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KEEPING THE FAITH

WHAT SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD (WORD)?

10 ¶ *But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **11** Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. **12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

The Apostles of Jesus Christ were living and preaching in such a time that was similar to ours today. It was the season of great distress as there were Political, Economical, Military, and Religious crisis everywhere. The victims were believers, the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were hunted down like thieves, persecuted and killed in their hundreds.

In all of these, the apostles kept the Word, and did their best to preserve the **original faith** and handed it down to those who later came to publish them.

Why did these things happen? Satan was after something; it was not their lives and possessions, but their FAITH, that FAITH is known as the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

Jude 3. *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints.*

TREADING THE PATH OF THE APOSTLES

God expects us to keep the Faith, and that is the only thing the enemy wants to destroy. Jesus once prayed for Peter that his Faith would not fail. **Luke22: 31-32.**

2Tim2: 1-3. *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. **3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

Let us examine ourselves by looking at the scripture to see what the Apostles laid down for those who will be fellow-heirs with them in the glory and Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

We will also identify the period in scripture of which the Prophets and the Apostles refer to as the “**Times of Distress**” in the later part of this article.

WATCH THE DOCTRINES

The Lord Jesus Christ said while rebuking the Pharisees that the input of man into the Word of God is what makes the worship of people to be vain. To do the Will of God is to understand the doctrine, for in the doctrine lies the mind of God.

Matt15: 8. *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*

9. *But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

John7:16. *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

17 *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

It is impossible to do the Will of God outside the doctrine of God, therefore when we go to church we should check neither the building nor the intelligence of the ministers but the Word of God.

Let us outline some flaws that have stumbled men before God.

THE THREE WORKS OF GRACE

a) Justification

Justification is Vindication (A state of being cleared of wrong or blame), and PROVEN to be right. Justification therefore is to be made right (to be declared righteous). For one to get justification he must first **repent**, and obtain **forgiveness of sins** in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Luke 24: 47, Jesus after his resurrection told the 2 disciples on their way to Emmaus that “Repentance and Remission of sin MUST be preached in his name beginning at Jerusalem”. This scripture was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when Peter stood with the rest of the apostles and in **Acts 2: 38**, he gave the PRESCRIPTION for Justification.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2: 38.

Justification therefore starts and ends with REPENTANCE, and without the NAME of Jesus Christ in water baptism your repentance is not possible. Jesus said to Nicodemus “EXCEPT a man is born of WATER and of SPIRIT he cannot ENTER into the Kingdom of God” John 3: 5.

b) Sanctification

Sanctification is to clean and set apart for service, or to be made holy. I will not dwell much on this because it is a clear subject. Sanctification points to a holy living, not by ones strength but an inner work of the Holy Spirit that helps us overcome our own fleshly desires.

In the sanctified state, the believer has undergone spiritual mind re-generational work, purely done by the Christ (The Word).

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Phi 2: 5.

c) Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Let me quickly say once more, there are three works of Grace that must be complete in us for us to be ready for the catching away of the saints. It is the Holy Spirit (Christ) that does all these works, for the purpose of salvation.

Justification is the **gifts** of the Holy Ghost, **Sanctification** is the **Fruits** of the Holy Ghost, and finally the Holy Ghost baptism is the actual **Adoption** that gives us right as sons, the proper indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer.

Many are deceived having learned the act of speaking in tongues or even having the genuine gift of speaking in tongues, to believe that they have the Holy Ghost.

Others think that because they pray and things happen that they are sons of God full of the Holy Ghost, unfortunately these are all wrong perceptions. Gifts and calling are without repentance.

I do not argue that one may not have the gifts, but I am saying that having the gifts is not a guarantee that Holy Ghost is in that soul. You may have the gift without having the giver as in the case with Balaam and Judas Iscariot.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The genuine Holy Ghost will lead you to all Truth. **John 16: 13.**

BY THEIR FRUITS

The fruits, and not the gifts is what we should look out for, because gifts can come without repentance, but fruits can never be manufactured but borne. Jesus while preparing the hearts of his apostles for the Holy Ghost said that the purpose for the coming of the Holy Ghost was to lead them **into** ALL TRUTH.

I will very much doubt without apology if a Christian or a Preacher after claiming to have the Holy Ghost turn around to deny the very Word of God, which was given by the inspiration of the very same Holy Ghost.

APOSTOLIC FOUNDATION

The gospel (Good-news of Christ) of the New Testament traveled in 2 directions, to the Jews and to the Gentiles. The Living Waters was poured out **into** Jerusalem and from there it parted, **half** towards the former Sea (Eastern, Jewish), and the **other half** towards the hinder Sea (Western, Gentiles). Paul the Apostle puts it very clear to the Galatians:

7 “But contrariwise, when they saw that **the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;**

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, **the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)**” Gal 2: 7-8.

We know it was Peter who opened the door to the Gentiles to enter into the Kingdom of heaven because he (Peter) had the keys, but the GRACE was given to Paul to lead the Gentiles in. **Matt 16: 18-19. Eph 3: 1-8.**

Watch the New Testament, Peter taught doctrines related to Salvation because he was the one who had the authority to open for the 3 classes of People of the world namely; The Jews (Acts2: 36-42), The Samaritans (Acts8: 12-18), and The Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (Acts10: 1-48). Notice, that after the encounter in the house of Cornelius, the ministry of Peter started descending to come to a close. The lot fell on Paul to set the church in order, for it was the dispensation of the Gentiles. For this reason we **must** all follow Paul.

WHY MUST WE FOLLOW PAUL?

To do the work of God is believe on him whom God had sent. **John6: 28-29.**

I have been called for questionings by great bible scholars in many countries who feel they had the leading of God to spearhead a denomination of theirs, claiming they had special mandates. This they call 'THE WORK OF GOD'. They openly teach and water-down the ministry of Apostle Paul calling it the **Pauline option**.

WHO DID GOD SEND TO THE GENTILES?

Acts9: 13-15 *Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:*

Acts13: 46 *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.:*

Acts22: 17-21 *And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; 18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.*

19 *And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: 20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.*

21 *And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.*

Rom11: 13. *For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:*

1Co 4:16 *Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*

1Co 11:1 *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Read (**Rom2: 16, 2 Cor12: 12-13, Gal2: 8-12, Phil3: 17.**)*

Can any man show me one scripture that counters the above-mentioned passages? It is already clear that those who run outside the God-given line have fooled themselves by running errands for the devil and being deceived, they deceive others. Colossians5:7.

THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE

2Tim2: 2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

2Tim3: 10 *But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,*

The things Paul was pointing Timothy to in the above scripture was the Doctrine and in the doctrine you find 'Revelation, Conduct, Order etc. Let us examine those things which are not frequently spoken of, and others.

b) Predestination

Ro 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

The above scripture helps us to know that the Predestination the Apostles taught was Predestination by FOREKNOWLEDGE. It means that God had FOREKNOWN things and for that reason HE predestinated accordingly.

Eph1: 5 *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

1Pet1: 2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

The foreknowledge of God is what Paul referred to as 'The Good Pleasure of His Will'. Therefore Predestination is rooted in the very Will of the Almighty God. For God had foreknown things to be, and ordained them to be so or else He could not be God.

Predestination is not God choosing Mr. Konla, and rejecting Mr. Alnok, it is not God creating people to sentence them to damnation and some to life. For if it was so, then we could not be free moral agents, having the power of choice.

The Predestination taught by the Apostles is that which come by the foreknowledge of God, whereby **ELOHIM** (The Eternal One) purposed that we all should be conformed to the image of His Word made flesh in Jesus the Son of God.

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One may ask, 'what about the case of Esau and Jacob?'

Rom9: 11 *(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*

God did not just choose Jacob against Esau, but He had foreknown him in His great Mind and for this reason He made him to be conformed to the birthright. Jacob, like any other Son of God was in the Mind of God in **THOUGHT form** and was only made manifest in his time. Therefore, the choosing of God is His Word, for God had chosen only His Word and anything that is not in the Word is condemned to destruction. There was first a purpose, then a calling and programming to fulfill the very purpose.

Now note that, God chose **CHRIST** and if any man be in **CHRIST** that settles it. The religious understanding of our day is dragging men away from Christ. Paul said, as many of you as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Gal3: 27. You do not have the power to be **BORN AGAIN** for that is only in the hands of God. Repentance is not saying a sinner's prayer, but a holy conviction that can only come from God, and it is not complete without **Water Baptism** in the name of Jesus Christ.

Finally, **Bro. William Branham** said in one of his sermons that 'there is no man that can have eternal life on earth if he was not in the mind of God from the foundation of the world'.

Hebrews 4:3 *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, as I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (Also see Ephesians 1: 4.)*

b) FEET WASHING

John13: 12 *So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*

The Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles gave The New Testament Church 3 major Ordinances. These ordinances are **Water Baptism**, **Feet Washing**, and **The Lord's Supper**. The very way Satan through the Roman Church polluted the 3 works of grace (Justification, Sanctification, and Baptism of the Holy Ghost), is how he has possessed this domineering Jezebel to temper with these three ordinances.

One out of the three is lost, and the two that remain are observed in error. **Feet washing** is done by their clergy group, but lost among the Evangelicals, while Water Baptism and Communion is in a total mess.

It has been pointed out in many of our materials that Water Baptism is by immersion and in the **NAME** of the **LORD JESU CHRIST**. I will discuss Feet Washing and Communion in detail.

John 13: 8 *Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.*

Feet Washing is the complementary ordinance, meaning that although each of these 3 are independent and can be done without the others, feet washing speaks, stands, and help both the water baptism and the communion. If a person walks into the meeting and hears the word and got so excited that he testifies of the goodness of God, would such a person partake at the communion table because of his confessions? **NO**, he could not.

Why? Because for one to sit at the communion table he must have been first baptized in Water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ whose symbolic body and blood we eat, and drink at His table.

If a person is not baptized rightly, he is not yet added to the body of believers no matter how long he has been a preacher or Christian as they claim.

The Lord Jesus Christ, after *supper* not the Lord's Supper, but the supper of normal meals and drinks, he took a basin, and was guided with towel to wash the apostles' feet. This action was to prepare them for the Lord's Supper, to make them clean for the Lord's Supper. Peter refused Jesus from washing his feet because the act of washing another man's feet was the lowest form of work (service) in the east.

6. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7. Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. 8. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

Jesus told Peter that if He would not wash his feet then he had no part with the Word. Peter then suggested that his hands and head should also be washed. Then Jesus replied;
10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed (Baptized) needeth not (to be baptized again) save (except) to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

You cannot partake of the Lord's Supper if you are not baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Having been baptized, you could have one or more stains here and there, if you approach the Lord's table in that condition, hear what the Apostle Paul said by the spirit;

1Cor11: 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

The admonition is to TARRY for one another. HOW? We are to tarry (WAIT, PRAY, SERVE) in the most humble act of FEET WASHING.

The activities surrounding the feet washing exercise are that of tarrying (WAITING) in service to a fellow saint and in prayers. During feet washing we stand in the gap one for another so that the believer do not eat and drink unworthily and be damned.

I want you to know that this feet washing can be done at **anytime** of the day just as baptism too.

c) COMMUNION 'LORD'S SUPPER'

John14:15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1John5: 1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

In the second letter to Theophilus from Luke, which is called "**THE ACTS OF THE HOLY GHOST THROUGH THE APOSTLES**", it began with a reminder of all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up (Ascended).

After his ascension, Jesus gave commandments through the Holy Ghost to the apostles whom he had chosen (Acts1:1-2, Joh16: 12-13).

These commandments were Water Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ (Acst2: 37-38, 8: 14-18), Feet Washing (1Cor11:33), The Lord's Supper (Acts2: 42, 1Cor11:26-29).

THE TIME

Lord's Supper is first to be observed only in the evenings, not mornings or afternoons because it is a supper not breakfast or lunch.

In Genesis 24 when **Eliazer** went out to get a wife for Isaac, a type the Holy Ghost in the ministry of the Star- Messengers coming to call out the Bride for Isaac (Christ Jesus), he went to the right place at the right time.

Gen 24:11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the **evening**, even the time that women go out to draw water.

Spiritually, the water the virgins came out to fetch in the evening was the Word (Christ). The evening begins at 6p.m, and most times some assemblies could have it stretched into the midnight. However, the number of persons participating should not change the timing to Mornings and afternoon, as it is possible to divide them into groups.

Usually the apostles had no proper assembling place as it is with us today, they moved from house to house and those living within the visited homes fellowshiped, and carried out this exercise. In the beginning, we find God counting the evening before the morning and this remained the pattern throughout the bible.

(Gen1: 5, 8,13, Ex12: 6, Ps55:17,141:2).

THE BREAD

1Cor10: 17. *For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

God hates anything that puff-up, for pride foreruns a fall. Therefore the bread must be UNLEAVENED, without YEAST. The communion bread represents the body of the Lord Jesus Christ broken for our salvation.

This bread must be one loaf per assembly of believers; meaning that at any given time the communion is to be taken there should be just one loaf of bread.

Ex 12:46. *In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a **bone** thereof.*

The bread is broken by the hands of the officiating minister, and is divided among the saints, no knife is to be used on the bread, and nothing of it should remain or be taken out.

Ex 12:10. *And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.*

Ex 34:25 *Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.*

There is just one body of the Lord Jesus Christ not 2 not 200 or 2000 as we try to form today. If you are not in the original body of Christ as the apostles were then you are in the body of the other man 'Satan the devil'. This illustration can be viewed in many ways, for in Christ there is but ONE WAY, ONE TRUTH, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, and ONE GATE whereas hell has got many gates.

Gen 28:17. *And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the **gate of heaven**.*

Mt 16:18. *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the **gates of hell** shall not prevail against it.*

It is only when you are baptized into that ONE BREAD (Body) by ONE Spirit that you can be qualified to partake of the ONE Bread that is broken for the body.

It must not be denominational bread broken by any General Overseer or such bread that is spiced with leaven such as he doctrines and deeds of the Nicolaitans, Balaam, and Jezebel.

VOMIT AND GENTILE SACRIFICES

Isa 28:8. *For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.*

Ps 82:5. *They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the **foundations of the earth** are out of course.*

1Co 10:20. *But I say, that the things which the **Gentiles sacrifice**, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.*

21 *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils.*

The bread of the body of Jesus Christ cannot be in pieces and so all these denominations are tables of vomit. Any gathering that the Lord Jesus Christ is not the head is a Gentile ceremony.

John6: 47 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

48 *I am that bread of life.*

49 *Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*

50 *This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.*

51 *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

52 *The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*

53 *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

54 *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

55 *For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*

56 *He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*

57 *As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.*

58 *This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.*

THE WINE

This is where the whole trouble lies, it is easy to correct timing, bake unleavened bread but how many can swallow what am about to say about the wine.

Concerning the wine, one thing is clear and that is, the drink used by the Lord Jesus Christ on that day was WINE. I have heard people say, it was wine without alcohol. Wow!

Let us examine the following scripture.

John15: 1. *I am the true **vine**, and my Father is the husbandman.*

John15: 4. *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the **vine**; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

John15: 5. *I am the **vine**, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

Wine speaks of spiritual intoxication and without the grapes there can be o wine, and without the VINE there can be no grapes.

The first man to plant a vineyard in the present earth was Noah, and the product of that vineyard was WINE.

What is Wine? An Alcoholic drink made from grapefruits or other fruits.

Scientifically, it is said that that the grapevine has properties in itself to produce fermentation without the addition of water, sugar or any other kind of material to it.

CORN AND WINE

The patriarch 'Isaac' blessed his Son Jacob with the fatness of the ground and sustained him with Corn and Wine.

Gen 27:28. *Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:*

Isa 36:17. *Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of **corn and wine**, a land of bread and vineyards.*

The scripture above points to Jerusalem as the land of Corn and Wine '**Beulah Land**'.

On the Passover night when the Lord Jesus Christ sat at meal with his apostles, the cup that he blessed for them to share was liquid made from the VINE and it had some percentage of **ALCOHOL**.

Mt26: 29. *But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the **vine**, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. See also (**Mr14: 25.**)*

Lu22: 18. *For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.*

Jesus said, that the cup he was giving to them was his **BLOOD**. Well, it was afore-spoken of him that will proceed out of the tribe of Judah, a Lion and a Lawgiver, him in whose hand is the scepter. Hear the very words of Jacob concerning Judah, and note the underlined statement in verse 11&12.

Gen49: 8. ¶ *Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.*

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, art gone up: he stooped down; he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

*11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in **the blood of grapes**:*

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

See also Ezekiel19: 10. (...a vine in thy blood).

Now read with understanding the next scripture.

Mt26: 28. ***For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.***

Please always remember that his blood was only shed for **MANY** and not **ALL**.

Genesis49: 11 and **Ezekiel19: 10** both speak of '**The blood of grapes**', and '**...a vine in thy blood**', pointing the believer to the understanding and the relationship between the **BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST** and the **COMMUNION WINE**. One of the unique characteristics of Wine is that the longer it stays, the better and costlier it is.

Do we not say that of the blood of Jesus? We preach, we pray, we sing that the blood of Jesus never loses its power. Besides health purposes as stated by Paul the Apostle to his spiritual son 'Timothy', the believer comes in contact with Wine only at the Communion table.

1Ti 5:23. *Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.*

The Apostle Paul also rebuked some saints in both Corinth and Ephesus over their attitude towards wine and food consumption.

1Cor11: 21. *For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.*

22 *What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.*

Eph5: 18. *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

To the Ephesians he said, that they should not have the intoxication of the wine, but rather that of the Spirit.

ONE CUP

1Cor10: 16. *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

17 *For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

Paul did not say the cups but the cup, meaning that it was one cup. The same with the bread, it must be one bread. We have heard people complaining and given excuses why they cannot have feet washing, and why they cannot share one cup. They say their number is so large, yes that sounds excusable but how about doing what Jesus did. He told the disciples to make the multitude sit in companies, in a group of 50.

The Apostles in the early church broke bread from house to house. When Paul was referring to the church of God, he was not standing in or near any cathedral, but was referring to the body of believers.

Mt18: 20. *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* Strictly, it is where two or three persons who have been genuinely baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and received the Holy Ghost in their hearts are gathered, that Jesus Christ can be in their midst.

Therefore it is **not** the Lord's Supper if it is not done in the evening. It is not the Lord's body if the bread contains yeast. It is not the Lord's blood of the new covenant, if it is not wine (with at least 7% alcohol). The Blood of Jesus Christ never loses its Power.

STRANGE FIRE

Lev10: 1. *And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.*

Num3: 4. *And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.*

Num26: 61. *And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.*

What was the colour of the strange fire they offered? Was their incense different from the one Aaron used? We need to know so as to be careful not to be killed by God because the anointing of our day is the fire of their time, and the prayers we pray today is the incense they burned in their days.

WHY DID THEY HAVE TO DIE?

Their lives did not meet up the standard of the altar they served. Aaron and his sons were to bear the iniquity of the sanctuary and the Priesthood. They were to suffer for any wrong doing whether it was by them directly or by their negligence even if the culprit was another person. Num18: 1-3.

They were to eat of the hallowed offerings which was their portion given by God. It means that their lives had restrictions unlike the other people who were so free to adventure in whatever they desired.

Fire is supposed to represent cleansing and the Word we hear is to cleanse us, therefore the fire represents the purifying power of the word.

Lev6: 13. *The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.*

The sons of Aaron deviated from their God given mandate by offering strange fire in the presence of God; it was not the fire per se, but the activities surrounding their lives. They lived unholy lives and still took upon themselves the honor of worshipping the Holy God of Israel. We see in later years what their activities could have looked like in the lives of two of their near kin, Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of Eli the priest.

1Samuel 2:22-25

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

These young men had access to the sanctuary because of the Word of God to Aaron and his sons in Numbers 18:1. They were to burn incense unto the Lord, and that they did, but their fire was a strange fire due to the kind of lives they lived.

They desecrated the house of God (which was the tabernacle at that time, but today it is our bodies), kicked at the sacrifices and the offerings of God, and had respect of persons (for there were people they could not afford to offend, instead they offended God). **1Sam 2: 27-29.**

THE ANOINTING OIL

Let us understand this simple formular; Charisma means grace, therefore Charisma is right but Charismatism is wrong. Pentecost is right, but Pentecostal is wrong. These wrongs are issued directly from the pit of hell and must be dealt with.

THE OLIVE TREE

Ps 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

The Olive Tree is the most honorable tree on earth, because amongst the trees of this world, it is the olive tree that is the Priest of God to other trees.

Jer 11:16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

God delights in Jacob, and Jacob is Israel, the Olive tree represents this Israel. The entire family of God is an Olive tree of which Israel is a branch cut off for a season so that the Gentiles can be engrafted.

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree,

wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Rom 11:24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

The place of the olive tree is in the house of God, for from the door of the temple to the ark of God, the olive is found.

1Kings 6:23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

1Kings 6:31-33. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32. The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

33. So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

THE HONOUR OLIVE

Jud 9: 8-9. The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

When the trees thought of having a king rule over them, the first tree they approach was the olive, but it declined because it knew its calling. The olive told the trees that it was by its oil that God and men were **honored**, therefore any proposed promotion by the trees was useless. In the Bible, trees are used to represent men.

The oil of the olive tree is the fatness thereof, and it is used to honor men as Kings, Priest, and Prophets. The oil of the olive is also used to dedicate man and things for services unto God, and for healing.

The olive oil was not the only oil used for anointing in the land of Israel and its environs as there were other precious ointments such as the one used by Mary to anoint Jesus. Amongst these ointments none came close to be compared with the olive oil for spiritual purposes. Therefore we should take proper care with the word '**anoint**' for it also means to smear (rob an ointment on the body after bath).

Finally, the olive oil is used for food as it is the healthiest oil for consumption.

THE PROPER USE OF THE ANOINING (OLIVE) OIL

Ex 30:30 *And thou shalt **anoint** Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.*

Heb 5:4 *And **no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.***

1Sam 15:1 *Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to **anoint** thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.*

Let it be known that the Olive Oil, once consecrated is first the property of the God and is to be used **only** by a God-called man.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were not the ones anointing themselves for honor or consecration, but this act was carried out by the Prophets and the Priest, for even a King would not dare to try it.

NOT FOR WOMEN

In the program of God, no woman has got the right to anoint anybody. A woman cannot anoint anyone into the office of a Priest or a king; she cannot anoint herself even in times of sickness.

Today we see preachers asking the people to buy the anointing oil and bring them for consecration after which they ask them to take home for private use.

Some claim that Mary anointed Jesus in the house of Simon the leper, therefore, women could handle the anointing oil to anoint others. Mary smeared Jesus with the body oil but this time the costly ointment. Matt26: 6-7.

We read of Esther and other virgins using such costly oil for outer body cleansing and purification before they could approach the King. Esther2: 12.

Friends, you do not have the right to do that if you are not a part of the authority of the New Testament church or one that is designated by the occupants of these offices of authority.

No one should have the **anointing oil** at home but you can have the olive oil for your cooking and other purpose (for once it is consecrated, it could only be handled by a God called man).

I have seen where women while prophesying would ask to be given anointing oil and they will use it in anointing people saying it is 'Thus Says The Lord'. I am sorry to inform you that you are deceived. God can never act against his Word. For sure, the Lord can say anoint this person for health purpose or for an appointment into a spiritual office such as Elder or Deacon, but God cannot say the sister should do it, no matter how close she is to God.

James 5:14 *Is **any sick among you?** Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:*

Is any sick among you? It did not say the nearest brother or sister should anoint him. They can pray for him, but to anoint him was not their work. They had to call for the elders to perform this task.

In the scripture quoted above, Paul reminded us by stating; '**And no man taketh this honour to himself...**'

The bible tells us of Samuel going to the house of Jesse to anoint a new captain over Israel. He sent the message ahead of him to Jesse but I wonder why he had to travel with his own jar of oil. It would have been stress free for him to ask Jesse to buy the oil, which he will use instead of taking the pain to go with his.

Dear preacher, the God of the Bible never did ask you to tell the people to buy their own oil and anoint themselves, let me just say, that it was a charismatic spirit setting in.

Note; I also did it in the past during my denominational days. Now that truth is revealed, let us abandon falsehood. Shalom!

END Of PART ONE

