

# **A Review of Where We are and What We've Learned! (Since 2008)**

## **1) Grace and Faith!**

Our faith doesn't move God! If God hasn't already provided and moved to meet our needs through grace our faith can't make Him. For years our understanding has been skewed by thinking that our faith, prayers, meditations, faithful living, good works, earnestness, pleading, begging would eventually move God to answer our prayers. Now, God has corrected our understanding to see that His Word, His Will, and His grace already decided, already provided, and poured out in the atonement everything that we'd ever need before we were even born. When Jesus said, "It is finished" this declaration was the restoration of all that had been lost between God and man. Now we know that our sins were forgiven, our lives were restored; our bodies and souls were healed by God's lamb of sacrifice two thousand years ago. God has poured out His Spirit, given us His name, peace, joy, power, love, wisdom, knowledge, which are all included in His grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore by grace we are saved, protected, provided for, healed, and empowered, given His presence, peace, joy, and love, through faith. Our faith then is a response to what God has already done and we act upon it to bring it to pass in our life. Many illustrations have been brought forth to explain this relationship such as:

A computer analogy

Menu analogy

Electricity analogy

(Booklet: Grace and Faith—AW; Revelation knowledge)

## **2) Understanding Doubt and What Faith is!**

From the first Chapter of James we understand what doubt is and by definition learn what faith is. Doubt is double mindedness concerning the will of God over any matter or issue. When we are not convinced and remain between two or more opinions about

God's will in healing we are not in faith. In essence, doubt is the result of not believing what is written. We are uncertain and tossed back and forth, shaken, wondering, wavering, about God's will and not embracing the clear straightforward written revealed word on healing. Faith therefore knows and has settled the matter becoming single minded about healing or any other promise of God. The prayer of a faith knows God's will before it prays. Any prayer offered not knowing or being convinced of God's will is not a prayer of faith. To be in doubt is to not know God's will period. The issue takes us to a fundamental question: *Do we believe God wants us to know His Will?* The answer is yes many times over and the testimony of scripture is sure. (Booklet: Understanding Doubt)

### **3) Understanding Unbelief**

As opposed to doubt, unbelief knows what God's will is but doesn't trust it to be done. Unbelief questions the performance of the promise, not what the promise is. In essence unbelief knows what God's will is but doesn't believe God will or has done it. There are three areas of unbelief: calling God a liar because we don't believe His Word or promise; committing spiritual adultery because we actually believe another's word more than God's Word (i.e. family, doctors, scientists, etc); committing blasphemy against God's Spirit not believing God's power will overcome certain natural conditions, diseases, etc. This has led to the discovery of our "weeds" of unbelief that exist in our heart that will offset, negate, delay, and pull against the power of God working through us. These weeds have been identified by deep seeded fear, worry, anxiety, and we have been taught to write them down and take the word of God and address each one daily. (Booklet: Understanding Unbelief)

### **4) The Fallacy of Always Expecting Immediate Results**

We read of Jesus' ministry and the apostles works and see immediate results were the norm. Jesus' faith was mature the

apostle's faith was strong having been with Jesus; yet our faith needs time to develop and become more skillful in the things of God. The scripture teaches that those who believe will do what Jesus did at the same time reflecting a recovery time period. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover...reflects not immediate results but continual improvement from the time hands are laid on someone. As we read and consider the testimonies of many healing ministries time, days, hours, even weeks are recorded in the healing of many. We have discovered the difference between healing and miracle in that healing means the sick begin to heal as faith is acted upon while miracles produce immediate results. Many of us have had results over time when we've prayed for guidance, wisdom, even salvation. Over time we came to realize the answers to prayer. The time factor isn't God delaying our answer is it our heart condition, receptivity, the distraction of the world, the resistance of demonic influences, worldly matters, and rebellious circumstances. We have come to realize we are authorized in faith that our prayers are answered having already been known by the Father and provided for in the cross. We know that our answers are given and by remaining faithful and holding onto the promise in faith we will see the manifestation in this realm or world. We hold on by believing and not doubting despite what we see around us. We keep our eyes on the unseen truth of God's Word to correct the visible fallen and contrary symptoms, situations, or circumstances to come in line with God's will in our life. (Booklet: Looking for Immediate Results?)

### **5) We've learned to speak to the Problem in God's Name and not to God about the problem!**

We've learned that God's Word commands us to speak to the mountain in His name and it will obey us! The authority and dominion belong to believers in Christ Jesus. We have all fallen into the trap of praying to God about our problems instead of obeying Jesus who taught us to speak to the problem. This principle has opened our eyes to realizing that we've been

commissioned, authorized, and granted power to act in Jesus' name and in His place. As Jesus spoke to the winds, waves, storm, tree, and sicknesses; as He spoke to demonic spirits, so we are to speak with the same power and presence. We've discovered the truth that by the Spirit of God in us we accomplish the same things, for the same reason, for the same purposes, by the same God. (Booklet: Speak, Act, and Think Faith)

## **6) God is waiting on us to move in His name when we've been waiting on God to do it!**

The church through tradition and religious teaching has communicated to us that God is sovereign and almighty therefore it would be arrogant for us to act in His name. In other words, if God wants something done He'll tell us or do it when the truth is that God has conferred upon us this authority to act. God cannot do for us what He's commanded us to do. God has saved everyone and if it were true that God's will is going to be done without us then all would be saved right now; however, no one is saved until they respond to God's salvation in Jesus.

Understanding this principle has empowered us to realize that we are to move in His name, act, speak, and take authority to get God's will done. God is waiting on us to get it, act upon it, believe Him, and do what Jesus did! God is not and cannot do what He has commissioned His Church to do. Therefore, we need to grasp this and become convinced to take the necessary steps in the flesh at first believing that the Holy Spirit will move right with us to accomplish the tasks to be done. (Booklet: Authority and Faith)

## **7) Healing is a Major Aspect of the Gospel and included in the Great Commission!**

Healing is not a side issue in the ministry of Jesus or any of His disciples but was meant to be one of the major proofs of God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and power, confirmation of the Word, and his manifest glory, in order to show the lost the way to God. Healing is God's method of reaching the lost and Jesus spent as much as eighty percent of His time healing the multitudes. We

have discovered that God's will is plainly seen in the life and ministry of Jesus who healed all who came to him. Jesus said, "Unless you people see signs and wonders you will by no means believe." If the Messiah needed signs, wonders, and miracles to reach the lost so do we. It is a major aspect of the Gospel and the Great Commission to go into the entire world to preach and make disciples which included the teaching that all would be instructed to observe the things Jesus taught the apostles (Matt. 28:20). Jesus taught the apostles and disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out the demons, deliver the oppressed, and then preach the good news. (Booklet: Healing is a Major aspect of the Gospel)

**8) We've discovered that all believers and disciples—born again children of God, have the same power and commission as Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said that those who believe in Him would do the very works that He did and greater works because He went to the father. In the Great Commission Jesus told the apostle to teach all the disciples to observe everything He'd taught them—that included healing, deliverance, and authority over all the power of the enemy. This includes the gift of the Holy Spirit and all that the Spirit is. We have been given the same Spirit, the same peace, joy, love, power, grace, commission as Jesus was given because we have Jesus in us. Jesus said that as the Father has sent me I send you. In the same manner and power we are Christ's ambassadors, His body, and His vessel to do the same things. (Booklet: Vague Christianity; Healing is a Major Aspect of the Gospel)

**9) We know that we have the very same Faith of Jesus!**

Jesus has given to us the same Spirit and the same faith He has operates through us. For we have been crucified with Christ and no longer do we live to ourselves but the life we now live, we live by the faith of the Son of God. The gift of faith and the measure of faith are given to every believer in Jesus. The power to live for

God and the faith to live in God come to us in the Spirit. (Booklet: You Have the Faith of Christ)

### **10) We know that we've been given the Holy Spirit and if we have any part of the Spirit we have all.**

All that the Holy Spirit is comes into every believer manifesting God's will, presence, power, and every gift. Therefore we've understood that all of the gifts of the Spirit are present with the Holy Spirit in us. We understand that the gifts of the Spirit have been operating in all of us and it has always been a matter of degree and boldness not a matter of possession. We don't possess the fruit of the Spirit neither do we possess any gift but we are vessels and the temple of the Holy Spirit to manifests all of the fruit and gifts in our life. God gives us something to say, wisdom to know what to do, knowledge to understand what is happening, discernment to know what the source is, faith for salvation and every work of the Spirit, miracles, healing, tongues, and interpretation. These gifts belong to the Spirit and we by faith act upon them releasing them into our lives. (Book: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

### **11) We learned why Signs, Wonders, and Miracles were given in the gospels and to us**

Many have said that signs, wonders, and miracles were given to Jesus to prove He was the Messiah; yet, there are over thirteen reasons given in scripture many of which are for our benefit. Why are signs, healing, wonders, and miracles given? Here are thirteen reasons: to reverse the curse in the earth; to destroy the works of the devil; to show God's compassion; to show we are forgiven; to show nothing is impossible with God; to glorify God; to show that Jesus is the way, truth, and life to the Father—so that we'd believe; to give us joy; to please God; to prove or confirm the word; to show Jesus (we) is one with the Father; to show that the kingdom of God had come upon them; so that we would marvel. This means that God intends for signs, wonders, healing, and miracles to continue to confirm the gospel for as long as the

gospel needs to be preached! (Booklet: Why Signs--13 reasons; What did Jesus Emphasize?)

## **12) We have learned that faith comes from Revelation Knowledge and must be owned personally!**

Faith is the by-product of hearing God's word that is revealed or borne witness to us personally by the Holy Spirit. Revelation knowledge is a spirit thing that takes the truth and reveals it to our spirit making it real to us. We can't live by someone else's faith or walk with God, God expects us to relate to Him personally. Our faith and understanding of the truth must be born into our heart by the Spirit's work. We provide for this as the gate keepers of our heart by the things we value, meditate upon, think about, or imagine. If we focus on the Word of God, become convinced of the promises, the word is implanted in our heart and will produce and be fruitful. We don't make it grow God gives the increase. We are responsible to guard and decide what grows in our heart but we are not the source of the growth. We can know faith is ours when we are unshakable, persevere, unmoved even when persecution, struggles, trials, temptations, come to steal the word from us. When we know that we know then it is our faith, our revelation, something God has wrought in our heart. (Booklet: Revelation Knowledge)

## **13) We have learned to locate our heart in regards to faith and grace!**

It is important to locate where our heart is in regards to faith and grace. If we do not know where our heart is, what we really believe, we can't make corrections towards faith and grace. We can locate our heart by the words of our mouth for out of the heart our mouth speaks. When we pay attention to our responses, comments, questions, statements, we can begin to see what we really believe. For example, if my first response to most situations amount to natural solutions, human solutions, and worldly solutions I can know what dominates my heart. If my

questions actually bring into question the Word of God concerning any matter then my heart is not in the right place. If I ask, “Why didn’t God heal me?” I am questioning the provision of the atonement that God didn’t heal us through the stripes that Jesus bore. The right question is, “What is hindering me from receiving or accepting, taking, or claiming my healing?” If I cave, give in, give up, back down, compromise, am shaken, moved, become fearful, act, speak, or think different from the promise of God’s word, I don’t own it yet. This is not about condemnation, guilt, or becoming burdened with failure, it is about locating our heart’s condition so that we can re-direct it towards faith and grace. (Booklet: Indicators and Location, Location, Location)

#### **14) We’ve come to understand that there are reasons that hinder our receiving the promises of God**

It is important to realize that we are responsible to believe God and that out of our heart flow the issues of our lives. We can discover where our heart is in relationship to many reasons that hinder our acceptance of God’s promise. There are twenty three listed in F. F. Bosworth’s book on healing that range from ignorance of the truth to being taught contrary to faith, to not holding on, to unforgiveness, to compromising, to fear, etc. This is a great tool to help us locate ourselves then remove the hindrance and receive what grace has freely given. (Booklet: Why Some Fail to Receive Healing)

#### **15) We must practice and begin to exercise (shoot) our faith**

We must put actions to our faith and begin to exercise the grace we’ve been given. We may fail at first but we must press on because we do believe. Like practicing anything it may take time to get comfortable, confident, or skillful but if we are faithful in little things we will be faithful in much. We must be willing to take shots and then shoot again, we are not responsible for another’s unbelief or doubts, but we are responsible to go in His name. We

know we have not arrived but we also know we have left from where we used to be. Therefore we need to start acting, thinking, and speaking supernaturally instead of being natural in our life. We need to start speaking to our sicknesses, symptoms, hurts, pains, injuries and expect healing, recovery, shortened colds, headaches to leave, etc. We start where we are and move forward. With this we know that we must step out first in the natural (flesh) by faith expecting the Holy Spirit to empower in the Spirit in the next step. Many have missed God by being afraid to take the first step not having the faith to believe the Spirit would meet us there and carry us forward. (Booklet: Casting Down Arguments: Testimonies I)

### **16) We've learned to Discern God's Voice**

We are Jesus' sheep and know His voice and a stranger's voice we will not follow. We've learned to hear God through His Word, His Spirit, the still small voice, the leading of the Spirit in peace or lack of it, to listen to our conscience, the counsel of mature Christians, to observe open doors and circumstances. We are not growing dependent upon a leader but upon the Word of God and the Spirit. We are remaining faithful to this principle that it doesn't matter who, where, when, how, or why, but WHAT is said in examination with the word that matters. (Booklet: Discerning God's Voice)

### **17) We've learned about Hardness of Heart and how to become more sensitive to the things of God**

What we consider, focus on, meditate about, think or imagine on, these are the things that we grow sensitive to while the things we deny, ignore, neglect, our heart grows hardened towards. Recognizing a hardened heart helps explain why we find it hard to grasp, remember scripture, listen to, perceive spiritual things, or find the supernatural life distant and even foolish. The natural man does not receive the things of God and considers them foolish. A hardened heart will reject, consider foolish, out of touch, the supernatural power of God. If signs, wonders, and

miracles are crazy, ridiculous, unexpected, beyond reason, then a hardened heart towards God exists. If the healing power of God when demonstrated is amazing beyond belief that too reflects a hardened heart towards. We can change our heart to be sensitive towards God by meditating, focusing, abiding in, and staying with the things of the Spirit. In turn our heart becomes hardened towards the world. (Booklets: Hardness of Heart—AW; Hardness of Heart II)

### **18) Our First Job is not what we do for a living!**

Our place in Christ is seeking first the kingdom of God which is preaching the gospel and healing the sick in Jesus' name. What we do for a living is not as important as our call to fulfill the Great Commission. Our needs, desires, and wants, should be subject to the heart of God. Our focus is not our own happiness and fulfillment in this life but being ministers of the word of reconciliation. (See booklet: Finding our Place in Christ)

### **19) Casting Down Arguments and Taking Better Control of our Imagination**

God communicates to us through our imagination if we are faithful to His Word; however, He is not the only one that does. Therefore we are to cast down imaginations and arguments that come against the truth of Jesus Christ. Also we are to use our imagination in a positive way to see God's will being done in our life and others. We are responsible to control our thoughts so that what we value is godly and what gets planted in our hearts. (Booklet: Casting Down Arguments)

### **20) Brokenness: the power of complete surrender**

When we look into His holiness and see our lack and inability to conform into His image and we are willing to let the Holy Spirit baptize us, then we are being broken. When we see the constraints of the Word of God such as do not love the world, do not love self or our life in this world, do not love family more than God, do not fear, respect or value the opinion of men more than God, we are trapped by that Word. Our flesh may want to escape,

excuse, justify, rationalize our way out from that trap, but don't do it, stay in that place of inadequacy, stay where we will surrender and let the power of God's love bring Christ to fullness in us. This is a place of transformation and power. God's anointing is in us will not flow through our carnal ways. It is when we surrender and come to the end of our self that the glory of God becomes one with us. (Booklet: Vague Christianity: Revelation Knowledge)