

=-A Basic Christan Primer Volume 3

Unrelated Miscellaneous matters

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Preamble

This second volume follows on from the first one and deals more with our relationship with God and how it should affect our life.

The articles in groups that unrelated and give more insight into our relationship with God and its expression in our life.

The first topic is to deal with Lordship. If this does not exist in our life then we are not a Christian.

Lordship

This section discusses Lordship.

People have no real idea what it means to have a Lord.

Satan has used democracy these days to hide it.

People say Jesus is Lord but most do not live that way as they do not really know what it means to have Jesus as their Lord!

Webster's dictionary defines Lord as follows:

1. A master; a person possessing supreme power and authority; a ruler; a governor.

In other words, one who can dictate everything you do and has power of life and death over you and owns or controls everything you have.

Jesus can only be Lord if you do what you know of His requirements. This is why we have been given The Holy Spirit to guide us which means we need to know how to hear His guidance and teaching. We also need to know The Bible as He uses the principles in this to guide us.

The degree to which you believe in Jesus as Lord will determine the degree you will obey Him as your Lord.

Because He is Lord, what He says is not just a suggestion or recommendation you can ignore. What The Lord says is what you must do. This is why you need to know your Bible so that you know what He requires of you.

Jesus said that if we called Him Lord, we would do what he says.

Christians call Him Lord but do not do what He says. At times this is from ignorance because pastors do not preach it so pastors will have to give an account to Jesus for not preaching all His Will to people.

Sin only occurs if you deliberately do not do what you know what Jesus requires you to do.

If you do not know His Will then you do not sin unless you ignore The Holy Spirit telling you not to do the thing you are about to do.

Lordship is a decision and if it is not a full one but deliberately half-hearted, because you do not give to Jesus every area of your life to be Lord of, you risk going to hell by not following Him in all your areas so you could be doing something Satan wants you to do when you die so that you will go to be with him in his kingdom of hell.

One reason you need to study and memorise The Bible to know what Jesus desire you to do for Him and His Kingdom

As the occasion arises you will:

Proclaim it (evangelism)

Defend It Fight for it (spiritual warfare)

Demonstrate His Authority over Satan and his works that Jesus has delegated to us (exorcism and healing using His Name).

Encourage each other to live as you should

Teach others how to live it and relate to Jesus on a personal basis as a member of His family.

Lordship requires a change of focus from your plans and objectives to those of Jesus which means denying yourself and doing what Jesus desires you to do.

Satan has trained the world to be self-indulgent and seek its own purposes before that of others so that this self-denial is difficult in a world where others are enjoying what they want to do.

As you focus on their fate (hell) you will reject their lifestyle and follow what Jesus desires you to do which is best for you and which prepares you for heaven.

Lordship is something you must decide to do and will have no one else to blame if you do not do it wholeheartedly and end up in hell.

The cost of following Jesus

Introduction

Everything we use (except our free will) belongs to the Father who created the universe and all we do is use what He created so we are only Stewards and not owners of what we have control of.

Jesus is lord of creation. So has the right to tell us what to do with the things we have been made steward of.

Whatever Jesus ask us to do is always what is best for us! So, we should not hold onto anything as if we are its owner with the right to deal with it as we want.

Besides you are a fool to hold onto maternal things which will not last and lose the eternal things God has prepared for you which will Last forever.

So, the first thing we realise we really have nothing we own so only give up stewardship of

things and not possession of things even though we seem to be in control and ownership of our free will we only have it because God allows us to have it.

Note Phil 2:5-11

You need to have the same attitudes as Jesus and think the same way He did which caused Him to come to earth and die. Out of His Love for us and His desire to help us He Gave up everything He had as God. He ruled everything and owned everything, but did not think they were important compared to the benefit we would have because He would come to earth to teach us His requirements and how to relate to God and then die for us to make this lifestyle possible.

He ruled the universe and owned everything but humbled Himself and gave up every Honour and possessions He had as God and took the form of those He had created and obeyed God in all He did, even though it cost Him His Life. He knew all this was going to happen but still came to earth knowing that those He had created would kill Him.

Because He was so obedient and did all God Asked Him to do, God gave Him as a reward the highest place in creation as ruler of all so that everyone (person, demon, or animal) would have to admit He was The Christ and Lord of all. In all this God The Father was given Glory, Jesus taking none of it for Himself!

Jesus gave up everything so He could relate to us, teach us what God required of us then gave up His Life so we could live in the way God required us too and by this accomplished all God had asked Him to do for Him.

He did not hold onto relationships He had, or any authority or possessions that were His but gave them all up and came to earth taking nothing He formerly had. Everything He had as God: authority, possessions, relationships, were left behind.

On earth, He did not hold onto earthly relationships, authority, or possessions, but grasped the eternal ones that were waiting for Him as a reward for what He was going to do on earth. He followed the values of God in all He did and scorned the worldly values Satan offered Him.

We are told in this passage to follow the example of Christ and obey God in all things and not because of who is looking at us as we obey so that we will have the approval of man but not of God. This correct obedience is how we 'work at our salvation' that is maintain our side of the salvation relationship. We do this because God is working for our best in all that happens to us so we should not complain about what we have to suffer or give up to do His Will. Especially when we look at what Jesus had to give up and suffer for us out of obedience to God.

I was once complaining to the Lord and He said something that has stopped me complaining any more. He said:

When you have given up a universe to go to a planet taking nothing you formerly

had with you and then allow yourself to be rejected by those you tried to help and then be put to a cruel death by those you had created, then complain to me.

So, what conclusions can we draw from what Jesus gave up:

No relationship is worth holding onto

Nothing is worth owning or keeping

No wrong values, attitudes or mindsets are worth having or

No position of authority is worth maintaining or obtaining

If having or holding onto it will stop you doing God's Will or lose you your salvation.

The rewards for obedience in the next life, apart from the one of getting to heaven, are far superior to anything we will have on earth and will never decay or be corrupted like they will on earth. Jesus thought this and He is our example to follow.

To be able to do this we need to love God and others with the same quality of love with which He Loves us. If we do this, we will truly be a follower of Jesus.

Purpose and objectives

We are the sum of our inputs and the way we evaluate and assimilate them.

Outside are demons trying to have us accept the way Satan wants us to think

Inside our spirit is the Holy Spirit guiding us and teaching us how God desires we think.

Holiness is the attitude that rejects all Satan tries to have us think in his way and causes us to follow what God desires us to think and do.

He also guides us to have the same purposes as God in our daily life. This is why we need to read, hear, study, and meditate on The Bible so that The Holy Spirit can use it to transform us into the character of God so our life consists of plans, purposes and objectives God desires us to follow and without which our lives have no positive direction or eternal value. These are found in The Bible which is one reason we need to study it.

Purpose

Everything must be related to God's Love and the purposes of the Kingdom of God.

God's love created it and maintains it and the purposes of the Kingdom properly followed maintains this love

So, whatever we do we must try to express God's Love on and through it and also make certain it serves the purposes of The Kingdom of God.

So, if we are uncertain about doing something we need to ask

1. How does it show Gods Love
2. how does it express the purposes of The Kingdom of God.

This is where we may need to ask The Holy Spirit for guidance when the Bible is silent

Inputs into your life

You must examine what you receive as inputs to see if they are godly or ungodly. This is where The Holy Spirit can help you choose good inputs.

Satan uses the media to create public opinion on things in a way that serves His purposes. They are subtle and you may not realise that it is a Satanic deception because nothing seems wrong about them.

But people take it as normal behavior and laws are made to reinforce it. Satan then builds on this error to make an even greater deception and the cycle repeats.

Satan controls the media and the legislatures so he can create laws that are anti-God as he has done over gay and lesbian lifestyles and for the limitation of religious activities, for example.

We are told we are what we think in our heart and that we should diligently protect our heart to stop the flesh using it against us and making it deceitful.

You are only as good as the inputs you accept and the way you think about them which is why meditation and studying The Bible is so important so that you only learn godly things and correct ways of reasoning.

God's influence in your life

God is: All Powerful, All Knowing, everywhere. Anything existing outside these parameters is a God and by definition there can be only one God. You only exist because He keeps you in existence

He is:

All Powerful – Everything is sustained by Him and He can do anything. Whatever occurs He allows or authorises and energises or it would not exist.

All Knowing – He knows everything about everything including everything about your Life

Present everywhere – Nothing exists outside of God. Everything exists in God!

So how does this apply to us?

Everything we do is sustained and allowed or promoted by God who enables us to do it as we are not able to sustain ourselves or give us the life we need to do it.

God is everywhere so that we are never out of His protection and provision or judgement.

He knows everything we need and provides for what we need when we do not know we need it if we are doing His Will (Matt 6:33 is His promise).

So how should this knowledge affect us?

He gives us life and sustains us to enjoy what He has provided for us which includes a personal relationship with Him.

He is always able to protect us and meet our needs

He knows what we need and will do only what is best for us and His Kingdom

What should this knowledge result in us?

Appreciation of His Love for us

Appreciation of all He does for us

Thanksgiving for whatever happens to us.

A desire to do His Will out of love and gratitude to Him for what He has done. The plans and objectives we have should reflect this.

God is a God of Love. If He was not when we did certain things against His Will there would be a flash of lightning, a puff of smoke and a pile of ash where we had stood.

The Future

If you were told you had less than two years to live, would you change anything you are doing now?

If you were told you had only two weeks to live, would you change anything you are doing now?

If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you change anything you are doing?

We are told in James there is no guarantee that God is not going to take you home tonight.

If our plans and objectives are what God desires, we have then we would not be concerned about when we die as it would be in His timing.

Would you need to change anything you are doing now that God may not approve of your doing or not doing?

(BBE) But the right thing to say would be, If it is the Lord's pleasure and if we are still living, we will do this and that.

(CEV) You should say, "If the Lord lets us live, we will do these things."

The Plans of God

When nothing seems to be happening consider the following:

Does a soldier:

Need to know his general's plans for each day?
Or why the general has placed him where he is?
Or what the general needs him to know?
Or what the general will need him to do?

They only need to know each day what they individually have to do and how to do it.

This is why we need to live one day at a time so we can adapt to the changing plans of our general, Jesus.

A Christian only needs to know what God desires Him to do that day even at that moment and nothing else. If they do not know how to do it then they must learn how to do it.

A daily prophetic word may encourage you but it will only give a general indication of what God is doing and as it is generic may even not apply to you!

The Holy Spirit is given to each one of us to individually guide us in our daily life and not to rely on a generalised daily prophetic word from others.

This is different to a personal prophecy given to a person as it is specific and not general like daily prophecies are.

One must be careful not to treat daily prophetic words like people treat their star signs each day.

So be encouraged by daily words but make certain you hear the Holy Spirit's guidance in all you do as that daily word may not be applicable to you at that time. He will also show you how God's Love is working in your situation if you ask Him too.

This is why it is said that we should be guided by The Holy Spirit

Remember, Jesus would get up early, before sunrise to spend time with His Father and to see what God wanted Him to do that day.

Guidelines for decision making

Remember that God looks at our attitudes and not at our results

- 1) Does it show the Love of God even if only by the attitude in which it is carried out in
- 2) Is it carried out in accordance with God's will, guidelines, and purposes
- 3) Does it help a person in some way in their Christian life or service
- 4) Does it bring Glory to God, even if only by the attitude in which it is carried out in

You will have peace in your heart from The Holy Spirit if it is the correct decision.

If there is no peace or uncertainty ask God why

If God has not opened the door do not force it.

Use of Time

Do you use your time for the purposes of The Kingdom or by not doing this allows Satan to use it for the purposes of his kingdom?

Are they what God desires you to do and are use using your time in the way God desires you to use it?

There are only two possible sources for all you do:

God's Will

Satan's will (influencing your will).

If you are not doing God's Will because you reject it or are indifferent to it then what you are doing serves the purposes of Satan by what is done not being of God's Kingdom and God's Purposes.

Remember that when you face God you will have to give an account of how you used everything, He gave you which includes your will and your use of time!

What will you say when you face God and He asks you to give an account of how you used your will and time for the purposes of His Kingdom?

You are only pilgrims and travellers in this world surrounded by all Satan rules which is working against God's Kingdom and trying to influence you against it. You can see why you need The Holy Spirit's guidance where things not dealt with in The Bible are encountered and why Holiness and Lordship are such important attitudes.

The Holy Spirit is the one who can tell you whether or not what you are going to do is for the purposes of God's Kingdom

In a relationship (which salvation is) people serve each other in love. Do you love God to use your time for His Purposes?

Do you even consider whether what you are doing is for the purposes of His Kingdom?

This is why your objectives and purposes should always be related to the purposes and Will of God or you will be helping Satan by not doing what God desires you to do.

This means you need to know what God's purposes and Will are which is why The Holy Spirit has been given us to help you in this.

This is another reason for being able to hear The Holy Spirit.

God's seasons are different to ours

God works in seasons and not in years like mankind does.

It is a wise person who knows what season they are in and works towards its purposes.

You know there is a change of season when God starts to remove old things and replaces them with new things.

Often there is a period of rest in between so you can adjust to the change.

Ecc 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Every season of your life has a purpose and you need to always listen to The Holy Spirit so you know what your purposes are for the part of the season you are in so that you can tailor your objectives and actions to suit that season.

Every season has:

A transition to it which may include a period of rest

A time when you are wholly starting the season

A time when you are firmly established in it

A time when it is winding down

A transition to the new season which may include a period of rest

You need to know what part of the season you are in to be best able to do what God desires you to do in that part so you can tailor your purposes and objectives to be appropriate to that part of the season.

God places us in different seasons to prepare us for heaven and ministry

Each season serves a purpose of God for His Kingdom and to prepare us for heaven.

(MKJV) But as for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save a great many people alive.

One of the reasons you suffer is to be able to empathize with those you minister to because of the experiences and to present the Gospel as having suffered as they have suffered so you understand what they went through and can be more compassionate and able to guide them better on how to overcome or deal with the situation.

It is very hard to empathize with a person whose suffering you have not experienced.

Remember, what God puts you through or allows you to go through is for your best, even though at the time it may not seem to be.

When we see God's love for us, we will embrace whatever He allows to happen to us because we can see His Love is behind it and how He loves us to risk us rejecting Him to do what is best for us.

So, in the tumultuous seasons to come, remember He is Love and it happens for earthly and eternal purposes.

Objectives and purposes

If the Lord Jesus Christ was to appear in front of you today and ask you what you are doing for Him now with your life what would you say?

What are your objectives and purposes?

Are they of eternal value?

What did Jesus say His purpose for coming was?

In other words, why did He come?

Joh_17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

He came to tell us what Eternal life was.

He also said that He came to call sinners to repentance and not godly people.

So, Jesus came to call sinners to repentance so that they could have eternal life with Him and The Father in heaven.

What are your life purposes and objectives?

These will determine whether you end up in Heaven or Hell

How should this affect your objectives and purposes?

Jesus did not come to make great preachers or teachers or to build great big churches or run denominations.

He does not need these.

He came to teach us how to live so we were able to maintain and develop the personal relationship with the Father and Him! Which is what Jesus said eternal life was.

He needs people who will tell others about these things as well as His love for them and who also can train people to live in this relationship

He sent the Holy spirit to guide us (Jn 16:13) in this which means we need to know how to clearly hear the Holy spirit 24/7.

So, what are your purposes and objectives? And will they help to get you to heaven or hinder or side-track you from going there.

You will have no one else but yourself to blame for where you end up!

What are you chasing?

Everyone Wants to Be a Prophet or leader in the church in some area. Where did Jesus say to desire these things?

He is not interested in what position you hold or what you have succeeded in but only in what you do and the attitude in which you do it.

He said to seek Him and the purposes of His Kingdom and the show His love to all.

His purpose is to rescue souls from hell and by this expand His Kingdom on earth and not to

chase the glory man gives you.

He desires this done so they too will be his friend like you so they can enter into the relationship God made for them to have with each member of the Trinity.

If you desire what Jesus desire's then when you will tell others of what Jesus has done for them at Calvary, what He is doing for them now and how much He desires them to be with Him in heaven after they die.

If The Holy Spirit asks you to do it for Jesus and you do not do it then their blood is on your hands.

Eze 33:1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, I have given you the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

You are the watchmen of The Kingdom warning those outside The Kingdom that a sword of judgment is coming to them and this world and that they need to be a follower of Jesus to escape it.

You have been given you The Holy Spirit to guide, help you and strength thing you in this task so that you have no excuse.

Remember, because of Calvary, every day you repent is a new day to start because at Calvary the spiritual consequences of all you did that was wrong were dealt with so the relationship you have with Jesus, The Father and The Holy Spirit is restored.

All Jesus asks is that you wholeheartedly try and do His Will and leave the results to Him.

What will you say when you face Jesus and are asked you to explain why you did not do what He asked you to do?

The choice is yours and only you alone will be responsible for not doing it and ending up in hell.

The Little Things

People like to do great or important things for God.

God is not interested in what you do but how you obey Him and the biggest challenge is to obey Him when you do the little things in life by having the correct attitudes towards what you are doing.

The baby cries while you are watching a TV show. Do you get angry or do you express the love of God He has for them and you really have for them and go and see what is wrong? In other words, is TV more important than the baby?

The child spills milk on the floor. Do you get angry?

Or do you make sure it was not deliberate and clean it up for them and get them another glass of

milk comforting the child because they did not mean to spill it.

Someone cuts you off while you are driving. What do you say to them?

Does it express God's Love?

The wife is tired and wants a glass of water. You get it but do you do it gracefully out of love for her so she can rest or do you grumble.

You are a steward of all God gives you to look after for Him which includes how you relate to and serve others.

So, when you do something do you do it as a service to God and love for the person you are serving?

The Christian life is won by the attitudes you have as you do the little things of life and in the attitude with which you serve another.

It is the habits you develop as you do the little things in life than can lose you your salvation and Satan uses these as they do not seem important so he can gradually change your attitudes as you do these little things to be so that you will think more like what he desires you to think.

So, before you react, check whether you are about to show God's Love and serve someone or show negative attitude that feels your flesh.

Stewardship of time

This is perhaps the most important stewardship as what you use your time for can determine your eternal salvation.

Ecc_3:11 He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

The important thing is to find God's purpose in an event and to do it in His timing and in His Way which is one reason we need to clearly hear The Holy Spirit.

You will succeed in this according to the effort you put in to relating to The Holy Spirit and your desire to hear Him.

Consequences

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Or as the CEV says it:

Gal 6:7 You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant.

Gal 6:8 If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life.

Everything has a consequence. Even if it only is correctly maintaining the status quo.

Sin may result in consequences (e.g. a single mother has a child out of marriage) but God can help you cope with them and even remove the consequences at times.

At times, illness may be related to attitudes so that a person who is always critical may end up with thyroid problems and someone who is spineless may have back problems.

A woman who refuses to satisfy her husband sexually may end up with Inter uterine infections that will not go away.

The above are all cases I have come across.

Smokers may develop lung cancer.

Over eaters get overweight and can develop heart problems and diabetes.

This is why we need to listen to The Holy Spirit so that we do not develop problems in our health or in other areas because of the consequences of our actions.

Blessings are a consequence of correct obedience and service because we have the correct attitudes to act as we should.

A lack of blessing can occur because we are not doing what we should and by this are hindering blessing to us or another.

So, whenever you do something make certain you have the peace of The Holy Spirit if the Bible is not clear on what you are doing.

Redeeming the time

Eph 5:15-16 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

This is the only time the word ‘circumspectly’ is used so its use must be important.

However, the Greek word is also translated elsewhere as ‘diligent’

CIRCUMSPECTIVE, a. Looking round every way; cautious; careful of consequences; watchful of danger.

CIRCUMSPECTLY, adv. Cautiously; with watchfulness every way; with attention to guard against surprise or danger.

DILIGENT, a. [L.]

1. Steady in application to business; constant in effort or exertion to accomplish what is

undertaken; assiduous; attentive; industrious; not idle or negligent; applied to persons.

2. Steadily applied; prosecuted with care and constant effort; careful; assiduous; as, make diligent search.

The word “walk” refers to our lifestyle so is an attitude we need as we walk through the world Satan controls.

So, we are to examine all we encounter diligently. Why?

To see if it is from God or Satan!

We are the in a battle between God and Satan and if God is not the source of something then Satan is the only alternative, even if only by what he suggests we do.

‘The days are evil.’ The concept is that of something hurting you and as Satan is the Lord of this earth all he has around you is designed to hurt your salvation and remove it. This is the only time this actual expression is used so its use must be important.

So, we live in a world where everything around us is designed by Satan to remove your salvation relationship with God. So, as you go through life you need to carefully examine things and see how it affects you spiritually as well as how it affects your relationship with God.

If you do this you will ‘redeem’ the time because you give our life to Jesus and use the time for His purposes removing it from Satan’s purposes. In a sense you have ‘bought back’ (redeemed) the time by using your will and purposes to do this.

You can see why the guidance of The Holy Spirit is so important and why His presence is in you us so that there is no way Satan can break the communication between you and God.

Disasters and death

There are no accidents with God or He would not be God. Nothing is random. Everything has a purpose.

(LITV) The lot is cast into the lap, but all ordering of it is from Jehovah.

God’s plans are always for our best!

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

And His attitude is always ‘Love.’

Jer 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

A disaster happens and people say how terrible it is that people lose everything but their life, or even worse, lose their life.

Disasters (along with illness) are God's way of getting our attention to remove the comfortable life style a person is living in at that time and is often the only way a person can be removed from their comfortable lifestyle that is keeping them from the Christian lifestyle they need to live.

God is merciful in that He removes all that hinders their knowing Him how they should and does not remove their life so that they have a chance to repent. This is why so many disasters will occur before the tribulation proper and is one reason the three great revivals that make up the final harvest will occur.

If Christians do die, they say how tragic it is that they died.

A Christian in their death gains everything they live for so their death should be a time of rejoicing for them. Besides to say it is a tragedy is to say God has made a mistake in the timing of their death.

Also, He will take people at times who would later will lose their salvation because they are overcome by the evil around them.

We know there are no accidents with God so their death is not an accident as far as God is concerned.

So, when a disaster and/or death occurs do you look upon it as a tragedy or something God is in control of so it is a part of His perfect Will.

In the years to come before He returns and the tribulation hots up' when it happens to you:

Ask why it happened

What do you need to do

Make certain Jesus is Lord of the situation

Remember that God desires a personal relationship with you and does all He can for this to develop as it should. If it takes a disaster or illness then He will do it as it is more important to be in a correct relationship with Him in heaven than to have security on earth that will stop you relating to Him correctly and getting to heaven.

Love like The Father

The Father desires all His children to be with Him in heaven .

But many of them are going to hell.

We are His hope to restore them to Him. by Telling them:

What He has done for them

Is doing for them now

And will do for them

What has He done, is doing and will do for them:

He gave Them life

He transfers them from the kingdom of Hell where there is only torture and suffering, to the Kingdom where there is everything prepared by Him to give you pleasure for evermore

He gives us all we need to live on earth

He prepares us for heaven to be with Him forever with all the good things He has prepared for us

He has prepared heaven for us

He takes us to heaven when we die

He sent Jesus to earth to die for us and remove all that prevented us from entering into the intimate, personal, relationship He created us for

He has done all this for us when we did not know we needed it done and He has done because of His love for us and all we need to do is love Him and serve Him out of this love for Him.

How does The Father comforts us?

2 Cor 1:3-4 KJV TPT

KJV (2Co 1:3-4) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

TPT (2Co 1:3-4) All praises belong to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the Father of tender mercy and the God of endless comfort. He always comes alongside us to comfort us in every suffering so that we can come alongside those who are in any painful trial. We can bring them this same comfort that God has poured out upon us.

He is the Father of all comfort: emotional, physical, and spiritual. How does He do this and How is His comfort expressed ?

Some people say it is in the hope we have after we die.

How could He comfort a wife who has children, who has lost her husband and who has no means of support, if her comfort is only in her future happiness in heaven?

If The Father cannot solve the problem, He will help us get through it and do what He can (to the extent with which we allow Him too.)

We are told God will provide all our needs. So, His comfort has to be while we are alive on earth!

In Matt 25:35-40 Jesus gives insight into this!

Then the King will turn to those on his right and say, 'You have a special place in my Father's heart. Come and experience the full inheritance of the kingdom realm that has been destined for you from before the foundation of the world!

(Mat 25:35) For when you saw me hungry, you fed me. When you found me thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you invited me in,

(Mat 25:36) and when I was poorly clothed, you covered me. When I was sick, you tenderly cared for me, and when I was in prison you visited me.'

(Mat 25:37) "Then the godly will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and give you food and something to drink?

(Mat 25:38) When did we see you with no place to stay and invite you in? When did we see you poorly clothed and cover you?

(Mat 25:39) When did we see you sick and tenderly care for you, or in prison and visit you?'

(Mat 25:40) "And the King will answer them, 'Don't you know? When you cared for one of the least important of t love for me.'

We comfort others on behalf of The Father and show it is His love to them as we do this.

Those that went to hell a did not show the Father's Love when He asked them too.

The Father does meet our need and uses other people to do it on His behalf! So, whenever you are helping another, you are doing this on behalf of The Father and Jesus unless there is a selfish purpose in it.

How does The Father comfort you?

Each case is specific to a person so you shod ask Him how He is comforting you.

The Father Comforts

Like little children

Jesus said:

Matt 18:3 Unless you stop thinking like adults and have the same attitudes as little children do you will not enter The Kingdom of God!

So, what did Jesus mean?

The first thing to ask is what attitudes do little children originally have before they are taught otherwise?

They trust people who have authority over them

They take things at face value and what people say as being true

They are eager to learn and try out new things

They respond to love and give it unconditionally

They truly express what they are thinking and feeling

They desire to please (serve) without thought or any reward for doing it

They rely on people in authority for all their needs (physical, mental, spiritual emotional)

They rely on people in authority to teach them life skills and relational skills

We are adopted children of The Father, so how should these attitudes be shown in us?

In Matt 6:33 God promises to provide all our needs if we obey Him and in Jn 16:13 God promises to show us all the truth we need to know about things: both spiritual and physical. Obedience to The Father shows we are His children.

They trust people who have authority over them

We must trust The Father completely in all He does for us and to us otherwise we will have fear in the relationship and it will not be as it should. We need to believe Rom 8:28 that all God does for us is for our best otherwise we are calling God a liar saying something He does not mean and His Love is not perfect.

They take things at face value and what people say as being true

We must trust what Jesus said and not try to read things into it or find 'hidden' wisdom or mysteries or add to it in the believe God has not told us everything and we need to find these out for ourselves. If we do not accept what Jesus said as being truth then we call Him a liar.

They are eager to learn and try out new things

Fear stops you learning and doing anything new God desires you to do so fear stops you from growing in your spiritual life or allowing God to take you into new adventures in your Christian life.

They express themselves without any falsehood

A Child does not say things they do not mean as they have not yet learned to lie or be

hypocritical.

They respond to love and give it unconditionally

Your primary attitude should be love for The Father and this will be reflected in love for others and this will mold us more into the character of God. There is no fear in love so fear stops you loving others as you should, in the way God desires you to relate to them.

You may not like what they do but that should not stop you loving them as someone your Father in heaven created and loves. So, for His sake you should love others and serve them as He serves them and you.

We also cannot love someone whose love we have not experienced or realized so that we need to look for and appreciate the Love of God shown toward us in all that happens to us in our life – whether it is good or appears to be bad for us.

They desire to please (serve) without thought or any reward for doing it

IF you Love God and appreciate what He has done for you, then you will serve Him and show this in your love for others as you have the attitude required to do this - His Love for them. You will show His quality of love to others and tell others what He has done for you and can do for them because you love Him so much you want to tell others about Him and what He has done for you and can do for them.

They rely on people in authority for all their needs (physical, mental, spiritual emotional)

We must rely on God to teach us through The Holy Spirit and to bring to us people to help us in our Christian life who show by their lifestyle they are worthy of being listened too. We follow God because He is worthy of being followed and so we should find teachers who are worthy of being listened too and not just because they have something ‘new’ or appear to be spiritual in what they do or have been ‘qualified’ by an organisation.

‘New’ is different to ‘restoration’ and usually implies a ‘new knowledge’ not previously in the church and because of this should be carefully evaluated against scripture.

If we do not trust God when He said He would provide all we need if we served Him with our whole heart then we are saying He lied in Matt 6:33 and John 16:13.

They rely on people in authority to teach them life skills and relational skills

We can learn values on how to live from what God teaches how we should live in His Bible. So, we should be studying The Bible to see how God desires us to do things and accept them at face values.

We also learn by the way he values of God are expressed in other Christians.

He also gives us His Holy spirit to guide us in this and if we do not listen to The Holy Spirit in our daily life God says we are not a child of His (Rom 8:14)

In summary

It all gets back to knowing what God desires you to do and then just doing it, trusting Him for the consequences. It means to accept what The Bible teaches as truth and not try to explain it in a way people can accept but which modifies or distorts it truths

It needs the attitudes of a child to be able to do these things and not that of a mature adult of the world who reasons things out and believes they know what is needed for living each day without the need to consult God in all they do.

Children are innocent because they have not learned to sin. We too should have their attitude of not wanting to do wrong if we truly are a child of The Father.

The Family of God

Every true Christian belongs to God's Family and it is this that is the 'body of Christ which is the true church.

It not divided because families do not form divisions but work in unity towards a common goal.

Denominations are made by men to present and preserve a particular belief system which is little different to that of one they left or reject unless it is a heretical sect.

Denominations divide the true church and the family of God and by this show they cannot be from God as they divide the true church and unity of the Spirit it has.

God did not organise the denominational system. Satan did to reduce the effectiveness of the Body

The true church in the Body of Christ, the family of God working in unity, to do the work of The Kingdom

Jesus said, that a family divided cannot stand which the Modern church divided by denominations in the western church is such an example and is slowly dying unless they belong to the denomination in name only and pursue the things of The Kingdom of God:

In The Millennium there will be a regional spiritual counsel and a regional administrative centre in each district but there will be no denominations and all the counsels and centres will be working in unity to carry out the plans of Jesus for the Millennium.

How should a member of a denomination act?

They must obey the Will of God and not that of the denomination or they are rejecting the

requirements of The Kingdom of God

They must do all things in God's Quality of Love and not any legalistic requirement of the denomination or church unless it is a requirement of the laws of the land which do not contravene God's Law of Love.

Expressing God's Love

To express God's quality of love you must be guided by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14) because Love is the primary fruit of The Spirit in a Christian from which all the others flow from. (Gal 5:22)

We are commanded to express God's quality of Love (Jn 13:34-35) and it is a sign we are a disciple of Jesus if we express His Quality of love (Jn 13:35).

The world cannot fully express God's Quality of love but can only copy it or try to intimate it which why its proper expression or attempt to express it properly is a mark of a true follower of God.

To see what the character of God love is like we need to examine Gal 5:22-23 and 1 Cor 13:4-7.

Love is an attitude where a person puts the needs of another who needs help before their own needs in accordance with The Will of God.

Love does not help those who do not need help as it stops their maturation through their own efforts.

Gal 5:22-23

The love spoken of in these verses is God's Quality of Love and not that of Satan that the natural man (non-spiritual man) demonstrates. God's perfect Love is behind all that happens to us.

Love: The Quality of Love God has for us from which its presence in us gives rise to all the other fruit.

Joy: The joy we have in our personal relationship with God and because of all the good things He does for us.

Peace: The peace we have as God's Perfect Love is in control of our life so that whatever He allows to happen to us will be what is best for us.

Longsuffering: Because we trust God and His Love we patiently wait for His timing in things

Goodness: Because we love God and trust the control of His perfect Love, we are not afraid to deny ourselves and help others and show them the same kindness that God shows to us.

Faith: The belief that God Loves us sufficiently to do what is best for us as well as what He has promised to do for us after our earthly death.

Meekness: We are humble because of God's attitude to us expressed in His Love for us. The ruler of The Universe Loves us and treats us as His children.

Temperance: We are moderate in all we do and do not abuse what God gives us out of His Love for us but use things only as He asks us too.

1Cor 13:4-7

Charity suffereth long: Because it trusts in God's Love it will endure what is necessary to do what He desires done.

and is kind: It trusts God's Love over whatever it is that He asks it to do so is not afraid to show this love to others.

envieth not: It is satisfied with what God gives it as He only does what is best for them so they do not desire what others have in the belief God should have given it to them also.

vaunteth not itself: They do not promote themselves because of their achievements as they realise it is only because of God's Love they were able to do it and give God the glory for what they have achieved.

is not puffed up: They are not proud about their achievements as they realise it is only God's Love that has enabled them to do it.

Doth not behave itself unseemly: They do not do things to bring discredit to God because it gives a bad name to God's Love they are supposed to be expressing.

seeketh not her own: They know that what God gives them because of His Love for them is better than anything they can do for themselves. So do not seek to do things without asking God when necessary.

is not easily provoked: They do not argue, reason, react or assume but ask The Holy Spirit how to express God's Love in a situation.

thinketh no evil; Because God's Quality of Love is in them, they do not think evil things but only seek to do the Good He would do in a situation.

Rejoiceth not in iniquity: They are saddened when evil is done by a person as they Love the person as God does and desire that person be saved like God does and for the person to be freed from the evil in them like God does.

rejoiceth in the truth; It can rejoice regardless of circumstances as it knows God's perfect love is behind it in some way working for their best.

Beareth all things: Because God's Love is behind what happens to them, they bear up under all circumstances trusting in His Love that it is what is best for them.

believeth all things: They believe whatever God tells them as they trust His Love that He would not lie to them and ask only what is best for them.

hopeth all things: Because God's Love is behind everything that happens to them they always have hope because whatever happens to them has God's Perfect Love behind it.

endureth all things. They will withstand whatever Satan throws at them as they know God has

allowed it to happen to them for a reason and they trust His Love for the reason their suffering is occurring.

God's quality of Love never fails. They trust that God's Love will always be there helping them and working for their good even though to do not see or understand it.

The Ministry of Jesus

In the first year of His ministry, He demonstrated how to express God's Quality of love to all He met and ministered to

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In the second year, He taught His disciples how to minister in this Love

In the third year He sent them out to develop this in their lives.

Before He died, He commanded them to minister and relate to others in this love (Jn 13:34-35).

It is the expression of God's perfect Love in your life that gets you to heaven. You do not need to succeed in its expression but to wholeheartedly try to express it. Remember, God looks at our attitudes as we do things and not at our results.

In everything give thanks

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from The Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The Father in heaven gives us every good and perfect gift:

Life

Possessions to use

All we need to live

All we need to know to go to heaven to be with Him

Thanking Him for what we have or are able to do reminds us of His Love that provide these things and makes us appreciate Him more!

It helps us focus on God, His Love, and our relationship with Him

When you go to bed at night do you thank Him for:

A warm Bed?

A room that is not drafty?

The day you have just had?

Or do you go to sleep and ignore His loving provision He has done for you that day?
When you wake up in the morning:

Do you thank Him for the coming day
And give it to Him to be Lord of it?

As God blesses you through the day do you thank Him for it or do you just take it for granted.

According to your appreciation of what He does for you will determine the deepness of the intimacy of the relationship you have with Him.

Contentment

You should always be content because God is your father and His love is always working for your best.

Do you give thanks for what God allows to happen to you?

Not doing so questions God's Love for you

He is in charge of all your circumstances and they are working for your best.

Jesus is in charge of what happens to you and protects what is His.

Do you believe The Father is a God of Love?

If not, whatever happens to you, you will question believing it is the wrong even if you do not say it out aloud.

Remember the Holy Spirit tells God what you need (Rom 8:26-27).

Doubt of any kind says God's ways are not perfect or He does not Love you as He should.

Does it concern you that things are not happening as you think they should?

Or are not happening when you think they should?

This questions God's love for you.

If you start questioning God's Love for you it causes doubts and damages faith. Remember you are a part of The Family of God so The Father will treat you as a family member not as a stranger or transient person in the Kingdom.

All God does is designed to help you grow and make sure you are to be ready for your place in heaven with Him

Are you content or are you complaining about how God treats you?

How much do you trust your Father in heaven and Jesus will determine your degree of contentment with what happens. So, if you are not content then check your relationship with God.

What Concept do you have of God and your relationship with Him

What is your concept of God?

How do you see your relationship with Jesus and The Father?

According to how you see this relationship will be how you relate to them

Do you see them as all powerful, all knowing, everywhere, containing everything, in control of all circumstances having the greatest love anyone can ever have towards you?

And that everything they do shows their perfect Love toward you?

Do you believe they desire to personally relate to you because that will also flavour your relationship with them and affect the way you approach them.

Examine your perspective of them, how you see them because that will affect your relationship with them and the way you approach them and serve them.

Remember that salvation is a relationship with The Father and Jesus guided by the Holy Spirit and how you see this relationship will determine how your relationship with them will unfold either resulting in salvation or damnation

Suffering

Suffering is a sign of God's Love for you.

It is a way of getting your attention so when you suffer you need to find out why you are suffering - what God is trying to tell you.

There are many reasons for suffering

- It is used to draw you back to Him to a more intimate relationship with Him

- It can be used to change the direction of your life or ministry so it does what He desires you to do for Him

- To have you do things you would not normally do for Him

- To stop you doing something that may railroad life or ministry

- To stop you sinning

- To stop you going to hell

Roman 8.28 applies. to all He does and that includes suffering.

Suffering may be the results of sin.

An example in a woman giving birth to a child and she is not married. She will suffer childbirth pain and criticism and rejection by people but if she repents Jesus will help work through all she suffers from having a child born out of wedlock.

We have the example of Jesus who endured unjust suffering because of the good that would result from His suffering.

You do not know how God will use it in the lives of others. As you suffer uncomplainingly you bring Glory to God and show His reality in the life of a believer.

If you believe God is in control and loves you and that all He allows to happen will be to your good then to complain about your suffering calls God a liar.

So, you need to work out why you are suffering and work towards that purpose of God for your life. The sooner you work these out the sooner the suffering will have purpose and will be easier to endure and may even end.

Communion

This chapter is about the communion ceremony and how different it is now to the way it was celebrated in the early church in the way that Jesus taught the apostles to celebrate it and tweak others to celebrate it.

Communion is worship and thanksgiving in fellowship with our Christian family, in an assembly, with Jesus in our midst, Our most important family member. It is a family meal with Jesus and not just a meeting of people.

Communion is an intimate time with The Father, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit as we practice the family relationship, we have with them and other members of our spiritual family.

Early communion was a 'love' feast to remember what The Father had done through Jesus and also as a witness to the reality of Jesus and His Work of Redemption.

What is a communion?

The first thing to say is that Jesus said:

Jesus said: *Mat 18:20 that where two or three are gathered together in His name (His purposes), He is in the midst of them.*

So, where Christians are gathered together for the purposes of the Kingdom, such as communion, Jesus is in their midst. Yet His presence is usually never acknowledged!

He is there and they say they gather to remember Him but yet ignore His presence.

The Communion in the first few centuries celebrated what The Father had done and was thanksgiving to Him for the redemption He gave us through Jesus.

It did not focus on death of Jesus on the cross.

The Didache has chapters on communion and show how it was celebrated in the early church and shows how vastly different it is to what is passed off as communion these days.

In the early communion celebration, the Emphasis was on thanking The Father for our redemption.

Jesus said we were to pray to The Father and the first part of the communion is to thank The Father for His provision that made redemption possible and then to Jesus for carrying out what was required for our redemption.

Modern Communion

The Father's role is ignored in the modern celebration of communion yet the emphasis in the early celebration of communion was to thank The Father for redemption and then Jesus was

thanked for doing what was necessary to obtain it for us!

So, our pattern for prayer should always be:

Thank The Father for His Provision

The Lord Jesus for carrying it out and protecting it

The Holy Spirit for guiding us in what to do during the celebration.

This should be the pattern for remembrance in communion and any prayers during it

It is not a somber service celebrating the suffering of Calvary but a celebration of the life we have through redemption now and later in heaven.

As an aside:

Jesus drank the cup of Redemption (the third one) but could not drink the cup of completion (the fourth cup) which would mean that the Redemption was complete

The fact Redemption was not complete until He died was a sign to the Apostles that He was The Messiah and that purpose of His death was to redeem mankind

So, when we have communion remember it is a celebration of God's Love for us and His children done in fellowship with Jesus and other spiritual family members, to thank The Father for our redemption

Fellowship and Communion

Christian fellowship occurs when two or more people meet for the purposes of The Kingdom of God otherwise it is socialising. Fellowship is a special form of socialising.

Communion occurs when those in a fellowship have a common purpose or goal otherwise, they are not in a communion

Where they all meet for a common purpose to do with the kingdom of God they are in Christian communion (common union) with each other.

Meeting for the purposes of a congregation is fellowship but it is not Christian fellowship but they are still part of God's family and should behave as such.

Whenever people meet for the purposes of The Kingdom of God Jesus says that He is in their midst (mat 18.20)

It must be remembered that when Christians meet, they are a family as they are all adopted children of The Father and should treat each accordingly.

The Armour of a Christian

The Christian life is a series of attitudes resulting from your beliefs. The armour is one of these groups of attitudes. These attitudes result in a salvation relationship and the maintaining of our position in the Kingdom of God as a citizen of that Kingdom. We are in a position for Jesus to

protect us and use His delegated authority to defeat Satan.

The armour is a result of our attitudes and resultant position in The Kingdom, of God and as long as we maintain these Satan cannot harm us spiritually or cause us to lose our salvation (Rev 3:5). AN attitude of holiness is important to maintaining the armour

Armour is put on by a person before they go into battle. It identifies them as belonging to a certain army and ruled by a particular king. It allows them to fight with the weapons provided by their master. In the armour, they are able to attack the enemy and plunder the enemy's territory! The armour of the Christian is received at salvation and is proof they belong to Jesus and The Kingdom of The Father and are a part of their army on earth.

As it is a spiritual battle The Armour is spiritual and is developed as we mature spiritually.

An Overview of the Armour

The attitudes of a person who has The Armour of God on them:

v10 They trust their King

v11 They fight The King's Enemy, which is why they put on the armour. It is not just for show!

v12 They realise their enemy and the battle is spiritual

v13 and the only way to defeat the enemy is to use The King's Methods to fight him

v14 They know the truths to defeat the lies of the enemy

v15 they know the Gospel of The Kingdom and the freedom it brings people

v16 They trust Their King in all things so the enemy cannot in any way get them to doubt their King or His love

v17 They know they belong to the King and use His truths about He and The Battle Guidebook (The Bible) to defeat the enemy

v18 They are guided by The Holy Spirit, supporting each other in this battle to the death

v19 Being guided by Godly teacher who leads them into the truths of their King, teaching them how to live and how to fight this battle.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power.

The protection and authority of the armour depends on the authority of the King providing it and the way in which it is built to protect the soldier and more importantly, as to how much of it has been accepted and put on by the soldier. The armour is only put on with the approval of the king and for his purposes. We serve the mightiest and greatest King before whom all other kings must

bow!

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil's evil tricks.

The armour is always put on for a purpose which is to defeat the enemy and their works.

The parts of the armour are the foundations of our Christian life. If we do not have all of these on us then we will have difficulty protecting our self fully against the attacks on our faith.

Eph 6:12 Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.

The area of battle as well as who we battle needs to be known to effectively fight the battle and as the battle is spiritual, fleshly weapons are of no use. You need to use God's spiritual weapons as nothing else will work in this battle. We fight the plans of the leaders not just the individual demon soldiers. Demons work to a plan given to them by their rulers so you need to hinder or prevent the plan they are a part of as well as the efforts of their soldiers enforcing these plans. Just as God has a plan for each person so does Satan have a plan for each person. God's is to keep removing the leaders so that there is no one to enforce the plans of their commander or order replacement troops into the field.

Remove a soldier and they are replaced. Remove a leader and there is turmoil and disarray for a while in the enemy camp.

Eph 6:13 That is why you need to put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.

The choice of armour is very important. It must all be put on and must be appropriate for the battle or you will not be fully protected or able to stay in the battle for long.

Deliverance may be necessary to be able to put on the full armour or a better understanding of Salvation. These will remove weaknesses in our attitudes that Satan can try and use to attack us.

Eph 6:14 So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist and the protection of right living on your chest.

You must know what you are fighting for and live according to the requirements (truths) of the King to be authorised to battle on His behalf. You need to know God's truths to fight the lies of the enemy and be in a proper relationship with God so there is no weak spot in your life that the enemy can use to attack you. Jesus must be Lord of every area of your life so there is nothing unprotected that Satan can attack. The framework of five steps will help you in this.

Eph 6:15 On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong.

Reconciliation with God must first occur (The good news of the Gospel of Peace) so you can be

a part of His army and worthy to fight His battles. The Gospel is also a weapon in stealing people from the enemy kingdom. Without reconciliation with God there is no foundation to the Christian life. We preach reconciliation and peace with God as our main weapon. Remember, we preach the Gospel of The Kingdom and demonstrate its authority over Satan as part of our preaching.

It is the demonstrating that The Kingdom of God is different and superior to that which Satan offers that frees people from their security in the things of Satan so they can trust God and His Things.

Eph 6:16 And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One.

You must have faith in the strategies of your King and in His ability to supply your necessities to fight as well as to heal any wounds obtained in the battle. You must believe He is more powerful than the enemy and is worth following otherwise Satan can make you doubt these and the Kings love for you so you become weaker in your resolve to fight the battle.

The arrows attack our mind so we need to protect our mind through faith in Jesus and the truths of His promises to us (so we need to study The Bible to learn and understand these) and through putting every thought under His Lordship and Will for us.

Eph 6:17 Accept God's salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

You must accept the call of the King to join the army as well as use the weapons He provides for you to fight with. You must know what the weapons are, how they are used and where to get them.

You must also understand God's Salvation so you know that you have it and are part of The Kingdom of God and thus part of God's Army

The helmet protects the head where we think. God's Salvation places us under His protection in His Kingdom and His truths protect our mind. It is the truths of the Word in your mind that keep you from the deceits of the enemy (Satan and his kingdom). It is a spiritual battle which is why The Word, as explained by The Holy Ghost, is such a strong weapon.

If you do not study and meditate on The Bible you will not know the truths of God that The Holy Spirit will use to set you free and use to guide you in this battle.

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

This is prayer as led by The Holy Spirit for the purposes of The Kingdom. It is not for our needs as Jesus promises to provide these as we do His work Mat 6:33).

We are to ask for fellow labourers and the things the enemy has (especially people) as they really belong to Jesus and He will work to help you obtain them if they are in accordance with His Will. We are also to war for our fellow Christians who do not see they are under attack or have a need of deliverance.

All prayers of request should be in accordance with God's Will or for the purposes of doing God's Will.

Eph 6:19 Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear.

You must support each other in any action against the enemy, either as trainer, teacher, or helper.

The Gospel of The Kingdom is an attack on Satan's kingdom and we should warfare and support those preaching and teaching The Gospel of The Kingdom (but only as The Spirit says to give and not from guilt or emotion).

The armour of a Christian is dynamic based on what Jesus has done for us at Calvary and upon our accepting what He has done. It signifies that our citizenship belongs to the Kingdom of The Father and that our battles are those of Jesus for despoiling the Kingdom of Darkness and rescuing souls from its clutches. It shows we stand for Jesus, His rules, and requirements and like all soldiers, are willing to die for our commander.

It is also relational, based on our attitude to our King and our resultant position in His Kingdom. As long as we seek to have the Mind of Christ in all we do this relationship will never be broken. When it is broken repentance is necessary and possibly deliverance to help you restore and keep the attitudes necessary for this relationship with your King.

A soldier goes into battle knowing he may die but he obeys the orders given to him as they are the best chance he has for life and carrying out the King's Wishes! The soldier is willing to die for His King and for the sake of the kingdom and the people in it whether related to him or not. So, it should be with all who serve in the army of Jesus!

This spiritual armour of the Christian is God's preparation for you to be able to take part in His battles as well as be protected in the battle. It is interesting that the armour has no back to it as if a Christian's only defence against Satan is to attack Him.

Who is to minister

In Matt 28 18-20 Jesus told His disciples (followers of His) to go into the world and tell every person the Gospel- the good news of what He had done for them

We are all ministers of the The Gospel as you are also a follower of Jesus.

Satan made a masterstroke when he organised denominations and Christian organisations because they made it so that you could only minister for them if you were qualified by them and

people in the congregations believed they could not minister as they were not qualified to do so by the organisation

By this stratagem, Satan greatly reduced the number of Christians ministering the Gospel

This is one reason why the world has not yet been fully reached by the Gospel.

He has done the same with the deliverance ministry and evangelism ministry.

Who is required to minister?

Everyone is required to minister!

God has given us all gifts and we need to recognise them develop them and learn how to use them.

God never asks you to do more than you know or able too. So do not listen to what others say you should know or should do but ask God what you are to do and what you need to learn to be able to do what He wants you to do.

If anyone criticises you or will suggest you should be doing something, ask God if they are right and if they are then correct what you need to and do something about it.

God will tell you when you are to minister, who you are to minister too, how you are to minister and what you are to say. This means you need to be continually listening so you can hear him when he speaks to you.

Remember that to be a child of God you need to be continually guided by The Holy Spirit.

Ministry occurs when you need to help someone with a problem they need help with or advise them of things they need to do or know. it is an expression of God loves to the person being served.

To minister, all you need to be able to do is here God clearly. You do not need a certificate of qualification from an organisation. One of those is necessary only for the purposes of ministering in that organisation which means God is limited by the limits the organisation places on any ministry you do for that organisation.

The organisation may not believe in deliverance or the current use of the gifts of The Holy Spirit or the delegation of Authority Jesus gives you so that these cannot be used in any ministry you do for that organisation.

This organisation stops people being ministered too in the way God desires them to be minister too

So, you do not need to have a certificate or have a qualification to be used by God for ministry and He will never ask you to do more than you are able too so that no one has an excuse about ministering in the way they are able to. God will never ask you to do more than you can do or had prepared you to do otherwise He would not be a God of love. He asks you to ministers to others on his behalf expressing His love towards them which you would do if you believe you

are part of his family and desire him to be proclaimed in the world for all to hear what He has done for them out of his love for them.

Ministry is an act of Love toward God as you express His Quality of Love to others.

Conclusion

You will die one day and face God and give an account of how you served Him in the life He gave you.

There is much in this little book to help you to live as you should so you need to assimilate its teachings.

Where you end up - heaven or hell, depends on your choices and you alone will be to blame for which kingdom you end in after you die.

We are a result of choices and attitudes so you need to be wise in these and learn how to develop good choices and attitudes so that you will choose what God desires you do and not what Satan Desires you do.