

## Waking up

The process of sanctification brings us into the fullness of God. As we submit every area of our lives to the Holy Spirit's leadership, every area of our life comes alive to God. When we come into the Lordship of Jesus Christ over every area of our lives, we come under His government or management. We have a new owner who becomes responsible over the fruitfulness He so desires. Every area of our lives begins to bear fruit unto the Lord.

The reason we do not bear fruit is because of the darkness of the old nature—the self nature. This unawareness exists because it is deep within us. The way that Jesus begins to possess our heart, is when we let the light of His Spirit begin to shine on it. We allow the Holy Spirit to search our heart. We ask God what He thinks about this and that.

God has to enlighten the darkness of our heart. Our new born spirit is beautiful to God, it contains the seed or life of His Spirit, but our soul is dark. Our understanding is unfruitful, we ask God to command His light to shine in our heart.

It is the entrance of His word that gives light. It is seeing things in a new light. It is hearing the voice of God in our spirit. Our spirit is the candle of the Lord. It is when our spirit is communing with the Lord that we begin to see. When our spirit is communing with the Lord, our soul becomes aware of God. When God is moving in our spirit our soul is the part of us that feels it. Our spirit has to do with perception and our soul has to do with feelings. The still small voice of our spirit are those moments of clarity where our soul becomes aware of something our spirit perceives. It is possible to actually hear a voice in our spirit, but we usually just get small flashes of light. It is only when our soul is aware of the manifest presence of God that our thought level is on a higher plane.

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*Eph 5: <sup>14</sup>Wherefore* (for-which, therefore) *he saith, Awake* (command to begin now, to arise from sleep-for the spirit to be awake) *thou that sleepest* (continuous action, to fall asleep spiritually), *and arise* (command to begin now, to stand again, to come into existence, to be spiritually alive) *from* (out of) *the dead* (one slain)(to be spiritually asleep, secure and unconcerned in sin or indolent “not showing any interest or making any effort” and careless in the performance of duty), *and Christ* (anointed)*shall give thee light*(1-to shine upon 2-thine own).

Paul is speaking to believers here, those whose spirits are alive to God. He is telling them to wake up! To rise up, to get in motion! There is unawareness in our soul that is kindred to death. There are parts of our soul that are dead to God. It is as we activate our spirit, it is as we get in motion, it is as we rise up to begin to act upon the word, that we receive light. It is as we are asking, seeking and knocking that light comes to us.

It is when we are no longer living for ourselves, but unto the Lord that we receive the light of God.

Revelation comes because a part of our soul wakes up to God. Our spiritual awareness is connected to the life of God. It is through our awareness of God’s Spirit, or His living word that we experience eternal life. We are aware of the Spirit of God moving in us. It is through the impartation of God’s life, that we arise from the dead (our spiritual unawareness).

It is when we are not aware of the life of God in our spirit that our thought and feeling level is contrary to God. It is only when we are filled with God’s Spirit or life of God that we are enabled to bring every thought into captivity to the Christ in us. The infilling of the Spirit of God is what sanctifies our heart, and displaces what is contrary to the Spirit of God.

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There is a close connection between the words sleep and death in the bible. Unawareness of God's Spirit is death; it is referred to as sleep in the believer, because we are growing in God's divine nature.

Revelation and purity (holiness) are closely connected in the bible, because the light of God's Spirit is what awakens us and purifies us as it is flowing in us. Our awareness and focus on The Spirit of God is the life line or connection that transforms us. As long as we stay connected we grow and develop in the divine nature.

It is this sleep or death in us that must be battled and overcome. We will never become all that God desire us to be, until we come alive to God completely.

There are specific areas in our soul-life that are still dead to God. The reason we are defeated is because there is no awareness of God in these areas.

Once our awareness of God's Spirit grows so that we are enabled to abide in Him, then we are enabled to respond in the Spirit.

Revelation is the opening of our eyes and ears so that our heart responds to the provision of God's Spirit. The reason we are defeated is because some part of us is not awake to God so that we are responding in ourselves. We react or respond to our circumstances through our soul instead of our spirit set on God.

The reason Jesus never manifested the flesh was because He always saw and heard in the Spirit. What He saw the Father do He did, what he heard the Father say, he said. He learned how to perfectly abide in the Father so the Spirit of God rested upon His soul. He never

grieved or quenched the Spirit of God. He was always beholding the face of the Father.

We must become aware of the Spirit world, so that we can hear and see in the spirit. We have to hear the voice of God, and see what He is doing. Our spiritual faculties must be awake if we are going to walk in the Spirit. Once we wake up spiritually, then we can walk accordingly.

<sup>15</sup>*See* (command-continuous action, to be able to see)*then* (thereupon-now) *that* (in what manner) *ye walk* (the whole of our activities, to be occupied with and follow) *circumspectly* (diligently, accurately, exactly, perfectly), *not* (conditional negative) *as fools* (not walking as God expects one to walk), *but as wise* (skillful, expert), <sup>16</sup>*Redeeming* (continuous, make one's own-the moments that pass by) *the time* (kairos moments-seasons of opportunity), *because* (for this reason) *the days* (time)*are evil* (abounding in trouble, evil which corrupts, negative spiritual influence).

It is when we begin to walk in the light that we have, that more light is given. Our seeing becomes clear enough to walk accurately in representing the Lord, and we are able to redeem the time to advance His Kingdom.

<sup>17</sup>*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding* (the assembling of individual facts into an organized whole, the mind grasps concepts and sees the proper relationship between them, to put the puzzle together) *what the will* (the results of his determining) *of the Lord is.* <sup>18</sup>*And be not drunk* (continuous intoxication) *with wine, wherein is excess* (beyond reasonable limits, no hope of safety, spending freely-greater than necessary); *but* (on the contrary) *be filled* (command continuous, wholly occupied, to put in as much as can be contained, a full supply, a quantity that satisfies, to supply abundantly the thing

called for, to permeate-saturate- stretch- to take over, to penetrate and permeate completely-the whole of our life and activity so that His Spirit takes over) *with the Spirit;* <sup>19</sup>*Speaking* (continuous, utter sounds emphasizing speech) *to yourselves in psalms* (the song sung-what God has done) *and hymns* (how great something is) *and spiritual* (singing in the spirit)*songs* (that which is sung), *singing and making melody* (continuous, the making of music, instrument of music) *in your heart to the Lord;* <sup>20</sup>*Giving thanks* (continuous, to praise God showing oneself grateful, being well pleasing in His sight)*always* (at all times)*for* (in behalf of) *all things* (totality-whole)*unto God and the Father in the name* (meaning in and through him) *of our Lord Jesus Christ;* <sup>21</sup>*Submitting* (continuous, unification of motives-love) *yourselves one to another in the fear* (reverence) *of God.*

The will of God is a state of heart which enables God to fill the heart. We literally come under the influence of his Spirit, which energizes our emotions and brings clarity of mind. The filling of the Spirit is the only thing that really satisfies us and gives meaning and purpose to our lives. We are filled with the Spirit by speaking in the spirit. Our mouth is what helps us activate our spirit and once our spirit is in motion we make connection to God. The fastest way to be filled with the Spirit is through worship, singing unto the Lord and to ourselves spiritual songs. It is as we sow to the spirit that we are filled with the Spirit. Maintaining a submissive and grateful spirit in all things, keeps our spirit connected to God.

*1thes 5: <sup>22</sup>Abstain* (command continuous, to hold one's self off, refrain, abstain, keep oneself from, separate from-distance oneself) *from all appearance* ( the external or outward appearance, form figure, shape, form, kind)*of evil*(bad, of a bad nature or condition). <sup>23</sup>*And the very God of peace sanctify* (to express a wish, to separate from profane things and dedicate to God, consecrate things to God, dedicate people to God, to purify, to cleanse externally, to purify by expiation: free from

the guilt of sin, to purify internally by renewing of the soul) *you wholly* (perfect, complete in all respects, the whole, entirely); *and I pray God your whole* (complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, complete, entire, whole, of a body, without blemish or defect, whether of a priest or of a victim, free from sin, faultless, complete in all respects, consummate) *spirit and soul and body be preserved* (expresses a wish, specific point past-passive, to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard, metaph. to keep, one in the state in which he is, to observe, to reserve: to undergo something) *Blameless* (so that there is no cause for censure, without-to find fault) *unto* (root-A primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state), and (by implication) instrumentality) *the coming* (presence, the coming, arrival, advent) *of our Lord Jesus Christ.* <sup>24</sup> *Faithful* (trustworthy, faithful, of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties, one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust, that can be relied on) *is he that calleth you, who also will do* (to make, with the names of things made, to produce, construct, form, fashion, etc. to be the authors of, the cause, to do, to perform: to a promise) *it.*

As we begin to distance ourselves from anything that even appears to be evil, we position our hearts so that The Spirit of God sanctifies us totally so that every area of our lives is alive unto God.

As the Spirit of God reveals an area of need in our life, we need to focus on the solution found in His Provision for us until God meets us in that area. We cannot win in warfare until we understand what the root of the problem is and what the solution is. Then we have to live in the solution by focusing on His provision until it becomes more real than the problem.

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We need spiritual perception, so that we can zero in on a need until God meets it. The wisdom of God is the principle thing—therefore we need to get wisdom, to cry out for it night and day until we get God's direction. The reason we struggle is because of the darkness of our understanding. God will not withhold anything good from us when we have a walk with Him, so the reason we struggle is because of a lack of understanding. The thought of sin is foolishness to the person who is filled with the Spirit.

When we seek the Lord about a need in our prayer life, if our intercession is focused on the problem it becomes ineffective. If our intercession focuses on the provision, there is a consistent drawing of the provision that meets the problem.

When we receive direction from the Spirit of God, we are hearing a living word. Revelation does not come by trying to reason something out in our mind. The Word becomes living or real to us, when our spiritual sight or understanding is quickened by God. Once God opens the eyes of our understanding then we can lay hold of the word so that it produces fruit. Hearing a personal word from the Spirit of God is the solution to our problem, as the word becomes written on our heart meeting the need.

Our spiritual eyes will tend to go blind, unless we consistently exercise them by being watchful. If we do not pay attention to what the Spirit of God is saying and give diligence to it, we will miss the perfect will of God being done in our life.

To possess God's provision we must first see it, then enter into it, then abide in it and then we inherit it. We hear a living word from God where our spiritual eyes are opened and we see the answer. By seeing it our spirit is laying hold of it. Then we have to exercise in the word, to be a doer of the word. Then we are tested on the word as we experience

what is contrary to the word. When the contrary experience has no more power to move us, then the word is sealed to our heart and we experience the fullness of that word- it is written upon our heart, we become one with that word.

As we learn how to live or walk in every word we receive from God our natural senses become spiritual in the sense that are senses are trained in righteousness, we are able to discern what is of God and what is not of God. We become a spiritual person where the word of God governs our flesh. We have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts and only manifest God's Spirit. The word of God has been made flesh. Our natural body is under the government of God. Our whole spirit, soul and body is sanctified and preserved blameless.

Our spiritual senses, our eyes and ears, our taste and smell and touch are alive in God. Are ears are trained in the spirit to hear God. And if our natural senses perceive something different we are not moved by them. Our spirit has five spiritual senses like our body has five spiritual senses and our soul is trained to discern our spiritual senses, so that we are not moved by what we see in the natural if it is contrary to what we perceive in the spirit.

We obtain something first in the spirit. Our spirit lays hold of it, and then our soul comes into agreement with it and then it comes into manifestation in the natural realm. Once the will of God is manifested in the natural realm or time realm, we can see it with our natural senses. We cannot assume we possess something in the natural, by trying to believe with our mind, but once we have a witness in our spirit from God personally it becomes a rock of revelation that cannot be moved, and will come to pass. Our spirit begins to hear and see and feel and taste and touch in the spirit realm and our soul become conformed to it and then the natural comes into conformity to it.

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As our spiritual senses become trained to hear and see in the spirit then we will begin to grow quickly in the nature and abilities of the Spirit of God. We have to train our spiritual ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, so that we can lay hold of the word and keep it the moment we hear it.

As our spiritual senses become alive unto the Spirit of God, we become the vehicle of God in the earth. We become a throne on wheels, in which the Spirit of God can move and do the greater works.

A blind person cannot tell the difference between the light and the dark, the difference comes in being able to see. Being able to see spiritually opens up a different level to live on, once we can see in the spirit, then we can walk in the spirit.

We are coming into the manifestation of the sons of God upon the earth; this is something we have to grow into. Step by step we are going to begin to be able to lay hold of certain qualities of sight and understanding. God is taking the seals off of His book, so that we are going to be able to understand the end time events.

The enemy brings deception by clouding and distorting our spiritual senses so that we do not receive a true picture or image of the word we are hearing. The word we are hearing become clearer and clearer the more we grow in the spirit. Revelation and the manifestation of the divine nature go hand in hand. As our spirit hungers and thirst after His righteousness our eyes are opened and we appropriate it-we take possession of it and do not let go. We lay hold of that for which God has laid hold of us.

The enemy's job is to distort our vision. The war is over the word of God, hath God said? If the enemy cannot steal the word, then He has to distort it or twist it-this is the anti-Christ spirit. All the enemy has to

do is just get us a little off course so that we miss it. Then we have a movement of God's people who are off course, because their spiritual senses are not developed to hear what the Spirit of God is emphasizing. The present truth He is speaking.

All the enemy has to do is to get us to miss that one thing that would help us to lay a hold of the Lord and begin to walk with Him in the earth.

When we realize that we have a need, then we have to reach out to the Lord and have him touch it. When we are determined to have an answer, and we cannot be discouraged, the Lord will meet us.

We start out spiritually dead with nothing in us alive unto God. Then God quickens our spirit and we come alive but not completely. We begin to see just a little, and this is manifested with a joy and a love that we never had before. God has become real to us and we cannot help but tell others about it. But our spiritual faculties are not yet developed. We desire the milk of the word which is an evidence of our spirit being alive unto God. But it is not until our spiritual faculties are developed that we are enabled to eat the meat of the word.

Spiritual babies in the Lord have spiritual faculties that are undeveloped, we cannot expect them to grow automatically just because we preach and teach them the word. We have to intercede and pray for them and get them to use their spiritual faculties. No one who receives the Lord instantly knows how to walk in the spirit. Our spirit must grow in its awareness of the Lord, so that every area of our life (soul) comes alive unto God. Spiritual growth comes in our ability to walk in the word that has been revealed to our spirit. Once we see the light, then we can walk in the light.

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When a person is asleep they are not aware of what is happening. Certain parts of their consciousness are dead or asleep. Some parts of their being are not functioning. As we begin to wake up we become a functioning member of the body of Christ in the earth. Each member becomes complete by what the other member gives. The life of God flows through the body to the members, giving them the awareness they need.

Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. As we begin to grow spiritually, we die to the self-nature and grow in the divine nature. One nature is dying and the other is growing, the important thing is not in what we discard but in what we appropriate.

We come to the place where we cannot sin because the seed remains in us. The word has been engrafted in us where we cannot deny it or act contrary to it. The divine nature grows in us to the point where it takes over.

We start out in the realm of the flesh, because that is the realm that we have lived in. The reason we cannot overcome the flesh is because that is the only thing that we can focus on. We cannot overcome the flesh unless we have spiritual eyes to see. Once we begin to receive spiritual discernment then we can focus on it. Once our spiritual eyes are opened then we can begin to immediately overcome the flesh.

The victory comes when there is a total distraction from the flesh. We can begin to phase out the focus and concentration on the flesh and soul desires, and phase in a strong focus upon the Lord and the things of the spirit. When we learn how to focus in on the Lord and spiritual things, we find that the temptation to yield to the flesh is reduced to inactivity. It is in our concentration on spiritual things, that the temptations of the flesh lose their power to influence us. We reach a

place where we are no longer tempted to sin, because our soul is restored to the image of God. If tempted, we recoil. Our responses are different because of the level of spirit we have attained to.

We have natural soul desires that are not wrong unless we get focused on their fulfillment. As we are enabled by the Spirit to keep these natural desires second place, God fulfills them when our spirit reaches a maturity in the Lord. These blessings of God follow us; we don't have to pursue them. We are to seek first the kingdom (the family of God) first and His righteousness (the growth of our spiritual faculties, our development in the divine nature) and everything else is added to us.

In order to be able to walk in the Spirit, we have to train our spirit to commune with God. When our spirit is first enlightened, it is blessed but in time it wears off and we gravitate to a soul level. Most of the time our spirit is asleep, ever once in awhile it comes alive. We go to church and our spirit wakes up, and we get a little blessing.

**To become a spiritual person is not a matter of suppressing the flesh. To become a spiritual person we must become wholly absorbed, occupied, immersed, engaged with the spiritual, and then the carnal is dealt with and eliminated.**

Our spirit must become fully alive to God, communing with Him. When we are filled with the Spirit we receive an anesthetic for the flesh. It is our spirit that must become awake unto God enlightening our soul, and our flesh that is put to sleep.

What we must learn how to do is to walk in the spirit. We need to learn how to feed our spirit, so that it becomes active and is drawing from the Lord. We need to learn how to wait on the Lord so that we can labor in what is Spirit-directed, the living works.

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When we become occupied with balanced spirit living. As we begin to walk in what God directs, we will find that our spirit is being strengthened. As we begin to walk in the spirit, we receive the energy, strength and blessing of the Spirit.

What drains our spirit and defeats us is that we become preoccupied with something other than the Spirit of God. But as we learn how to continually sow to the spirit we reap the life of the Spirit.

As we learn how to be a doer of the word and the work, our spirit is fed and communing with the Lord and we begin to grow strong in the Lord, because we are totally occupied with the Lord. As we become God-centered and God-conscious, we find that we have become totally alive to God, spirit soul and body sanctified and preserved blameless.

As our spiritual faculties are coming alive, we will begin to have alertness in our spirit and develop a capacity to be aware of the Lord. It is in our growing awareness of the Spirit of the Lord that we find our freedom in the Lord. Our life becomes God directed and then we begin to become a laborer of the Lord. And every area of our lives begins to bear fruit as unto the Lord.

In a walk with God most of our problems we grow out of, so we need to encourage ourselves in the Lord. The main reason that we struggle is because of our lack of awareness of God's Spirit. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ; our problem is that we are not aware of them. As God opens our spiritual eyes then we can begin to partake of them. It is as we partake of the divine nature that we escape the corruption that is in the world.

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