

COME, MEET KING JESUS!



Luke 10:32-42 *"Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, WHO WAS SEATED AT THE LORD'S FEET, LISTENING TO HIS WORD. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary. for **Mary has chosen the good part.** which shall not be taken away from her."*

MEET JESUS IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I come before Your Throne of Grace and RECEIVE all of Your Love and Truth and Your Joy to do Your Will. I thank you for MY LIFE IN CHRIST. Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Holy Spirit for revealing KING JESUS, the only way to the Father!

Lord Jesus, You are the ONE who has freed me from my sins by Your radical love as You covered me with Your Blood, offering me Salvation, Redemption and the Forgiveness of all sins, all failures, all faults, and all shortcomings. I thank You and praise You!

King Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God and the firstborn over all creation, reconciling all things to Yourself in Love. I NEED YOU, I am desparate for You, to be in Your presence and to RECEIVE Your TRUTH. I thank you Jesus for Truth, You are Truth, and You abide in me. Help me to live my life in Your truth and by Your truth! THANK YOU, JESUS!

King Jesus, you hold ALL authority and You have been given first place in my life, just like you have first place in all of Heaven and Earth, and under the Earth, having all the fullness of God dwell IN YOU as you reconcile all things through Your Blood for the Glory of God, our Father.

King Jesus, baptize me in your suffering, death, burial, and RESURRECTION AND GLORY! I thank you and praise you in everything and for everything, including all adversity. I thank you that you are squeezing out every ounce of goodness as you take every good and bad situation in my life to use it for good and Your glory!

Jesus, Lord, thank You for transforming me into Your image. Use all worldly adversities and all spiritual attacks against me to glorify You and Your KINGDOM as You use them to conform me into Your image of Love so that I can LOVE my enemies.

Jesus, Master I trust You with everything in my life, every decision, and every thought—lead me in and through everything we face together. Apart from You I can do nothing. IN YOU there's nothing we can't do. You've redeemed me and I am Yours, possess me fully with Your Love. Search me and know me and make me righteous, as You are righteous as only You can.

In Love, You have transferred me from the domain of darkness into Your marvelous light, where Truth rules and reigns in Grace working through Your Love. I thank You and praise You for Your Remnant, Your Faithful ones. Connect us together to experience Your Joy IN COMMUNITY. Make us to be a spectacle of Your Love. Overwhelm us with your Grace and Goodness all for the Glory of God. Bring us together to shine your light!

King Jesus, You are the Word made flesh, dwelling in us, filling us full of your Grace to establish Your Truth, revealing the very heart and nature of our Father through Your Love. I ask for more of Your Humility, Surrender, Obedience, and Love, especially for my enemies. I want to be in Your presence and hear Your voice. I want to see Your face.

Transformed in His Presence

King Jesus, I thank You and praise You for continuously interceding for me, always ensuring that nothing can separate me from the love of God IN CHRIST. I am before You, with great gratitude and a deep sense of longing for more of You, for Your presence..

Lord Jesus, You are exalted above all, with the fullness of God dwelling richly in You, and I dwell IN YOU, and You in me. By Your grace, You have brought me out of Bablyon, out of doubt and despair and into Your marvelous light, offering me Your abundant life. I RECEIVE IT IN JESUS NAME.

I thank You Holy Spirit for continuously interceding for me with the Father, ensuring that nothing—no trial, no pain, no fear—can ever separate me from Your the Love of the Father IN CHRIST. Your presence is my sanctuary, my secret place of refuge where I receive and soak in Your unending love and faithfulness—thank you, Jesus—thank you!

My Friend Jesus, I miss You deeply. In the quiet moments and the chaotic turns of my life, I find myself yearning for Your presence, to hear Your voice, to see Your face. You are my greatest need, the very air I breathe. In You alone do I find the strength to face each day, and in Your presence, I find Grace and Peace that surpasses all understanding.

Draw me near, Lord Jesus. Let me dwell in Your presence and be transformed by Your love. Teach me, lead me, hold me close. Let Your love and truth fill me, guide me, and sustain me. You are my everything, and I am Yours, completely and eternally.

Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is my Savior, Redeemer, and the living Word. In Jesus' humility and adoration, I acknowledge Jesus' sovereignty as the King and Lord of both Heaven and Earth. I humbly request you reveal my true identity in you, the identity you gave me before the world was. I ask you to reveal my new name. Thank you, Jesus!

King Jesus, I praise You for the Grace You continuously pour into my life—wave after neverending wave. King Jesus, by your Grace I request your presence ALWAYS. You are the begotten over all creation, the ONE in whom all things hold together, and nothing is impossible for you. As I come to You, teach me to dwell in Your presence, to hear only Your voice, and to see Your hand at work in my life and in the world.

I confess my weaknesses, doubts, and sins. Help me to REPENT, to receive a renewed mind, the Mind of Christ. I lay everything down at Your feet, thanking for Your forgiveness and the strength to overcome. Empower me to walk in Your ways and to stand firm in the faith You have given me by Grace.

Holy Spirit, guide me into all truth. Reveal to me the unending depths of Jesus' love and Grace. Help me to understand and to live out the realities of the Kingdom of God, transformed and renewed by Your power to love everyone as if they are Christ.

King Jesus, I wholeheartedly accept your invite and join you in your suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and glory, empowered to do the Father's will and pleasure. Make my life be a beautiful testament to Your absolute goodness and unconditional mercy, in Your holy and precious name we pray, Amen.

INTRODUCTION

You are a New Creation!

In Christ, you are reborn—a new creation transformed by His divine power and grace. Just as a seed must be buried to bring forth new life, so too were you immersed IN CHRIST through His death and resurrection.

Your journey IN CHRIST transcends the physical; it is a profound transformation that only God can orchestrate through King Jesus.

In Christ, you have not only died but have also been raised anew—a New Creation. This miraculous renewal is not the result of human effort but a divine act of God, fulfilling His promise for your life.

As you navigate the complexities of life, whether you face ongoing trials, endless adversities, or your ready to embrace new opportunities (marriage, a new career, or moving across the nation to pursue ministry opportunities), remember that your foundational identity IN CHRIST is the bedrock upon which all else is built.

At KINGDOM Empowered, our commitment is to guide you back to this fundamental truth: Christ is the cornerstone of all healing, growth, and transformation. Here, we equip you to keep your gaze fixed on Jesus, beholding His glory so that you might be continually transformed by His presence, walking with Him intimately through every season of life.

In Jesus alone, you find the answers, strength, and peace you seek by Grace, no matter the circumstances you face.

1 Corinthians 15:20-30 *"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also IN CHRIST all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, 'All things are put in subjection,' it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.*

Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? Why are we also in danger every hour?"

Adam caused everyone to die, and Jesus rescued us (those who believe), redeeming us from the clutches of eternal death. The first man, Adam caused all to sin and die, and the last man, King Jesus, restored everyone and everything in all of Creation that was lost. So, get this, Jesus did more than restore, He added a bunch more, all for the glory of God, our Father and His Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 15:16-19 *"For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep IN CHRIST have perished. If we have hoped IN CHRIST in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied."*

Our IDENTITY IN CHRIST is in Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection to glory. The Bible declares that we are Baptized into Jesus' death. Therefore, our IDENTITY is in Jesus' death. Like Jesus, we are dead to sin and death—it no longer has authority over us who are alive in the Spirit by the will and pleasure of God.

What's more, our IDENTITY is also in His resurrection, and in His Kingdom. King Jesus is the ONE Mature Man--and we are IN HIM, IN CHRIST, and He is in us! He is seated on the Throne of Grace, and we are IN HIM right now. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our New IDENTITY is IN CHRIST, in His suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. Christ is our life.

Romans 6:4-8 *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him."*

There is ONE TRUTH, ONE DEATH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE SPIRIT, ONE RESURRECTION, and ONE LIFE-ALL IN CHRIST. My new IDENTITY IN CHRIST is Spirit, my Spiritman.

Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are His workmanship, created IN CHRIST Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

Because Jesus' death and resurrected, Jesus conquered and defeated DEATH, for everyone. By Jesus' shed blood everyone is set free from DEATH, and more importantly invited to Join Jesus in His eternal Kingdom. We are all invited to Join His New Creation.

John 11:25-26 *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'"*

Today, many Christians reject God's Grace and work hard to establish their own kingdom through self-promotion and self-protection. Some even look good in their self-righteousness, having worked hard and risked a great deal and now they flourish in worldly prosperity, looking as if they made the right decision, and perhaps now that they are successful, obvious, it must be God behind their rise and elevation--but it is not. Their vain glory is but a vapor.

Galatians 6:9-10 *"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."*

Today's model of a good Christian is a "Super Christian," successful, prosperous, influential, bold, charismatic, energized, vibrant, polished, educated, and very knowledgeable--looking good on the outside but dead on the inside--built on false identities bestowed by the world and the worldly standards of success.

James 2:26 *"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."*

Jesus invites us to join Him in His suffering and death so that we can join Him in His resurrected Glory and reign and rule with Him upon the earth, as Ambassadors of His Creation. Jesus' invite is full and complete, meaning when we accept His invite we only bring ourselves, exactly the way we are, openly confessing our sins, failures, and weaknesses--ALL OF THEM, turning them over to Jesus who reminds us of our death IN HIM, and our resurrection IN HIM, allowing us to leave our dead sinful ways behind. We bring nothing with us when we accept Jesus' invite to follow Him in His Kingdom as the New Creation.

1 Peter 1:3 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

There is only ONE TRUTH, ONE CHRIST, who is TRUTH. There are not many Christs, just ONE, but there are many alternative Christs, false Christs. To receive Jesus' invite to live forever with Him and IN HIM, in His Kingdom, we must become new—NEW CREATIONS ON CHRIST. Only Jesus can make us new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."*

I am IN CHRIST, not in Craig. My human name is Craig, but I am IN CHRIST. I am not my own, I was bought with a price. Jesus redeemed me and you, and He invites all of us to join Him in His suffering, death, burial, and resurrection to New Life--the New Creation.

1 Corinthians 6:14 *"Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power."*

My new IDENTITY is CHRIST, all of Him. We are being transformed into His image. Every success, failure, win, and defeat--all adversity and victories--everything we do in this life is

allowed and used by God for His good and His glory, so that through them, and by them we are conformed us into His image—praise God!

Romans 10:9-10 *"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."*

We are not our temporary meat sack. Our physical body is a space suit. It has been replaced by a new upgraded model in the NEW HUMANITY, the New Creation IN CHRIST.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 *"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus."*

We are individual parts of HIS ONE BODY, the BODY of CHRIST. Our IDENTITY IS CHRIST, and our job, duty, and responsibility is to play our unique part because the body needs it. A lung cell and a pancreas cell look worlds apart, but they are in ONE MAN, in ONE BODY, playing different vital roles. What's yours, what's your unique IDENTITY IN CHRIST?

Your Lung cells are 100% you. Your Lung cells are in you and from you, and you, the Body takes care of them as your Lung cells serve your Body. Its the same with the Pancreas cells. They look and function totally different than the Lung cells, but your Pancreas cells are 100% you. Your Body made them and sustains them, but you are so much more than a Pancreas cell.

1 Corinthians 12:12 *"For just as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ."*

Our IDENTITY and our PART (job, role, position, responsibility, unique talents and skills) is IN CHRIST. Nothing is apart from Christ, or all is apart from Christ. Either you are CHRIST's or you are not. If you are Christ's, you are 100% His. You are a PART in His Body given a specific role and He will sustain you and provide everything you need, IN HIM—the Head and the Heart of the Body. We are all individual PARTS in His Body living in complete harmony and unity generating nothing but LOVE. My PART in His BODY, in HIS KINGDOM is unique and specific to me, and you.

1 Corinthians 12:18 *"But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired."*

If this is true, and it is, then our full IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST. When we look at someone IN CHRIST, or they look at us, who are IN CHRIST, we see Jesus. When we see others, we are to see them IN CHRIST, as 100% members of CHRIST, given individual parts and roles IN CHRIST.

Regardless of what they look like, or how they act, according to the Bible we are supposed to SEE EVERYONE IN THE SPIRIT, IN CHRIST--EVERYONE. Jesus looked at, and treated Judas, the betrayer the same way He treated Peter, James, and John. It is extremely important that we see everyone IN CHRIST, and treat everyone as if they were Christ. We are not our

own, we've been redeemed, purchased, reclaimed, and restored from slavery and bondage, all by our Kinsman Redeemer, King Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one IN CHRIST Jesus."*

We are free to REJECT Jesus' invite. We have been given FREE WILL. We can reject Jesus' free gift of righteousness and seek to build a kingdom and an empire apart from Christ, on our own.

Deuteronomy 30:19 *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants."*

New Creation, and the New Wine. We are Jesus' New Wine. We are also the Branches, His Branches that bear good fruit that remain. New Wine requires New Wine Skins. Jesus is inviting us into His New Creation, His Kingdom, His new Wine Skins. Will you accept His invitation and let the goodness of God shine in you and through you, drawing all men (and women) to yourself so they can witness Jesus IN YOU, and YOU IN HIM, all for the Glory of God and His Kingdom.

John 15:1-5 *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."*

The Urgency of the Divine Invitation

Jeremiah 33:3 and **Malachi 3:7** beckon us to initiate communication with God, who promises to reveal profound truths and invites us back into a relationship. This call is not merely to know about God but to actively engage with Him, to experience His presence and receive His guidance directly, as emphasized in **John 16:13** and **1 Corinthians 2:14**. The Spirit of truth plays a crucial role in this process, revealing and guiding believers into all truth, underscoring that the divine message and wisdom cannot be comprehended through natural means but require spiritual discernment.

Jeremiah 33:3 *"Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*

The Promise of Restoration and Compensation

The imagery of restoration in **Joel 2:25**, where God promises to restore the years eaten by locusts, serves as a metaphor for the redemptive work of Christ. It reassures us that what was lost or stolen, whether years of joy, opportunities, or spiritual vitality, can be restored IN CHRIST. This promise extends into the New Testament, where the resurrection of Christ (**1 Corinthians 15:1-30**, **John 11:25-26**) is presented not just as a historical event but as a template for our own resurrection and a symbol of ultimate restoration—defeating death and receiving eternal life.

Joel 2:25 *"Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you."*

The Mandate for Transformation and Good Works

Ephesians 2:10 and **Titus 3:8** highlight that believers are created for a purpose—good works prepared in advance by God. These verses, along with **Galatians 6:9-10**, call for a life of active faith, not passive belief. Faith, as **James 2:26** points out, is dead without works; thus, believers are urged to embody their faith through actions that reflect God's love and righteousness.

Titus 3:8 *"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men."*

The Assurance of Salvation and Your New IDENTITY

The scriptures repeatedly affirm the assurance of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9-10**, **1 Peter 1:3**). This salvation is not a mere afterthought but is central to the Christian faith, involving a transformation that begins here and now but culminates in eternity. Believers are reassured of their new identity IN CHRIST—a theme resonating through **Isaiah 61:10** and **Ephesians 2:5-7**, where we are depicted as clothed in the garments of salvation and righteousness.

1 Peter 1:3 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"*

The Call to Perseverance Amidst Suffering

Philippians 3:10 and the comprehensive teachings of **1 Corinthians 15:1-30** urge believers to know Christ deeply, sharing in His sufferings and being conformed to His death. This deep relational knowledge of Jesus assures us of the power of His resurrection, enabling us to face life's trials with a perspective anchored in eternal hope.

Philippians 3:10 *"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;"*

The overarching message to humanity woven through these scriptures is clear: God calls every individual into a deep, transformative relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. This relationship promises not only the restoration of what was lost but also a new identity and purpose. It compels believers to live out a faith that actively influences their surroundings through good works and to endure hardships with the assurance of Christ's victory over death, which ensures our own resurrection and eternal life.

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MEET YOUR KING, JESUS

In your moment of profound need, when the weight of the world seems unbearable and hope feels like a distant memory, I invite you to meet someone truly extraordinary—my friend and yours, King Jesus.

Colossians 1:22 *“yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—”*

Envision King Jesus not merely as a figure from ancient texts, but as the living Messiah, reigning gloriously at the right hand of the Father's Throne of Grace.

Hebrews 4:15-16 *“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Receive Your New Name and New IDENTITY IN CHRIST

In the profound depths of Revelation 2:17, Jesus Christ extends an awe-inspiring promise to His faithful followers—an eternal, unshakable identity in Him, symbolized by a new name written on a white stone.

Revelation 2:17 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”*

Jesus' promise transcends the false identities forged by the world's pressures and labels. Jesus speaks directly to the core of our being, marking us as redeemed, cherished, and intimately known by God Himself. As we receive this new name, our IDENTITY IN CHRIST serves not just as a token of divine love but as a profound transformation, embedding within us a sacred calling and purpose that aligns with the very heart of God.

Our new heavenly identity is a gift of grace, designed to empower us to overcome the world and its deceptions, firmly securing us in the eternal presence of our King, and setting us apart as bearers of His light and truth in a darkened world.

Here, in Jesus' presence, you will find a King who reigns over both Heaven and Earth with boundless love and mighty power and He wants you to join him as He equips you and strengthens you as you confess your weaknesses.

Ephesians 1:18-23 *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about IN CHRIST, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Jesus understands your weariness and the battles you face right now; He knows everything and He offers not just temporary relief but eternal solace and strength through your problems and trials. Whether you are grappling with fear, loss, or the looming shadow of defeat, Jesus extends His hand with the promise of immediate peace and future divine restoration. Turn it all over to Him.

Colossians 1:15-20 *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”*

Like Lazarus, whom Jesus lovingly raised from the depths of despair, actual death, you too can experience a miraculous turning point right now, today. If you are unsure of how to reach Jesus, fear not—let this be your guiding light to the Throne of Grace where all are welcomed, healed, and revived. Come, let us take this journey together, stepping into the loving embrace of King Jesus, where every burden is lifted and every heart is renewed.

John 11:38-44 *“So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, *came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus *said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, *said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus *said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.” When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”*

Jesus is the Only Answer!

In your moment of darkness, when every path you’ve tried has led only to deeper despair, remember that there is One who offers a way where there seems to be none. Jesus Christ, with

His boundless love and profound compassion, is calling out to you. He sees the battles you've fought in silence, the nights you've cried alone, and the fears that whisper doubts into your heart. Yet, in His presence, there is a peace that surpasses all understanding, a sanctuary where fears dissolve and anxieties fade.

1 John 4:16 *"We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."*

Here, in Jesus' unlimited and unconditional love, you are not judged but embraced, not abandoned but upheld. Let yourself be soaked and pickled by the truth that Jesus is not just a distant deity; He is a tender Savior who longs to carry your burdens and breathe new life into your weary soul. Reach out to Him, and let your heart find the rest it yearns for, and the strength to begin anew, baptized in His ceaseless Goodness and Grace.

1 Peter 5:10 *"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory IN CHRIST, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you."*

Why We Must Soak in Jesus' Presence

In this crucial moment, I want to share why it is vital to soak in Jesus' presence and be transformed into His image from the inside out. This isn't just a spiritual luxury—it's an emergency necessity. We live in a world where identities are often shaped by the pressures and deceits of our surroundings, a world where the whisper of the enemy attempts to distort the truth of who we are meant to be IN CHRIST.

Romans 12:2 *'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.'*

When we spend time in Jesus' presence, we are not just passing time; we are being changed. Just as Moses' face shone after being with God, so our inner selves are transformed when we linger in the presence of Jesus. This transformation is essential because it is here that we learn our true identity—the one given to us not by the world or by its ruler, but by our Father in heaven. In His presence, we are reminded that we are loved, chosen, forgiven, and empowered to overcome any adversity.

Titus 2:11-14 *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."*

The Dangers of Not Knowing Jesus Intimately

Knowing about Jesus without knowing Him intimately is like navigating a ship without a compass. We may have a lot of information, but we lack direction. This lack of intimacy with Jesus leads to a life where defeat often feels more prevalent than victory. When we face adversities without this deep relational knowledge, we are prone to being deceived by Satan and the world, accepting a false identity marred by shame, condemnation, and self-hatred.

Romans 5:8 *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

The False Identity Imposed by the World and Satan

The world, and indeed Satan, seeks to imprint us with an identity that contradicts what God has declared over us. If we are not grounded in the truth of our identity IN CHRIST, we become vulnerable to every lie that seeks to undermine our worth and purpose. Without the solid foundation of knowing who we are in Jesus, the storms of life can shatter our sense of IDENTITY, leaving us to grasp at the shadows of who the world demands we be.

Romans 5:17-21 *"For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

The Role of Community in Knowing Our Identity IN CHRIST

Our identity IN CHRIST is realized not only in solitude but also within the community of believers. Community is where our identity is both affirmed and activated. It is in fellowship with other believers that the aspects of our identity IN CHRIST—forgiveness, new life, and mission—are lived out and strengthened. However, when the community, particularly the church, operates carnally rather than spiritually, it fails to nurture this identity. Instead of producing disciples who walk confidently and intimately with Jesus, it produces individuals familiar with religious concepts but strangers to the divine power that transforms lives.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Overcoming the Carnal Church's Influence

The carnal church too often teaches about Jesus as if He were a character in a history book, rather than the living God active in our lives today. This approach breeds historical knowledge without fostering a transformative relationship. In contrast, Jesus calls us into a relationship so intimate, so profound, that it is likened to the deep knowing between spouses. This is the kind of relationship where Jesus imparts to us a new name, known only to Him and us (Revelation 2:17), symbolizing our unique identity and destiny in His eternal kingdom.

Revelation 2:17 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it."*

The Absolute Necessity of Receiving Our Identity from Jesus

Knowing Jesus intimately—truly hearing Him, seeing Him, and following His direction—is essential because He is the only one who knows us completely and loves us most deeply. He alone can reveal the true identity we are meant to embrace, an identity rooted in His victory, His righteousness, and His love. Every moment spent in His presence fortifies us against the deceit of the enemy and the distortions of the world.

Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."*

An Urgent Call to Action

So, I urge you, dive deep into the presence of Jesus. Let Him tell you who you are. Let His truth wash over every lie you've been told about your worth and your purpose. In Him, find the strength to reject the false identities the world offers. Ask boldly for the revelation of your true identity in Him, and trust that He will use every adversity, every challenge, and every pain not just to show you who you are, but to mold you into who you were always meant to be.

John 14:6 *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"*

Remember, in Jesus, you are not just surviving; you are thriving. You are not just getting by; you are being set apart. You are not defeated; you are more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37). Let this truth resonate in every corner of your life. Come to Him, soak in His presence, and be transformed by His love.

Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are His workmanship, created IN CHRIST Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

Receive the Name of Jesus

In this age, where the shadows of despair and calamity loom large, billions find themselves caught in the throes of unimaginable crises. The fabric of society, strained by the weight of betrayal, loss, and fear, cries out for a savior—not for a distant historical figure to be admired from afar, but a present and living Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 *"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

As the world spirals into chaos, the clarion call of the Gospel resonates more urgently than ever. It is not merely knowledge of Jesus that humanity needs, but an intimate, transformative encounter with Him. Just as a drowning man does not need instructions on swimming but immediate rescue, so too do our souls require the saving hand of Jesus, not merely teachings about Him.

Isaiah 43:2 *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you."*

Facing the Throne of Grace - The Meeting Point of Mercy

Emergencies and spiritual crises demand a response that transcends conventional aid. Here, the concept of spiritual triage becomes pivotal. This triage does not take place in hospitals or clinics but at the Throne of Grace where mercy and help are dispensed liberally to those in dire need. Hebrews 4:16 illuminates this divine protocol, offering believers the confidence to approach God's throne in their time of need. This immediate access to Jesus transforms believers from the inside out, instilling a new identity IN CHRIST that is equipped to overcome the darkest trials.

"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." **Hebrews 4:16**

The Aftermath of Rescue - Live Fearlessly IN CHRIST

Once rescued, the journey is far from over. The transition from crisis to stability is where true discipleship begins. "THE Grace Awakening" emphasizes the subsequent steps—living out this new identity fearlessly, imbued with the truth, love, and power of Christ. It is a transformative process, where each rescued soul is called to become a rescuer, embodying the life-saving grace they received by becoming conduits of that grace to others.

Romans 6:4 *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*

This journey is not about accumulating more knowledge or adhering to religious formalities but about fostering a deep, personal relationship with Jesus. It involves an ongoing dialogue, a continual abiding in His presence, where His voice guides and His love transforms. This relationship is vividly depicted in the narrative as a love story between Christ and His Church—where Christ is not only the savior but also the bridegroom who has lovingly prepared His bride for an eternal union with Him.

Ephesians 3:19-20 *"and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God" "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,"*

The Call to Come Out of Babylon

Hear the urgency to heed the warnings of John's Revelation of Jesus Christ—to come out of Babylon, the symbol of world systems enmeshed in corruption and sin. The impending destruction of Babylon parallels the spiritual decay that ensnares many. The call to come out is a plea to detach from the dependencies and entanglements of temporal systems and to cling solely to Christ, the eternal refuge. For those who hear and respond to this call, the promise is not just survival but a thriving, victorious existence that transcends the turmoil of the end times.

2 Corinthians 6:17 *"Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you."*

This narrative is more than a theological exposition; it is an impassioned plea for immediate and profound engagement with Jesus Christ, the only source of true rescue and redemption in the tumult of our times. It beckons every reader to step into the reality of their identity IN CHRIST—a reality marked by fearless living and a deep, transformative relationship with King Jesus, our Savior.

Matthew 9:36 *"Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd."*

The Urgent Need for King Jesus and a Spiritual Triage

Do you want to know more about Jesus, or do you want to meet Him personally? This question cuts to the heart of our spiritual crisis today. In a world overwhelmed by chaos, suffering, and despair, billions are in dire need—not just of hearing about Jesus but of encountering Him face-to-face. The concept of spiritual triage—borrowed from emergency medical systems where the most critically injured are treated first—becomes profoundly necessary. It's about prioritizing the spiritual emergencies that people face, directing them immediately to the presence of Jesus at the Throne of Grace. Here, according to Hebrews 4:14-16, they can receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*

Understanding Triage in the Spiritual Realm

In "THE Grace Awakening," particularly pages 67 and 68, there's an illuminating discussion on the absolute necessity of grace. The text analogizes the situation of drowning individuals who don't need a manual on swimming as they flounder but need immediate rescue. Similarly, our spiritual crises are such that theoretical knowledge of Jesus isn't sufficient. People need an immediate, life-saving encounter. They need the Breath of Life—King Jesus Himself—to rescue them, embrace them, and restore them.

Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

Imagine someone drowning in the middle of a lake—this person doesn't need instructions shouted from a safe distance. They need someone to dive in, pull them out, and breathe life back into their desperate lungs. Once safe, then they can learn to swim. This is the essence of spiritual triage: meeting people in their most desperate moments with the direct, comforting, and powerful presence of Jesus.

John 1:16 *"For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace."*

The Role of King Jesus in Our Crisis

King Jesus, seated on the Throne of Grace, is our triage specialist. His role is not passive; it's an active, urgent intervention into the lives of those who are spiritually dying. Hebrews 4:16 invites us to "approach the throne of grace with confidence," not just to receive mercy and grace but to experience the personal, transformative presence of Jesus Christ. It's here, in His presence, that we find the wisdom and strength to navigate our crises as if He were living our lives for us.

Psalms 34:18 *"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

Face-to-Face with Christ - The Transformation at the Throne

When you're face-to-face with Jesus, it's not about learning His historical impact or theological significance. It's about encountering His transformative love and power. This meeting changes everything. It's where tormented souls find peace, the oppressed find liberation, and the broken are made whole. It's the place where our identity IN CHRIST is not only affirmed but activated. This identity is our rescue, our passport to eternal life, freely given through grace.

Matthew 11:28-30 *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Consider a woman overwhelmed by betrayal and loss. She approaches the Throne of Grace not looking for theological explanations but desperate for the presence of Jesus to affirm her worth and renew her strength. Or think of a man battling addiction, finding in his encounter with Christ not just the steps to recovery but the actual power to transform his desires and actions.

Philippians 4:19 *"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory IN CHRIST Jesus."*

Bringing Others to the Throne - Our Role in Spiritual Triage

Our responsibility, then, as believers and followers of Christ, is clear. We must act as spiritual first responders, guiding the wounded, the weary, and the worn to the Throne of Grace. We don't just tell them about Jesus; we take them to Him, ensuring they know how to access His presence personally and immediately.

2 Corinthians 3:18 *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."*

In every spiritual emergency room, the question echoes, "Do you want to know about Jesus, or do you need to meet Him right now?" For those under duress, those enduring prolonged attacks of dark forces, theoretical knowledge is insufficient. Like Lazarus, they need the life-giving command of Jesus, who calls us out of our tombs of despair into His marvelous light.

Psalms 107:19-20 *"Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions."*

Living Fearlessly IN CHRIST

As the world grows darker, the need for the light of Christ becomes more apparent and more urgent. It's not enough to know about Jesus; the billions trapped in fear, pain, and uncertainty need to meet Him in the most real and transformative way. They need Him not tomorrow, not after theological debates—they need Him now. Let us be diligent in our mission to bring souls to Jesus, for in His presence is fullness of joy, solutions to our greatest problems, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. This is the essence of TRIAGE IN CHRIST—bringing everyone to the face of Jesus, where true healing begins.

Mark 2:17 *"And hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"*

Continuing from the profound understanding gained at the Throne of Grace, where individuals meet Jesus face-to-face and receive His direct guidance and revelation, the journey of spiritual formation and growth IN CHRIST doesn't end—it truly begins. This next step in the journey is beautifully narrated as a divine love story between King Jesus and His Bride, reflecting a deepening relationship that shapes and transforms lives.

John 4:35 *"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."*

As individuals receive mercy and grace at the Throne of Grace, they step into living fearlessly IN CHRIST. This means embodying the identity received through divine encounter—being truth-tellers, foot washers, and kingdom rebels. It's a fearless existence rooted not in the absence of fear, but in the overwhelming presence of Christ's perfect love which casts out all fear (1 John 4:18). Living fearlessly involves stepping boldly into the roles God has called us to, whether that be teachers, counselors, servants, intercessors, healers, prophets, or shepherds, always empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Transformation Through Truth and Service - Multiplication of Disciples

The journey continues with a transformation that goes beyond personal sanctification to impact the community. Being a truth-teller and a foot-washer like Jesus means serving others selflessly, washing their wounds, and speaking truth into their lives with love. It's about embracing the humble servitude modeled by Christ, who came not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45). This service isn't a mere act of charity; it's a profound ministry that affirms and strengthens one's identity IN CHRIST while helping others discover their own.

John 1:12 *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,"*

From receiving personal transformation and healing at the Throne of Grace, individuals are called to multiply the grace they've received by discipling others. This is where the truth-tellers become kingdom rebels—not conforming to the patterns of this world but challenging them by living out the radical truths of the gospel (Romans 12:2). They are to teach others who they are IN CHRIST by leading them directly to Jesus, not just to learn about Him but to encounter Him personally.

1 Peter 2:9 *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*

Breaking Free from Traditional Constraints

This next step of the journey also involves a conscious departure from dead, traditional forms of church that often constrain spiritual growth and expression. Instead, it calls for abiding IN CHRIST, receiving truth directly from Him, and walking in the freedom He provides. This freedom is characterized by a life lived in full communion with Jesus, where every believer is guided by the Holy Spirit to fulfill their unique purpose in God's kingdom.

Psalm 23:1-4 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

King Jesus loves His Bride deeply, has made her spotless, blameless, holy, and beyond reproach through His sacrificial love. This love story unfolds as believers live out their identity IN CHRIST, fearless and bold, yet humble and serving. Each believer's life becomes a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love, a beacon of hope and truth in a world desperate for genuine love and eternal truth.

The Ongoing Dance of Grace

The narrative concludes with an invitation for all to continue this divine dance of grace. As each person lives out their identity IN CHRIST, they contribute to a larger story of redemption that is unfolding across generations. Each step taken in faith is a step towards realizing the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, preparing the Bride for the glorious return of Christ.

2 Timothy 1:9 "Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us IN CHRIST Jesus from all eternity."

This spiritual journey, powered by encounters at the Throne of Grace, transforms lives, shapes destinies, and prepares a people ready to meet their King. The ongoing transformation is not just personal but communal, inviting all into a deeper, more profound fellowship with Christ and one another, thus fulfilling the great commission to make disciples of all nations.

The Love Story of King Jesus - Sacrifice and Identity

In the grand narrative of God's kingdom, the story of Jesus and His Bride—His church—is one of profound love, radical sacrifice, and transformative power. As believers, when we come face-to-face with Jesus at the Throne of Grace, we are not just encountering a historical figure; we are meeting our Redeemer, who calls us into a life of deep intimacy and surrender. This is not merely about knowing about Jesus; it's about knowing Him personally, as a best friend.

The Sacrifice of Rights for Kingdom Righteousness

Imagine if Jesus had approached His earthly mission intending to fight for "human rights" or "civil rights" without relinquishing the Gospel. It's almost unthinkable because His entire ministry was about surrendering rights for the sake of a higher call. Jesus, who had every right to earthly honor and divine privilege, chose instead the path of humility and self-denial—He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant.

Philippians 2:7 *"but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."*

In a profound discussion, perhaps in the serene moments of prayer or amid the crowds seeking His healing touch, Jesus might challenge our modern preoccupations with rights. "What does it benefit a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36). In His gentle, piercing way, Jesus would remind us that the call to follow Him is a call to lose our life to find it in Him—a paradox that the world struggles to understand.

Denying Self to Gain CHRIST

Jesus' call to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him (Matthew 16:24) is radical. It goes against the grain of our self-preserving instincts and our culture's emphasis on personal rights and freedoms. Following Jesus means surrendering our rights—rights to revenge, comfort, reputation, and even life itself.

1 John 4:17 *"By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world."*

This surrender is not about losing our identity but finding our true identity IN CHRIST. It's about seeing ourselves as He is, reflecting His image. As the Bible says, "As He is, so are we in this world." This realization transforms how we view ourselves and how we interact with others. We begin to see every person not just as another human being but as an image-bearer of Christ, worthy of love and sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 15:57 *"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

The Kingdom Call - Living for Jesus IN CHRIST

The narrative of Jesus' love for everyone culminates in the call to live not for ourselves but for Him. Our unique identity IN CHRIST isn't just a personal badge of honor; it's a commission to serve, to love, and to sacrifice for others. By living IN CHRIST and for Christ, we fulfill the purpose for which we were created. This is the essence of Kingdom living—it transcends human rights and taps into divine righteousness.

Matthew 25:40 *"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' "*

We are called to see and consider everyone as part of Christ's body, to love our enemies, and to serve the least of these as if we were serving Christ Himself. This service is not out of obligation but out of a deep love that flows from our intimate relationship with Jesus.

The Transformative Power of Knowing Christ

This journey with Christ is not a static or solitary pursuit. It's a dynamic, communal experience of being transformed into His image, from glory to glory. As we come out of our own versions of Babylon—our self-centered kingdoms—we enter into a life of grace, mercy, and peace that is found only in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:18 *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."*

As followers of Christ, our challenge is to move beyond defending our rights to laying down our lives. In doing so, we discover the life that is truly life—a life marked by His presence, powered by His grace, and poured out for His glory. This is the love story of King Jesus and His Bride, a story that calls each of us to come, die, and truly live.

Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are His workmanship, created IN CHRIST Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

In the pursuit of understanding God's original blueprint for His Church, we find that the modern church structure, marked by its mega-churches, multi-location setups, denominational divides, and local non-denominational congregations, often strays significantly from the model presented by Jesus Christ Himself. This calls for a re-evaluation and a return to a more biblical model of church—specifically, the house church model as described in the New Testament.

Acts 2:46 *"Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,"*

The early church, as depicted in the New Testament, particularly in Acts and the Pauline Epistles, was not centered around large buildings or hierarchical structures but was fundamentally relational and organic. Believers met in homes, shared meals, and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. This model fostered a deep sense of community, accountability, and mutual edification.

Romans 16:5 *"also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaphroditus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia."*

Comparison with Modern Christian Churches

Today's Christian churches often focus on scale, efficiency, and programmatic outputs, which, while reaching large numbers, can sometimes dilute the personal and communal aspects of biblical church life. Mega churches and multi-location churches, though effective in certain contexts, can struggle to maintain the relational intimacy that characterizes the New Testament church model. Denominational and non-denominational churches often mirror corporate structures more than the dynamic, spirit-led gatherings of the early church.

2 Timothy 4:2 *"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."*

The Call for Immediate Repentance and Return to House Churches

The article from "Decentralizing the Christian Church" highlights the need for a shift back to decentralized, house-based gatherings. This model is not only more resilient and adaptable but also more aligned with the scriptural record. The emphasis on small, autonomous groups allows for a more genuine expression of the priesthood of all believers, where each member can function actively in their spiritual gifts, serving one another in love.

Galatians 5:13 *"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

Biblical Basis for House Churches

Scriptures provide a strong foundation for the house church model:

Acts 2:42-47 shows the early believers meeting in homes, sharing resources, and experiencing growth as they lived out the gospel together.

1 Corinthians 14:26 suggests a meeting style where everyone contributes, which is more feasible in a smaller, house-based setting.

Romans 16:5 mentions the church that meets in the house of Prisca and Aquila, indicating the early acceptance of home-based gatherings as legitimate expressions of church life.

Practical Steps Towards Developing Biblical House Churches

Church leaders and congregations need to recognize the deviations from scriptural mandates and repent, seeking to realign their practices with New Testament principles. Believers should be trained to host and lead house churches, equipped with biblical and practical tools to foster

healthy, vibrant communities. Shift focus from central leadership to empowering individual believers and groups to lead and minister autonomously, supported by a network of resources and guidance.

2 Timothy 4:3 *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,"*

A Love Story of Redemption - Seek Intimacy with Christ in Urgent Times

The movement back to house churches is part of a larger narrative of redemption where Jesus, the Bridegroom, prepares His Bride (the Church) to be a spotless, blameless bride, not confined by structures but by His Spirit. It's a love story that invites every believer to engage directly with the transformative power of the Gospel, fulfilling their unique role within the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 5:27 *"that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless."*

As we consider the urgency of returning to God's original blueprint for the Church, we must embrace the humility, sacrifice, and love demonstrated by Christ. By doing so, we can recover the vitality and authenticity of the early church, making disciples in a way that truly honors God and expands His Kingdom on earth.

Colossians 1:22 *"yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—"*

In the context of the impending Rapture and the identification of New York as a modern "Mystery Babylon," believers are called to a profound intimacy with Jesus Christ and a vigilant posture toward the world's systems. As the narrative unfolds, the urgency of coming out of Babylon—that is, disentangling ourselves from worldly dependencies and moral compromises—becomes not just advisable but essential for the Bride of Christ.

Revelation 19:7 *"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."*

To know Jesus intimately is to understand His voice, His heart, and His will for our lives and for His Church. Unlike historical figures like Abraham Lincoln, whom we may know about without ever knowing personally, Jesus invites us into a relationship that is as deep and personal as the marital bond, marked by mutual knowledge and love. This intimacy is crucial, especially as the world approaches the tribulation period prophesied in Revelation.

Ephesians 5:25-32 *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or*

wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body."

The Necessity of Hearing Only His Voice to Establish HIS Kingdom

In a world filled with noise and competing voices, the ability to discern Christ's voice becomes vital. John 10:27 underscores this, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." As His followers, we must tune our ears to His guidance, resisting the cacophony of Babylon's allure. This is not merely for our salvation but for our sanctification and effective witness in these last days.

Matthew 6:33 *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

Matthew 6:33 instructs us to "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." In the context of the imminent Rapture and great tribulation, this command takes on a heightened significance. It means prioritizing the values and activities that align with God's kingdom—even if it costs us our rights, comforts, or earthly securities. This kingdom-focused vision enables us to navigate the complexities of life in "Babylon" without being ensnared by its sins.

Calling All Out of Babylon

Revelation 18:4's call, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins," is a dramatic and urgent summons for God's people to disassociate from the corrupt systems represented by Babylon. For believers, this means a radical commitment to holiness and separation from the world's corrupt practices. It's about living not in isolation but in insulation, shielded by God's truth and grace.

Revelation 18:4 *"I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;"*

The Implications of Missing Christ

The parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) serves as a stark reminder of the necessity of readiness. The 'foolish virgins' who miss the wedding represent those unprepared for Jesus' return. This parable is not just a warning about vigilance but a call to active engagement in the Kingdom's work, ensuring that our lamps are not only filled but also alight.

Matthew 25:1-4 *"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.*

For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps."

Similarly, the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) challenges us to invest all that we have in the kingdom's service. In the face of the world's impending tribulations, there is no room for passivity; every resource, gift, and opportunity must be leveraged for God's glory and the expansion of His kingdom.

Matthew 25:14-16 *"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents."*

The Continuing Love Story

This narrative is ultimately a love story between Jesus, the Bridegroom, and His Bride, the Church. It is a story marked by sacrifice, as the Bridegroom lays down His life for His Bride, making her "spotless, blameless, holy, and beyond reproach." In response, the Bride is called to reciprocate this love through complete devotion—denying herself, taking up her cross, and following Him wholeheartedly.

John 14:1-4 *"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."*
*Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"*
*Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

As the signs of the times indicate that we are living in the last days, now is the time for salvation, now is the time to sound the alarm, and now is the time to come out of Babylon. This is not merely for self-preservation but for the fulfillment of our roles as ambassadors of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

In this climactic period of human history, let us engage deeply with our Beloved, hear only His voice, and invest ourselves wholly in His Kingdom, preparing ourselves and others for His imminent return.

Matthew 6:10 *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven."*

I am a good branch from His good tree. If we are His, and we are, then we are good branches from the good tree and He produces His good fruit through us. How can a bad branch come from a good tree? How can a good branch produce bad fruit? According to Scripture, it can't. You and I are made to be good branches in the good tree that produces good fruit.

Luke 6:43 *"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit."*

Your identity is not rooted in your circumstances, victories, or failures, but in the unchanging nature of Christ. Jesus declared "You are a good branch from the good tree, and if you abide IN ME, I will produce My good fruit through you!"

John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing"*

As branches, we draw life from His holiness, not our own. The "goodness" of the branch flows only from union with the Vine—Christ Himself. You are not merely a branch, or even merely His servant, but His Bride, chosen, cherished, and made radiant by His righteousness.

The Body of Christ Thrives on Diversity of function, not Uniformity.

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body IN CHRIST" **Romans 12:4–5**

Whether a peacemaker or giant slayer, our mission is sacred because it flows from the Head, Christ. The peacemaker's intercession sustains the giant slayer's courage; the teacher's wisdom tempers the prophet's boldness.

"If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?" **1 Corinthians 12:17**

Your unique calling is a gift to the Body, not a trophy for self. *"Therefore if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."* Trials refine our identity IN CHRIST, stripping our reliance on the flesh so Christ's life shines through us because it's in us.

Revelation in the Spirit vs. Fallen Flesh - The Battle for Perception

God is Spirit. We are born again by His Spirit, and as such, our intuition is regenerated and our renewed mind is reconnected with God, who is Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. The fallen flesh craves

rational thought, control, logic, self-promotion, and self-preservation, but the reborn spirit is ONE with God IN CHRIST.

“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace” Romans 8:6.

Human intellect, unaided by the Spirit, cannot grasp God’s purposes because it is dead. Human intellect serves the rational mind, which opposes the Spirit.

“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”
1 Corinthians 2:14

Your regenerated renewed mind is the mind of Christ, and you have His Spirit and His imagination and His intuition. He’s given you His Spirit’s whisper—which is your compass in all adversity, every challenge, and the chaos that comes when you don’t expect it.

*“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into **ALL THE TRUTH**” John 16:13*

We are commanded to follow the Spirit’s leading through our imagination. Following Jesus is not passive mysticism but active surrender. When life’s pressures mount, the flesh (our rational mind) screams, “Fix this! Escape! Blame!” The Spirit whispers, “**Be still, and know that I am God**” **Psalm 46:10.**

To follow the Spirit is to walk with Jesus as He directs every part of our life. In all of creation, who is smarter, wiser, or more capable than Jesus? No one! And, He abides in us, and we in Him. He’s transforming us into His image in His presence.

“The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing” John 5:19.

Love God or Love Self - The Crossroads of Surrender

Self-love is death and the signification of the devil’s work. You have to decide, how will it be? God’s will or yours?” The battle for our soul is fought at the altar of this question: who will you worship? Jesus, or Self?

“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it”
Matthew 16:25

Jesus modeled this in Gethsemane: “**Yet not as I will, but as You will**” **Matthew 26:39**

Our humble confession of *Christ as Lord of all* disarms pride, destroys lust, and makes the devil flee as our Identity becomes His. Humility is the soil where Grace grows.

“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’” James 4:6

Hearing God - The Invitation to Intimacy

Grace Coaches teach students to find their ‘IDENTITY IN CHRIST’ and to hear from God. That’s all they do. A Grace Coach is not a lifehack guru but a wounded healer pointing to the true Physician. Like Philip guiding the Ethiopian eunuch, they ask, **“Do you understand what you are reading?” Acts 8:30.**

Ephesians 1:3 *“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,”*

Their mission is triage: redirecting focus from self-help to Christ’s sufficiency. You can hear and see Jesus right now, by Grace. God’s voice is not reserved for the elite, the pastor. Saul, before he became the Apostle Paul, heard Christ’s voice. Jesus’ invitation to receive the Identity He gave us is free, and He provides everything we need to know and hear His voice, and to follow HIM. In Christ, we lack nothing.

John 10:27 *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”*

Daily Manna - Confessing Weakness to Claim Strength

Every morning empty every out and cast your cares upon Jesus as you confess the truth, confess you weaknesses and the truth, you don’t know anything and you are 100% dependent on His Grace. Like the Israelites gathering manna daily, you cannot store yesterday’s revelation.

Matthew 6:11 *“Give us this day our daily bread”*

You can do nothing apart from Him. In Him, you can do all things and nothing is impossible for Christ. This is truth, liberation, and not condemnation! Your weakness is the platform for His power.

Philippians 4:13 *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”*

The Unstoppable Love of Christ in the Furnace

Trials are not evidence of God’s absence but His refining presence. You are His Bride, His Body, His branch—loved with everlasting love. When the fire rages, remember He will never leave

you, it's impossible. His grace is sufficient, His purpose unshakable. Stand firm. You are one with the One who overcame the world

John 16:33 *"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."*

The HOUSE Church and Finding Your IDENTITY IN CHRIST

The House Church is the answer to helping ALLI people find their IDENTITY IN CHRIST. We find our IDENTITY IN CHRIST, **IN COMMUNITY**. The Body is CHRIST, and each and every member of the Body is important. Imagine your body without lungs, heart, or a brain. Apart from the Body, the member of the Body is dead, and the Body needs all of its parts—and they need to work in unity as ONE.

In the HOUSE Church, through community (discipleship) one finds and learns to use their IDENTITY IN CHRIST. Very few find and use their authentic IDENTITY IN CHRIST in a Mega Church, or a local non-denomination Nicolaitan-led church that looks like it could be from Laodicea.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."*

The House Church - Every Member Activated

House Churches are like sports teams... each player is important and plays their role to perfection. The modern church often mirrors a stage where a one-star player performs while the remaining members of the team sit idle by in the stands. In the early Church there were no ONE MAN shows—it would have been frowned upon and stopped in its tracks. In the early Church (the Body of Christ) everyone was disciplined—everyone was activated and contributed.

1 Corinthians 12:12 *"For just as the BODY IS ONE and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are ONE BODY, so also is Christ."*

Any NFL football team who seated 54 of their 55 players the stands as spectators would be ridiculous, and no one would put up with it. Who would buy tickets? Why do we allow it in today's church? Jesus commissioned every disciple to **"go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,"** not merely spectate.

Matthew 28:19 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,"*

I hope you can see the current church model is like having one professional football player play the game while all the remaining talent sits in the stands—what a colossal waste. This centralized system starves the Body of its God-given purpose. Paul rebuked the Corinthian church for sidelining the Spirit's diversity. In contrast, House Churches reflect the early church's

vitality. Each member's gifts—prophecy, teaching, mercy, leadership, servant—are vital. Trials refine our dependence on Jesus, stripping self-reliance to reveal Christ's sufficiency so that we can share His goodness with one another.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort."*

Decentralized Authority - Christ as the Only Head

Jesus is the KING of a decentralized Kingdom, with NO MAN in between us and Him. The House Church model dismantles human hierarchies, restoring Christ's direct lordship. Pastors are not CEOs but servant-shepherds who equip saints. Jesus rebuked religious systems that elevated men over God. Today's churches mimic the marketplace, not the Kingdom. Mega-Multi-churches often prioritize growth metrics over spiritual depth, but Jesus warned, *"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"* **Mark 8:36** The early church thrived without programs or stages.

Identity IN CHRIST - The Antidote to Carnal Religion

In a House Church, all IDENTITIES are honored, formed in love and guided by Christ IN COMMUNITY. Modern churches often peddle self-help, but House Churches (intimate communities) cultivate Christ-centered identity. Corporate churches struggle for Christ-like intimacy or real community.

1 Peter 2:9 *"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession"*

Like cells in a body, each believer's role—whether "lung" or "gall bladder"—is designed and maintained by the Head. Satan attempts to convince us to listen to many voices, but Christ calls us to ONE. The mark of the Beast—centralized control—contrasts with the Lamb's voice. House Churches reject Babylon's chaos for the clarity of Christ's lordship. House Churches BEHOLD CHRIST, PROCLAIM CHRIST, and HONOR CHRIST as their purpose of existence.

Philippians 1:6 *"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"*

The Crucible of Discipleship - Death to Self, Life in Community

House Churches thrive on radical discipleship, not consumerism. Jesus said, **“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23)**. This mirrors persecuted churches in China and Iran, where believers risk everything to gather in homes, yet grow exponentially.

Revelation 12:11 *“They overcame [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb... and they did not love their life even when faced with death”*

Mega-churches feed the flesh; House Churches feed the Spirit. The Laodicean church—rich but lukewarm (Revelation 3:16)—contrasts with the Macedonian church, poor yet generous. House Churches embody Paul’s charge.

Galatians 6:2 *“Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ”*

The Biblical Blueprint for Identity - Jesus’ Model

Jesus conducted His ministry IN HOMES, and He rebuked religious people systems. Christ’s ministry was relational, not institutional. He sent the Seventy to homes (Luke 10:5–7), healed in kitchens (Mark 1:29–31), and dined with sinners (Luke 19:5–7).

Jesus declared, **“Where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst” (Matthew 18:20)**. The early church followed suit: **“Greet Prisca and Aquila... also the church that is in their house” (Romans 16:3–5)**.

Matthew 23:29 *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,”*

The modern church is centralized; Christ’s Kingdom is decentralized. The Pharisees built monuments to tradition (Matthew 23:29), but Jesus built disciples. The House Church model, like the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31–32), starts small but transforms nations.

Ephesians 2:22 *“You are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit”*

Returning to the Ancient Paths

The House Church is not a trend but a return to Christ’s design. In trials, the decentralized Body shines brightest—each member a living stone, each home a sanctuary. *Lord Jesus, tear down Babylon in our hearts. Restore us to Your design—united under Your headship, active in love, and relentless in discipleship. Amen.”*

1 Peter 2:5 *"you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

In the quiet whispers of your heart, where hope seems dim and the burdens of life weigh heavily upon your soul, I invite you, with the tenderest compassion, to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ. He is not a distant figure, confined to the pages of scripture, but the living Messiah, the King of Kings, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father, extending His hand to you in your darkest moments.

1 John 2:16 *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world"*

Jesus, in His boundless Grace and unfathomable love, understands every tear you've shed in silence, every night you've felt the pang of loneliness, and every fear that has threatened to steal your peace. He is the Savior who walked the dusty roads of Judea, who reached out to the outcasts, healed the broken, and brought life to the lifeless. Today, He offers that same resurrection power to you. Like Lazarus, called forth from the grave, Jesus calls your name, bidding you come forth from the shadows of despair into His marvelous light.

1 Corinthians 2:2 *"For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified"*

In this sacred moment, let the truth of His love wash over you. He sacrificed everything, not just to save you, but to be with you, to mend your brokenness, and to restore your joy. In the grip of His gentle strength, fears dissolve, sorrows fade, and hope is reborn. His promises are sure, His presence is real, and His power is available to you NOW. In Him, you are not merely surviving; you are thriving, not because of your might, but because of His mercy and goodness.

Romans 8:28 *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God"*

So come, weary soul, and lay down your burdens at His feet. Draw near to His Throne of Grace with confidence, not because of what you have done, but because of His great love for you. Here, in His presence, find the peace that surpasses understanding, the strength to face each day, and the assurance that you are never alone. Jesus, the embodiment of divine love, invites you to experience the depth of His compassion and the certainty of His grace.

1 Corinthians 12:7 *"But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"*

Let this be the moment you choose to step into the everlasting arms of Jesus, to feel the heartbeat of a Savior who loves you more deeply than you could ever imagine. May this encounter transform you, renew you, and lead you into the fullness of life that He has promised. For in Jesus, you find not just a helper or a guide, but the King of your heart, the Lord of your life, and the faithful friend who will never let you go.

Revelation 3:20 *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him”*

Prayer at the Throne of Grace

Heavenly Father, in the beautiful name of Jesus Christ, we come before Your Throne of Grace, soak me in your absolute humility and surrender. In your boldness, I seek Your mercy and help in my time of need, confident in Your promises and faithfulness.

Lord Jesus, I pour out my heart before You, proudly confessing my weaknesses, my fallenness—my sins, faults, and failures. I acknowledge my selfishness, self-centeredness, self-promotion, and self-protection. In doing so, I boast in my frailties, for in my weakness, Your strength is perfected. Thank you, King Jesus.

I humbly ask you to dwell in Your presence perpetually, you in me, and I in you, always. May I hear Your voice, revel in Your laughter, and see Your face smiling upon all of us with love and approval. Let me breathe in the fragrance of Your holiness and be forever changed.

King Jesus, teach me to live my life as You would—imbued with wholeness, prosperity, and peace. In desperation, I cast all my cares, anxieties, and fears upon You, trusting You to guide my every decision and action. I seek to see as You see, love what You love, and despise what You hate.

I come before You with a grateful heart, yearning for an unquenchable love for you, THE TRUTH, and an abhorrence for lies, darkness, and deception. Teach me, Lord, to navigate every challenge and opportunity while co-laboring with You in all things, leading to prosperity and protection in every aspect of my life and that of my family.

This prayer is one of desperation and repentance, seeking the mind of Christ and your heart, Jesus, aspiring to dwell forever in Your presence—Your presence is LOVE. Overwhelmed by the cares of this world and combating the dark forces opposed to Your kingdom, teach me to surrender all to You—absolutely all. I can’t do any of this, but I know you can and you will. I eagerly await Your knock and the privilege to welcome You into every area of my life.

Lord, instill in me a deep profound craving and love for Your presence, guidance, and instruction. You created all things through You and for You; You sustain all things. You are the epitome of wisdom and knowledge—the smartest, most profound creator ever and You are transforming me into Your image, glorifying me as the Father has glorified You.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. You hear every prayer; You know me intimately, having formed me in Your image. Show me how to live each day aligned with Your will as Your ambassadors, as citizens of Heaven, and as followers who desire only to learn from You, our Rabbi, Teacher, and Leader.

I lay down all I am and all that I have at Your feet, emptying myself to be filled with Your daily provision of Grace. May I always remain in Your presence, continuously receiving Your grace and love.

In the powerful,everlasting name of Jesus, I pray. Amen!

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