

The Message of Deliverance

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It is a great pleasure to see so many people here and to bring a message of deliverance from the Word of God.

Open your Bibles to II Cor. 3:14. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Jesus Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place." God tells us in this verse that He always causeth us to triumph by the knowledge which God gives us in Christ.

In another verse the apostle Paul says: "I can do all through Christ who lives in me." The first part of the verse we read "Thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Jesus Christ." For the Christian there is no defeat. We can overcome every defeat. We can overcome all fear, because Christ lives in our souls. Repeat please: "Christ in me, Christ in me, Christ in me." Now friend, think that Christ lives in you, how can you be defeated? There is no defeat for men and women who walk with the Lord. And God wants you to know that if Christ is in you, you have power to rise up over every defeat. God wants you to know that sickness and disease do not belong to you. The sickness and disease could have overcome and defeated you, but when you remember that the Christ lives in your soul, you can rise up against every defeat. There is no defeat for men and women who remember that Christ lives in them. The sickness and disease cannot have dominion over their bodies, the living Christ lives in them.

The scripture says: "Thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Jesus Christ." How can we be victorious? There is only one way to be victorious and that is when we access the knowledge of Christ, when we have the knowledge of the living Christ in us. The Bible teaches us that we are like a piece of soil. When the soil is worked, one can sow seed in it and that seed sprouts, grows, and gives fruit. We are like a piece of soil. In I Cor 3:6-9 God says that we are gardens, planted with the word of God. The word husband should be translated to field or garden. This is wonderful. If you allow the Word of God to be sown in your body it will grow and give fruit. It will produce 60, 70, or 100%. It will produce as much as you will allow it to. Your body will produce results of the Word of God. I want to repeat to you again that the Word of God must be received in your body and you must let it grow. Then it will flow from you. The glory of the Word that has been planted in you.

The reason why some of YOU ARE NOT TRIUMPHANT; the reason why sickness and disease always defeated you, is because you do not have the Word of God sown in you. If you allow the Word of God to be sown in you when sickness and disease come against you, you have something to go against the power of sickness and disease. Take the Word, read it, put it into your heart. Say: "It is mine. I proclaim it as mine and allow it to be mine." Continue reading and praying until it is yours. When the Word of God is in your soul it will answer when sickness and

disease come. The triumph of Christ will follow. "Thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Jesus Christ."

When you get to know how powerful the Word of God is! Oh! David knew something about that. He said in Ps.119: 1 "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." Take the Word of God and memorize it. Allow it to be a part of you. The more you read the more you sow. You will find the Word of God will be blood for your body and power of your bones. Friends, the Word of God is the most powerful thing in the world! We don't notice how powerful the Word of God is! There is a scripture in Hebrews 4:12 that says: "The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." When you use the Word of God, what does it do? It breaks everything.

THE WORD OF GOD IS A SWORD

When Satan comes against you, answer him not with your knowledge, but with the sweet savor of the Word of God. When you do that, the devil has to go away. The Word of God is a sword. It is something that God has given you to defeat the devil. When you have the Word in your soul you can use it like a machine gun. You can know so much of the Word of God that you will be like a man with a machine gun who is firing at the enemy. Don't tell the devil what you know, but say what God has said. You can give so much of the Word of God and give it so quickly that the devil must flee away and yet you can give so little that the devil comes and defeats you. Learn what God has said and when the devil comes, you will defeat him. The Word of God will do what God has said it would do. The Bible says that one will chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. When you use the Word of God against the devil with all your strength, going against him, not in your own strength and power, but in the knowledge of Christ, you will be triumphant and you will find that God is with you.

NOT YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The reason why some of us fail is because we give our own knowledge in the great sermons we preach. Your knowledge is not the knowledge of God. Use the knowledge of the Word of God, and you will find that the knowledge of the Word of God will cause you to triumph. Those old dry sermons, that are so dry, that a puff of wind will blow the dust. You must use the Word of God against the devil and you will make him to flee. The Bible says: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." But the devil comes, you will defeat him. The Word of God will do what God has said it would do. The Bible says that one will chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. When you use the Word of God against the devil with all your strength, going against him, not in your own strength and power, but in the knowledge of Christ, you will be triumphant and you will find that God is with you.

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT DEFINED

Someone asked: "Can I use the knowledge of God?" Yes! God has made it possible that every believer in Christ, full of the Holy Spirit can speak, think, and act like God. But you can only do this when you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the nine spiritual gifts that are at

the disposition of every man and woman. God has given us nine spiritual gifts. Each one represents the supernatural power of the Word of God. Listen. I am going to name them: A word of knowledge, a word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, faith, healings, miracles, prophesy, tongues, interpretation of tongues. The nine spiritual gifts are divided into three divisions.

The first division is:

THE GIFTS OF REVELATION

They are, "A word of knowledge," "A word of wisdom" and "Discerning of spirits." These gifts only manifest themselves in your life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Notice, it does not say "knowledge," or "wisdom" but a "word of knowledge" and "a word of wisdom." Some are going about saying: "That man has the gift of knowledge for the great things he is doing." That is not what God means when He says a word of knowledge. The word of knowledge is given while you are under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God reveals to you a word, or two, or ten and you speak the words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The same happens with a word of wisdom which God gives you to do something, by the word of wisdom Solomon could take a child, and ask for a knife, and by that wisdom find out who the mother of the child was. These two gifts are given in a "wink of an eye." Listen, the most ignorant man in the world can be filled with the Holy Spirit, and God can make him speak a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge, that could put Einstein, or the more highly intellectual man in the world to confusion. I am so happy that the Word of God says that God takes the most humble and fills him with the Holy Spirit for the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God. I am so happy that you and I can obtain the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

The third gift in this section is "Discerning of spirits." Some people want to know something about another person and only: "I can discern you did this or that." That is suspiciousness. The gift of discerning of spirits is to know what spirits are in the human body. For example: If a person comes before a man of liberation, who has the gift of discerning spirits, the Holy Spirit falls, and reveals to him the name of the spirit in that person. He can call him by name and in the name of Jesus will go out and the spirit will obey his voice. God wants you to know you can have the gifts of the Holy Spirit if you walk with Him and the Word of God is sown in your soul.

The second division is called:

THE GIFTS OF POWER

There are three gifts of power, faith, healing and miracles. The greatest is faith. A man whose faith is manifested in his life and into fullness can expect healing and miracles to take place. Now God does not confine this power only to preachers. The Word says again and again, "These signs shall follow them that believe." When faith is manifested in your life, then the gifts of healing and miracles will take place automatically. If discernment controls the first two gifts of REVELATION then the gift of faith controls the other two gifts. We could go on and on with this tremendous revelation and power gifts, but let us come to the next division.

THE GIFTS OF INSPIRATION

Now how are the gifts of Inspiration manifested? Exactly as the word "inspiration" infers. They operate only as you are inspired of God or the Holy Spirit. As you yield yourself to God in the spirit, the gift of inspiration automatically begins to operate in your life. They are known as, "Prophesying", "Speaking in tongues," and "Interpretation." There is no other way in which these gifts can operate but as you are inspired by the Holy Ghost. These gifts are found in I Cor 12:7-11 but listen to this quotation, "But all of these worketh that one and the self-same spirit divide to every man severally as he will." Now that means that it is up to you. Power is a matter of choice. You can have as much power with God as you want.

I want you to know the difference in these gifts. The first is the gift of REVELATION. How do these gifts come? Through revelation!

The second division is the gift of POWER. As one exercises "Faith" the gifts of "Healing," and "Miracles" come forth automatically.

The third division is the gifts of INSPIRATION. The first gift, "prophecy," controls "speaking in tongues" and "interpretation."

To sum it all up: If a man has the gift of DISCERNMENT he can be assured that the other two gifts will operate in his life. Faith controls the gifts of POWER, and prophecy controls the gifts of inspiration. I want to read to you II Cor. 2:15, "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish." What are we? Sweet savor of Christ. Are you a sweet savor for God? Are you sure? Are you sure? Are you sure that you are a sweet savor of God? God says that we are a sweet savor of Christ. Now, I don't know, you say that you are unto God a sweet savor of Christ. There is only one way I can know if you are unto God a sweet savor of Christ and that is if the Word of God has been sown in you. If the Word of God is living in you. If so, you are unto God a sweet savor of Christ. But I wonder how we smell before God if the Word of God is not sown in us.

God wants you to know that when the Word of God is sown in you, you have the knowledge of God living in you. Here is what happens: I possess the knowledge of God. Do you see why the devil has defeated us? Because we didn't possess the Word living in us. If the Word of God is in you, you will be like a soldier that wins one battle after another. You can use the sword in your hand and say, "Christ guides me to victory!" There is only one way to be triumphant and that is that the knowledge of God lives in your soul.

Don't you love the Lord tonight? I love Him more than ever before. I will tell you something. If you continue praising the Lord as you do tonight, oh! I want you to shout and praise the Lord! There is nothing so dead as a meeting where not one says "Amen" and does not praise the Lord. Everybody is sitting with a long face. I don't criticize them for it. They don't praise the Lord because they have not the Word of God in them. But if you have it in you, when the preacher is preaching, you have a right to shout.

I am happy that the Word of God has life in itself. Read Shakespeare and you will see that it is a dead book but read the Word of God and you will see that it has life in it. Make up your mind that you will be filled with the Word of God. Some of us are spiritually so thin that we are only skin and bones. God wants you to be full of His Word then you will be a sweet savor

before God. Do you want to be sweet savor before God? If so, get full of the Word of God and you will have the knowledge of God. And when you have it, He will give you wisdom to use the power that has been given to you.