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#### Introduction

Many a conversation has been had around the 'sins issue' and how, or if, it impacts our eternal well-being. Will we go to heaven if we are good enough? Will we go to hell if we are bad? Will we go to heaven if our good outweighs our bad? Surely, I'll be ok if I'm better than the next person; or better than most people? Is God sufficiently pleased with me that He will permit me into heaven? What about if I give to charity; will that give me entry into heaven? What about black and white sins; greater and lesser sins? What does it take to get to heaven? What about my sins?

The questions, dialogues, and even arguments have gone on for centuries. As is the case in all matters, we will find that the Bible has the answer on any and every matter.

This book will liberate you, for it clearly looks at the issue of our sins and 'The ONE SIN' that keeps us from heaven, and sends us to hell. - You too could also say; 'The One Sin' that keeps us from a sweet, continuous, unbroken, and intimate relationship with God.

We too will see how God views sins.

This book will have a primary focus on the three convictions of the Holy Spirit; who we are in Christ; who we are in our spirit-man; and what we have attained in Christ.

#### **Forward**

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No doubt you will be blessed by this book as I was – Send it on to all your friends for it is a free book that seeks to bless and benefit many.

God Bless as together we spread the Word far, wide, and deep,

James DE Thorndale

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#### Chapter One – There's ONLY One Sin.

Let's dive straight into it – Since the victory of Jesus at the cross, and by His wonderful, powerful, and victorious resurrection from the dead, our sins are not an issue with God; our sin is! Let's explain: -

In John chapter 16 we read of what Jesus said the Holy Spirit's (or the Helper's) function would be after He/Jesus had been to the cross, had been resurrected, and had ascended back to heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit.

#### John 16v5-11

5"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

In this portion of scripture Jesus is talking to His disciples only hours before He would be apprehended by the Roman soldiers, falsely tried, and hanged on the cross to fulfil the purpose for which He came.

Jesus explains that it would be to our advantage if He ascends back to heaven, for it is only then that He could send the Holy Spirit to us. Amidst the many very good reasons as to why it would be to our advantage that He sends the Holy Spirit, one is that the Holy Spirit would bring **three convictions with Him.** These convictions would come because of what Jesus attained for mankind on the cross.

### (This book will look at these three convictions and expound on them by scripture).

Jesus then describes the three most important functions, or convictions, of the Holy Spirit; in verses 8-11 above.

In verse 8 we see the three things the Holy Spirit will convict mankind of: -

- 1. He will convict of sin.
- 2. He will convict of righteousness.
- 3. He will convict of judgement.

In verse 9 Jesus re-introduces the three different convictions of the Holy Spirit but now explains to whom they will apply.

- 1. He will convict the 'world' of sin.
- 2. He will convict the 'believer' of righteousness.
- 3. He will convict the <u>'believer'</u> that Satan has been judged/defeated.

The word convict means to make known, to draw attention to, to convince, or to persuade someone of an undeniable fact or truth that is to their advantage and benefit.

A. The first conviction of the Holy Spirit is to convict the 'world' of sin. This conviction is only directed <u>at the world</u>. Jesus then describes what, or who, the world is. The world is the unbeliever, or you could

say is someone who is not a born-again believer.

- The Holy Spirit 'only' convicts the world, or 'unbeliever', of sin! The word sin here is written in the singular and not the plural. There is ONLY ONE SIN that the Holy Spirit convicts the world/the unbeliever of, and it is that he/ she does not yet believe in Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit is continually saying to the world "Believe in Jesus; He is the answer to your salvation and every matter or situation in your life. Believe in Jesus, and healing, restoration, direction, and purpose will become apparent. Believe in Jesus; He is the solution to your sins, pain, and suffering. Believe in Jesus, He is the only way to heaven. Believe in Jesus."

#### John 16v9

- 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me."
- The **one and only sin** that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of is that they **do not believe** in Jesus!!
- The Holy Spirit **does not** convict the unbeliever, let alone the believer, of his/her many and variable sins in plurality! Satan does that; see scripture below: -

#### Revelation 12v11

"Then I heard a <u>loud voice</u> saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, <u>for the accuser of our brethren</u>, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

- Satan, <u>not the Holy Spirit</u>, is the accuser! Satan is the one who endeavors to point out our sins and make us feel guilty, ashamed, condemned, and judged.

(Note - We will look deeper into this scripture a little later in this book)

There is Only One Sin that keeps you from heaven and sends you to hell, and that is the singular SIN of **not believing in Jesus.** From the moment you put your belief in Jesus you are not going to hell, and you are definitely going to heaven; case closed! From the moment you put your belief in Jesus ALL your sins in plurality are under the blood of Jesus.

#### Romans 10v9

<sup>9</sup> "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and <u>believe</u> in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one <u>believes</u> unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Whoever, believes in Jesus, will be born again and is heaven bound. Furthermore; whoever believes in Jesus has received so very, very much as the rest of this book seeks to convey.

## Chapter Two - What about my sins - My sins in plurality?

Let's look at God's view of your many and various sins in plurality post the cross of Jesus.

God's view of your many and various sins is based expressly on the Person of Jesus Christ and what He would attain by coming to the world and going to the cross.

#### John 1v29

<sup>29</sup> "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who <u>takes away</u> the sin of the world!"

Jesus came to the earth to take away the sin of all the world. This was the mission, or purpose, for why Jesus came. God sent Jesus to earth to take away the sin of the whole world.

#### Hebrews 8v12

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds <u>I will remember no more."</u>

The meaning of the word merciful, or mercy, is to not get what we deserve. Accordingly, the writer to the Hebrews says God will not remember our sins! Jesus buried our sins in the tomb; they remain buried by the finished and complete work of Jesus.

The sins of every individual; every person, throughout the history of all humanity, have been forgiven and forgotten by God in their entirety. In the eyes of God, there are no sins in the world for Jesus dealt with them and buried them in the tomb. The issue is not our sins; the issue is we <u>don't believe</u> and so our sins 'illegally' remain. Jesus has taken away all our sins, and as soon as we put our belief in Him this truth becomes our personal and eternal reality.

Satan so wants us to remember our sins so that he can condemn us and make us feel guilty and defeated. The Holy Spirit, however, is continually reminding us of our being righteous; IE our new status in Christ.

If God does not remember our sins at all, then we would do well to not remember them either. To remember something God has forgotten is not only futile but somewhat unwise. I want to remember what God remembers, and forget what God has forgotten. Jesus has dealt with my sins, God has forgotten my sins, and I choose to do the same.

#### Psalm 103v12

12 "As far as the east is from the west, So far <u>has</u> He <u>removed</u> our transgressions from us."

As far as the east is from the west paints a picture of eternity. Our sins have been removed as far as the extent of all eternity; IE our sins are gone. They no longer exist in the eyes of God, for they have been taken away by Jesus. What Jesus takes away, God does not bring back - Such an action on the part of God would not only undermine what Jesus accomplished at the cross but would be an anti-Christ action.

#### Isaiah 1v16

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Our sins are now as white as snow; IE they no longer exist in the eyes of God, for they have been washed

away by the blood of Jesus. What Jesus has washed away is gone once and for all. Jesus did not do a temporary or partial job at the cross; Jesus did a 100% complete job at the cross once and for all eternity. Our sins are not the issue; our wrong memory; or memorizing of our sins is the issue.

#### 2 Corinthians 5v17-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

From the moment we have put our belief in Jesus our sins are no more; for they have been dealt with by Jesus. **Our sins are not imputed to us.** We have become justified – The word justified means 'Just as if I'd' never sinned.

As long as <u>we remember</u> our sins, we empower the enemy to condemn us and beat us up mentally and emotionally. Accordingly, we empower the accuser to wrongfully and illegally accuse, judge, and condemn us.

The devil is called the father of all lies. He is referred to as one who deceives. You can therefore be sure that whatever he accuses you of will be deceit and lies. If he makes you feel you are a sinner, you are to know that you are being deceived, or that you are believing a lie.

# Chapter Three - Jesus did not judge the sins of the people.

Other than in the case of the Pharisees; IE the ones who perpetually pointed out the sins of others, accused, and judged them, Jesus never judged people for their sins. Let's look at two primary examples of this.

1. The woman caught in the very act of adultery.

#### John 8v1-11

"But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord."

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

There is so much to say as regards the above portion of scripture, yet let's stay with the context of this book.

The first thing Jesus dealt with in this context was to remove all accusation, condemnation, and judgement from the environment. Once every scribe and Pharisee was removed; IE ALL accusation, judgment, and condemnation were removed, Jesus engaged the woman who was caught in the very act of adultery.

Jesus only then asks the woman, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

The woman replied, "No one, Lord."

Jesus then replied, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Once Jesus had removed the accusation, condemnation, and judgement of the Pharisees He then reiterates that He does not accuse or condemn her either!

Now that accusation and condemnation had been removed, she is empowered to go, and sin no more. Condemnation strengthens sin; Grace releases or frees one from sin.

Jesus drew her attention to her solution; IE Himself. Once she had found her solution, she was enabled/empowered to go and sin no more. Once she had dealt with her actual sin; IE not believing in Jesus, she could go and sin no more. Her sins; adultery, were

not the issue. Her sin; not believing in Him, was the sin/the issue, or problem. Once she had found Him/ believed in Him, so her adultery; or sins in plurality, would be resolved.

We do not deal with our sins to get Jesus; we get Jesus to deal with our sins!

Pharisees are sin-conscious and sin-minded people who judge and condemn others. Jesus-minded people are those who point people to their solution so that in Jesus their sins in plurality can be dealt with. The answer is always in the person of Jesus and not in the ability; or the rather inability, of ourselves!

#### 2. The parable of the prodigal, or lost, son.

This parable is one that Jesus told as an example of how God responds to those who are lost. The Father in this parable is God Himself. (I prefer to call this the parable of the good, good Father!)

#### Luke 15v20-24

<sup>20</sup> "And he (the prodigal or lost son) arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "<u>But the father</u> said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe <u>and</u> put it on him, and put a <u>ring</u> on his hand <u>and</u> sandals on his feet. 23 <u>And</u> bring the fatted calf here <u>and</u> kill it, and let us eat <u>and</u> be merry; 24 for <u>this my son</u> was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' <u>And</u> they began to be merry."

The full account of the prodigal, or lost, son can be read from verse 11 of Luke chapter 15.

Again; there is so much to be said regarding this parable. Let's continue to stay with the context of this book.

This son 'endured' a season of wine, women, and song. This was the result of him being so far away from his solution, his Father. This son lost everything and was in a literal pigsty. He was as low as low could go; he was very far away from his Father.

He had a wrong view of the Father and so stayed away far longer than he ought to have. He saw himself as a sinner and a slave, and that his Father would judge him harshly. (We have a Father who is to be referred to as Father God, and not the Godfather!).

In a state of destitution and desperation, the son comes back to the Father expecting a harsh reception. The Father is, however, moved with compassion and has zero motivation to accuse, condemn, or judge the son. (1 Peter 4v8 - Love covers a multitude of sins). The Father makes absolutely NO reference to the son's many sins in plurality, but rather throws His arms around him and embraces him intimately 'just as he is'.

Picture the filthy and smelly state of the son. He came straight from the quagmire of the pigsty. This son was dirty and smelly both outside and in; this was a 'bad boy', yet the Father throws His arms around him and hugs him intimately and intently. He openly permitted the son to find his solution and did not point out his sins.

This compassionate and deep embrace 'rubbed the dirt' off the son; it washed away his many sins in plurality. (This act is a picture of the atonement we have in Christ).

After the son receives the embrace of the Father, the Father then takes it to the next level for He does the following: -

- a. <u>Puts</u> a robe on him. This is a picture of the robe of righteousness that covers ALL our sins in plurality. It too is a picture of what Jesus would attain for us at the cross; righteousness.
- b. He then puts a ring on the son. This is a picture of betrothal/marriage, a picture of oneness and unity with Another, a picture of co-identity, and a picture of delegated or co-authority.
- c. He then puts sandals on his feet. This is a picture of the gospel of peace. This son was to enjoy peace with the Father, and not accusation, condemnation, judgement, and harshness.
- d. The Father then proceeds to throw a HUGE party because His son that was lost, has come home to his Father. This is a picture of God's great pleasure and joy in the son for he has come home. It too is a picture of the marriage feast of the Lamb when we get to heaven one day soon.
- e. Finally, the Father consolidates the matter by unashamedly pronouncing to all that this is <u>Hisson</u>. The Father consolidates the son's eternal identity. It too is a picture of God conferring eternal sonship on us when we are at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

In, and throughout, all of this, there is never ONE mention of the son's many, many sins in plurality. The son's ONE sin had been resolved; the sin of leaving the Father.

Subsequently, all his sins in plurality were covered in a robe of righteousness. From the moment of returning and believing in the Father, the son is seen, and related to, as being righteous!!

### Chapter Four - Once for all – Eternal Redemption.

Hebrews 9v12

12 "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained **eternal redemption.**"

The book of Hebrews is a wonderful book that explains the message of Jesus which is that of grace, released by faith, in the <u>finished</u> work of Jesus. In several places, the writer to the Hebrews makes statements such as the one found in Hebrews 9v12 above.

Having laid a foundation in the first eight chapters of the book of Hebrews; the writer now arrives at this wonderful statement – Jesus dealt with all sins 'once and for all', and has obtained 'eternal redemption' for mankind at the victory of the cross!

Our sins were dealt with once and for all time, and our eternal redemption is released to us as individuals from the moment we believed in Jesus; IE been born again!

The Holy Spirit would not be Holy if He convicted you of something that does not exist in the eyes of God. Should the Holy Spirit convict you of your sins He would need a name change. He would either be referred to as the Unholy Spirit; or the Lying Spirit. Neither of these is who He is – He is the precious Holy Spirit and He convicts from whom He is, and who we now are in Christ; just as holy and righteous as He is!

The Holy Spirit is referred to as The Comforter, The Helper, the Encourager, and The One who Empowers.

He is never referred to as the accuser, the one who opposes, the one who weakens or disenables, the one who judges, or is harsh. The Holy Spirit is love; He is not hate! Love gives – Hate takes away.

## Chapter Five - Where is your righteous position located?

Where are your born-again and righteous positions found? Your born-again righteous position is found in the "Spirit" part of who you are!

#### John 4v23-24

<sup>23</sup> "But the hour is coming, <u>and now is</u>, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in <u>spirit and truth</u>; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him <u>must worship in spirit and truth.</u>"

In this scripture, Jesus is talking to the woman at the well. Jesus explains that there is a time that is coming, <u>and now is</u>, when the true worshippers will worship God in Spirit and truth!

The word worship means to lean forward and kiss in an uninhibited, personal, deep, and intimate manner. It is to embrace tightly and deeply in an inseparable, continuous, and unfluctuating manner. It is to embrace in a locked position.

Whilst we can express worship in the singing of wonderful songs, this is not the full understanding or expression of worship. Worship is to enjoy an unconditional, unbroken, and intimate relationship with God continuously and eternally.

The position we are to continuously take is one of relating to God in Spirit and in Truth! John 4v23 above refers to this as true worship. You are a true worshipper when you relate to God from your spirit man. I would, therefore, be a 'false worshipper' if I related to God from any other place, position, situation,

or circumstance other than my spirit.

The following explains what it means to worship in Spirit and in Truth: -

#### Hebrews 4v12

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and **spirit**, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

#### 1 Thessalonians 5v23

<sup>23</sup> "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit**, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The two scriptures above are rich in their deep and diverse content. The depth of these two scriptures will be written about in a subsequent book.

(In essence, the scriptures above refer to us as being triune beings; IE consisting of three parts. We are firstly a spirit, we have a soul, and we live in a body).

The context of this book, however, requires that we stay on track and focus on where we are without sin; or what part of us is without sin, and referred to as righteous. It is from this part of us that we worship/intimately relate to and enjoy God, and He us. This part of us is our **spirit man!!** 

#### 1 John 4v17

17 "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

This scripture clearly states that in our spirit man we are exactly as is Jesus in this world; IE in our current born-again status. If our spirit had molecules or DNA we could say that molecule for molecule, DNA for DNA particle, we are exactly 100% the same as is Jesus in our spirit-man.

This scripture also explains that <u>love is only perfected</u> when we are just the same as the other person; when we are 'just as the other person is!' Love always brings about oneness and unity.

# 1 Corinthians 6v17 "But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him."

As an example; let's say that the Person of Jesus and the person of ourselves represent two glasses of water. If you were to pour those two glasses into one glass you would now have one fused-together glass of water. These two glasses of water have now become one.

This fusion of waters is now inseparable; it is impossible to separate them and return them to their original status. We are one in the spirit with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. From this moment onwards it is impossible to separate ourselves from God – We are one Spirit; full of the Life and Substance of the Godhead!!

(You too could rightly say that ALL those who have believed in Jesus are all together one in God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit).

When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well, He said the time had come when the true worshippers would worship, or intimately relate to God in spirit and in truth.

The spirit part of us is 100% righteous and holy for it is founded in Jesus. In our spirit part of who we are, we have NO sin at all!! If we had sin in our spirit man, we would have to conclude that Jesus too has that same sin in Him, for He is one with and in us. We are one person with and in the Godhead in our spirit part; righteous and holy!

Whenever I relate to God, sing songs of worship to God, and enjoy speaking with God, I am ever mindful that I am doing so from my spirit man. My spirit man is holy, righteous, is just as Jesus is. In my spirit man, I have NO sin and so there is NO need for me to confess my sins for they do not exist in my spirit!

In my spirit man, I am righteous; there is NO sin in my spirit man. Accordingly, if I confess, I am a sinner I am either deceived or have believed a lie. Because I am one with Jesus in the spirit, I would be confessing that Jesus is a sinner if I confess that I am a sinner!

It is 100% accurate to confess that I am 100% righteous and holy in my spirit man!

It is from, or in, my spirit man that I can enjoy an unbroken, unhindered, and intimate relationship with God.

When I focus on who I am in the spirit, it becomes impossible for me to ever have feelings of condemnation and guilt. Any feelings of condemnation and guilt are the result of my being deceived, lacking in knowledge, or believing the lie.

Romans 8v1

"There is therefore now <u>no condemnation</u> to those who are <u>in Christ</u> Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but <u>according to the Spirit.</u>"

When we realize that we are "in Christ" and we walk according to who we are in the "Spirit" we should never have feelings of condemnation! How can one be accused, judged, or condemned if one is 100% righteous, 100% without sin? I cannot be blamed for anything if I am innocent of all things. Aaaah, what Jesus attained for us is wonderfully awesome!

John 17v21

21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us."

In John chapter 17 we read of the last prayer Jesus prayed before He went to the cross. In this prayer, He clearly defines why He is going to the cross. Jesus was going to the cross to deal with the sins of mankind so that mankind could come back to their original state of being one with and in Him; that man could return to his original state of being made IN the image of God!!

Genesis 1v26-27

<sup>26</sup> "Then God said, "Let Us make man <u>in Our image</u>, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man <u>IN His own image; IN the image of God</u> He created him; male and female He created them.

God first created man as a spirit being. In this spirit being He made us IN His Image; IE just as He is in

this world! We were situated IN Him when we were created; one in Spirit with the triune God. Jesus came to reinstate God's original plan; that we would be one in Him; that we would be one in spirit; that we would be 'just as He is in this world!' Jesus attained this at the cross and therefore He succeeded in fulfilling God's plan. If Jesus had not attained this at the cross, He would 'have failed'; Jesus NEVER fails!!

## Chapter Six - Conviction of Righteousness.

John 16v8-11

8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

The second thing that the Holy Spirit convicts of, is that the believer is righteous.

- Once you have become a believer you have become righteous; your spirit man is 100% holy and righteous! The Holy Spirit no longer convicts you of the one sin that keeps you from heaven, sends you to hell and denies you an intimate relationship with God; IE the sin of not believing in Jesus.

From the moment you have put your belief in Jesus you are righteous, and the Holy Spirit wants you to know that. If ever someone, or something, is 'convicting' you of your sin you can be sure that it is not Holy Spirit-inspired.

#### 2 Corinthians 5v17

"Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, <u>all things</u> have become new.

From the time we are believers in Jesus, you will notice that scripture refers to us in many ways as being just as Jesus is. You too will notice that scripture now conveys both our status and all we have in the

'past tense'; IE we already have it; we have it now.

Let's look at two portions of scripture that example this past tense, already have it now, status: -

#### Ephesians 1v3

<sup>3</sup> "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."

#### 2 Peter 1v2-4

<sup>2</sup> "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power <u>has given</u> to us <u>all things</u> that pertain to life and godliness."

Right standing; righteousness, translates to right and present tense having or owning as one who holds a fully paid-up title deed. You own it, it's yours. Your spirit man has the Person and Substance of ALL things. Whatever is in Jesus; whatever is in heaven, is yours. Your born-again spirit is fully and absolutely saved and possesses ALL things! You lack NO good thing!

A revelation that you are righteous, healed, delivered, and prospered 100% in your spirit man is the starting point of releasing all things. Once you know this truth you will realize that you have NO need to ask God for anything at all – You have it all; nothing lacking and nothing broken.

Your prayer will now be a prayer of thanks and not a prayer of need.

(Faith positions itself from a place of having, and not needing).

In your spirit man, you have NO cancer, NO poverty, NO pain or brokenness — You are 100% just as is Jesus in your spirit man. If Jesus has cancer, is poor, is in pain, and is broken; then, and only then, would you have all these things. Of course, Jesus has none of these things, and so nor do you in your spirit man!

This truth is the biggest faith releaser. Faith is never faith if it is trying to get something (there's nothing to get). Faith is realizing that I already have it, and have it ALL right now in this world; in my spirit man! Believe it, release it, and live in it!

Faith approaches all things from a position of victory, and never a position of defeat, or trying to get the victory.

#### We are: -

We are the prosperous the devil is trying to make poor.

We are the healthy the devil is trying to make sick. We are the delivered the devil is trying to put into bondage.

#### We are not: -

We are not the poor trying to be prosperous.

We are not the sick trying to get healed.

We are not the ones in bondage trying to get delivered.

#### Romans 8v32

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up <u>for us all</u>, how shall He not <u>together with Him also freely give us all things?"</u>

Together with Jesus, we have freely been given ALL things. Together, with Jesus, we have all things in our spirit man; we lack NO good thing!

In my spirit I am righteous, holy, delivered, healthy, prosperous, sanctified, and justified; I am just as is Jesus! I have perfect and blameless standing before God. I am a true worshipper; one who worships/relates to God in spirit and in truth.

About three years ago I was ministering on healing in a meeting, and a gentleman of about 35-40 years old came up after the service to speak to me. He proceeded to say the following to me – "I just have to talk to someone; can you please help me?" He then went on to describe to me the most heinous sexual sins and perversions perpetrated by him. He told me of how hard he had tried to stop this sinning and that he felt he had let God down. He felt God was disappointed and angry with him.

Accordingly, he was extremely reticent to attend church or to pray. He told me he had accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour when he was 15 years old. He proceeded to tell me of other sins he had committed and that he saw himself as the worst sinner on the planet. – Can you help me was his closing cry?

I never once referred to, or pointed out his many sins in plurality to him; never once accused, condemned, or judged him. I knew the solution was that a reidentification had to take place - (This born-again man did not truly know who he was, or what he had). I, therefore, counselled him as follows: -

"Every time you fall into any of these sins, and any other sins, I want you to do the following. Go stand immediately in front of a mirror and look yourself squarely and fully in the eye and say the following – "I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus". I want you to say that over, and over, to yourself every time

you practice anyone of these sins".

He was initially flabbergasted by my counsel and said – "How can I say I am righteous immediately after I have sinned?"

I explained that he had a sin consciousness and we needed to change that. I emphasized that the best time to say these words is directly after we have committed sins. We commit sins because we don't know who we are and what we have.

The man took up my counsel and testified that the power of these sins was being broken from one level to the next the more he confessed his true status in his spirit man – "I AM the righteousness of God IN Christ Jesus". To the measure that he renewed his mind to that truth; to that measure his breakthrough occurred. We last spoke about 18 months ago and he confesses that he now has victory in these areas.

Focus on your solution; Jesus, and who you are IN Him, and your practice will follow. The Holy Spirit only convicts you of your righteousness once you have believed in Jesus. Align yourself to what He says you are. Agree with Him, and see your life transform. Agree with Him and He will empower the change in your life.

## Chapter Seven - Conviction of Judgement.

John 16v8-11

8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

#### Colossians 2v15

"In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him. having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Verses 11-14 describe the victory Jesus attained for us at the cross. By making us alive together with Him, having forgiven ALL trespasses, we are rendered victorious.

By this victory, all adverse principalities and powers have been totally defeated, disarmed, disabled, and made a public spectacle of. Paul was using a wellknown Israeli wartime practice example when he referred to the enemy being made a public spectacle of. There were times when the Israelites had been taunted and terrorized by their enemies. The Israelites would fall into fear and trepidation in these times.

The only way to deal with this fear and trepidation was to go to war and defeat the enemy. Only once the enemy had been defeated could they feel secure and stop the fear and trepidation that was terrorizing them.

Once the enemy had been defeated, they would disarm/strip the enemy of all their weaponry and possessions. Many a time their enemy would be totally wiped out and left for dead. This way the enemy was totally and utterly incapacitated and thereby presented no threat to the Israelites from that day forward.

To prove that the enemy had been defeated the Israelites would drag, and parade, the defeated king's dead body, and all the enemy's possessions, before all the people of Israel. This served as evidence that the enemy had been totally incapacitated and defeated.

Satan was annihilated at the cross. He was defeated and stripped of all the authority he stole from Adam in the garden of Eden. All authority in heaven and on earth was given to Jesus. Jesus lives in us, and together with Him, we have ALL authority over the enemy and his cohorts.

In absolute truth, the devil is a zero with the ring knocked off. A revelation of this truth makes us like Teflon. We are impenetrable and impervious to any of the devil's schemes, deceits, and lies. The only weapon the devil has is deception and lies. If we fall for his deception and lies, we become a candidate for

his illegal trespassing in our lives. He has NO legal right to put anything on us for Jesus has stripped him.

Knowing this truth equips us with a discernability that nullifies his deceit and lies. We are more than conquerors IN Christ Jesus. The greatest, and ultimate, victory of the cross was the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! The thing that nullifies the devil the most is the resurrection of Jesus!!

#### Romans 8v11

11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead <u>dwells in you</u>, He who <u>raised Christ from the dead</u> will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead was a 'powerful Spirit' for Jesus had to be raised from having taken ALL the sins, sicknesses, bondages, poverty, broken hearts, etc of all of mankind over all of the history of the world. Imagine how powerful that Spirit is! That 'more than enough' for one man Spirit dwells in you! How, therefore, can the devil pose any threat to the born-again believing, believer!?

Satan is a loser; that boy has been judged, stripped, nullified, defeated, and made a public spectacle of; case closed!!

#### Revelation 12v11

10 "Then I heard a <u>loud voice</u> saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, <u>for the accuser of our brethren</u>, who accused them before our God day and night, <u>has been cast down.</u>"

Satan, not the Holy Spirit, is the accuser. He is the

one who points out your every sin and makes you feel guilty and condemned.

 It is important to note that the accuser/Satan has been cast down; IE he is a defeated foe. Satan works with deception and lies. He accuses us of things we are not guilty of. Jesus removed all our sins. Any accusation of sin from the devil is a lie!

The first thing we notice in this scripture is that a loud voice was heard in Heaven. God was wanting us to hear loud and clear that the accuser has been cast down!!

In the Old Testament Satan had a legal right to accuse the brethren before God day and night for he had deceived and stolen the authority God gave to Adam. When the second Adam came, IE Jesus, Satan was stripped of this ability to accuse us before God day and night for Jesus took this authority back for mankind.

Accordingly, the accuser, Satan, was cast down from being before God. When Satan was cast down, accusation was cast down together with him. In full truth, Satan cannot accuse us any longer unless he can deceive us, or unless we do not know of our status of victory in Christ. His accusation has been cast down!

#### Romans 8v1a

\* "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!"

#### Hosea 4v6

"My people perish, are destroyed, because of a lack of knowledge!"

What we do not know is destroying us! This book's number one desire is to give us knowledge so that we will not be destroyed; we will not perish. We need to; have to, know who we are in Christ and what we have in Christ!! We too need to know the cast-down position of the devil; he has been judged and stripped of all authority! Do not believe his lies – Know who you are, and what you have, in your spirit man!

### Chapter Eight – Casting down Imaginations.

It is said that many Christians have either a limited knowledge of the Word or do not allow the Word of God to 'get in the way' of what they believe.

The Word of God is powerful when received, believed, and appropriated. It is the only 'agent' that can bring sustained change, victory, and abundance into every area of our lives.

#### Hosea 4v6

"My people are destroyed/perish for lack of knowledge."

#### Mark 7v13

"Making the word of God of no effect through the traditions and doctrines of man which you have handed down/held onto."

Our traditions and doctrines; our biases and inflexibilities to openly receive the Word, makes the Word of God of no effect in our lives.

(One of the best ways to explain what traditions and doctrines are is to use the word culture. Many a person practices their culture at the expense of the Word. For many, culture trumps the Word in almost all their ways of life).

For years I held onto a certain bent, bias, or persuasion of the Word that kept me in a very limited and rather frustrating Christian life. Finally; a day dawned when I 'had had enough' and realized that it is the definition of insanity to do things the same way and expect different results.

Amongst several scriptures, Hosea 4v6, Mark 7v13, and 2 Corinthians 10v5; together with John 5v39, were my game changers. I determined that 'from this day forward' I would be aware and sensitive to the great value I had gotten from these scriptures.

John 5v39 is an imperative and a first reference in how we are to interpret ALL scripture! In this scripture, Jesus is talking to the Pharisees and in essence, is telling them that they do not how to interpret scripture.

#### John 5v39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me (point to Me/direct you to Me). But you are not willing to come to Me."

The Pharisees could not be faulted for their searching and rehearsing of the scriptures. The issue was that their search did not result in life-releasing, and life-changing results. The reason for this is that they missed the purpose of ALL scripture; IE to find JESUS in scripture.

The Bible comes alive when you are searching for Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. There are types, shadows, pictures, prophetic indicators, etc, of Jesus on every page of the bible. When you search the scriptures to find Jesus the Word of God comes alive. The Holy Spirit only brings revelation of scripture when you are looking for Jesus. The primary function of the Holy Spirit is to point you to Jesus.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life – John 14v6. The word 'the' here is written in the express singular; IE there is NO variation from the singular 'the'. Jesus, and only Jesus, is the way, the truth, and the life!!

John 16v14

14 "He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

In John 16 Jesus is 'introducing' the Holy Spirit and what His functions/purposes will be when He comes. One of, if not the most important, purposes of the Holy Spirit is to glorify, make known, make evident, and point people to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is to declare; make known to all, who Jesus is for we will be situated IN Jesus and will be one with Him after the ascension of Jesus.

Because we are situated IN, one with Jesus in the Spirit, it is true to say that when we find Jesus, we have found ourselves; IE who we are in our Spirit man IN Jesus.

If we are not finding Jesus in scripture we will be 'confused as to who we are'. Identity is founded in who we are IN Jesus.

It was only when I got a realization of this truth that the revelation of scripture came alive for me. I now realize that the Holy Spirit can <u>only bring revelation</u> if I'm looking to find Jesus in all scripture.

There is now never a time that I read the Word and do not get revelation. The Word is deep; every scripture has an eternity of dimensions or facets to it, for all scripture points to Jesus who is eternal. You can read the same scripture a thousand times and get new revelations out of it if you're looking for Jesus in it each time you read.

The Word of God is a person and His Name is Jesus.

John 1v1a "In the beginning, was the Word..."

This scripture refers to Jesus as the Word. Therefore, when we are searching for Jesus in scripture, we have become a Word-based Christian; or you could say, a Jesus-based Christian.

#### 2 Corinthians 10v5

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

When we align everything in our lives; every scripture, to the Person of Jesus, we will have cast down every imagination, and high thing, from exalting itself in our lives.

From this place, or point, onwards we will re-align our belief system and release the life that is found in Christ and our spirit man.

You are just as Jesus is in this world. You are situated IN Him, one with Him. In your spirit man, you are fused as one person with Jesus. You are righteous, holy, and justified. Before you lies a defeated and judged foe; the devil. You are powerful, victorious, and live in abundance! You are His; you live and abide IN Him.

### Chapter Nine - Summary.

In summary, the Holy Spirit convicts of three things: -

- 1. He convicts the world of sin; the singular sin of not believing in Jesus.
- 2. He convicts that the believer is righteous.
- 3. He convicts that Satan has been judged/defeated.

The rest of this book primarily refers to who we are IN Christ; who we are in our Spirit man, and what we have in Christ; in our spirit-man.

The next book will give focus on how we work this Spirit man, abundant content, out into our souls and out into our bodies. The starting point is to know who we are in our Spirit; this is imperative. The next is to know how we make this truth of who we are in our Spirit our everyday 'on the ground' experience and reality!!

To have all the water we need for life situated in one filled-to-the-brim reservoir is awesome, yet, without the knowledge of how to release it, is to have everything and experience nothing.

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