OUR GAURANTEE

I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

In Ephesians 4:15 the scripture says

Speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in all aspects into the head, which is Christ.

Galatians 4.1 states that

an heir as long as he is a child is no different than a slave, even though he is the owner of all things.

As Christians we have been born into the family of God by his super natural, imperishable seed.

God expects his children to grow up into their full stature.

As his children, we are supposed to grow into mature sons, heirs of all things, and joint heirs with Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

The day we got saved, God made his eternal life, and His kingdom available to us. But if we remain as babies we won't be able to access everything that he has made available, even though he has made us heirs of His kingdom with Christ.

It seems that over the generations, religion has turned the supernatural transformation of our nature by Christ through His Holy Spirit, into a religious survival method, to try and get by in this world system.

Philippians 1.5 declares that the gospel does not consist in word only but also in power. Modern religion has turned it into an academic gospel, void of power, saying that the Bible is the only thing necessary to accomplish God's purposes.

Jesus said in John 6:63 that

It's the spirit that gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Jesus also chided the Pharisees saving,

you search the scriptures thinking that in them you find eternal life, but they testify of me, and you won't come to me that you may have the life.

Please note that when Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about entering the kingdom of God in John 3, he didn't say, brother you need to study the Bible more. He said you must be born of the spirit so that you can enter the kingdom of God.

The modern church has encouraged Christians to pray continually. unfortunately we usually pray bless me prayers. God bless my marriage, my children, my job, my investments, and all of my current problems in this world.

Let me ask a question? If God answers all of those prayers and blesses and fixes every problem and circumstance in our lives to our satisfaction, what does He get out of that?

The Father is expecting His children, who are born of His imperishable seed, to grow up into mature sons and daughters who manifest the Father's eternal life to the entire world.

When we encounter any type of negative situation, Christians are encouraged to pray. We begin to pray, God do this, and God do the other thing.

It often seems like we are petitioning a God who seems to live out in the ozone somewhere in a distant galaxy, to get off his throne and start fixing our stuff. We pray as though God has done absolutely nothing for us and that he needs to get busy and start.

The reality is, that through God's supernatural work on our behalf He has done what only the almighty God can do for us.

Let me share just a few scriptures.

Blessed, be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Colossians 1:13

For he delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of our sins.

Colossians 1:30

By his doing, you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption but just as it is written, let him who boasts boast in the Lord.

2 Peter 1.2

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our lord, seeing that his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence. For by these he has granted to us his precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Romans 8.32

He who did not spare his own son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things.

Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 show us that Christ's one perfect sacrifice purchased for us, eternal redemption, eternal inheritance, complete sanctification, and perfection for all time.

These and many other realities have been made available to us because of God's love.

Paul prayed for believers in Ephesians 3.17. I'll read from the Amplified version.

May Christ through your faith actually dwell, settle down, and abide, and make his permanent home in your hearts. May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love.

That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints, God's devoted people, the experience of that love, and know what is the breadth and length and height and depth of it.

That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves, the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience.

That you may be filled through all your being, unto all the fullness of God, and may have the richest measure of the divine presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God himself.

Frankly, I can't comprehend all the fullness of God, but from these scriptures, it seems to be God's intention for his children.

1 John 4:8

God Is Love. By this the love of God was manifest in us, that God has sent his only begotten son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5.6+8

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates his own love towards us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 17.22

The glory which you have given me I have given to them, they may be one, just as we are one. I in them, you in me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that you sent me, and did love them even as you love me.

I've said many times before, that the gospel is supernatural. God is the only one in the universe who can do these things for us, and he did them before we even asked.

Our oneness with God was initiated and established for us by God's love. Our love for him is a response to his incredible love for us and His incredible work on our behalf.

Everything that we receive from God as his children is by inheritance.

We don't receive it because we're great children. We receive it because we have an awesome Daddy.

Ephesians 1.11 Amp

In him we also were made God's heritage, His portion, and we obtained an inheritance, for we have been foreordained, chosen and appointed beforehand, in accordance with His purpose, who works out everything in agreement with the council and design of his own will.

Verse 13+14

In Him you also who have heard the word of truth, the glad tidings, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in and adhere to and relied on him, we're stamped with the seal of the long-promised holy spirit. That spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance, the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring complete possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

John 16.13-15 amp

But when He, the spirit of truth, the truth giving spirit, comes, He will guide you into all the truth, the whole, full truth. He will honor and glorify me, because He will take of, receive, and draw upon, what is mine and He will reveal, declare, disclose, and transmit it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine, that is what I meant when I said that He, the spirit, will take the things that are mine and we'll reveal, declare, disclose, and transmit it to you.

God has made an incredible inheritance available to us. Many Christians seem to operate completely ignorant of this fact, and carry on as though it is completely unnecessary.

The things that God intends for his children are beyond natural comprehension. As it says in 1 Corinthians 2.8,

Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those that love him. For to us God reveal them through the spirit, for the spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The application of Bible teachings without the revelation of the Holy Spirit, produces only a powerless religion the benefits no one but Satan.

Many will say, I go to church, I read the Bible, and I do the very best I can to walk in it. Nobody's perfect, and after all we're only human.

If this was all that was required to restore us back to our original created state before the fall, then Christ died needlessly. See Galatians 2.21.

A careful reading of Romans 6 will show that our death with Christ on the cross was to eliminate our old sinful nature. We are told to consider ourselves as dead to sin, and alive to God in unbroken fellowship with God.

In John 20:22

Jesus appeared to his disciples in the upper room after the resurrection. It says that he breathed on them and said receive the Spirit.

Until this time his disciples had not been born again. There was nothing for them to be born into yet. Jesus's resurrection from the dead opened a new way into the eternal life of God.

Jesus was the firstborn from the dead, the first creation of a new race of men. Life-giving Spirits according to 1st Corinthians 15.45.

He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised.

Acts 1.8

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you should be my Witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria to the ends of the Earth.

Jesus said, John baptized with water, but not many days from now you should be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Our death and resurrection with Christ did away with our old sinful nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve. The Holy Spirit was given to establish the new nature that we were redeemed into.

2 Corinthians 5.17 explains that,

If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old things have passed away, behold new things have come. Now all these things are from God, reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Please note that Jesus didn't say gather in Jerusalem and I will teach you how to go do witnessing for me. He said when you are filled with, submerged into, and overflowing with the Holy Spirit you shall be my witnesses. He will impart to you the ability to accomplish God's purposes with God's ability.

2 Corinthians 3:5 states

not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a New Covenant, not of the letter, but of the spirit, for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

The original Greek word translated as adequacy, means ability, sufficiency, and power.

The day we accepted Christ as our Saviour we were born of God. In other words, the very thing that makes God, God, is the very thing that makes us His children. When Christ was exalted to the Father's right hand, He sent His Holy Spirit to enable us to access our inheritance, to receive for ourselves, and impart and manifest to others the eternal Life of God.

Let's look at a few scriptures.

Gal 4.6+7

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father! Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

It's God's spirit within us that cries out to be one with God.

1 Cor 2.9+10

But just as it is written, things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. For to us God revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Verse 12

now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God...

God's spirit within us reveals to us what we could never know with our natural understanding.

2 Cor 3.17+18

Now the Lord is the spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the spirit.

God's Holy Spirit transforms us by revelation.

Rom 8.1-3

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

Verse 3

But what the law could not do, week as it is through the flesh, God did, sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

The Holy Spirit sets us free from our own hopeless flesh and empowers us to walk by the spirit into everything that God created us for.

Rom 8.16

The spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

The Holy Spirit confirms and reassures us that we really are God's children.

It seems that many Christians' experience is one of wishing, hoping, and praying that on a good day, maybe God would get off His throne and answer their request. And they say, but don't count on it.

The reality is that God not only created an incredible inheritance for us, He gave us His Holy Spirit to gaurantee that we access and gain full possession of it.

It's our inheritance, made available by Christ and gauranteed by His Holy Spirit.

In closing let me share one final thought.

I believe that on the day that God uniquely created us, He smiled and said, I'm going to be able to manifest my love and my life through this one, in an amazing way.

Throughout our lives, we may have been way off track, confused about or even blind to God's calling on our lives. We may have become mired in sin or even outright rebellious towards God.

Malachi 3:6 says

For I, the Lord, do not change, there for you, o sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

In spite of our wanderings, and our failings, the Father has never lost sight of what he created us to be. His all-powerful Holy Spirit is always on hand, to lead us, and transform us, to fulfill the Father's purpose in our lives.

God bless you.

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