempted to fast from six a.m. to mid-day and almost fainted. Whereas here even children do fast for 72 hours. A precious thing has come into the world and the world is invited to come and see.

A DIVINE PROPHECY FULFILLED IN B.C.S.

The statement of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Samaritan woman has been fulfilled today. The woman told Christ that their fathers worshipped on the mount but that His disciples said there was a place in Jerusalem where God was supposed to be worshipped. In His response, Christ told to her, 'Women, believe me for a time cometh when it shall neither on the mountain nor in Jerusalem will God be worshipped for ye worship what ye

know not; but we worship what we know, for salvation is of the Jews. He added, a time shall come and now is when true worshippers of God shall worship Him in spirit and in truth, for He seeks such to worship Him. Is this not that time? We are the worshippers of God in spirit and in truth.

Is there any one today that is not a witness to this glory? Some are apt to say that afterall the churches are one and would refuse baptism in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star on that basis. Is there any true worshipper in this world? Is there any church in this world for that matter? There is but one kingdom of God which is Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Therefore, it should not be compared to the so-called churches in the world. Why should a man who goes to the house of God be plagued with problems? Is such a place the true house of God? Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is not a church. Therefore, we do not attend church. We abide with God. He is our father. mother, brother, sister, money, shelter, motor and everything. He is here and in complete form. Why then should He be compared with the things that are in the world called church denominations? This explains why it is sung in one of the songs that we are clad with a garment the eyes cannot behold. God Himself is that garment the eyes cannot see - the garment of love, peace, truth, glory and power.

John did baptise with water for repentance; but Christ baptised with the Holy Spirit for the purpose of changing us to be like Him. We have thus put on God as garment and He is our hope. This explains why it is sheer waste of time and energy to search for a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the moon, sun, star, bush, water or anywhere for that matter. Anybody

who plans to kill or injure a Brotherhood member cannot succeed. The person you intend to kill will even laugh at you if he gets wind of your plans. Even if the entire world should surround a Brotherhood baby, he will only make fool of them. Such a baby will see them but they will not see him. It is for this and similar reasons that the world is baffled and would never cease to believe that there is something diabolical in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. If it were a cult, or society like Ekpe or Obon or man, would it not have been rivalled and surpassed? Have you ever heard or seen anything or story like this on earth? Even if you were told that this kind believed? The whole world especially the whites, are at crossroads and in sorrows because men treasure the things their eyes could see. Each time they assembled to implement any inglorious motives the Father will appear in their midst and they will run helter skelter. Something very wonderful has taken place that eludes human knowledge, something that has never happened. Every word spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ has come to pass. All who came with diverse problems should fix their gaze on the red garment and all their infirmities will be solved. No person should go to the hospital, or believe in drinking or robbing the body with the holy oil, listen only to the word of God when you come here and put same into practice and all your problems will be taken away.

GREATER WORKS IN B.C.S.:

Truly I say unto you, the Lord said, he that believes in me the works that I do will he do, greater works that this will he do for I go unto my Father. Has that not been fulfilled here? Many people argue that no person would be able to do the works

Christ did. I ask you, what works did He do? He came as a sacrificial lamb, to give His life as ransom for many. The main work is what obtains here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He said the Father is greater than I. With what do we work here? Is it with water, oil, placing of hands on people's heads, lighting of candles or what? Is it not the Holy Spirit who is at work? He is working everywhere, in India, Russia, in water, sun, moon, star, and everywhere lavishly. The whole world is quiet and tranquil. We desire no prophecy or any of the things that are transitory. The Father has come by Himself sending no one.

No person shall invite or call the other to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Right from the pope, Bishops and others who imagine themselves great men shall come here and be baptised. Because the same people have been baptised in other denomination yet are plagued and surrounded with diverse problems and death. They have indulged in medication and kept the laws of men yet their problems continue to multiply. Whereas here in this kingdom we apply none of the medicaments, no incences or candles, no special prayer or observances yet many are healed. Once it is said 'let'! the sick is healed, the dead raised and whatever is pronounced comes to pass. Why then would people not baptise under these circumstances? And, the moment a person is baptised into this kingdom he is endowed with the same spirit and power to do to others too. All of you here are that fire that burns.

I observe that the eyes of many are now open. Many had before now equated Brotherhood of the Cross and Star with other churches and regarding them as its contemporaries. Those who

were baptised in these denominations refused to be baptised in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Others claimed that since all the churches were the same they could attend any they please. There is no such reasoning any longer. No person now has the urge to leave Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Anyone who departs from Brotherhood of the Cross and Star goes straight to the hades. Those who have been peddling false information about Brotherhood and engaging in campaign of calumny against it are tired and have reached their wits end. All now know that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is where the true God is. Children are telling it now to their parents and vice versa. There is awareness everywhere. The desire of people is no longer for money, wife, husband, food or anything material but for this kingdom, this power and this Holy Spirit. Their ears are hearkening to none other words but those of the Holy Spirit. Your eyes, ears and all the senses are now open to the truth.

The scripture has said that it is not the man who praises himself that is something but the one God praises. I am not praising Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that it is so powerful, full of wisdom, etc. Such statements would be blasphemous. The Father speaks by Himself to everybody. People knew what Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is since 1967 during the Nigerian Civil War because no member of Brotherhood of Cross and Star was a war victim. The religious uprising in the northern part of Nigeria claimed many lives and property but Brotherhood of the Cross and Star suffered, none, whether a member of Brotherhood is in the sea or mid-air or inside the bush he cannot be harmed. He is made adaptable and comfortable wherever he finds himself. This truth may have

since been realised hence, people are found coming in here nicodemously. Paul, Peter and the rest of the disciples were awaiting this kingdom. It is for this reason, Paul said their conversation was in the things that are heavenly from where Christ who would change their body into His image was due to come. Peter said that they were awaiting the new heaven and the new earth where indwells righteousness. What are you waiting for now? Is this not the new heaven and the new earth. Have you not seen or heard it? What are you waiting for?

Re-examine the First Lesson.

FIRST LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4
Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say
Rejoice.

REJOICE IN HIM:

That is what Paul talked about; that their conversations centred on the things of heaven. Let our joy from now onwards be in the Lord. I repeat the same words, that you rejoice in Him. The time is up. I have told you that (1997) is a wonderful year. This is the year of glory and joy. Let your joy be fulfilled in the Lord. Sing His glory in your songs, say it in your visions, preach it and dance it. I beseech you to rejoice and shout at the top of your voice for you have what is greater than the world. Had any of you this wisdom? What the Father has opened no one can close and what He has closed no person can open. Let your joy be complete in Christ. Let Him be the only source of your testimony, joy and pride. You now hope not on what the eyes behold but in the Lord. You now see Him physically talking to

and teaching you many things. Because the world has realised how impregnable and fortified you are and how ubiquitous you have been, seen in the sun, moon, star and everywhere, they now call you names that you are a wizard, beelzebub, occultist, etc.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS: OUR JOY IS CONSUMMATED THE FATHER WAS COME IN CLORY

THE FATHER HAS COME IN GLORY WITH THE HOST OF HIS ANGELS.

You now realise how the Father has overcome the world. It is surprising to you when I say that right from 1938 I had no thought of my own. Once you live for Him He takes control of you and everything you do. He becomes your father, mother, friend, food, garment, warrior and protector. What has it cost you to obtain this truth? That is the secret of any freedom from anger and thoughtfulness. Since He has taken dominion over you, you will give even greater testimony than I am giving. Your testimonies have begun.

Anything a man loves there will his heart be. Now that you love God your heart is in Him. Your hope, faith, body and soul abide in the Father. Anybody who centres his hope on the Father will feel no pains and will not weep. He is the God of ability and might. He is the three-in-one God. The Father did come and created man in the first instance. He repeated the earth when He came to change man. He has now come to take His glory for ever. Many have been asking why Brotherhood of the Cross and Star draws three different Bible passage to preach from. Have you not gotten the reason? Will you not close your mouth? Three things are in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star - faith,

love and hope. He is here to rule the world. What you are hearing is a tip of the iceberg; I have not yet opened my bag.

Re-examine the Second Lesson.

<u>SECOND LESSON: II CORINTHIANS 10:17</u> But he that glorifeth, let him glory in the Lord.

THE SOURCE OF OUR PRIDE AND JOY:

The world rejoices and boasts of her chariots and horses but we derive our joy and pride in the Father. From now onwards, let your joy and pride be in Jehovah God and His Christ. If somebody tells you how much money, houses, wives, husbands, children or estates he has, tell him that you have Christ, you have God and the Holy Spirit. Sing, dance, clap and shout at the top of your voice for Him. Sing His praises and you will realise His glory in you. That is our pride. Take the whole world and give me Jesus! We have something that is more precious and expensive than the whole world multiplied a hundred times. Our pride is Jehovah God and His Christ. He is our weapon of war, our musical notes and our source of inspiration.

Who is that man that has not seen Him? Who is he that compares himself with Him? He alone makes the final statement. When He barks, no other person can stand Him. There is none who has not seen Him or has not seen His glory or felt His impact.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

WHO HAS NOT SEEN WHAT OLUMBA HAS DONE.

A Call to Service



The Holy Father leading the Crusaders on liberation parade in Minar, Niger State

The Nigerian Civil War, the Iran/Iraq war, the planned war between Nigeria and Cameroon, incessant coups in Nigeria and host of other phenomena the Father personally stepped in and quelled. Once He has makes a pronouncement it promptly comes to pass. This is why our joy and pride are in Him. Once He says go, your sickness or problem is over, the same comes to pass. With what does the Father work in this kingdom? The word, that is our joy and pride. He is our instruments of work, weapon, trumphet and source of energy. He is the conqueror. He is closer to you than the tongue is to the teeth. The word is closer to you than the cloth is to your body. He is so close to you that you need not go searching for help somewhere else. He does not disappoint. He provides us with all our needs, food, shelter, clothing, life, air to breath, and all the necessities of life.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

HE HAD NEVER DECEIVED US FOR OLUMBA IS FATHER.

In our songs, sermons, prayers and dances, He forms the subject. He is our food and everything. As we turn, raise our hands up, or take any motion He controls. He gives the visions, preaches, prays, sings, dances and does everything. This is why our joy is fullest in Him.

Re-examine the Golden Text:

GOLDEN TEXT: II CORINTHIANS 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS GOD

BELIEVING IN GOD:

Who was in the beginning and created everything that is? Who exists in this kingdom?

AN ILLUSTRATION ON HOPE AND BELIEF:

I will remind you of this familiar story. There once lived a certain young man who worked in a bank. He accumulated a lot of money, enough to tide him the rest of his life, and voluntarily retired. He was paid all his pension, gratuity and every other entitlement in the bank and departed for home. From the proceeds, the man purchased three lorries to convey his property home. The first lorry departed and mid way about fifty armed robbers blocked the road and halted the vehicle. God is wonderful. He is the one that sends one on an errand and would escort him. The robbers collected the car key from the lorry driver and drove away in the lorry. When the second lorry arrived the same spot, the remnants of the robbers snatched the lorry from the driver and disappeared with it. The third lorry carried the man himself and his family and some property. When they arrived the same spot the robbers halted them and ordered everybody in it to come down. As the man stepped down, the robbers asked him whether he was angry. He said no;

that there was nothing there to be angry about. The robbers rather angry themselves to hear the man say that. They removed from him his expensive attire made of suits, hat, tie, shoes, and even his socks. The robbers then asked him whether he was annoyed, He said no. The man told them that they had not taken what belonged to Him. Out of anger the robbers ordered him to remove his singlet and he did and they slapped him. and asked whether he was angry then, the man told them he was not by any means. That was somebody who believed in God. His love, heart, body and soul were in God. He hoped in and believed in God.

Meanwhile, in his home town people were keeping vigil and mourning for him and the loss. When he arrived, his people tried to sympathise with him for the event. He rather consoled them and told them that nothing has happened to him because they had not taken what belonged to him. If he had hoped on his lorries, money and other property he would have been disappointed. This is why I tell you to have no hope on these things. If you hope on man he will disappointed you. But God does not disappoint. This story though a familiar one, is fresh and brings out the gravity of this statement. The chief of the town also took his turn to sympathise with the young man. On arrival at the chief's palace the young man met many people already gathered and the chief tried to console him. The young man rather bravely preached to the people that the robbers had not taken what belonged to him, that his property was still intact. When they asked him to know what he owned that the robbers had not taken, he told them his life and Christ. That they had not taken away his faith, hope, love and Christ. He told them his faith in God was intact and unshaken. What about

you? Three weeks after the incident, something wonderful and spectacular happened. Unexpectedly, gifts of millions in money form and other gifts in money worth were given to that young man, so much so that even the robbers got angry on hearing it. The man got a million times more than what the robbers took from him. The man had a million lorries, estate, houses, and many other things too many to enumerate. That shows to you that there is nothing the Father cannot do. There is nothing prayer, the word, song and testimony cannot do. He is the beginning and the end.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

I HAVE OLUMBA IN MY HEART I AM SATISFIED EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NOTHING I AM SATISFIED.

We should stop thus far for a local adage has it that, water, when it overstays in the mouth turns to saliva.

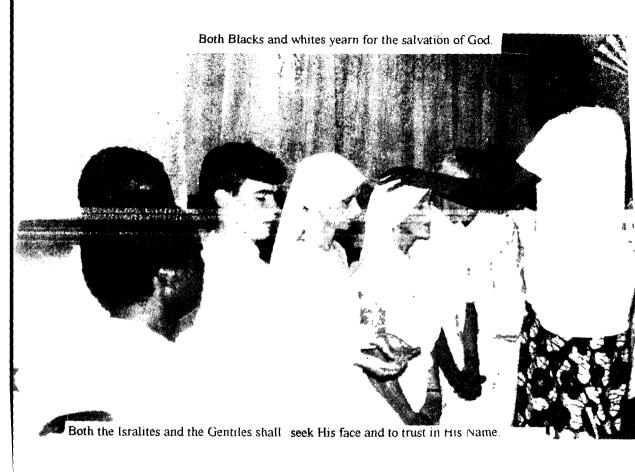
A stroke of cane is sufficient unto the wise. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. May God bless His holy words - Amen.

THE VOICE OF GOD (SUNDAY MORNING 2/2/97)
THANK YOU FATHER.

CHAPTER TWO

SALVATION

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CHAPTER TWO

SALVATION

FIRST LESSON: | TIMOTHY 6:1-4

LET as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 6:6

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

GOLDEN TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate. Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

THE CAPTIVATING GOSPEL

Today's gospel is a very captivating one and it is the first of its kind. If you want to cry, or laugh, you do so. If you want to run, you do but we must receive today's gospel. Those who receive this gospel are saved.

INTRODUCTORY SPIRITUAL CHORUSES:

- (I) THE TIME FOR GOD'S WORK HAS ARRIVED THE DICTATES OF THE FLESH SHOULD LEAVE ME FOR THE TIME FOR GOD'S WORK HAS COME.
- (2) THE WEAPONS I HAVE ARE NOT CARNAL WEAPONS.

THE END OF FOOLISHNESS:

I want to illustrate heavenly things with earthly ones. A great many of us consider serving God as ignoble. For example, if one should prepare food intending same to be God's own, the one would promptly be asked to deliver the food to juju, mermaid, wizard, or any diabolical object instead. Such a person would not be allowed to give the food to a man of God. The man of God, it would be alleged, is starving because of his laziness. Such foolishness and war end today.

Heaven and earth and the fullness thereof belong to God. There is, ironically, no man who is ready to invest his money in the service of God. People allege that God has no need for money. God, they claim, needs the heart. Your car, land, estates and wealth God has no need for them. If God has no need for these things, with what resources does He sustain you? Go, such notions have ceased forthwith. All along you have been deceiving yourselves that you are serving God but unknown to you that you are serving satan. Any who does not serve a man of God is invariably serving satan. All who serve God, however little such service may be, stand blessed.

That satan is so powerful, who says? Satan has not the slightest power. In fact, he does not exist. Ignorance is our undoing.

AN ILLUSTRATION ON THE POTENCY OF FOOD:

The first illustration is derived from the first world war between Germany and Britain. The armies used spears, swords, guns and other accessories as weapons, yet they could do nothing. The Germans, we were told, were so powerful. That was a fact. The question now is, why did they not over-run the British? This they could not do because of food. The Germans ran out of food and had to surrender ultimately. A local adage says that if the belly is not properly feed, no attire will settle or fit well on the waist. The food that you toy with is important. Your claim. therefore, that God has no need for food, money, houses and the rest of the other things which you clamour for is erroneous. These necessities, you will lock up in your estate under key. By doing so, you have put yourself at a vantage position. It means. therefore, that a man of God who is hungry has to prostitute if he has to fee'd. At that point, even if you tell him to abuse or deny his father, the one would do so in order to have some food from you. He will even kill if ordered to do so in order to feed. That is the trick satan employs to conquer.

The work of God, I tell you, needs money, food, land, cars. water, broom, clothing and all other necessities of life.

FIRST WITNESS: MATTHEW 4:3-12

And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, it is written again, Thou

shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold. angels came and ministered unto him.

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

THE GLORIFICATION OF THE OVERCOMERS:

During that period of trial, the angel was looking at Jesus to see whether he would bow down to satan. In the same vein, God is also watching to see whether you will succumb to the whims of satan. This explains why He said that only those who overcome



The glory of the overcomers

shall be glorified. Our joy now is that He has come by Himself. He has conquered and taken the glory for Himself.

The defeat of the Germans by Britain in the first world war was because of famine. The Germans were cut off and had no supply coming to them from anywhere. All should take this gospel seriously otherwise history would repeat itself and you would form a part of it.

Before the second world war, Hitler's Germany had sought assistance from Russia to supply them food throughout the duration of the war. Russia agreed and signed a pact to supply Germany food. The Germans themselves went into large scale farming and preservation of food to prevent history repeating itself, food is very important. There are many instances I could cite now to confirm the relevance of food. That which is looked at insignificantly is that which is important.

Germany had consequently stored food to avert history repeating itself but in Germany was a certain man who was very brave. You often say here that one man can not be an obstacle. I want to tell you that an individual could pose as a real obstacle or threat to a multitude of persons. There was something the man did which led to his being expelled from Germany. The person went to Britain and leaked the plans of the Germans and their accord with the Russians; that Russia should supply them food in order that they be one. The British Government swung into a diplomatic manoeuvre of Russia by first informing them that they were aware of their (Russia) agreement with Germany and secondly, threatening them of

reprisals. The British Government promised to normalise relations with Germany and to combine with them to fight the Russians. The Russian Government immediately cancelled the agreement entered into with Germany. Unknown to Hitler, when the war had started, Russia refused to supply them food. When the German food supply could not carry them through they had to surrender the second time. Have you seen the weapon God uses in conquering the world? The weapon with which God conquers the world is food. However, powerful and handsome a man may be, the moment he is hungry his feet wobbles and he thus reaches his wit end.

TAKE A CUE FROM JOSEPH:

Brethren, recall Joseph, you will remember, he dreamt how his eleven brothers' stars and bundles of wood bowed and worshipped him His brothers, out of hatred, plotted and sold him into slavary so that his dream may not come to pass. In the end, famine descended on the land, before that, while in prison, Joseph was privileged to interprete the dream to his fellows in-mates. To one, Joseph told that his master would recall him and to the other, he told him that his body would be suspended mid-air for the birds to feed on. It came to pass exactly as Joseph had interpreted for the in-mates. When therefore, Pharaoh had a dream in which he saw seven fat cows and seven lean cows, this dream disturbed him and none of his seers could interprete the dream. The man who was freed and recalled by his master sent words to him that there was a young prisoner whose interpretation of dreams was accurate. That was God's design so that His will might be fulfilled. There was great famine

that had never been in the land. The action lends credence to the saying that, 'a city without a prophet is doomed'.

Joseph became the Governor of Egypt after the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream. That office was given to him by Pharaoh so that he could arrange and manage the impending crisis. Joseph discharged his duties creditably in such a way that the Israelites sojourned into slavery in Egypt. Do you now realise what food can do? You are equally familiar with the story of how the Israelites walked themselves into slavery in Egypt. Famine led them from their land to Egypt. With Joseph, their brother, at the helm of affairs in Egypt, the stage was already set. When the other sons of Jacob went back to Egypt for food, Joseph gave them a condition that if they did not bring along Benjamin, their last male born, he would not attend to them. Such conditionality did not go well with Jacob but he had no option. When the family could no longer contend with the hunger, Jacob released Benjamin to accompany his brothers but with a warning that they should not return if something evil should happen to him. That is how their slavery in Egypt started, and what was the factor? Food!

AN ILLUSTRATION ON POVERTY:

There was a certain man who was very ill, in fact in a state of coma. As God would like it, one day as the man's wife went to the stream in the company of her friend. She reported the state of her husband's health to her. Pleading with her to visit them to see things for herself. The woman accepted. On her arrival home, the woman reported her friend's predicament to her husband pleading with him to accompany her to the family to

see the sick man. Her husband accepted and they both went. While in the sick man's home, the other man observed him closely and smiled. He invited the sickman's wife to their home for necessary medication. The man himself was a blacksmith. When the woman arrived, the blacksmith gave her a small box filled with money which he advised the woman to open only before her ill husband. The money in there represented, according to the man, his sweat over the years. On arrival home, the woman did as she was directed, and the sick man on sighting the box filled with money sprang to his feet. He promptly asked his wife to arrange for him to cut his hairs, sew him a few dresses, build a house and supply him with life necessities. The man had a socio-economic illness that was promptly healed when he saw money. He was suffering from poverty. This explains why Christ stated, 'how difficult it is for a rich man to inherit the kingdom of God'. No rich man shall enter into the kingdom of God unless he forsakes everything he has. Money is the root of all evil and the worst offence which suppresses the work of God. Satan has carted everything for himself leaving God and His children with nothing. Satan is now defeated because his tricks have been uncovered.

If you claim that God does not need money and the rest of the necessities of life, with what then is the work of God executed? You who clamour for food, money, clothing, shelter, etc. for what do you need them? Is it God then who would not need these things? Those who say that God has no need for food, money, cars, ship, houses, etc. are satan. For instance, the only five-storey building in the premises (i.e. 34 Ambo Street, Calabar) is a piece of edifice that has served useful purposes. No

person fails to rejoice over a good thing. Men rather spend fortunes on charms, diabolical things and mundane things. The money you spend on native doctors, charms, mermaid etc. is a fortune. Human beings hire their fellow human to kill for them for as much as two, ten or even fourteen million naira. No man freely contributes towards God's service. Even here in BCS it is pathetic to find members spend their God given resources on mundane things like burial, prostitution, stealing, charms, to sue others to law courts than in the Father's service, that God does not need money. If God does not need money who owns money?

Re-examine the First Lesson:

FIRST LESSON: | TIMOTHY 6:1-4

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

BE BENEVOLENT TO THE SERVANT OF GOD:

If you have a child who has devoted himself for the service of God, do not treat him as your child but as God's servant and give him all his needs for you shall profit more in due seasons. Whether it is your master, maid, etc. supply a servant of God all his needs. Whoever does this stands to profit the more in due season. There is nothing good a necromancer, fornicator, seer, mundane person, liar, troublemaker or confusionist can do for God. Any who serves God or is charitable towards the little ones

stands to benefit greatly. That is glorifying God. Once you glorify God, He blesses you.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

THIS DISPENSATION IS THAT OF JESUS THE SINNERS SHOULD REPENT. THIS DISPENSATION IS THAT OF CHRIST.

The doors of the treasure house of God are now locked. Tell no person to refrain from sin now. Every sinner shall know his way, when hunger strikes him he would surely repent. Murderers and all sinners you shall see what will befall them.

God's way of governance is accountability and reciprocity. All who serve Him, He will bless. He will bestow them with wealth, life, power, love, wisdom, peace and all the good things of life. The entire world is in the hands of such persons.

SECOND WITNESS: HEBREWS 7:1-7

For this Melchisedez, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him;

To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, not end of life; but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually.

Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the lions of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises

And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

THE NEED TO PAY TITHE:

Do you understand that? That explains why Abraham assumed equal status with Melchisedek. Our blessings are traceable to being benevolent to God and God's servants. Whether it is an infant you surrender your house, money, food and wealth unto, you stand abundantly blessed. Whatever good thing you do for a man of God, you stand to profit abundantly. From now onwards share nothing that you have with satan. That people spend fortunes to bury their dead ones, in embalment, hired assassins, steal, commit fornication, idolatory, etc. are unprofitable ventures. Such activities are direct invitation for poverty. Let us all rise to praise God and glorify His name. A local adage has it that the fortunes of the hunter are easily reflected in his bag as it will not fail to expand, thus leaving its mouth open.

No man would love to steal, kill, tell lies or would not want to refrain from evil and serve God, if he can keep body and soul together. Any who serves God stands to gain abundantly, and whoever encourages such a person is most blessed.

Re-examine the Second Lesson.

SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 6:6

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

THOSE WHO SERVE GOD ARE BLESSED:

Encourage those in the service of God. That is God's sceptre with which He rules or governs the world. That is the new covenant. All who serve God will enjoy His blessing abundantly. Unto them will He bestow eternal life, power, good health, beauty and all the good things.

The second lesson advises that you be kind to any person who teaches you the scriptures. It is not stated how much money you should give to such a person or what kind of thing you should give. Be charitable to such an one including giving yourself up to him. If you do so, you will have eternal life. This explains why a lot of you are paupers. Whether it is joblessness, lack of husbands, childlessness, etc. are traceable to your refusal to take care of a man of God. If you employ your resources into fornication, idolatory, luxurious living, you will perish with those things. Those who serve God diligently, however few,



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eternal life is theirs and through them the entire world will be saved.

THIRD WITNESS: MATTHEW 19:18-21

He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven and come and follow me

THE ROAD TO PERFECTION:

To honour your parents, refrain from stealing, fornication, and idolatry, and love your neighbour as thyself make you incomplete. Any who desires to be perfect and complete should sell all that he has and distribute same to the poor. That is when you shall be rich in heaven. That is the work of God. That is what is weighing you down and dragging you back.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

SELL ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND FOLLOW THE LORD.

That is the keynote. Sell all that you have and follow the Lord. You are not told to keep the proceeds from the sales but that

you should distribute them to the poor. Surrender both yourself and your wealth to God.

At Ugep in Cross River State, a brother has donated his storey building to God and is building more. That is the truth and the greatest of all services to God. The Kingdom of God is nearer to us than the tongue is to the teeth. All who are ready to forfeit their wealth and themselves to God Shall inherit the kingdom of God gratis. What do you lose in surrendering your wealth, children, houses, knowledge, job and everything to God? Any who refuses to do this is an enemy of God, the Lord's opposer and an anti-christ. The souls of such people shall burn in fire. Right now, all who surrender themselves to God and support His cause shall have everlasting life and will be trusted with the mandate to rule the world.

Now is not the time to engage in sermonising, dancing, praying or giving testimonies. This is the time to surrender everything to the owner to use as it pleases Him. People make noise all over the place preaching, praying, singing and giving testimonies. What has a man to say? Surrender all you have to Him and the kingdom is Yours. The goings-on in the world are traceable to none other than Christ.

FOURTH WITNESS: MATTHEW 12:28-29

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

THE DECISION OF GOD:

That is the way God employs to capture people unto Himself. The American Government identifies with God by assisting its preachers. Reverend Billy Graham, Osborn, Moon and others are beneficiaries of the American government benevolence. At a time, they bought them seven aeroplanes. No African Government identifies with God. It means they do not seek after God. Hard times await them. Heaven and earth belong to God and the fullness thereof. Only those who accept to serve Him shall prosper. Those who would not serve Him shall starve. That is God's decision. This earth is fulled with both liquid and solid mineral resources all exhibiting God's handiwork. Once man accepts to serve Him, He can turn things around overnight. You cannot exploit the natural resources except you accept to serve Him

Death, pains, hunger and every bodily injuries were meant for the flesh and not the spirit. If the entire world beginning from America should turn anew, the world would become heaven.

The whole world has to serve God and Him alone, not satan. Refrain from sorcery, funeral ceremonies, embalment, wining and dining over mundane things. Serve God and He alone so that you will gain and be blessed. He is the Father of the fatherless, child unto the childless, mother of the motherless, wife for those without wives. He has come to supply all our needs and to wipe tears off our eyes.

is for your own good and the good of the entire world to do so.

FIFTH WITNESS: ACTS 4:31-35

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of the soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

THE ERA OF SERVING GOD:

What profit is there building a mighty house and designating same a hotel where people lodge and pay to you. Everyday you sail to the bank. Do you not know that, that is a destructive venture? Many own fleet of cars for transportation business. That too is a destructive venture. Now is the time to serve God, dedicate everything to God. This will in turn gather followership unto God. Joy and peace shall then abound on earth. This is

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what God desires of us. You do not need to pray, sing or preach once you do the right thing by surrendering everything to God.

It is said that he labours in vain who attempts to build and to watch over a city except God builds and watches over the city. Whatever undertaking you organize for yourself is bound to fail because of your selfish motive. This is the final exhortation for the whole world that if complied will bring peace, prosperity and joy in abundance.

Re-examine the Golden Text:

GOLDEN TEXT: 4 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate. Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

HUMILITY: THE BEDROCK OF EXALTATION:

God is reigning in heaven, on earth, inside the earth, in the abyss, air, in spirit and flesh and everywhere. No other thing flaps its wings. Many are complaining how rich they were, when they baptised into BCS but are now wretched. That is their lot, the fats of the evil one. That is the instrument used in their

judgment. But those who were poor and who have surrendered themselves to God flourish in plenty and lack nothing. That is the way many are called into this kingdom. Many fall on their knees pleading for forgiveness; that they did what they did out of ignorance. It is too late for that type of confusion. Destruction is their lot. Whether in Government or city or business houses, any that exalts himself shall be debased. All who humble themselves shall be exalted.

There is no man who knows the usefulness or significance of life, money vehicles, aircraft, food, clothing and the rest of the necessities of life. God alone it is who knows their usefulness.

A local adage says that, 'a delicious soup explains much money being sunk into it'.

Sister Matt and her brother (husband) are now in South Africa: Sister Matt herself was brought into BCS by Sister Anne. She led her through baptism, ministry work and every other thing. They are now in South Africa.

Brethren, all the air planes, ocean steamers, cars, houses, lands and the resources belong to God. Ironically today man has claimed ownership of all these things. Look at the amount and the wealth of Nigeria that the late President, General Sani Abacha and his co-horts plundered for themselves. All that for what? If all these resources were employed for God's services would humanity not be in peace? Every amount or resource a man converts for himself leads to a loss and destruction.

THE PROSPERITY OF GOD'S CHILDREN:

All human and selfish settings stand doomed. The setting now is for the children of God to prosper, the poor will become rich and the rich poor. The human institutions are to be demolished giving way to a new order. The children of God will now triumph.

Late president Mobutu Sese Seko milled his people dry and amassed a fortune for himself from the public treasury. Where is he today? So have other African and world leaders done and are still doing. Their end is destruction. The same fate had Judas Iscariot who loved money dearly. He departed this earth making no use of the money. All who devote themselves and resources to God, theirs is eternal life, good health, peace, joy, wealth etc.

It is not as if people have not heard of or seen this kingdom. What is obstructing people is material lust. Any who is charitable, kind and diligent in God's service shall profit greatly. This explains why you are rejoined to tell the rich not to exalt themselves or be arrogant over the things they possess. They should rather believe and have faith in God who provides everything in abundance.

Tell the world to be kind and benevolent. They should invest in profitable ventures or procure fertile lands now for themselves where they shall abide for ever.

SIXTH WITNESS: ROMANS 15:22-29

For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. But now having no more parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

FAITH WITHOUT WORK IS DEAD:

Have the politicians understood that scriptural nomination.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

SELL YOUR POSSESSION AND FOLLOW THE LORD.

Brethren, the vehicle provided for the crusaders was provided by someone from Rivers State, another was donated by Edo State brethren. Things have been given by persons from Nigeria, England, America etc. and these things are used in the service of God. A lot of us here have cars and even taxis packed without making use of them for the service of God. You have offices,

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houses and other things that could be used in God's vineyard but you have bluntly refused to use same for God's service. You are now to surrender yourself completely to God. Give your possession unto God: things like cloths, food etc. should be given freely. Give these things to the workers, for there are many here, even the full time workers, teachers, Senior Christ Servant, Christ Witness, Children of God, Sabbath Children, Pastors, Bishop, Ordained ones, choristers etc. Give these things to them and you would witness the glory of God.

Today should you want to conduct a feast, the ghost, mermaid etc. would not partake of same. The necromancers, native doctors, and others now come to Brotherhood because they no longer thrive in their business. When you accept Christ all things would be well with you, your doors are consequently opened.

It is for this reason I am admonishing those of you who lust after material wealth that you should serve God for the glory of God is embedded in surrendering yourself to God. Salvation, peace, wealth, everlasting life, power and all the good things of life are embedded in surrendering yourself to God in service to Him. Bestow your possession unto God.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

FAITH WITHOUT WORK IS DEAD.

Those who claim that the work of God does not need money; who told you so? If it does not need money, what does it need? Those of you who lust for money, houses and the material things of the world should know that these things are also needed for the work of God.

Do you know the amount of money I spend here each day? Is there any day I do not spend money? Many who can not work, are known by me and I give such person the ability, to others I give money to use in the service of God. The scripture states that, 'faith without work is dead' for having faith in God entails rendering services to God. Most of you live in deceit and this should not be so because when you have money you use same to purchase lands, build houses, buy cars, etc. instead of using same in the service of God. Take a cue from Bishop Ejedawe who has single handedly built cathedrals in Manchester, London and in Washington (U.S.A) and even in Nigeria. Again, Apostle Joe Brown has built cathedrals in different places. These ones do this to show the love of God but on your part you are idle asking questions as to Canaan. Have you seen Canaan here? Is there Canaan? There is not. Should she be there, she stays there free of charge without payment and would even punish, you on your part can not go to court because the money you have is ill-gotten wealth. Surrender all your possessions to God in order that you become wealthy.

Brethren, a stroke of cane is sufficient unto the wise. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. May God bless His holy words - Amen.

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THANK YOU FATHER.

CHAPTER THREE

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CHAPTER THREE

PRODUCTIVITY AND SELFSUFFICIENCY IN BROTHERHOOD

FIRST LESSON: EPHESIANS 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the things which is good, that he many have to give to him that needeth.

SECOND LESSON: II THESSAIONIANS 3:8-12

Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 20::26-28

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

THE PRIMARY DUTY OF GOD:

Brethren, this gospel requires undivided attention. Many of you think that remaining here (meaning 34 Ambo Street, Calabar - Nigeria) singing, dancing and idling about have anything to do with serving the Father, No! The task of serving God is not an easy one.

My chief duties are first to change man and then turn the kingdoms of this world into the kingdom of God and His Christ. Do these tasks appear easy to accomplish? Why then are you coming here with ulterior motives, disguisely dressed in suits and ties to match? I have told you time and again that the first step in my schedule of duties is to change man. A man who has not refrained from sins is unsafe and doomed. What I am telling you now has nothing to do with practising the gospel for now. Practising the word of God comes after you have been changed. Then shall the work of God gather momentum and God Himself be glorified. At that time, there shall be no starvation, sickness, death or any problem. All those who had no food and clothing

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would have the people of the world troop in here. All hands shall be on deck and mankind will be self-sufficient and independent.

Is it not surprising to you that despite the multitude of people on earth there is none who is repentant? Everybody is somebody's servant. And it is right that he who pays the piper dictates the tune. No servant can tell his master to refrain from snuffing. Any servant that dares to do such can be sure of instant dismissal with ignomity. The only option that will be available to such a servant is for him to go on bended knees and plead for forgiveness to be re-instated. No true man or servant of God lives in bondage, he works independent of any person, group or government.

THE REPUBLIC OF GOD:

The Republic that was granted Nigeria and other nations is different from the one God has brought to mankind. The colonial masters only granted partial independence to their colonies. They granted political independence on the one hand and plunged you into economic, social and cultural slavery on the other. That is not the nature of independence God intends for man. Such servitude is what man has subjected his fellow man to.

Men have been working for men, corporate bodies, communities and Governments. God is there left with no servant. No man accepts to work for God. The essence of man being on earth was for him to render service to God. Here he is engaging himself wholly in the service of his fellow man. Men and women

now owe allegiance to their wives, husband, employers, states, communities, families and so on. No one cares about God and His service. Employees receive instructions from their masters and from the church too. The question is, who will they obey, of the two master?

Let no one, please be offended for I am only revealing to you the things to come and the nature of the kingdom of God. It is said that an heir to the Father's throne is not different from a slave during infancy. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is a phenomenon to watch. It has not started yet. When it shall begin in earnest, it will compare with the mustard tree, all the inhabitants of the earth shall behold it. Tell me, who did the following persons enslave themselves unto, our Father Abraham, Lot, Moses, John the Baptist, Prophet Isaiah, Jesus the Christ, Peter and the rest of the prophets? Who did these persons work for? What about you? Many of you are working in different Government ministries, companies or co-operations and so on. Because of your allegiance to your employer, many of you have very little time to spend in the church. You are always itching to go home even on Sundays to prepare for the official duties for the week. Some people even hardly rest as they put every hour of their life into the service of their employers. Yet such people would tell you they are men of God. How are they men of God? Which God? A man of God who dines on two tables?

MAN'S CARNAL PRE-OCCUPATION:

The Israelites are still observing and obeying the commandment which says 'remember the sabbath day to keep it holy? God did create for 6 days, that is Sunday to Friday. On the 6th day

being Friday, God created man, in fulfilment of His statement 'Let us create man in our own image.'. On the 7th day, God rested. But today the reverse is the case. Individuals, organisations and churches engage in personal work every hour and all day long. No one remembers to set aside even the sabbath day for God. In spite of all his effort, man has nothing to show; he is still poor, sick, un-organised and pitiful. The stage is now set for the children of God to manifest on earth. This is in fulfilment of my primary and cardinal duty of changing man. No man who has not refrained from sin can serve God.

The human race is greatly to be pitied. I speak with a heavy heart, and mourn for mankind. However, I hold no offence against you. It is the manifestation of God's plan.

Every civil servant or employee has an age to be employed and to retire. At 55 years, a civil servant is due for retirement and is so retired. In other words, he puts in his youthful period into the service of his nation afterwhich he is forced aside by way of retirement. That is the time in the employee's life he is frail, weak, ineffective and unproductive. When often credit is given to Abraham for serving God, I ask, at what age? At his youthful age he was jolly well having a nice time. It was at his old age Abraham really began serving God. There is no serious service an aged person can render to God. This explains why God has no servant. No person desires to serve God truly when he is bubbling with energy and life. The services have therefore, been appropriated by satan. The water you drink, the food you eat, the transportation system and every aspect of production and distribution system. Nothing whatsoever is God's or is simply dedicated to Him. Satan has thus taken over everything that God created including man. Re-examine the First Lesson.

FIRST LESSON: EPHESIANS 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the things which is good, that he many have to give to him that needeth.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD:

The first lesson emphasises hardwork. The world is full-of hungry, sick, disabled and needy people. The responsibility of the children of God is to take care of these persons and rehabilitate them. No man of God should be idle. All men are today serving satan and the flesh. The flesh here is neither God nor man. It is known simply as the flesh. A civil servant or an employee is active, liked and known by all only when he is in active service. The moment he is retired, the mere association of him with that exercise of retirement puts much shame on his face and gives him a feeling of indignity. He can no longer fit into the society he ha retired into. What can such a person do for God? This is a person who has invested the whole of his life in mundane, selfish and satanic services. If you opt to serve God at old age, how useful would you be to God? Many of you while full of life cannot afford to waste up to ten or fifteen minutes in the church. You are always looking at your time piece and wanting the pastor or preacher to hasten. Such persons are always hurrying to go home, and from there to the office or to attend one occasion or another. Your youthful age is spent doing one business of yours or another leaving yourself with no record of service for God. Whereas if men should direct their energies and resources to God, they would lack nothing. All the estates, plantations, industries, families, children, wives, husbands, and every other thing on earth belong to various individuals. Man has thus claimed ownership of everything created by God leaving for Him nothing. We are rather happy serving the flesh than God who sustains us.

THE DEMAND OF THE CALL INTO THE KINGDOM:

The call in this kingdom is that every member, according to the first lesson, should be hardwork and should specialise in one profession or another. How can a man who has nothing to do carry another person along? If you are unemployed and idle, how will you be able to offer assistance to another who is in need and is disabled?

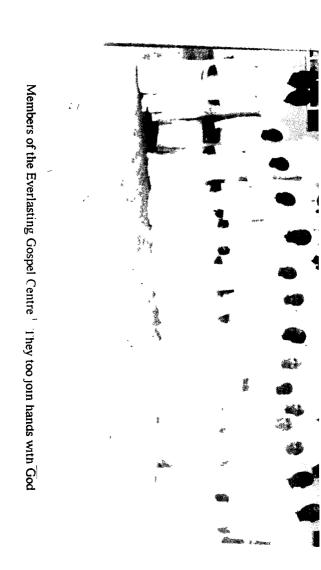
This explains why I have great pity for you.

THE PRACTICES IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY:

The flesh is so insolent and stubborn. In many of the churches, the Bishop or Pastor it is who directs the affairs of the members and holds their destinies in his hands. He has to approve their membership in the church in the first place, sanction and often direct who to marry, be your referee if a member is searching for a job, admission or any other thing. In the church, the pastor or Bishop is treasurer, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and all tithes are paid directly to him. He convinces his congregation that everything done to him is done to God. directly. He ends up owning everything leaving God with nothing. Anybody therefore, who genuinely desires to serve God has to obtain permission from satan. Every service, therefore, is rendered to satan and none to Christ. It is on the basis of this that the first lesson has enjoined us all to be hardworking; to engage in any professional service, whether carpentry, sewing, farming, etc. to enable us remain really independent and steadfast in the service of God unintimidated. When you are self-sufficient, you can be sure to have followership.

JOIN HANDS WITH GOD:

God in His own wisdom would establish schools, seminaries, industries, plantations, hospitals, engineering workshops and so on where His children will serve Him diligently, feed and live well. Three-quarters of the population should gainfully engage themselves in God's vineyard. Every penny, industry, school, organisation, children, wives, husbands and all men belong to one person or another. God has nothing left for Him. Everything has been appropriated by man. Many Nigerian before now use



to troop to Equatorial Guinea then known as "panya" to work in the plantations. The Governments that had the plantations and the one that provided the labourers would normally come into agreement in terms of service and remuneration. The money, instead of going to the workers directly, is paid to their Government which then would give out negligible Peanuts to the workers. The workers only labour in vain and would normally return in rags while the officials in the respective ministries feed fat. That is how service to man looks like. There is exploitation everywhere. Now, God has come with a kingdom where there will be no cheating. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has plots of land begging for cultivation and development at Oban, Biakpan and other places.

But where are the workers? If members could join hands for Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to cultivate plantations, whether of rubber, oil palm, oranges, okro, plantain, etc. etc. Plenty of income would be raised and the money realised therefrom used for the service of God. This will invariably make us all self-employed and self-sufficient. That is true independence. It is ridiculous that today most things, including even fresh fruits, are imported. We are responsible for our insufficiency arising from our laziness, dishonesty and disobedience. People prefer to idle about in offices and be paid peanuts at the end of the month. This is the source of your suffering and problems.

Re-examine the Second Lesson.

SECOND LESSON: II THESSAIONIANS 3:8-12 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

RECOMPENSE FOR HARDWORK:

Is there any office or establishment that is owned by God? You are told, brethren, to feed not the lazy and not to eat a man's food for nought. Employ the whole of your life in the service of God. Everything both in heaven and on earth belongs to God. Let us do everything in His name. The superintendency of everything that God created was entrusted into man's hand. All he needs to do is organise them for a fruitful result. Christ Student Ime Akpakpan while at Ikot Abasi Bethel did organise the members into groups, men and women working in their fellowships. The results therefrom was the building of the Bethel and sufficiency for all. If such spirit were cultivated in this kingdom no one would complain.

When Brotherhood of the Cross and Star shall begin in earnest it will resemble the kingdom of the ants. There will be no idle

person. What is lacking for now is a truthful person or sincere people. Men are yet to change and be repentant. That is the beginning and essence of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star independence and self-sufficiency. Once you submit to God He will feed, clothe and house you. That means, avenues will be created for the needy in the world to serve and glorify God. It is our duty to provide water, food, transportation systems and all other things that are lacking in the world.

Many indolent persons have come to this kingdom claiming they want to serve God. These people persistently preach to others to refrain from sin. But ridiculously, they the preachers have refrained from none; they are only preachers of the word but not doers. We are practitioners of the word of God and not mere preachers. This is why every member in this kingdom must be hardworking and industrious. By so doing, the needy and disabled would be assisted.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

LET US BE DOERS OF THE WORD OF GOD' BUT NOT MERE HEARERS AND NOT DOERS

CHRIST'S SLAVES:

No members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star should be a servant of or an employee to any person but God. Our reward comes directly from God. Our food, clothing, shelter and sustenance come from Him. We are Christ's slaves and Him alone we serve. This explains why falsehood, anger, idolatry, fornication, stealing, indolence and the rest of the vices are inadmissible in this kingdom. Heaven and earth belong to God

and the fulness thereof. Whatever is of the Father belong too to His children and vice versa. The lazy and indolent ones in our midst are tongue-tied. Serving God does not consist in driving lorries, assembling all over the place, clearing the roads, keeping watch at the gate and other eye-services. Is cultivating the land, sweeping, hewing wood etc. not serving God? Is holding out the Bible and shouting at people to forsake sin on the one hand and stealing, quarrelling and fighting on the other the service of God? Is remaining in the hall permanently to cause trouble and to pick pocket the service of God?

There is enough work here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star begging for workers. Members are rather interested in spiritual work where they would dupe their fellow men and promising them wealth, children, money etc.

Re-examine the Golden Text.

GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 20::26-28

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

THE FOUNDATION OF B.C.S.:

The above text explains what Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is about. Many of you come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star with the intention to be chairmen or secretaries or

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Even the leaves, the trees in the forests, the birds in the field, the animals all animate and inanimate beings are equally liberated to receive salvation.

treasurers of one fellowship or another. Alternatively, you want to be an Elder, Senior Christ Servant, Christ Witness or Child of God. Yet none of these persons have offered any service to God. The children of God, for instance, have their duty in this kingdom which is to serve the Father and humanity. What about you? You are not genuine in your dealings. You want to go from one place to another extorting and working for a fee. The children of God preach, heal and render free services knowing fully well that they are serving God. In so far as you have forsaken the mundane things, the moment you pray for the sick, he will be healed, the jobless will be employed, the farmer will have a bumper harvest and so on. This will ultimately bring about progress, satisfaction and the glorification of God.

ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE KINGDOM:

If we rise in concert to serve the Father in every endeavour, there is bound to be progress and self-sufficiency. If people get to know that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has a plantation for the hungry and for the sick, such people will troop to the place for assistance. If Brotherhood of the Cross and Star should open a market where people could buy and sell cheaply, you can be sure of a beehive of activities. As many as enjoy these facilities will lead to God being praised and His glory manifested. You would at that time have no need to invite people to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star but they would testify to the goodness of it themselves. Action, it is said, speaks louder than words. Every person would know how powerful Brotherhood prayers, songs, water, fruits and food are.

Everything, be it the head, body or tail, belongs to the Father. He does not give these things to His children by measure. There is no pension scheme in this kingdom, nor is there any loan facility. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star makes no appeal to individuals or Governments for assistance. We deal directly with God and our rewards come from Him too. Whether it is the motor-plant, plantation, shops, schools and industries shall be established by Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to reveal the glory of God. At that, there shall be no going from house to house inviting people to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. These things members do, unknown to them that they have not started Brotherhood

The many years you have been in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star adds no credit to you but your productivity does.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS: FAITH WITHOUT WORK IS DEAD.

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OUR DUTY TO OUR FELLOWMEN:

headquarters is situated at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar in Nigeria, was initially shared out to members to cultivate. They all complained that the land was not fertile and soon abandoned it. But at lkot Effanga Mkpa, Bishop's Farm is creating waves both here at home and abroad. It has become a tourist centre. Many get what they want there. That is what is expected of us all to do. In that plantation are oranges, pineapples, sugar-cane and every cash crop. A lot of you are idling yourselves here and are

The piece of land where Brotherhood of the Cross and Star

Be not deceived, for God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.



The Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe

thoughtless. At Biakpan, Oban, Akwa Ibom State and so on you will see Brotherhood plantations. That is how mankind can be fed. We owe our fellow men a duty of service and to render our lives as ransom for many.

You all are aware of the garden of Eden. What is it about? Because you are lazy people who like free things, you think that the Garden shall germinate one day and man would be directed to go there and enjoy himself effortlessly. All hands shall be on deck to create that garden for all to inhabit. Many find pleasure in loitering at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar than going into the plantations to work. Is working in the plantations not God's work? Have you all along not been serving satan but unknown to you? The moment you start to serve God, He too will commence work on you and will provide you with all your needs. When the transportation service of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star begins it shall be second to none. So shall it be with every service that is provided by Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. This will bring about peace, joy, progress, good health and all the good thing of life. It is the kingdom of God which is not by observation but by righteousness.

It is said a stroke of cane is sufficient for the wise. I am not going to be tedious with you. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. May God bless His holy words - Amen.

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