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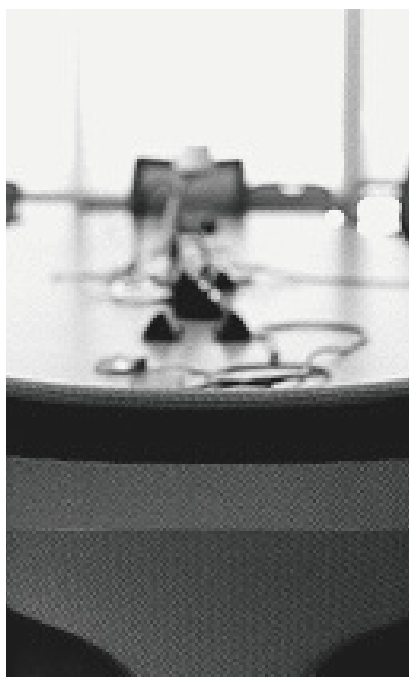
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The Purpose of "PARTNER MONTHLY" PUBLICATION

The Lord has crowned **2021** as a season of **VISION FULFILLMENT, RESTORATION & OVERFLOW**. Let's place a faith demand on what God is saying and doing and gain momentum in the spirit. We will not become static but will remain dynamic with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has lead us to develop additional materials to support our partnership community. Our objective at **CONGREGATION OF CHURCHES** is to help churches, ministries and ministers publish the gospel. Over the past twelve years, we've developed: **PARTNER PODCASTS**, and **PARTNER CELL GROUPS**, **Christian Inspiration Publications**, and our "**PARTNER MONTHLY MAGAZINE**".

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I AM BORN AGAIN, NOW WHAT?

Beyond the new birth experience there are two immediate considerations for you and I to be concerned with.

(1) Cultivate your relationship with the Holy Spirit and (2) Begin the process of renewing the mind. Both of these certainly can be accomplished through the help of a local church and Pastor.

Yet, even more importantly than that, is your personal relationship with God through reading and meditating the written Word of God and fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit who now resides within your own human spirit or heart.

In order to get the most of both of these experiences you will need insight into the triune man.

You are comprised of three parts. You are a spirit, you possess a soul and you live in a body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit, who dwells within, our spirit, brings revelation to us, as we meditate the Word of God. Meditation simply means to mutter God's word, or to ponder, and think about His Word.

When we speak of revelation, we are referring to an unveiling of God's Word to you as you study it.

The Word of God will come alive and enable you to see things by the help of the Holy Spirit which you could not have seen without Him.

The revelation of the Word of God, will first come into our spirit, at which point we allow the new information, this accurate information, to renew our minds.

The new information, from the God's Word and His Spirit, replaces the old and wrong information.

We now have a new way of thinking. We start to think like God. (**Romans 12:1-3**)

The mind must be renewed by the Word of God, on social issues, on healing, on finances, on love, etc.

As we **renew** our mind, and **submit** to the new information, our soul is prospering. The goal is to be conformed into the image of God in our thoughts, words, and actions, as we renew our mind with His Word.

Unlike the New Birth, which is instant, mind renewal isn't.

Mind renewal is a process.

Your spirit is saved, yet, your soul which is comprised of your (mind, will, and emotions) must be SAVED from the influences of this world.

Let's talk about the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit for a moment.

Again, when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and savior, God the father, God the son came to dwell within your human spirit or heart in the person of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)

The Holy Spirit will help you to walk in the fruit of Love. He will enable you to walk in what is known as the Fruit of the spirit.

Within your human spirit is God's love and the characteristics of that love. You have the capacity to operate in joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance and faith.

You are considered to be a new species of being that has never existed before. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Holy Spirit who resides within you, desires to communicate with you.

How can I hear God speak to me?

1. In order to hear God we must know that He desires to speak to us and is currently speaking.
2. In order to hear from God we must have a desire to hear from Him.
3. In order to hear from God we must believe that we are able to hear from Him.
4. In order to hear from God we must have respect for what He has said and is saying.
5. In order to hear from God we must practice His presence.

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Hearing is always in the present! Hearing God is relative to being in His presence.

6. In order to hear from God we must recognize how He speaks.

These keys came to me very easily as I was practicing God's presence.

In His presence I am able to hear what He is saying.

When I say; in His presence, I'm referring to the same thing as I would if I said I was in your presence. Yet, of course ... He's God.

How can I get in the presence of a Spirit being that I cannot see? It's by faith!

You simply need to know that God is present with you, even though you do not see Him. Talk to Him in the same way you would talk with someone who you do see.

As we speak on hearing, we realize that many would automatically think about hearing from a natural perspective with their physical ears. Yet, my emphasis on hearing focuses on hearing from within your heart, or what is known as the spirit man.

Just as you have physical ears enabling you to hear natural things, if you're born again, you have God's Spirit resident within your heart enabling you to hear from the inside.

I believe now, would be a good place to emphasize **how** God speaks, so that we can recognize His communication to us.

God can speak to us through:

- * *The Written Word (The Bible)*
- * *The Word spoken from God's Spirit to your spirit.*
- * *Thoughts will come into your mind from your own spirit as you fellowship with God.*
- * *Dreams*
- * *Visions*
- * *Angels*
- * *Prophets*

Certainly, there is so much more to cover here. However, so as to not overwhelm you, we'll encourage you to get into a good church.

What does a good Church look like?

A good church will look like the one God is leading you to. Don't go to a church simply because it's in the neighborhood or because it's the one your family went to. Listen to your heart. Notwithstanding it might be the family church. Nevertheless, listen to your heart.

*A good church will **not** tell you something that cannot be validated in the Word of God. Certainly, not all ministers are at the same level of development. Yet, what is preached should be in harmony with the Word of God.*

For example; You don't want to be at a church that tells you that God is the author of sickness and disease, or that he wants you to be in lack and poverty. That would **not** be a good church.

God wants the best for you and your family.

God's Spirit which is within you will always lead you into God's best.

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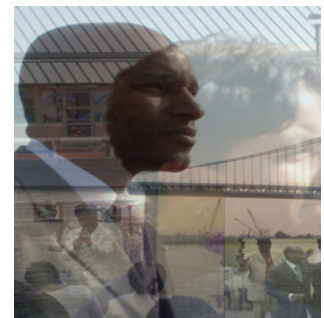
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THE GOODNESS

OF THE LORD ...

One of the things that is revealed to us from the book of Genesis is that God's original creation reflected Heaven's goodness.

Go with me to the book of Genesis, chapter one.

Verse thirty-one ...

Vs 31 - And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day

Sickness was not part of God's original creation, Poverty was not part of God's original creation, The Curse was not part of God's original creation, Death was not part of God's original creation, Cancer, Diabetes, Aids, Arthritis was not part of God's original creation and is not good.

God's original creation **only** reflected Heaven's goodness.

Another theme that flows throughout this chapter is God's spoken Word.

God's Word spoken releases His goodness.

Before any goodness could be realized, it was first spoken.

Listen to verse three ..

Vs 3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Throughout this chapter you'll find God saying and saying and creating and creating with his Words and what He said and created was ... **good**.

Listen to verse three again.

Vs 3 - And God said

Verse six ...

Vs 6 - And God said,

Verse nine ...

Vs 9 - And God said,

Verse eleven.

Vs 11 - And God said,

Verse fourteen

Vs 14 - And God said,

Verse twenty ...

Vs 20 - And God said,

Verse twenty-two ...

Vs 22 - And God blessed them, saying,

Verse twenty-four ...

Vs 24 - And God said,

Verse twenty-six ...

Vs 26 - And God said,

Verse twenty-eight ...

Vs 28 - And God blessed them, and God said

Verse twenty-nine ...

Vs 29 - And God said,

So then, God's Word spoken released His goodness.

All **good** things flows from God.

Listen to these words from the book of James chapter one and verse seventeen.

James 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.

Then over in the book of Acts chapter ten and verse thirty-eight, we find that God anointed Jesus to administer good.

Acts ten and verse thirty-eight ...

Acts 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing **good**, and healing

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Say this with me:

Jesus went about DOING GOOD and HEALING.

What does this tell us?

It reveals that HEALING ... is GOOD!

It further reveals that anything that opposes healing or causes sickness is NOT GOOD.

Listen to verse thirty eight, again.

Acts 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Notice where the OPPRESSION comes from.

Oppression comes from the devil and is in contrast to what Jesus did in going about **DOING GOOD** and HEALING.

Unfortunately, the original goodness of the creation was corrupted by sin.

Yet, God has a remedy for that and His name is Jesus.

Jesus and His followers, published the **Gospel** or **GOOD NEWS** for the purpose of helping us to have faith for His **GOODNESS**, and subsequently experience His **goodness**.

You'll not SEE the Goodness of God in your life on a consistent basis if you don't have faith for His goodness.

This is why we preach the GOOD News or the Gospel of the Kingdom. We preach the GOOD News to create an atmosphere of faith for God's goodness.

David said something along these lines in Psalm twenty-seven.

Listen to these words from the book of Psalm chapter twenty-seven and verse thirteen.

Psalm 27:13 - I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Many people faint (give up, cave in or quit) because they don't believe to see ... **God's goodness**.

I recall Jesus saying to Martha; "*if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?*"
John 11:40

You must BELIEVE to SEE this GOODNESS.

Which is again, why we preach the Good News.

God's Goodness leads men to repentance.
Romans 2:4

God's goodness brings salvation. Romans 1:16-17

God's goodness brings healing. Acts 10:38

God's Goodness brings prosperity. Ps 65:11

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Mark 4:26 – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

Luke 8:11 – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

Our money becomes seed **only** when it used to help advance the publishing of the gospel.

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