

## The Simplicity of the Gospel

-How to experience its liberating and keeping power, daily.

Based on this statement in Early Writings 71 that says,

*I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.*

*"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. **Those who refuse** to be **hewed by the prophets** and fail to **purify their souls** in **obeying the whole truth**, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father.*

*I saw that none could share the "refreshing" unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.*

The question is how then do we obtain that preparation necessary? How does one get the victory over every besetment, over pride, over every wrong word and action?

The key is the "**Knowing**", how to obtain the victory which involves the experience that not only prepares us for that "**refreshing**", but just as importantly will give us a **joyful experience** now. This is what the Lord desires us to have and experience "in Christ."

At the very core of how this happens, one must dig in the treasure house of God's word consistently. This will teach us the "how" and through the process of 'digging' we will eat or sup with Jesus—for He is ever drawing us into this '**abiding experience**'.

Here are passages one should study to acquire this experience:

- II Corinthians 4:10, 11 [these two verses are the pinnacle of the chapter.]

Keep in mind the "**Three Steps to Victory**"

Before we can really understand these three simple steps, which Holy Spirit will teach us, we need to get the “foundation” in place.

The Sanctuary service was and is God’s Foundation in typology in Old Testament and which points to the Realty or Fulfillment in the New Testament—**The Lord Jesus Christ**.

Paul tells us in:

- I Cor 3:10-12 that the foundation has already been laid. [God used the apostle Paul to make the **Gospel** as clear as possible. In this sense he “laid the foundation”. But it was the Godhead that took the material from the “quarry” to establish that foundation and as vs.11 says, “no other foundation can be laid that that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

i.e. Only the Son of God who is also the son of man, is that Foundation the only foundation that will endure eternity for Humanity.

vs. 12 in cross reference (cf) with vs 9 & 10 reveals also that we are to build on this foundation.

So, before we go any further, we need to realize that the

“Foundation, Christ my Lord = the ESTABLISHED FACT

i.e. the established fact of the death of Jesus secured the Foundation for eternity. It is on this foundation that every man must build.

*“The **Sacrifice of Christ** as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light which streams from the **cross of Calvary**. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption,--**the Son of God uplifted on the cross.**” -- GW 315.2*

“Every truth” in the word of God and that includes how to obtain the victory over sin. This must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary (i.e. the established fact of the death of Jesus.)

This building process = the receiving of His life, His resurrected life here and now.

IN SUMMARY,

The Foundation is based on the Established Fact.

The Building process is the ongoing experience.

Both are necessary for God's people to be prepared for the "Refreshing" which they will receive once the victory over every besetment, every wrong word and action is securely in place.

In Part II of this study, we will look at another passage as we "build" on what we've learned.

For those who'd like to get a head start, that passage is Hebrews 9:11-28