

# A Discourse on How to Work at Your Salvation

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*Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.*

*2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*

*3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

*4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.*

*5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. The most secure way of keeping your Salvation is to ensure you are led by The Holy Spirit in all you do and love as God loves so that Jesus is Lord of all you do.*

You can lose your Salvation according to Jesus in v5.

This church stopped obeying Jesus so that He was no longer their Lord. He warned them to obey Him or be blotted out of The Lamb's book of Life. They stopped developing their relationship with Jesus and developed it with the world and its casualness to the things of God!

*Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life*

To be in the 'Lamb's book of life' they had to have salvation. So deliberate lukewarmness in the practice of your faith will lose you your salvation.

So the 'once saved always saved' school of belief is in risk of losing their salvation if they do not keep Jesus as Lord of their life.

## **In a nutshell**

To keep your salvation all you need to do is to try and wholeheartedly keep following Jesus as Lord of your life and maintain the intimate, personal relationship you have with Jesus and The Father guided by The Holy Spirit.. The most secure way of doing this is to ensure you are led by The Holy Spirit in all you do and love all as God Loves so that Jesus is Lord of all you do.

The first thing you need to do in regard to keeping your salvation is to believe God is able to keep it and that it is worth keeping. Then, according to how much you value it will determine what you are willing to do to keep it.

Salvation is a relationship (Jn 17:3) so to maintain your salvation you also need to maintain this relationship. John 17:3 states:

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

In a relationship you need to get to know the other person so the first thing you need to do get to know God and His part in the relationship as well as what you need to do to be able to correctly relate to Him and maintain your part of the relationship:

Who He is?

What He has done for you

What He requires of you to maintain the relationship

What is promised if you maintain your side of the relationship.

All this is found in The Bible which is why you need to study it. You also need to be guided by The Holy Spirit so you will correctly understand what is in The Bible.

Jesus called us His friends and said that if we loved Him, we would obey what He requires of us.

Joh 15:14 says *“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”*

He also said we were His spiritual brothers and sisters (brethren) if we related to Him correctly. We are told in Luke 8:

*Luk 8:20 And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.*

*Luk 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.*

So, the first thing you need to do is to make certain Jesus is Lord and that you are obeying what He requires you to do.

You then need to maintain the relationship you have with Him and The Father, guided by The Holy Spirit.

He is your friend and spiritual step brother so you need to get to know how to relate to Him which means you need to spend time talking to Him and listening to Him.

You need to treat Him as your closest friend along with The Father and The Holy Spirit.

Because of our relationship to Him we serve Him out of love for a member of the family we belong to which is the other aspect of the relationship we need to develop.

We do not serve Him out of fear of punishment but out of love for Him.

It is a living relationship which exists 24/7 which means we can talk to Him at any time and He can talk to us at any time.

So, you need to learn to recognize when He is communicating with you. I cover this in another talk about hearing The Holy Spirit who communicates God's Will to us.

*Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

*Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

You must also be willing to do what is required in this relationship and this will only happen if you desire it because you Love Jesus and The Father because of what they have done for you which means you need to know what they have done for you and only as you study The Bible will you find out exactly what Jesus and The Father have done for you.

Jesus said in Joh 14:15

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

To maintain the relationship

You need to Keep Him as your Lord

Pursue holiness and correct stewardship to do this

And do all in His Quality of Love

And you need unwavering faith in who He is and all He has said in The Bible

**A warning**

Hypocrisy is not logical. To say you believe something but do not act on it shows you really do not believe it or you would do it regardless of the personal cost to you.

So if you say you follow Jesus but do not obey The Bible or believe it is all true, you either need deliverance, worship a god that is not The God of The Bible, do not really believe The Bible or do not really want to follow Jesus and are a hypocrite.

Hypocrisy is the result of a wrong focus on God, who He is and what He has done in and through Jesus. It is a belief that you can do the opposite of what you know to be true (what God says) and that you believe you will not suffer any punishment or adversity for this deliberate disobedience. It is obvious hypocrisy is a result of the deception a devil places on a person so the person will need deliverance to see the truths that will remove the hypocrisy in their life.

A person who says things out of ignorance of the truth is not a hypocrite as they believe what they say. A hypocrite believes something but does not do it.

A hypocrite and nonbeliever do not make it to heaven neither do lukewarm Christians who follow God as it suits them to follow Him as they desire too and not as they are supposed to. These types of people cannot appear before God and therefore do not inherit The Kingdom of God! The defiling of their sin also prevents them entering The Kingdom of God as nothing defiled can enter it. A hypocrite cannot appear before the Throne of God and present their case as they are unclean (defiled).

### **Some attitudes required to keep your salvation**

*Col 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

Your focus needs to be on Jesus, Your Lord and Saviour, and the things He requires of you to do or the world of Satan will come between Jesus and you and you will be led astray and do wrong (sin).

Holiness results from this correct focus and without holiness you do not go to heaven.

Jesus has redeemed you and purchased you with His life. He is your Lord so you should focus on what He wants you to do, rejecting all that Satan asks you to do or tries to get you to do and do only what your Lord, Jesus, desires you to do. After all, that is what a citizen of The Kingdom of God would do and Jesus is the King of that Kingdom.

*Matthew 6:33-34 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

It is living in accordance with the principles of Mat 6:33 seeking His will in all you do as you go through the day and concentrating on it, believing that as you obey Him in all things seeking the expansion of His Kingdom and deepening the relationship, He has with you, all you need now, for the future and in eternity and beyond will be supplied by God.

All Jesus has for you that has been prepared by Him, told to you personally by The Holy Spirit or which is found in The Bible as well as ministry and marriage partner will be on that path prepared for you, by Him, from before the creation of The world (Eph 2:10) and all you need to do is obey, doing what He asks you to do each day and you will be on that path of obedience He has prepared for you.

*Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Never argue, assume, reason or react to anything but ask The Holy Spirit what to do about the situation or event. Satan can guide you in these or use reactions and habits to lead you astray. It is only as you are guided by Him will you fully do what God requires you to do. If He does not guide you then it is man's reasoning or demons leading you.

Never accept any criticism as valid until you have taken it to the Holy Spirit and seen if it is a valid criticism. If it is a valid criticism, you need to do something about it. If it is not then forget it and do not let Satan try and make you think about it. If he reminds you of it send him to the Throne of Judgment in Jesus' Name asking The Holy Spirit to replace the demon you cast off.

Do not let Satan make the problems of another person your problems but take everything to The Spirit to see if what they criticized you for is valid.

Satan has to make you believe something is there that is not there or something is not there that is there and he does this through raising doubts in your mind. This is why you need to take everything to The Holy Spirit to see if what is said is true.

When The Bible is silent or you do not understand it what it says, ask The Holy Spirit about it. He will either show you what you need to know or send someone to help you when it is time for you to know.

It is as you guided by The Holy Spirit that you avoid the snares that Satan lays down for you.

As you walk in obedience before Jesus placing His Will above your own, your life becomes a continual worship of Him.

You must learn to walk with one ear open to The Holy Spirit. He is The Guide Jesus gave you to help you live as you should. He is:

Your Teacher to guide you, teach you and give you understanding of what Jesus and The Father desire you to learn

The one who empowers you to do the work of Jesus

The person who marks you as belonging to Jesus and shows you are authorised to represent Him

A person whose presence is in your spirit and sets you apart as sacred to God.

As He works in you, He also transforms your mind to that which Jesus desires it to be so you will know how to live a holy life (the resultant lifestyle of being fully led by The Holy Spirit). Because your life is holy (wholly) to the Lord it will also be a life that worships Him by all it does. You then become living sacrifice as you put the Will of Jesus ahead of your own will in all you do (Rom 12:1-2).

These attitudes will hinder Satan as he tries to make you fit into his world and lifestyle and keep you from losing your salvation.

## **Introduction**

Keeping your salvation is really Kingdom living - living as a citizen of The Kingdom of God and developing the relationship you have with your King as well as developing the attitudes you should have towards your King.

Your objective in life should be to seek the purposes of The King in every area of your relationships: to God, Satan, self, family, friends, Christians, non-Christians, animals, all you come into contact with in your daily life. You should not be concerned about the future as that is the responsibility of The King (Mat 6:33).

His promise is that as you seek His purposes (His Kingdom) and His Righteousness (being in a correct relationship with Him), He will supply all you need to live and serve Him. That includes your needs for living on this earth, spiritual growth, maturity, ministry and rewards in that order as well as anything prophesied for you as well as all you need to be prepared to live in eternity with Him. Your life on earth is guided by God to prepare you to live as a citizen of The Kingdom now and then in heaven itself.

To keep your salvation, you must stay in The Kingdom, obeying its rules, serving its King, defending it, being used to expand it, and putting The King's requirements first in all you do. Matthew 6:33 applies here and is really directed toward a citizen of The Kingdom (as is the rest of the Sermon on The Mount).

Naturally it is understood that your relationship with The Father and your King, Jesus, is of paramount importance and all must be directed at preserving and developing this.

The Sermon on the Mount is the manifesto of The Kingdom and was preached to the disciples to challenge them to become a follower of Jesus and live that lifestyle. It dealt with the correct attitudes you should have to God and His Kingdom as well as to others and should be studied by all in regards to these if you want to live as a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

Jesus always preached spiritual things so this sermon gives the attitude your spirit needs to get to heaven and serve Jesus on earth.

To keep your salvation, you need to know the four 'R's: your Relationships, Rights, Responsibilities and Rewards. In other words, you need to understand what God will allow you to do, what you can ask Him for, how you are to relate to Him, and what rewards He has to make it all worthwhile. You must believe two things: God is a rewarder (Hebrews 11:6); and that your salvation is worth keeping. You must believe the latter in order to desire to keep your salvation.

Along with the four 'R's, there are the three 'P's: His Protection, His Provision and His Providence (His control of, providing for as well as the directing of your lives). These 'P's are how God governs us, protects us, provides for you and plans your life for His Glory and your benefit.

Then there are the two 'W's, the two witnesses that God uses to guide us: The Word (The Bible) and the Witness of The Holy Spirit. This is how God speaks to you, teaches you and directs you for His purposes.

Then there is the one 'J', Jesus who made it all possible (our Lord, Saviour and Ruler of The Kingdom of God).

You need to know these basic things and how to develop them in your life in order to keep your salvation. They are all found in The Bible which is the main reason every citizen of The Kingdom of should study and memorise The Bible.

**The Basic Message is Love**

I asked The Holy Spirit what was the chief message of this booklet (and indeed of the whole Christian life). He said that God is Love and everything He does is a result of His Love. Satan tries to make you fearful (negate God's Love or believe God is indifferent to you) or to distract or deceive you so that you cannot see or appreciate God's Love or Purposes for you. He tries to damage you so God cannot use you for His purposes.

If Satan can deceive you about God or distract you from His Will, then you will start to do things which Satan can use to take you further away from God, such as worry, anxiety, and fear. So, the message God wanted to convey in this section is that He is Love and everything He does toward you is Love. You should not fear what happens as God's Love is in control.

It is this love that drives you to the two ministries of salvation: guiding people from Satan's realm to God's then being used to deliver them from the things Satan has placed upon them,

**Examples of God's Love are:**

Sending Jesus to teach you His requirements, then having Him die for each one of you to so you could be reconciled with God and thus relate to God and become citizens of His Kingdom with all the benefits that flow from this citizenship.

Accepting you into His Spiritual Kingdom (and Heaven)

Desiring an intimate, personal relationship with you

Delivering you from the kingdom of darkness and its effects on you as well as from the fate of its citizens

Taking you to Heaven when you die to a mansion, He has prepared for you

Testing you through trials (which are a sign of His love) to mature you into His Image and to prove to Satan that He is correct in the way Jesus rewards you and gives you authority over Satan as well as using them to remove all that would stop you going to heaven to be with Him.

In Mercy, Punishing/Correcting/Chastising you to turn you from error, rather than destroying or crippling you so that you cannot do anything

Giving you the privilege of serving Him

Taking a personal interest in you to develop you to the fullest potential you allow Him too.

Providing all you need to obey Him and live

Giving you The Holy Spirit to teach you and to help you to do your part in all these things.

### **How Should His Love affect us?**

You need to love others as God loves them. It is a command (Jn. 13:34-35) so there is no choice in this. There is no escape clause or other way out of this commandment. It must be obeyed!

You must understand God's Love to yourself and others as then you will be able to love as He loves. This is easy when you see God's Heart of Love and how He Sees you.

You need to trust God's Love and express this through the principles of Mat 6:33 that, as you, through faith seek a deeper relationship with Him and the expansion of His Kingdom, He will provide all you need to do His work and show His love towards others in all you do.

### **The Relevance of The Kingdom of God**

I asked The Holy Spirit what to teach about Kingdom. The Holy Spirit said that "without faith it is impossible to please Him" and that "He is a rewarder". He also said to love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself. This is The Kingdom and sums up all the Law and The Prophets.

The first part is a hint at Hebrews 11:6. You must believe that God is who He says He is, that what He says is true and that His rewards are worth the effort of following and obeying Him. The second is a reference to the summary of the Law and the New Commandment of Jesus (Luke 10:26,27 and John 13:34,35, Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37; Matthew 22:39; Mark 12:30.)

You are to express God's Quality of Love and Character to all you meet and in all you do (especially in ministering on His behalf). Anything that is not done in this Quality of Love is not of God or of His Character or of The Kingdom. This is perhaps the single best guideline to keeping your salvation and ministering correctly.

Whenever you interact with anyone you are to show God's Love. The exceptions being demons but even then, you are to relate to them as Jesus desires you to and show them respect.

You can respect a person without having to like them or what they do.

By the way you interact with others, you either worship God (give Him Glory) or sin (fall short of His requirements). A test of your faith is how you express God's love to others. God is Love and if you believe in Him and who He is you will show that same love to all around you as well as to yourself.

### **The Approach to this Discourse**

You have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light; therefore, you need to look at your salvation in light of your citizenship in the Kingdom of Light. You have eternal life as a result of your relationship with Jesus and the Father, therefore, you will also need to look at maintaining your salvation in light of these relationships. The Holy Spirit has been sent to guide you in these relationships so you will need to be able to hear His guidance as well as any understanding He gives of a situation or relationship.

Developing an intimate love relationship with Jesus and The Father as guided by The Holy Spirit, as well as obeying them completely, is necessary for you to keep your salvation. Unfortunately, this is not taught in churches and is rarely taught anywhere else; yet, it is the core of working at keeping your salvation and of your life with Them in eternity and beyond.

There are the four major areas to keep in mind in regard to maintaining your salvation:

First of all, how you got into this relationship with the Father and Jesus, so that you were delivered from the Kingdom of Darkness and its effects on you, Secondly, what you were delivered from and what you were delivered to, Thirdly, you need to look at the 'R's, the 'P's and the 'W's as well as how Jesus fits into the scheme of things.

Then, underlying all of this is God's Love, which is the basis for all these interactions. Without His Love, these interactions do not even occur and you will look to your own selfish ends. Ignoring God's Love in you will result in serving your own selfish pleasures and your fleshly lusts rather than God's purposes and His Love.

You should be motivated to serve God because of what His Love has done, is doing, and will do for you. Because everything God allows to happen to you is a result of His love, and you should be thankful in all that occurs to you regardless of whether or not you understand why it is happening. It is out of this love for Him that you should serve Him and show His love to others.

## What Is the Gospel

The foundation of The Gospel is that God loved you when you did not deserve this love and sent Jesus to die on the Cross to remove all that stood between you and God so that you could enter into a personal relationship with them and enjoy all the benefits of this relationship. This was an act of Grace, an expression of His Love towards you which you did not deserve or even know you needed!

All God does and has done is directed at restoring the relationship He had with mankind in the Garden of Eden He values that relationship so much.

Your response should be to obey Jesus out of Love and gratitude for what He has done for you, not just because He is God or Lord of all (which is why demons obey Him).

It is The Gospel of The Kingdom. The fact you are transferred, by your faith in Jesus, from being a citizen of the kingdom of Satan (the world system he rules) to becoming a citizen of The Kingdom of God with all the subsequent relationships, rights, roles, responsibilities and rewards.

It is not just the Gospel of Salvation (which is the power of God to save us) but it also includes the entrance to the relationship with God (Salvation), your citizenship in the Kingdom of God with the resultant delegated authority to defeat Satan and overthrow him and all that his kingdom tries to trap you with. It is the entirety of the relationship you enter into, which is then expressed in your life as you represent God and serve Him in gratitude and loving obedience.

Salvation is a relationship with Jesus and The Father (John 17:3) as guided by The Holy Spirit, and you keep your salvation by cultivating your relationship with God.

How do you cultivate these relationships with The Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit?

By learning all you can about Jesus and The Father and by spending time talking to Their representative, The Holy Spirit. He teaches you about Jesus and The Father and how to relate to Them as well as what They require of you when it is not plainly clear from Their Guidebook (The Bible).

It would be foolish to ignore these relationships, as these relationships are the basis of your eternal life (our citizenship in Heaven). So, each day you need to meditate on, read or study The Bible, in which you learn about these relationships, as well as talk to Jesus, The Father, and The Holy Spirit and listen to Their replies and the guidance through The Holy Spirit.

(It is suggested you read The Bible and ask The Lord for a verse to meditate on during the day).

The relationship you enter into with Jesus is first as your Lord and then as your Saviour and citizen of His Kingdom on earth and finally as a spiritual step brother or step sister to Jesus because The Father has adopted you as His child.

The relationship you enter into with the Father is as a citizen of His Kingdom with Jesus as the Ruler of it, which is represented in Heaven, in His people here on and earth as well as in any place the rule of God is.

People do not realise that The Body of Christ is made up of those in heaven and on earth and that in the spiritual there is no real separation of these two groups.

The relationship you have with The Holy Spirit is that of a Guardian/mentor as a ward, whom He comforts and guides to maturity as a citizen of The Kingdom.

Where is the Kingdom? In creation it is in Heaven as well as in the Body of Believers on Earth who express the Kingdom's values as guided by The Holy Spirit. It is also anything or territory on earth that has been given to Jesus to rule. In essence, the Kingdom is where ever God's is.

Is the Kingdom of God in churches? Only in the people there in whom He is Lord. It is not in the building.

Remember that The Kingdom is spiritual which is why The Temple was removed as now God's Temple is in His People!

Satan has his kingdom on earth for just a little while longer until Jesus orders him to hand it back to Him for His Millennial Rule. Satan tries to get it back at the end of the 1000 year reign after he is released from the bottomless pit. This desire of his to take back the Kingdom from Jesus leads to the final battle of good and evil and the final of the punishment of Satan and the fallen angels as well as of all mankind. The followers of Jesus are rewarded and those rejecting Jesus are sent to follow Satan (their king) to his punishment (reward Gal 6:7-8 as he reaps what he has sown).

While final Judgment occurs at the Great White Throne Judgment. Sentence is carried out there when we die (Heb 9:27).

At The Great White Throne judgment all is removed that defiled the universe so it is once again as it was in the beginning.

Note that it is possible to accept Jesus as Lord but not as Saviour. This is the situation of demons who have to accept Jesus as Lord but do not love him or voluntarily obey Him so have no salvation relationship with Him.

This is a trap Satan has set for many in the church in that they follow Jesus as Lord but do not relate to Him in an intimate way so that they do not have salvation and do not

serve out of love but out of fear of hell (although fear of hell is a good incentive for obedience).

The Christian life consists of trusting God's Love; trusting God's Purposes, trusting God's Plans; trusting God's Control; trusting God's Timing, and trusting His Promises. It also consists of being a faithful steward of all He has given you and of being faithful and obedient to what He asks you to do. You do this out of love of and appreciation of Him and thankfulness for what He has done for you.

Remember, you are moved from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light; from the judgment and the wrath of God to peace with God; from opposition to God to working in harmony with Him; from enmity (hostility, strong hatred) to God to friendship (fellowship) with God. This is why, in all things, you should give thanks to The Father as now you are under the jurisdiction of God's Love and protected by His complete control over all your circumstances. All that happens from the moment you become a citizen of God's Kingdom occurs because God Loves you and makes it possible for you to be His Citizen.

### **'J' is for Jesus**

Unless you know and understand who Jesus is and what He has done for you out of H, you will not strive to make Him Lord and do His Will, develop the Salvation relationship you have with Him or desire to keep your salvation.

Jesus came to reconcile you to God and to restore the original relationship man had with God in the Garden of Eden. This is why salvation is a relationship and not just a singular event or an act such as "inviting Jesus into your heart." You are transferred from Satan's Kingdom to God's Kingdom when you accept Jesus as your King (Lord) and are able then enter into an intimate relationship with Him and The Father (John 17:3).

Jesus did all that was required at Calvary to enable you to do your part to enter in and keep this relationship, as well as to secure for eternity what He has promised you. He is the Author and Finisher of your faith (the one who makes it possible then provides all you need to mature in your faith till you reach heaven and His presence). You enter this relationship by voluntarily declaring that Jesus is your Lord and God and accepting Him as such in your life. you also accept all He taught you and did at Calvary as well as the facts of His Incarnation and Resurrection.

You maintain this relationship by living as He requires you to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. This is how you keep your salvation. In essence, salvation is worked out on an ongoing basis by fulfilling your role as a citizen of The Kingdom of God and by your obedience allowing Him to continue the work He started in you when you were translated into The Kingdom of Light.

If you do not obey Jesus you can lose your salvation (Rev 3:5).

Out of love for Jesus, you should try and think as He does and do as He would do toward others, to love them as He loves them, putting their needs before your own, being directed by The Holy Spirit in all these things (especially ministry).

Love, however, never does for another what they should be doing for themselves; and should only be carried out in the way Jesus has directed you to carry it out.

### The two 'W's

God has given you two witnesses to what The Father and Jesus have done. Both of them are given to help you develop this relationship with The Father and Jesus, as well as to help you know who and what you are in Jesus and what is required of you as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

These two Witnesses are:

The Witness of The Word (Jesus/The Bible)

The Witness of The Holy Spirit

Both of these are a necessary part of the life of a citizen of the Kingdom who truly want to relate to and serve their King as they are required to do. Both of these witness to Jesus and The Fathers' plans for you.

The Word purifies you as you meditate on it and as it resides in you. The Word also moulds you to be like your King. There is much The Word does and a study on The Word and its effects on people is worth consideration. Remember what God says about it:

*2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed (work/service).*

The Holy Spirit's presence in you marks you as belonging to Jesus and guides and empowers you to do what the King (Jesus) wants. He also instructs you in the things of The Kingdom as well as guides you when The Word is silent or unclear in a situation in which you find yourself.

Both of these witnesses need to be in place in your life, actively moulding you to the image of your King, in order for you, as a citizen, to witness to and serve effectively The Kingdom of God. When these two witnesses are in place in your life, they will display the Kingdom of God in your life with power and authority. The sick will be healed, the prisoners will be released from the bondage of the enemy, and people will be drawn to Jesus by the quality of your life so you can tell them of what Jesus has done for you and can do for them.

The seven-fold anointing of The Messiah will be upon you and your God-given ministry:

It is the anointing to release from oppression,  
It is the anointing to set the captives free,  
It is the anointing to proclaim liberty,  
It is the anointing to declare the year of the Lord,  
It is the anointing to preach good news,  
It is the anointing to deliver people from enemy attacks  
It is the anointing to set the spiritually blind free.

The anointing for the deliverance ministry is included in one of the two ministries of The Lord and is mentioned in Isaiah 61:1,2 which was quoted by Jesus at the start of His Ministry to the disciples as the evidences of His activities being those of The Messiah (Luke 4:18-19). Remember that these seven anointings refer to spiritual areas, but their outward workings will be seen in the physical realm as demonic bondages are removed and healing and restoration occurs. One who is a mature 'son of God' moves in all these areas at various times as required by Jesus.

The work of Jesus before He died can be summarized as follows:

Proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of The Kingdom in power and glory. Teach about the Kingdom of God, Heaven and the King's requirements of His citizens (and their rewards).

Training others to carry on the ministry He started.

Your life should reflect the two 'W's, and you should know them so well that they should become a natural expression in all you do. If you do not know them, you cannot express them. If you do not know what God teaches, you cannot express His Rule in your life and teach others these things. If you do not know the Holy Spirit you can neither be led by Him in all you do, nor can He express the gifts through you that you have been given that He can use to empower you so that you can serve as Jesus desires you too and not as you think you should.

The Three 'P's

His Protection, His Provision, His Providence.

God loves everyone and desires that all will be saved from the kingdom of darkness. He sustains the evil people in this world in the hope they will repent. Your response to this Love determines whether you spend eternity with Him or in hell with His enemy. You are also to love people as He does even though you may not like or approve of what they do. This also includes enemies and relatives you do not like etc.

**His Protection**

As a citizen of His Kingdom, He protects you from harm as long as you obey Him and have not removed any part of ourselves from His Lordship of you life. You remove parts of yourself from His Kingdom through knowingly disobeyed Jesus such as having an incorrect attitude in an area of your life so that He is not lord of it or, through willfully sinning, rejecting His Lordship in an area.

Admitting the sin, repenting and giving the area to Him restores this part of yourself to the Kingdom of God and to His Protection once again. Anything not given to Jesus can be attacked by Satan. Anything given to Jesus cannot be attacked by Satan successfully because you do not want what he offers.

In a sense, Lordship and its resultant obedience is your protection as Satan cannot get you to accept anything of his which he needs you to do for you to sin.

There are people in hell who lived perfectly good Christian life and served Jesus well but refused to forgive another so were in rebellion against Him and so are in hell.

**His Provision**

God provides for all the needs of every living person. He also gives you what you need to minister to Him and for Him (Matt 6:33). You serve Jesus and your first service is to Him and then as He directs to others. If you do not seek His Will you will not do His Perfect Will as a steward of all the He has given you to care for on His behalf (Ministry, family, possessions your body, your employment, relationships, anything you have authority over). As a result, you will expend time and energy on things Jesus does not want you to do as you should not be steward of them to have to look after them.

You do not need to sin to hinder or stop the work of God. Satan has persuaded many Christians to do what is second best for God and not do what He actually wants them to do. By this Satan hinders or stops the work of God.

There are three levels in this provision of God and each lower level is included in and necessary for the subsequent levels.

In ascending levels these are:

- Your basic needs to exist as a person and know the salvation He offers (for non-Christians)
- Your additional needs in order to serve Him (for Christians who want to serve Him)
- Your rewards for serving Him (For His faithful servants)

These areas affect your life on Earth as well as your future life in eternity, in Heaven and beyond, (which are just a continuation of the relationship with, and service to Jesus, you have on earth now).

Are there rewards for service in heaven? The Bible is silent but there is a principle that exists in Gal 6:7-8 and Heb 11:6 that service will result in rewards of some sort. Not necessarily the type of rewards you know on earth.

Remember that Salvation is a reward resulting from faithful obedience to Jesus and this alone should make the struggles of The Christian life all worthwhile.

Serving others in heaven is not done for reward but out of love for the person and Jesus and this is the attitude we need to cultivate on earth so that we are prepared for heaven. This attitude is developed more and more as we appreciate more and more the Love of Jesus for us and what He has done for us.

### **His Providence**

His Providence means He controls all things for His purposes and for your good and that all that happens is for your best (Genesis 50:20, Jer 29:11, Romans 8:28).

God is Love, and this is the basis for evaluating all He does to you and for you. Any other evaluation of His motives results in complaining and thanklessness and causes you to question His Love for you as well as to bring His Love and Character into disrepute. This is why you are told to be always thankful for whatever happens, even though you cannot see God's Purposes in them at the time, as what happens is an expression of His love, and you should be grateful for that.

Remember, His plans are more important than your plans. You cannot fully understand the plans of the mind of God with your finite mind, so you should not question them. Questioning the ways of God does not give you understanding and may even make you more negative toward His workings in your life (Isaiah 55:8,9 and Deuteronomy 29:29). It also implies He does not know what He is doing. He will always tell you what you need to know.

### **The four 'R's**

They are: relationships, rights, responsibilities and rewards for carrying out your citizenship responsibilities correctly. Salvation is a relationship that gives you certain rights, responsibilities and rewards.

### **Relationships:**

You relate to: God

God The Father

As an adopted child

As a citizen of His Kingdom

As a worshipper

A beneficiary of His Love

## **God The Son**

As your Lord (King)  
As your Saviour  
As your Friend  
As His family  
Step brother or Step sister of Jesus

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## **The Holy Spirit**

As a student of  
As His temple (His vehicle in this world) As your Guide and Comforter  
As your empowerer

## **Others**

Inside or outside your family  
Those under your authority (You serve them) Those in authority over you (You obey them)

## **Ourselves**

People you are sent to minister to (serve people and not control them)  
People sent to minister to us (we submit to them as they minister to us so we can learn from them)  
Your Spirit - to keep it in harmony with The King and His Kingdom Your heart - so that it is continuously focused on the things of Jesus  
Your soul (mind) - to keep it sound and focused on The Kingdom  
Your flesh - to discipline so Satan cannot use it  
Your body - to keep it fit for the work of The Kingdom

## **Rights:**

To serve God and then, as directed by Him, His citizens and others  
To expect the support and protection of The King as you serve Him  
To approach the King and expect a hearing  
To have your needs met so you can serve Him (as all is His and you are only stewards of what He has so if He does not give it to you to be a steward of you cannot serve Him effectively in that stewardship)  
All the rights you have as an heir of Salvation

These rights are gifts granted by The King because of your relationship to Him and not because of anything you have done to make you worthy to receive these gifts. They are an expression of His Love and Grace towards you.

## **Responsibilities:**

To serve and represent The King as He directs you too

To defend the King, His Will (desires, rules and laws), His Name (His Character) and His Kingdom. Jesus builds His kingdom but we must be available to go wherever He wants us too and do whatever He asks of us so He can use us in this task.

To be good stewards of what The King has trusted you with

To do your part in the salvation relationship and develop it as He asks you too through obedience to His requirements of you.

To love others and yourself as He loves all

Remember that ministry is first to God. Then He will tell you when, where, how and in what way He desires you to serve Him but has the right not to tell you why you are serving Him that way. It is wrong to talk about 'our' ministry. We, as citizens of the Kingdom, do not have our own ministry. What we do have is service to the King and then to others as directed by your King. This means you minister in seasons as He directs you too and uses each season to teach you and mould you in an area. These seasons are the way He matures you into His image (Character) so you can be like Him in thought and action.

We really only have one ministry and that is to our King, Jesus. All Kingdom ministry to others is a result of this.

## **God Given Rewards (Gal 6:7,8):**

Being in His eternal presence with Him in heaven and beyond

His eternal provision for your needs: now, in heaven and beyond

Rewards in Heaven (including a mansion to live in with Him forever)

Rewards of additional spiritual responsibility (promotion on earth) and the resultant appropriate empowerment

The rewards of an heir of Salvation

## **On Temptation**

To keep your salvation you will need to avoid falling into sin when tempted.

What is temptation?

Temptation is an enticement to sin, either from demons or from the desires of your heart or 'flesh'. You only sin when you accept what demons suggest and make up your mind to do it even if you do not do the thing the demon has suggested.

## **How does temptation occur?**

Temptation occurs when you take your eyes off God and His revealed will and accept what Satan offers you through his world system. Sin occurs when you desire what Satan offers

you more than the revealed will of God and you accept in your heart what Satan offers you (James 1:14-15).

Sin is simply falling short of the expression of God's type of Love as defined in The Bible, told you by The Holy Spirit or expressed in the laws of the land in some way.

Sin involves ignoring both in the spiritual and physical realms the consequences of the temptation.

What is the mechanism of temptation?

*(James 1:13-15 KJV) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

*1 Jn 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

What is the promise of God in regards to temptation?

*1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

What is the warning of God in regards to temptation?

*(1 Cor 10:12) Those who think are strong enough to stand against trials in their own strength need to be careful in case they sin through pride or a weakness.*

What is the promise to overcomers?

*(James 1:12 KJV) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

## **Focus on Jesus**

The whole purpose of Satan is to take your focus off Jesus and the things he desires you to do so that Satan can replace them with his things and his desires for you. One important facet of keeping your salvation is to focus on Jesus and His things and to ignore the things of Satan (Col 3:1-3) casting out everything of his that tries to take entrance into you (2 Cor 10:5).

This is called holiness!

Remember, Satan cannot make you do anything unless you agree to it so if you resist what he offers and you will not sin. But if you accept what Satan offers then sin has entered you and you may need deliverance to remove its effects.

### **Attitudes that will help you keep your salvation**

It is one thing to obtain salvation and another to continue on from there, maintaining this salvation relationship in your daily life.

Each day start off by giving it to Jesus and thanking Him for it. Greet The Father and The Holy Spirit and thank them for what they are going to do for you that day and have done for you already while you were asleep.

Guard your mind as to what it accepts as inputs into your soul and spirit. This will help keep your 'temple of God' pure. The best input is The Bible and meditation on the Bible. Sound teaching is also good in whatever form you obtain it.

Develop intimacy with The Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit and learn to hear their voice as they speak to you through The Bible, your conscience, your mind's thoughts and Godly counsel.

Don't talk to people about your salvation if they do not believe in salvation (unless The Holy Spirit tells you too) but tell those who need it and are willing to accept it about how Jesus set you free and the freedom He offers them. God will bring these people to you and The Holy Spirit will guide you and tell you what to say to them.

DO NOT SEEK MIRACLES AND SIGNS. These are a result of your relationship with Jesus and if you seek them wrongly Satan will give you his versions of them. Develop intimacy with Jesus and The Father and these will be a natural result of this. If you seek them before seeking God you make them into an idol and Satan may be able to give you his brand of miracles.

Anything placed before God and His purposes is an idol.

Do not seek prosperity as the world measures it. God's prosperity will naturally result from the relationship you have with Him (Mat 6:33). It will be prosperity as God wants and not

as Satan wants you to have it. Satan's prosperity will lead you astray from God and bind you up in the world and its system (Ps 75:6-7).

Do not fall for the trap of giving to God and expecting Him to give back more.

If you do that you are imposing your will on His. It is also giving for the wrong reason and God will not honour it. It is giving to get something back from God and that is not giving as God defines it.

Remove all from your house that is ungodly. Ask The Holy Spirit to show you what to remove. If you are the owner of the house, dedicate your house and all in it to Jesus and the purpose of His Kingdom. If renting then the area rented can be dedicated.

Keep every area of your life under the Lordship (authority, requirements and purposes) of Jesus. If Satan does attack and Jesus is your Lord of that area then you will not fall.

Show God's Love to all around you, in all you do. Develop the mind (attitudes and thought patterns) of Jesus. Develop the Fruit of The Holy Spirit in your life.

Continually walk in fellowship with Jesus talking to Him, The Father and The Holy Spirit as you walk through life. This will stop your mind being invaded by demons. If your mind is caught up with Jesus and His things Satan cannot successfully place his thoughts in it. Satan has to displace your Godly thoughts with his ungodly ones so he can deceive or distract you to sin.

In everything give thanks to God (1 Thes 5:18) and show you appreciate what He has done for you as this is the will of God for you. He has either caused it to happen or allowed it to happen for your best interests.

Never doubt God's Love, Control, Plans or purposes for your life as that questions His Nature and His Love for you. Besides, there is really nothing to replace these things except the reasonings of men and the prompting of demons, both which result in harm to you and possibly a loss of your salvation.

**In Summary**

You should express the same quality of love to all as The Father does, in that He loves everyone, not just those who are in a correct relationship with Him. He must hate their sin, but He loves them as His Children as He created them and they are still His children.

You should ask The Holy Spirit what the Father's Will is for you to perform in regard to a person or situation and then do it. If the Holy Spirit is silent, then you must use the guidelines of The Bible as to how you are to relate to others (in love: in sound, positive, edifying speech; in having a servant heart, etc.) illustrating the character of The Father and Jesus.

Because God is Love, you can wholeheartedly trust Him as you interact with Him. His love keeps you in the Kingdom and helps you to stay there. you can trust His Love in all things. The moment you start to doubt God's Love, you start to fall from the main guiding principle of The Kingdom: faith and trust in His Love.

### **How to Live Each Day**

As you obey God in all the small things you do each day as guided by The Holy Spirit and The Bible, you turn your life into a worship offering as you show, by your actions, that God and His guidelines are worthy of being followed in all things, not just the 'important' things.

Christian living is not a matter of doing great things for God but doing well the everyday, mundane tasks He gives you to do. Few of you will do 'great things' for God on a regular basis, but all of you can do properly the little things He asks you to do each day.

When you do all things out of Love for Jesus and His Kingdom (so He gets all The Glory) as well as love for the one in need, you satisfy the requirements of God.

So, you should

Put God and His Kingdom first in everything

Do everything in Love

Obey the Bible

Develop the relationship you have with God as a citizen of His Kingdom

Listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance

Cast out every negative or wrong thought in Jesus' Name

In everything give thanks to the Lord Jesus and The Father

Never doubt God's Love, Control, Purpose and Plans for you. If you do there is nothing left to replace these but your own efforts and reasonings or the suggestions of demons. Your failure using these is what is drove you to God in the first place.

### **Christian Dissatisfaction**

If you question something God has done, consider it was the wrong thing to do, complain about it or question what He is doing you are saying He has made a mistake and is not perfect, therefore in your eyes He no longer is God and you cannot believe anything He says in The Bible. This also applies to saying God should have done something or that He is not going to do it now without actually being told these things by Him.

It also questions His Love which is the basis of all He does for you.

Be careful what you say about the workings of God in case you call Him into question and by this imply you believe He is not God or a God of Love.

The Mat 6:33 lifestyle requires a complete trust in God. An unquestioning belief that God is Love, and, that God's Plan for your life is perfect

God has a perfect plan for your life. All you have to do is be obedient in all He asks you to do and you will walk in the centre of this plan. Mat 6:33, Rom 8:28, Phil 4:13 and Mark 16:17-18 will apply to all you do.

**Conclusion**

The Christian life is a decision you make. If you seek to live it as you should, Jesus will give you all the help He can. If you are only half-hearted then you will be at the mercy of Satan in the areas that you have not given to Jesus to be Lord of.

It is solely your responsibility as it is solely you who decides to accept Satan's suggestions and sin or accept God's suggestions to resist the sin and grow in His love and Grace.

Remember, The Holy Spirit is your guide and teacher (although He will also use The Bible and godly people at times) so you should learn to listen to Him and to learn from Him as He is always there to help and teach you what you need to know at that moment of time and has been given by Jesus to guide you, help you, empower you and to direct and mature you into the image of God. But the only person who can do your side of this partnership with God, is you.

**Epilogue**

*Phil 3:20 For our conversation (our example on how to live) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

Heaven is your home and you are a pilgrim and traveler in a foreign land, representing your King and His Kingdom by the way you live and in what you do. Accordingly, you should look to Him and His Kingdom for the values and purposes you have in this journey on earth.

If He is Lord of your life, you will do this. If He is not then you will accept some of the values and purposes of His enemy.

The more Jesus is Lord of your life, the more will be your focus on His values and purposes.

As you seek Jesus and His Will, because you love Him and want Him to rule your life, putting His values and purposes first in all you do, then the more you will

live the life of obedience He requires of you to live and you will walk in the path He has prepared for you from before creation on which are all the good things He has for you now and in eternity.