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The word of God is like a lamp to our feet, it keeps us away from the works of darkness and brings us to God through a life of holiness, every day here below.

Since it is written that no one goes to the Father except through Jesus Christ, we hope that this booklet will trigger in you the fear of the Lord and that if you live according to its contents, that God will turn your heart towards the love of Christ so that he will give you eternal life since he received the power on all flesh from the Father.

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## 1. JESUS CHRIST CALLS YOU TO HIS HOUSE

Jesus Christ was given to us so that we become perfect men through him. What God did with the earth, Jesus will do with you.

What God did with the earth:

In the beginning, the earth (the dry part) was formless and empty, God, in his love, wanted a change and said: “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.” (Gen. 1:2,10-12).

Today you may be in the same situation: you are dry in your hands, in your head, in your stomach, and in your heart, there is nothing. It is a total vacuum. When there is a void in someone, the enemy, the devil, can do anything and this person's condition becomes worse. This is the reason why Jesus said:” ... When a defiling evil spirit is expelled from someone, it drifts along through the desert looking for an oasis, some unsuspecting soul it can bedevil. When it doesn't find anyone, it says, ‘I'll go back to my old haunt.’ On return it finds the person spotlessly clean, but vacant. It then runs out and rounds up seven other spirits eviler than itself and they all move in, whooping it up. That person ends up far worse off than if he'd

never gotten cleaned up in the first place. The same will happen to this evil generation”. Mathew 12:42-45.

In past times, people left the distant cities to go to the temple to listen to Salomon’s wisdom; today, the one that is exalted, namely JESUS CHRIST, is more than Salomon, yet some people do not want to enter God’s house to be filled with his knowledge. Therefore, empty hearts with no intelligence are at the mercy of the devil, because he offered them occult houses to damn them. You should know that on earth, the house that is above all houses is the Church of Jesus Christ.

Just like dry wood cannot resist fire, likewise for a dry person; it will not resist the satanic pressure. This is why Jesus Christ, to awaken the conscience of our fellow men who followed him during his humiliation at the time of his arrest, made this declaration:” ... For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

What is happening at present: our generation is pressurised and persecuted. In the face of this pressure, among the dry ones, some are engulfed by worldliness and others suffer through the devil. This is why, if things do not work out in your life, it all came from the dryness and the void in you; the devil took advantage of it to make you what you have become now (unemployed, divorced, prisoner, sickly, traitor, captive, ungrateful, wicked, adulterous, dissolute, sorcerer, fetishist, occultist, liar, thief, greedy, drunkard, murderer, hypocrite,

rumour-monger, enemy of the righteous, slanderer, unreligious, avaricious, blasphemer...)

However, we tell you in simple and clear words: JESUS CHRIST came to change your situation. This is what he said: “Very truly I say unto you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does”. John 5:19

He saw the Father make the soil fertile with his Word. Now he does the same to any creature and thing (for instance, water was turned into wine). He became divine for that. This is the reason why the apostle Paul when he wanted to show the primacy of Christ to the Colossians said:” For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross”. Colossians 1:16-20.

The change that took place on earth, will also take place in your heart, in your body through the word of Christ. Thus:

You will go from drought to productivity

Your corruptible body will become incorruptible

Your empty heart will become full of wisdom, grace and the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:9-10)

This is the path to follow: Believe in Jesus Christ and enter his house, called the Church, so that the powers of darkness have no power over you. It is created so that you enter like the others to regularly listen to his Word, full of grace and truth. This Word which is preached daily by his Servants (Ministers of the Word according to Eph. 4) will make you an accomplished person prepared for every good work, i.e. a person like Christ and ready to meet the Lord in the air, because his coming is near.

## **2. JESUS CHRIST: THE SOURCE OF A GOOD AWAKENING**

We wake up only the one who sleeps. Yet, there are various manners of sleeping.

You can sleep during the day like at night by lying on a bed or any other support to rest the body. This is a time of rest; therefore, the body is inactive. God designed it to regenerate the human body. We sleep like that though man's will or because of



tiredness and exhaustion owing to the work done all day. It can also take place at any time and any place under satanic spell.

In this case, the awakening will be caused by a noise or the end of sleep. Man must know who causes the noise or the end of sleep. The devil and its agents can be the source of it to disturb the sleeper.

Jesus Christ can be the source of it for your good. He is the source of it for those who belong to him and while they sleep he blesses them and wakes them up at the appropriate time. (ps. 127:2).

It is good that you belong to Christ so that he looks after you while you sleep.

Another type of sleep is when you die (human language) and when you are buried. The body is not only inactive but it is buried to return to dust like when it was formed since it is written in Gen. 3:19):” By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return”. This is how the language of Christ is different from that of men at the time of death (human language) of some people, as was the case of:

- A young girl in Mat. 9:24. He said unto them:” Go away: for the girl is not dead but sleeping. And they laughed at him”.

- Lazarus in John 11:11:” After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

Daniel prophesied much earlier in these words:” Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt”. Daniel 12:2

This is why some people, when their relative dies, do not fuss and cry their eyes out, because they know that the dead will one day wake up. The ignorant threaten those who do not cry and blame them for all ills. The one who knows acts like the Lord did on the death of Lazarus.

In this case the awakening is firstly done by God through the word or the prayers of his servants of which Jesus Christ is the first (Resurrection of the dead); secondly, still by God, through Christ at his coming. “According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the

Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.” Thessalonians 4:15-18

Wicked men, murderers, pagans and the devil can kill but cannot waken someone according to the word of Christ in Luke 12:4:” I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.”

Jesus Christ can wake you up and resurrect you after death. It can be done a few minutes after death or at his coming. It all depends on him. Yet, it is good to belong to him so that you can experience the glory of God in all circumstances.

There are good people who physically walk but are asleep. It means that their spirit does not allow them to fulfil their responsibilities as they should. Their body is active for irresponsible actions or deeds. This was the case with God’s people who walked in a spiritual sleep and engaged in idolatry. This is written on the subject:” Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” In this case, it is the spirit of man that sleeps and the body is at the mercy of the desires of the flesh (drunkenness, debauchery, quarrels, greed... (Galatians 5:19-20)

A Christian received from God a special grace, a gift that he should place at the service of others every day. If he sleeps, he will not do it and he will be seen regularly in church but not be of service. He will engage in trifling things and useless chatting.

At the time of prophet Haggai, the people being in a deep spiritual sleep did not do the work of God in the temple. Each one preferred to look after his house (Haggai 1:1-6). The Lord prophesied through Haggai and woke up the people's spirit who started working in the temple of the Lord." Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: I am with you, declares the LORD. So, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God,<sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, the second year of king Darius. "(Haggai 1:13-15)

Likewise, in the family, some parents are like children, active in irresponsible deeds, forgetting their duties (2 Corinthian 12:14; Ep 6:1-4; 1 Pi 3:7). They are sleeping while walking.

For all those who are in this position, we must now and then out of love pray for them so that Jesus Christ wake up their minds for the best things in our families and in the churches. Think of the disciples who although alive went to the upper chamber to pray and worship. Suddenly there was a sound; Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit woke up their spirit and they started working for God using spiritual capacities, and several people believed, others were healed and delivered. (Acts 2-2-47).

### **3. THE SALVATION OF SOULS BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

A human being has a body and a soul, the latter having a higher value than the body. The proof is that when one dies the body returns to dust while the soul lives on in a place according to the works done on earth. Some get lost, i.e. they go to the place of torment and the others go to place of rest (Luke 16:23-26).

God wants us to give more attention to deeds that encourage the salvation of our souls. This is why the Lord sent Jesus Christ to teach us the works that give peace to our souls after death. These works are, because of the influence of the devil, hidden from many people. Whoever does not do these works, his soul will not be peaceful after death; it will be tormented (Luke 19:42; Mt 25:31-46; Galat 5:22).

Many people give more importance to the body than to the soul under the devil's influence. They enjoy the works of the flesh such as drunkenness, gluttony and lust. Some engage in fornication, adultery without fear of harm and they do not suspect anything. The devil's aim is to make these men enjoy the works of the flesh that will lead them to death and the perdition of their souls. They do everything for the body and they do not think of their souls.

Think of:

1. most of the children of Israel who died in the desert because of the works of the flesh (dissipation, gluttony, fornication, dissent, idolatry...) 1 Cor 10:5-10)

2. the parable of the evil rich man and the poor Lazarus in Luke 16: 19-28:” There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, <sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell<sup>[a]</sup> from the rich man’s table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

<sup>24</sup> “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

<sup>27</sup> “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that

he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.”

Think also of those who fearing failure in their lives, poverty and death engaged in fraud, corruption, fetishes, occultism and magic. They serve the devil all through their lives. They serve him through murder, division, treason and scorn for others. When they die, their soul will be lost, trapped by the same devil who with his lies made them believe he was the good master.

This is why Jesus Christ said:” ...For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup>What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” He also adds in Mathew 10:28-31:” Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup>And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

What should we do not to lose our soul?

In the same way he told us there was a war in heaven, Michael and its angels fought against the dragon. And the dragon and its angels fought, but they were not the strongest, and their place was not found in heaven anymore. Today, this war takes place

in our heart. When the heart gives in to sinful desires it wages war against the soul. (1 Peter 2:11).

Therefore, let us abstain from sinful desires and let us look at all times for a pure heart. Do not let the devil put his seeds nor his demons in our hearts. This is why it is written:” Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”.

Since we easily fall prey to sin, let us look towards Jesus Christ because he gave his life for the salvation of our souls, he shed his blood for the forgiveness of our souls and he is the way leading the souls to the place of rest.

Therefore, let us repent and confess our sins, we shall obtain the Almighty’s forgiveness and we will be cleansed of all our sins. We have the grace of forgiveness on earth whatever the size of the sin (Mat 12:31). When we leave the earth, forgiveness is not possible anymore. Thus, as long as we live, let us repent from bad deeds committed before we die. It is not only death that can catch us unaware, the rapture of the church can also catch us unaware because it will take place in the wink of an eye.

By repenting through a sincere confession before God in the name of Jesus Christ, the person will obtain not only forgiveness from the Almighty, but also freely the gift of the Holy Spirit to live on earth in the love of our neighbour.



To avoid spiritual insensitivity, you should now and then revive in yourself the presence of the Holy Spirit, through fasting, praying and reading the word of God. By doing so, you will put an end to sin and live through the Holy Spirit amidst people in justice, peace and joy whatever your social position.

With the Holy Spirit in you, you will fear no evil. Even when evil spirits and invisible men attack you the Holy Spirit will rout them. And when they trick you, the angels of the Lord will wrest you from danger without you noticing it (Isaiah 59:19; Ps 34:8)

A greater guarantee is that when your soul leaves your body (at death) Jesus Christ will send his angels to fetch you.

This is the happiness you will enjoy when you relinquish the bad ways, the works of the flesh to practise the works of light. Beloved, the result will be the salvation of your soul when you leave earth or when Jesus appears.

A man like us, for the salvation of his soul, declared through the Holy Spirit:” ... For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.” (1Tim 6:7-9). A carnal man will never say such things.

Jesus Christ gives a clear and full lesson in Matt 6:25-34:” ... “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>?

<sup>28</sup>“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

In any case, the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ does not want you to lose your soul; he wants to live with you every day. Therefore, if you relinquish the bad ways, he will wash your sins through his blood, he will give you the Spirit of life and

will free you from the bondage of Satan so that you can partake in a peaceful life and a lot of love with the Almighty God.

#### **4. IT IS JESUS CHRIST WHO CAN DELIVER YOU FROM DEATH**

Each environment has its characteristics, its difficulties and its problems. Thus, it is not easy for man to adapt or to live easily in a certain place. Some things may put him off and force him to leave or flee from a place.

Today, wherever we go, evil and sin easily ensnare us and make our life difficult.

To live properly in an environment, the solution is Christ. He says that he is the life and that he came so that whoever believes in him will have life. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10).

Whatever surrounds and threatens man (animals, dirt, the river, darkness,) his life is only ensured by Christ when he gives you a spirit of life. He himself says that his spirit uplifts. It is obvious that when you are in an environment you must look for divine spirituality to live properly. If you are carnal, death will take you unawares. If you are spiritual the spirit of life will give a loving comportment which will enable God to preserve your life.

You may be in an environment where debauchery and fornication are performed openly. Do not go for the flesh lest you should do the same evil. However, if you live according to the Spirit of life given by Christ, you will not do such deeds. You will be freed from sin. This is why God told the children of Israel not to follow the customs of other nations. A Christian in a hospital or in a student environment must be different from the heathens who are in this place on condition he follows the spirit of life. There is a law or something bad that characterises an environment, but Christ gives the spirit of life to the one who believes in God which enables him to be above this law, the suffering and any other difficulty that can occur around him.

This is why the apostle Paul speaking of himself says in Romans 8:2-5:” because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.<sup>[c]</sup> And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

Suffering, difficulty or sin bring disorder, turmoil to the heart of the one who follows the flesh. When the turmoil reaches its peak, the person dies.

For the spiritual person, the disorders and suffering in an environment do not trouble his heart, he is rather peaceful and through this peace Christ keeps him alive. This is why:

- The first man to whom God gave the breath of life was not afraid of animals, snakes ... and the latter did not take his life although they were together in the garden of Eden.
- In the lion den Daniel survived.
- Paul and Silas in jail saw God's wonders while they prayed and sung.

No matter where you are, seek the things above, namely spiritual things, they are the peace and the life for your soul.

Some Christians were in big cities and had great responsibilities and were in high places, but because they followed the flesh they lost everything and some even died.

The apostle Paul advises us:” ... The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.<sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.<sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. (Romans 8:6-9)

The apostle John gives us a striking example. He went to the island of Patmos but in his writings, he talks about the things above and not of the island or himself.

In any environment if you live according to the flesh how can you think that God will help you since the flesh is the enemy of God. This is why some people who changed their milieu did not see the handoff God anymore because they followed the flesh.

For your freedom, we advise you to live spiritually in any place, i.e. you reflect every day on the word of God; pray all the time and worship God regularly.

## **5. THE TRUE LIFE IS IN JESUS CHRIST**

It is through Jesus Christ that we have the true life in ourselves, in the example of God the Creator. When you read the scripture in John1:1-4 it says that the word was with God and in this word, there was life and this life was the light of mankind.

Jesus Christ has life in himself, this is why he is called the living (“reference correction; John 5: 26 have life in himself”). He wants us to be also living like him, so that his word we read

in the Bible or listen to through the holy Spirit is spirit and life. Whoever hears this word and keeps it has life; he will be considered as a living person.

We thought that all human beings were living but the Lord Jesus Christ showed us that there are two types of men: the living and the dead one. The living is dead to sin and lives now for God through Jesus Christ; he has the Spirit of God, he praises and worships God in spirit and in truth.

How do we recognise him?

The word of the living teaches, advises, corrects, uplifts and is a truth. His behaviour brings peace, joy, love to those who live with him.

He is not a source of scandal, failure or misery or fall for others, but he gives taste, this is why Jesus calls the living salt of the earth, light of the world. When you are a friend of a living person you will succeed in life and reach perfection because he has life in him and he will transmit it to you. He will not seek your misfortune because he wants you to become like him in the example of God who created mankind in his image.

There are many dead people on earth who are at the origin of the misery and loss of the souls of their neighbour.

These people engage in sin in all its forms in any occasion favourable or not.

They sacrifice easily their relatives, children, parents. They are liars and hypocrites who give false promises in order to distract, lead astray or harm their neighbour.

The apostle Paul found the right words to distinguish between the two types of men. Let us read 2 Cor 2:15-16:”\_For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup>To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.”

It is not bad to have a friend, a chief, a partner or a spouse, but you must ask whether he is living or dead. Be careful: a dead will give death. If you want to excel, work or walk with a living.

Although we know that two people who want to walk together must get along, you must add as a Christian the spiritual condition of life or death. Has my partner or my neighbour life or death in himself? Because who will support you in what you will undertake together? God is not a God for the dead but for the living.

Thus, let this exhortation wake you up from the deep sleep:” Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What harmony is there between Christ and Belial<sup>[a]</sup>? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement is there



between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. And, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” (2Cor 6:14-18).

One day Jesus Christ asked a man to follow him, but this man preferred to go and bury his father first, but Jesus said to him:” Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:60).

It is possible to go from death to life, through Jesus Christ. This is why he said himself in John 5:24-27:” Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

<sup>25</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

<sup>27</sup> And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”

Jesus Christ will soon come and take the living, so believe in him as he will give you life, i.e. he will let you pass from darkness to life before he comes. If you are a hypocrite, relinquish this compartment before he comes. (John 5:21)

## **6. GOD'S WONDERS**

We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ to experience the wonders of God in our earthly life and in the life to come. Therefore, our deeds and words will be accompanied by divine miracles (Markus 16:17-18)

It is difficult for us to live by ourselves well and easily on this earth. Each time we encounter problems which happen independently from our will and block our development or stop our earthly life.

For instance, diseases incurable by medicine, fires, plane crash, car accidents, train..., sinking of boats, death caused by magic, an accident or a sorcery plot. You lose your work for or without a reason when you least expect it and there are men who harm us daily without reason.

But with God you will avoid all these things; here are some concrete examples:

1. Daniel in the lion den (Daniel 6:16- 24):” So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’

den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup> At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor

of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.”

2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace (Daniel 3 :19-27)

3. The resurrection of Lazarus (John 11:22-44)

What must we do to experience God’s wonders as a Christian?

God expressed his mind when he spoke to Jacob in Isaiah 43:1-3:” But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Sheba in your stead. Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.”

Beloved, Christ redeemed us with his blood. This a great price. We no longer belong to ourselves. We belong to God. Let us do his will all the time, in any circumstances and let us serve him. Thus, we shall experience his wonders as Jacob did. The apostle Paul told us the same in 1Cor 6:19-20:”\_Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom

you have received from God? You are not your own;<sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies and your minds which belong to God”.

Jesus Christ was only doing God’s will in spite of the pressure or influence of men. John 6:37-38:” All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”

We understand that to experience God’s wonders, we must live for him. That means that we put our body and time at his disposal by doing what is good to glorify him. And he will also glorify us at the right time. This is the reason why Jesus Christ said this prayer before his arrest and his death:” I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.” (John 17:4-6)

After his death, the glory of God manifested itself; he was resurrected from the dead through the power of God.

## 7. AN OPEN MIND

A Christians' life depends on the word of God which he listens to from time to time. When we talk of life, we mean spiritual and physical growth as well as progress at all levels. This is why the Bible says in Mathews 4:4: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but of every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The word is sown by preachers but it is God who causes the growth so that the Christians' progresses are obvious.

To destroy man's life, the devil prevents him from understanding what is taught to him, then he removes from him what was sown. Thus, God has nothing to do in this person. Mathews 13: 19 says: 'When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.'

A Christian who does not understand the teachings will not see the hand of God. Thus, his growth will be difficult. This is why you find people who listen to sermons in church but do not progress. Because God gives growth or life only to those who have the seeds. If the latter is taken away he will do nothing. All those whose mind is closed or blocked understand nothing and will get nothing from God. This is why Jesus Christ said: 'So be careful how you listen; for whoever has, to him *more* will be

given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him.”

One day Christ said to the disciples: I have much to tell you, but you cannot take it in now. It means that their spiritual understanding was blocked. They could not understand the scriptures. Yet, later their mind was open to the resurrection of Christ. Let us read Luke 24:36-45:” While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

<sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

Beloved, when the mind is open we do what we have heard, what we have understood. Otherwise, we will do what we do not know and it will bring you nothing. Today, many go to church and do things they do not know nor understand.

It was the case with the Samaritan woman before Christ. John 4: 22-23:” Woman, said Jesus, believe me, the time is coming when you will worship the father neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

God wants those who have an open mind and who are driven by the holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, worship him. And Jesus says that what he does is according to what he hears from God (John 5:30). It is very dangerous when you do not hear; you will do something that will bring you nothing or you will not know what is happening. We understand when the mind is open and it is assisted by the Holy Spirit.

If for the dead Jesus says:” Verily, verily I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.” What shall we say from the living who hear and understand the scriptures? They will have life in abundance. “the seed falling on good soil



refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Mathew 13:23).

Those who have a closed mind, are contradictory, understand nothing and cannot flourish, grow nor progress. Their body only is alive. Think of the sentence of Christ: “Leave the dead bury the dead”. We urge you to see a Pastor to be freed.

## **8. LET US WALK IN THE SPIRIT**

Since we are born from the Holy Spirit let us walk in the Spirit to please Christ so that we are taken up and enjoy eternal life. We have a carnal body but let not the lust of the flesh influence our Christian journey. Let us fight while praying and fasting to overcome the lust of the flesh, to subject our carnal body as the apostle Paul said in 1Cor. 9:27:” I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. “

After preaching, singing, interceding, giving your goods to God, serving or taking part in the different cults, if you engage in idolatry (PS 135:15), fornication, overeating, greed, jealousy, disputes, greediness and amusement, our work will be useless to God and we will be rejected.

Therefore, let us fight to crucify our flesh with its lust otherwise we will not inherit the kingdom of God although Christ who is

the kingdom of God through the Holy Spirit, came to us. It is our duty to hang on as the apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:12-14 "... but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Let us forget and leave the carnal vision of things, let us set our minds on the spiritual vision, the things above and not on the things on earth. This means that for every bad or good situation we must listen to the Spirit of God, look up to heaven and wait to hear from heaven.

This was the case with Stephen when he was before the people who vociferated against him. This is how he reacted (Acts 7:55-60)." But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. <sup>56</sup> He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> standing at God's right side!" <sup>57</sup> At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, <sup>58</sup> threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" <sup>60</sup> Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died."

Whoever has not yet crucified the flesh will react according to the lust of the flesh. Namely, a tooth for a tooth, abuse for abuse, in short evil for evil.

This of the children of Israel during their physical journey through the desert. Some died because they did not please God as they gave in to the lust of the flesh (1Cor 10:1-10).

Today we have relinquished the world for the Church of Jesus Christ. It is spiritual, Thus, let our journey be spiritual so as not to gratify the desires of the flesh. Think of the apostle Paul's words in Gal 5:16:” walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Those who died in the desert were betrayed by the desires of the flesh.

Similarly, for those of us who live at the end of times, some of us although they go to or serve in the wake-up churches have not yet finished with sin, they still thirst for the acts of the flesh written in Galatian 5:19-21. Their presence at worship is used for carnal encounters to see what will happen, who does what. Why him and not me. They go after the tradition of men, the elements of the world and not after Christ.

Consequently, they are at the bottom of scandals and of many other problems in families and Christian assemblies. For every situation they have a carnal vision of things.

We entreat any man born from the flesh to stop sinning, to be reborn from the water and the Spirit to walk in a manner worthy

of the Lord. We also remind you of what Christ said:” that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” He who is born of the Spirit walk in the Spirit to inherit life and peace. However, the desire for the flesh means death.

Finally, when we walk in the Spirit, all we do in our thought, speech or deeds, we do it without murmuring or hesitation, i.e. we do it willingly through the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ and for Jesus Christ.

## **9. PRAISING WITH MY TONGUE**

Praising God is a divine spiritual activity in the same manner as praying, preaching and exhorting. We obtain the same solutions from these activities. Namely, healing, setting free, edifying and consoling.

This is why in our spiritual worships we focus on these activities so that those who come receive a special grace from these divine activities.

This praise must come from God and not from men because it is divine work.

The apostle Paul confirms it in Romans 2:29:” a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the

heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God."

David also says so in psalms 40:4:" He has put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him."

If to open the divine book, the Bible, you must be worthy, the same for the mouth that sings. If it is not worthy, the worshippers or those who listen will not benefit. To God each one received a gift for the common good. What is the use of singing if it does not bring something good to those who listen.

To be worthy of it, the person who praises God should live in righteousness, justice and joy.

David says that praise is for righteous men (Ps 33:1):" Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him."

Thus, Jesus Christ in the days of his flesh praised God as a righteous man after feeling full of joy through the Holy Spirit "At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do." (Luke 10:21).

Some people who have a bad spirituality (witchcraft,), a bad comportment (worldliness) praise the Lord by singing either in

our churches or in public places without embarrassment nor hindrance. They forget that through their performance the audience is soiled and goes back to worldliness.

We urge them lovingly to forsake sorcery and worldliness to become a holy, just and righteous creature through the Spirit of truth so that their performance brings grace to those that listen to them. Grace is the source of all good things (deliverance, healing...)

Let us consider the cases of Paul and Silas who through their praises broke the chains of the prisoners:

“The prison guard having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.” (Acts 16:24-26).

Thus, we urge you (dispensers of the grace of God) in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. to sing now and then with all your heart in the holiness and joy given by the Holy Spirit.
2. To play Christian music in your homes, cars, boats and planes to enable the occupants to be filled by a divine power that will make a change in their lives.

3. to come in time to church not to miss the time of songs, worship and praise.

## **10. THE LIGHT HAS RISEN FOR YOU**

Right from the start God spoke of the light because of the darkness that was on earth. He said: let there be light, and there was light. This problem was solved.

Being the same yesterday, today and eternally, we see him using his light to solve man's problem.

The problem of man on earth is the darkness that strikes him, freezes him, blinds him spiritually, makes him live in anxiety, malediction, poverty, ...

How do we know we live in darkness? It is when we sin, all the bad deeds we do like depravity, theft, murder, fornication, hate, insults, drunkenness, witchcraft, magic and all sorts of occult sciences.

Where there is darkness, there is a bad life, fear, slavery (spiritual slave), blocking, confusion, i.e. for someone who was expecting happiness is overcome by misfortune. Instead of progressing, you decline and regress. You will see a whole suburb or a hole city regress in all walks of life.

To God darkness will not always reign on earth. He said it through the mouth of prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 8:23)

A forgotten district, full of disgrace and fear will not always remain like that. God will liberate this district with his light.

Likewise, thanks to the divine light, a family or a person will come out of the darkness covering him.

The apostle Paul, before his conversion, lived in darkness. His works were bad. He was notorious for persecuting the Christians and killing some of them. One day on his way to Damascus where he was to take Christians prisoner on the order of the high priest, there was suddenly in broad daylight a light from heaving all around him. This light had neutralised Paul and it was for him the end of his dark deeds, i.e. his conversion, the beginning of a new life which started with Ananias' prayer in the house of Judas. The light of God has an extraordinary power which can change our situation, our comportment, our manner of seeing things. Beloved, the one who killed stopped killing and started working for Christ and win souls for Christ (Acts 9:1-12).

Just like Pharaoh refused to let go the children of Israel, God commanded Moses to stretch out his hand towards the sky so that there would be darkness over Egypt and all the Egyptians would be affected. It was dark for three days. During that time, there was light where the children of Israel were.



“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.”<sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.<sup>23</sup> No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.” (Exodus 10:21-23)

The devil used this situation to harm mankind on earth.

Beloved, for the devil to reach you, there must be darkness where you are. He encourages first all those around you to do the works of darkness, to finally get his hands on each one of you. Thus, you will notice the works of darkness (debauchery, adultery, prostitution, corruption, theft, drunkenness, lies, witchcraft, ...) first take place in schools, business, families, and soon after the members will collapse or die and finally the school, business or the family will be destroyed.

Let us take the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. Due to the fact that he had carried our sins (works of darkness) on the cross, there was darkness on earth before his death, from the sixth to the ninth hour. And he passed away at the end of the ninth hour (Mathew 27:39-45). After his death, the Bible says that he lives in an unapproachable light (1 Timothy 6:16). The reflection of this light manifests itself on earth by surrounding the one who believes in Christ with his whole heart and is pure and blameless. The enemy will not come near him whatever the

problem and the number of people who hate him. This is why apostle Paul says that our life is hidden with Christ in God. Our life is hidden in an unapproachable light.

Even if there is darkness in a house, a business or any place where you are, the divine light will shine over you and it will prevent the devil and his servants to reach you as was the case with the children of Israel. We touch those who are in darkness.

## **11. JESUS CHRIST IS LOOKING FOR YOU**

The human body is subject to malediction, sin and all sorts of perversions since Adam and Eve's sin. We do not give the necessary importance to our body. Some use their body to do anything.

Today the body is used as the basis of seduction to lead to fornication and adultery. Some dress up leaving parts of their bodies visible, others wear clothes that are too tight, always with the aim of attracting. This body indulges also in overeating, drunkenness and idleness.

Those who do these things work unaware for the devil and will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Christ, in his love, came to this world to save us from this situation, i.e. through him, we know the truth of things and the people who are graces for us. Thus, when he came to this world

he gave importance to the body and with it he implemented God's will thanks to the word of God which is our spiritual food.

This is why it is written in Hebrews 10:5-9:” Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.’”

The apostle Paul explains it when he says in Romans 12:1-2:” Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

A person cannot by himself become pure and transform his intelligence. We can only do it through the word of God. This is why Christ established Ministers of the Word (preachers) so that when we listen to them now and then our bodies become the temple of God. These ministers must preach and work well through the Holy Spirit, until Christ is settled in each one of us (Eph. 2:22):” And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Members should have a knowledge that will enable Christ to live in them. Otherwise, the members of the church will use their bodies like the worldly people and it will lead them to perdition. Remember it is written that my people die for lack of knowledge.

A people badly taught, and badly enlightened in spite of the many years he has been in Christ will not know the true God, the true Spirit, the true church, the true Christian and the true servant because of ignorance. He can change churches as much as he wants, he can divorce, commit adultery, he can receive and listen to any spirit. Remember the words of Christ to the Samaritan woman “you worship that which you do not know; we, we worship what we know...”

Some, by ignorance, married fetishists, sorcerers ...and false Christians.

Those who will be enlightened by the preachers, Christ will live in them and they will know all that is true starting with God. This is why 1John 5:20 says:” We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

Christ himself says that eternal life is to know the only true God and the only true vine stock, the envoy of God.

The apostle Paul, after having received Christ and seen the renewal of his intelligence said the following:”\_So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here!<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthian 5:16-18).

When God is in you, you will not know anyone according to the flesh, you will know the true value that God gives to this person.

Jesus, when he saw Nathaniel come to him said: here is an Israelite in whom there is no fraud.

Today, when you see your father, your child, your sister, your lender, your tenant, a servant, the one who wants to marry you, what does the Spirit of God tell you? It will tell you something if it lives in you. Otherwise you will have the carnal consideration of the person.

Let us practise the word of God, so that Christ lives in us so that all that is true, honourable, just, pure, friendly, all that deserves approbation be the subject of our thoughts.

Thus, we will use our bodies for the Glory of God, i.e. to do the will of God.

All we do with our bodies will please God and his Church because we are not of the world. “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.” (Eph. 2:19-21)

## **12. PEACE IN THE FAMILY**

The family starts with a man and a woman who unite according to the word of God that says:” For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” “? Thereafter they will be blessed by God who will give them children.

The whole family must be united for the glory of God. A perfect union will be done by a spiritual bond. (Ep. 4:3). This bond is the peace given by Christ:” Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. John 14:27). When you have this peace, you will not be troubled whatever the problem in the family.

Therefore, you must first look for peace. Because you can get food but without peace you will not eat well. You can have money, but without peace this money will divide the family.

This is why Jesus said in Mathew 6:31-34:” So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

The kingdom of God is not for food and drink, but justice, peace and joy, through the Holy Spirit. First peace when you unite and there will be peace in the family.

The following verses can enlighten us:

1. Colossians 3:15:” Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

2. Ephesians 2:14-17:” For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

Because of poverty some troubled members leave the house for the street. Because also of sin and quarrels troubled parents may get divorced, but if they have peace in their hearts the division will not take place because faced with such a situation the one who has peace puts himself in the hands of God with a prayer.

When you are troubled your thought is not in Jesus Christ and anything can happen. This is why it is said:” Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

God blesses the family where there is peace. Think what he said to the disciples in Luke 10:3-9:” Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.<sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup>“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’<sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.<sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.<sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’



You will be happy when you have peace with all those who call upon the Lord with a pure heart.

### **13. TRUTH IN A CHRISTIAN HOME**

The Apostle Paul said to the couple: “Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church. He gave himself up for it....”

The Christian husband must imitate Christ in his home. Christ, as the head of the Church, considers the faithful as members of his body, therefore he shows his love by looking after them. His words to the faithful are true; he is himself in truth and he is the truth. This is how the Christian husband should behave in his home. He must speak to his wife according to the truth and he must be himself in truth. All that because they form a single body, they are members of one another.

When you are one body there is no place for lies in the family, in the group or in the Church. This is why Ephesians says:” ... Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.”

In the Church hypocrite members (false Christians) use lies to defend themselves, but the devil who is their leader knows that those lies will lead to division in the Church. Yet, if the church is made up of true Christians they will speak the truth because of the unity of the body.

Likewise, in a home where the man and the woman have become one flesh, none will dare lie or hide a truth from his/her neighbour. The home will be free, i.e. it will be free from any satanic influence. If Christ said to those who believed in him that they would know the truth and that the truth would set them free, even more so for a home that walks every day in truth.

Let the son or daughter who wants to get married forsake falsehood and strive to live in truth among his brothers and sisters.

To remain in truth, we would need a divine spirit to lead us in this direction. Jesus Christ calls it the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth that the world does not have and cannot receive. Whoever has this spirit will walk in truth.

John 16:13:” But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

The husband led by the spirit of truth, will be able to make promises to his wife and implement them. Therefore, the wife will hope to see the things promised by her husband come true. Remember that faith is the firm assurance of things hoped for. Thus, a woman led by the spirit of truth hopes to see the things promised by her chief (husband) or by the chief (Jesus Christ) of her chief materialise. This same woman will be able to say or

transmit to her husband the spiritual things that she will see or hear from God through visions or dreams....

A couple who lives in truth will please God and will see its posterity blessed. For God hates falsehood (Proverbs 8:7).

Let us take the example of Juda from whom came the Lord of glory. The Bible says that it was first through truth that he became more powerful than his brothers, then in his posterity was born the Lord of glory: “and though Judah was the strongest of his brothers and a ruler came from him, the rights of the firstborn belonged to Joseph.” (1 Chronicles 5:2)

The truth disappeared in some couples and falsehood took its place. Consequently, the posterity is endangered, left to its own: some children are led by demons, others are driven to corruption, physical and spiritual debauchery by worldliness; they might end up dead.

However, God wants the married couples to live in truth to give them an incorruptible body so that death will have no power over them as it is written:” For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” (1 Corinthian 15:53-54)

My prayer to God is that that your power in your family and in your life should have truth as a basis.

#### **14. THE CHRISTIAN IN THE FACE OF CONSPIRACIES**

Brothers and sisters, we belong to God; we are his children but we live in this world although we are not of the world as Jesus Christ said in John 17:15-16.

The works of those of the world are bad, while ours are good. We must know that the world and those who are of the world hate us (John 15:18-19)

Because of that our life is in danger every day. Among us, some were subjected to conspiracies; some died like Abel (1 John 3:12-13):”\_We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> that the world hates you.”. The others escaped thanks to God, like:

1. Joseph (Genesis 37:16-28)
2. Daniel (Daniel 6:1-24)
3. Paul (Acts 23:12-20)

Many children of God today go through difficult moments (extended celibacy, unemployment, sterility, chronic diseases, all sorts of bewitchment and malediction...) because of conspiracies from the world.

Why did these children not escape those conspiracies like Daniel and Paul, ...? It is due to their ignorance.

Because of ignorance some people not knowing that they are the children of God go according to their way, associate with heathens, fetishists, magicians and sinners. They defile their bodies because:

- They tell lies instead of the truth (John 8:44)
- They care about the creature instead of the creator (1 John 2:16)
- They love injustice instead of justice
- They are corruptible instead of incorruptible
- They prefer things against nature instead of natural things
- They do not want to attend good churches

With such a comportment, any conspiracy coming from anybody on such a person will succeed. This is how several leaders in various domains who had the above-mentioned characteristics lost their jobs or came to their death after a conspiracy. There are also hypocrite children of God who die or leave the churches because of conspiracies of worldly people

supported by witchcraft. This is why the Bible says: my people die because of ignorance.

What should we do to avoid conspiracies?

A man must:

1. believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and live according to his words, i.e. put it in practice now and then so that God, instead of being near him, will be in him (John 14:23)
2. be self-disciplined according to apostle John's entreaty: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life<sup>[a]</sup>—is not from the Father but is from the world."
3. go regularly to a church of Christ to pray, praise, worship and listen the word of God.
4. Serve God after being circumcised by Christ (Colossians 2: 11-12)

Then the promise of God to Isaiah will be fulfilled on him:” If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you.

Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy; no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication<sup>[a]</sup> from me, declares the LORD.”(Isaiah 54:15-17)

Any prayer we do reminding God of this promise will have positive results. This is why Christ said to his disciples :” Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy<sup>[a]</sup>to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:36)

## **15. JUSTICE: BASE OF SUCCESS AND A LONG LIFE**

We like to live a happy and long life on earth. Nobody wants to die earlier. We will not manage to do it by ourselves. It is very difficult for man alone to live long. But it is easy with the grace of God.

Grace is an undeserved favour that we obtain in Jesus Christ. Many received it but they trampled on it. Think of Esau in Hebrew 12:15-16:” See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;<sup>16</sup> that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birth right for a single meal.”

Esau trampled on the grace by selling his birth right. But for others grace is trampled on by committing adultery, debauchery, the love of money, fraud or all sorts of injustice. These things shorten the life of a person.

If God blesses us, we must forsake godlessness and injustice in order to live a better and long life. Know that grace reigns through righteousness. (Romans 5:20-21)

Think of some leaders who practised:

1. division: i.e. divide people to rule. They are not there anymore. Some left the earth early. To those who are alive and do the same, we ask them in the name of Jesus Christ to relinquish this practice lest they should die soon, or to leave their position or seat as soon as possible. A leader by the grace of God brings people together in justice and peace.

2. dictatorship: the dictators who were in some families, schools, enterprises, ... are not there anymore and many are dead. Since they were raised by God, they thought their ideas were superior



and that led them to assert themselves all the time and in all things. Consequently, there was a failure in direction, the loss of leadership position, and even loss of life.

Brother Paul raised by God to the position of apostle admits that he knew little. His conception of work appears in these passages:” By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it.” He also said somewhere: “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth”. Those who work in this way enjoy the success of their enterprise (family) and will live a long time according to the will of God.

3. other bad practices under the influence of the world like corruption, the love of money, debauchery, injustice, fraud, cheating, lust. Most of them have shorten their lives (student, professional, ministerial...)

God, in forgiving us, wants his divinity to show in us through a life of righteousness and peace so that we have a good and long life.

Wherever we live (family, university, enterprise, district, ...) and whatever our social standing let us look for righteousness and peace with all.

Each one of us (Father, mother, child, professor, pastor, director, priest, manager, king, ...) is responsible in a given field to establish order, justice and peace by starting by oneself.

This of Christ who said to his disciples:” Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” What divine quality do we give others?

By the grace of God, some of us had leadership positions but mistakenly they officialised corruption, debauchery and theft; consequently, they lost their job and some of them died.

Let us read the example of the king of Salem in Hebrew 7:1-3:” This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,<sup>2</sup> and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”<sup>3</sup> Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.”

Likewise, God anointed the son with the oil of gladness because he was righteous and he declared that his years would not end. Hebrew 1:8-12:” But about the Son he says: “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” He also says: In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a

garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

Let us love righteousness and hate iniquity, God will also anoint us with the oil of gladness and our years will never end because we will live with him eternally.

## **16. DIVINE WISDOM, THE SOURCE OF GOOD DEEDS**

Wisdom is a capacity, a divine knowledge that enables those who belong to God to act well in their lives, to lead properly (the family, society, an evangelical entity) and to build well.

Remember Solomon who asked God to give him wisdom to assume his responsibilities properly (2 Chronicles 1:10).

Remember also the word of God who teaches us that a wise woman can build her house while the foolish one will destroy it (Proverbs 14:1).

Today, many members of families or Christian assemblies destroy themselves their families or churches for lack of divine wisdom. We see the irresponsibility in their lives at all levels, through their incapacity to lead, design or build something. Thus, some families and churches are that in name only. In these families and churches no one behaves according to the model of Christ. Consequently, the members are going astray.

They quarrel all the time, betray one another, destroy their families or their churches. Some end up killing one another.

Think of Cain who killed his brother Abel because he was jealous and lacked divine wisdom. While if they had remained together they could have done great things on earth for the glory of God.

A couple can separate through lack of divine wisdom. Each one will live on his own. But what have we lost that is invisible? The great force (one flesh) able to do good deeds in the name of Jesus Christ in the interest of the family. The latter is divided in two so that nothing good can be done.

I give you the example of a united model couple whose wife distinguished herself through the wisdom of God, by saying to her husband: let us build a room on the roof for the man of God who often comes here. And it was done (2 Kings 4:8-10).

A young man who loses one of his arms will not be able to do some things in life. Likewise, for a man who gets drunk, is engaged in debauchery and lust, and ends up catching diseases that make him lose his health, his common sense and especially the ability to act properly.

Think of Jesus of Nazareth who came to his people and they did not receive him. They killed him in the end because his people did not have divine wisdom, they had human wisdom which means acting according to the greediness of this world. They

did it without knowing. In this were some sorcerers and some leaders kill the graces without realising it.

The apostle Paul declared in Corinthians 2:8-9:” the wisdom that none of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived — the things God has prepared for those who love him”.

They killed the one who came to save them, to free them...

This is how you persecute, humiliate, chase away, scorn, kill the people that God gave you in the family, in the church to bless you, to free you from pain, to make the truth known to you.

All that because you do not know divine wisdom. It has not yet climbed into your hearts, but I am sure that it will climb in your hearts today, and even now so that you will forsake bad deeds towards you relatives in the family, in the church and in the town where you are.

A person can go to church or serve in the church, but as long as the truth has not come to his heart, this person can destroy the church, get divorced, to kill and chase away the others; remember this sentence of Christ:” They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.<sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.”

Some parents thought they put order in their houses by divorcing, chasing away or scorning some children, but on the contrary, they acted through human wisdom.

We exhort you:

- To pray all the time for the truth to go to your hearts each time you read or listen to the word of God
- To live in the fear of the Almighty so that divine wisdom shows in your lives (Psalms 111:10)

A wise Christian must not only worry that his prayer goes to God, but also that what comes from God goes to his heart.

For those who did not believe in Jesus Christ, the door is open, believe in him and come and join us as soon as possible because His coming is near.

## **17. A GOOD FEAST**

During a feast we rejoice. But the apostle Paul asks us to rejoice in the Lord as it is written in Philippians 4:4: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

The one who rejoices in the Lord must have a spiritual state that pleases the Lord. You can drink, eat and dance with a good spiritual state (state of purity and holiness).

Soon it will be the feast at the end of the year; let us prepare for this feast by getting rid of all our sins and defilements so that our feast is in the Lord. Even if we go to the vigil of praise, in which state will we go there?

Those who went to feasts in a bad spiritual state, sinned or did things that God did not like. They made sin after sin on the day of the feast.

Thus, on the feast of Easter the apostle Paul exhorted the Christians from Corinth to get rid of the old yeast to better celebrate the feast. (1 Corinthians 5:7):” Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

The one who does not purify his heart will come into temptation on feast days and commit sins. Whereas it is the day when we should rejoice of the wonders of God: a birthday, the end of studies, the birth of a child, the new year, a wedding...

Herod organised a feast for his birthday but as he had not relinquished his sins, he ordered to kill the just man, John the Baptist, and it was done.

Markus 6:21-28:” Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and

military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of<sup>[a]</sup> Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.”

Herod lived disorderly and without taking this into account he organised the feast for his birthday. This is the action he committed during this feast. Today many people, without taking account of their spiritual state organise feasts and get problems like fighting, quarrelling and others.



Let us not forget the great feast, a glorious event conceived by God and revealed by Jesus Christ:” the marriage of the lamb”. Let us prepare for it by getting rid of sin and worldliness; let us purify our hearts day by day, let us walk with the Holy Spirit while being righteous. Thus, we will be found worth to partake in the marriage of the lamb.

This is shown in the Bible in Revelation 19:7-9:” Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people. Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

## **18. HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY**

God has the eyes fixed on the earth, looking at the lives of men he created in his image. From early times, many have been rebellious to the word of God and only a small number pleases God in their comportment. Take Job about whom God testified in his meeting with the devil (Job 1:7-8):” The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

<sup>8</sup>Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.”

Due to the great number of sins committed by man on earth, God sends his wrath from heaven on the wicked, the unrighteous and the rebels against his words. (Romans 1:18; Hebrew 12:29).

Here are some examples:

At the time of Noah men led a very bad life which displeased God so he destroyed everything that moved on earth. (Genesis 7:12-24):” And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

<sup>13</sup>On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. <sup>14</sup>They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. <sup>15</sup>Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. <sup>16</sup>The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The

waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. <sup>19</sup> They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. <sup>20</sup> The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits.<sup>[a][b]</sup> <sup>21</sup> Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. <sup>22</sup> Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. <sup>23</sup> Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

<sup>24</sup> “The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.”

The rebels of that time were all submerged by the rain. Before the flood, these people did not suspect anything; each one lived as he pleased. But those who lived in the fear of God survived.

The same for the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. Because of their sinful lives they were killed and their city was destroyed by a rain of fire and sulphur (Genesis 19:23-26):”\_By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. <sup>24</sup> Then the LORD rained down burning sulphur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. <sup>25</sup> Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. <sup>26</sup> But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”

This is the shadow of a great event to come, the end of all things and nothing more will be said of this earth according to 2 Peter 3:6-7 and 10:” By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.<sup>7</sup>By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly..... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”

We must take this into account in our comportment so that we are not destroyed by fire when God will put an end to all things on earth.

Many give themselves up to all sorts of sins today, without realising what is waiting for them.

By ourselves, we are not capable of doing what is good, nor read the holy scriptures that can make us wise for salvation. Think of what is written in Revelation 5:3-5:” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup>I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

The Lion it speaks of is Jesus Christ. Let us believe in him, let us relinquish the bad life and practise his word; he will live in us (John 14:23) and will save us from the wrath and the fire to come.

First let us read his words in John 3:16-17:” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Then in Luke 21:32-35:” Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.”

Just like Noah built the ark to save his family and Moses had put a bronze snake on a pole to save any person bitten by a snake, today it is through Jesus Christ that we will escape eternal perdition to live eternally with the Almighty, the Lord of Hosts.

**Stand fast, for Jesus Christ is coming soon.**

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