

CEC Canada's Introductory speech part 3: Becoming content and comfortable with the God who tells us that children are his heritage and that we are to raise them for him. *Psalm 127: 3. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Proverbs 22: 6. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

The first most important things that we bring to the forefront are foundational truths where God is telling us who we as his people have become: The ¹Saints of the Living God living as an indestructible building that is sitting on foundation that cannot be destroyed:

1.) The word of God asks this question **Psalm 11:3. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?** Do we look to God for a new foundation that can not be destroyed, Psalm 82: 5. Leaves us no choice, because the foundations of the earth are out of course. **Psalm 82: 5. They (the wicked) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.**

2.) As it is God being an ²all seeing, all knowing and ³all wise God has long since given us a new foundation with a solid rock as a cornerstone upon which the ⁴righteous can build and depend upon: Even if someone attempts to build something upon it other then it is intended for it will withstand the test of time: The word of God: **Ephesians 2: 1 – 22, v19. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

3.) **v21. In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22. In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.** This then gives us more then a description of the foundation and the cornerstone, it also tells us what is being built on it, that is his people as temples tempered together into one holy temple as a habitation for God:

4.) God does not mince with words, he tells us the way it is and the way it will be: **1 Corinthians 3:1 – 23, v11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

5.) v12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14. If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

6.) v16. Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. God calls this temple a house and gives to us the purpose of it; the word of God: 1 Peter 2:3. If so be you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

7.) v5. You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

8.) v6. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on him shall not be confounded. 7. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9.) v9. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; 10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The first set of foundational truths that we see:

Truth number one, without a foundation we have nothing to build our lives upon.

Truth number two, we have every reason to look for a new foundation to build our lives upon because all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Truth number three, God has given us a new foundation in his Son.

Truth number four, God has identified this new foundation **Ephesians 2: 20. We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.**

Truth number five, God has identified the building that is being built upon this foundation, **Ephesians 2: 21. In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord.**

Truth number six, God has identified who we are living on this foundation, **1 Peter 2: 9. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood an holy nation, a peculiar people.**

Truth number seven, God has identified what we have become for him, ***Ephesians 2: 22. In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.***

Truth number eight, God has identified what he expects from us as those that live on this new foundation, **1: Peter 2: 9. that we should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, and that we should 1 Peter 2: 5 offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

Truth number nine off Truth number eight: To show forth praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light is addressed by our Lord, **Acts 1: 8. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11. Which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven.**

Truth number ten off Truth number eight: To offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus, the first and most important spiritual sacrifice is one of surrendering ones life to the Lord: **King David wrote Psalm 34: 18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite**

heart; 57: 17 reads – The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise. The second most important spiritual sacrifice is to surrender oneself to become a vessel for the Master’s use: Romans 1: 1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2. And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Truth number eleven: The last and the most comforting is the ultimate purpose of the Priesthood: The Prophet Daniel wrote- Daniel 7: 13. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14. **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. -----v27. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Revelations 5: 9. And they sung a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10. And have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

The next set of foundational truths center around Who is God that we should be comfortable with him?

Truth number one: John 4: 24: **God is a Spirit**, and those that worship must worship him in spirit and in truth. **10m**

Truth number two: God is the great *I am*, 13. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers has sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14. And God said unto Moses, ***I AM* THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, ***I AM*** has sent me unto you. 15. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the

children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever**, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Truth number three: God has always been and ever will be: **Revelations 22: 13. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**

Truth number four: God has identified himself as the LORD: **Exodus 6: 2. And God spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD.**

Truth number five: God is Almighty, Genesis 17: 1. And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be you perfect.

Truth number six: With God all things are possible: Matthew 19:26. But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but **with God all things are possible**. Luke 1: 37 reads **For with God nothing shall be impossible.**

Truth number seven: Christ Jesus lets us know that ⁵he is pre-existent man and that he is God by using these words, John 8: 58. Before Abraham was, **I am**. The Apostle Paul attests to this very thing, 1 Timothy 3: 16. (It is through is verse that the Apostle Paul convinced me that Christ was God in the flesh.)

Truth number eight: Question: What frames the magnificence of God, making him worthy of all honor, glory and praise? The magnificence of God is framed in the intrinsic attributes that make up his character and worthy of all honor, glory and praise. It is these attributes that make it possible for him to keep and deliver all of his promises. These attributes are: He is ¹Eternal, he is ²all knowing, he is ³all seeing, he is ⁴present everywhere, he is ⁵all powerful, and he is ⁶unlimited in creative power. ⁷**God is Love**. It is these intrinsic attributes that set him free to love, to promise and to deliver at will. **His love never fails. (1 Corinthians. 13: 8.)**

1.) God is eternal: Deuteronomy 33: 27a. **The eternal God is your refuge**, and underneath are the everlasting arms;

2.) God is all knowing: 1 Samuel 2: 3. Talk no more so exceedingly proud; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: **for the LORD is a God of knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.

3.) God is all seeing: Hebrews 4: 13. **Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

4.) God is present everywhere: Isaiah 40: 22. **It is he that sits upon the circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in: Colossians 1: 17. And he is before all things, **and by him all things consist.** (That is held together.) Psalm 139 1: 18.

Psalm 139: 1 – 18.

1. O lord, you have searched me, and known me.
2. You know my down-sitting and my uprising, you understand my thought afar off.
3. You compass my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, you know it altogether.
5. You have beset me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me.
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7. **Whither shall I go from your spirit? or whither shall I flee from your presence?**
8. **If I ascend up into heaven, you are there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there.**
9. **If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;**
10. Even there shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11. **If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.**

12. **Yea, the darkness hides not from you; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to you.**

13. For you have possessed my reins: you have covered me in my mother's womb.

14. I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that my soul knows right well.

15. **My substance was not hid from you, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

16. **Your eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in your book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**

17. How precious also are your thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with you.

5.) God is all powerful: Psalm 62: 11. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; **that power belongs unto God.**

6.) God is unlimited in creative power: The most astounding creative powers God ever displayed was done directly against the powers of evil for the love of his eye, his people Israel: This was done just prior to taking them out of Egypt a country that was holding them captive as slaves for the gods of Egypt: God used his creative power for two reasons, the first was ⁶to prove himself as God before the Egyptians, and the second was ⁷to show the rest the world his awesome power.

This is not a story, it is a history to show the world how he can with his creative power come up with what it takes to fulfill his counsel, to this same depth God has demonstrated the awesome depth of his love for the world to the saving of mankind by sending his only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world, and to raise him from the dead to give man the opportunity to receive eternal life in his Son. The words are, -- **Christ in us, the hope of Glory** -- Colossians 1: 27. Both these histories are available, the first in the old testament: in the book of Exodus 3: 1 to 12: 42. the second – From the birth to

the miracles and the teachings Christ, to the suffering and death of Christ for the sins of the world, and finally to the resurrection of Christ to give new life to man in himself. The four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Apostle Paul after his dramatic conversion wrote: Romans 1: 16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

7.) God is Love: As blood is the life of the flesh Genesis 9: 4, so love is the life of God, 1 John 4: 16: **---he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.** This love enters believers in the Spirit of Christ. A true act of love: Galatians 4: 4. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6. **And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.** 7. Wherefore you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. 1 John 5: 11. And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, **and this life is in his Son.** 12. **He that has the Son hath life;** and he that has not the Son of God has not life. 13. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Love is stronger as death: To this end the Apostle Paul wrote – **Romans 8: 35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36. As it is written, For your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Next: From here we go to the personality of God and what it is that will transform us into his likeness.

The love of God is the be all and end all of who God is, every vestige that makes up his personality is rooted and grounded in the love that

he is: If all that he does is motivated by his love, and we believe it is, what was the first he did which we can identify as a labor of love? A secondly can we identify the second thing he did? Through the things that God has revealed to us, we find that he created all things for his pleasure.

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Revelations 4: 11. Reads - You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.

We believe that the second thing he did, and took great and special interest in by the way he did it, indeed a true labor of love, was in the ⁸creating man in his own image fit to take care of his work.

We don't know whether or not God would have to invest patience, perseverance, and persistence to get these things done, we are sure however what would follow would need all of that and more, it is from here that we look at the **personality of God and how ¹his love** is exercised, to what depth and the measures he would have to take to get things back on track and keep them on track after what happened in the Garden of Eden. Through all this we see that love must go much deeper and stronger in order to achieve a goal, in this case to have a sinless world, then it would be simply loving and enjoying the making of something. God never had an opposition not until the rise of Lucifer, it was after he came to the Garden of Eden to interfere with his work that we first see a part of God's nature that would flow to protect his love, it is called ⁹jealousy. As ¹⁰jealousy raises the rage of man against those that dare to interfere with him, so jealousy raises the ¹¹wrath of God against those that dare to interfere with him. His first ever statement made directly to Satan we find in Genesis 3: 15, in the heat of his jealousy he shows all of us the dramatic steps he will take against those that would dare to interfere with God master's plan to have a man that would love him and serve him. NOW WE WARN, TAKE HEED O MAN THAT YOU BE NOT FOUND TO FIGHT AGAINST GOD: **Genesis 3: 14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: 15. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**

While others are bantering about the meaning of bruise bruise we today know that Satan has had his power taken from him, that he has been condemned, that his sentence has been passed, his sentence **is to be** cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where he will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelations 20: 10.

What we know about Christ is that he survived the Cross, that he ascended into Heaven, that he is sitting at the right hand of God the Father ¹²making intercession for the Saints of God, and last but not least that ¹³he is actively involved in the redemption of man, to the glory of God the Father ever since.

Warning: Children that belong to the god of this world are called the children of wrath, and unless they repent they will reap the same reward. Matthew 25: 41b ---- Depart from me you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Hebrews 10: 31 reads – It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Jesus taught Luke 12: 4. And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he has killed has power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. What we have done is detail a trait of a loving God who is determined to have his love returned to him, the man he made for his pleasure. **Another warning:** God has not given to man the right to execute the wrath of God against anyone: With one exception they are the rulers whom God has given the powers to do so. The Apostle Paul under the direction of the Holy Spirit wrote: Romans 13: 1.

Romans 13: 1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2. Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3. **For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil.** Will you then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and you shall have praise of the same: 4. **For he is the minister of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that does evil.** 5. Wherefore you must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6. For for this cause pay you tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. 8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.

Now we want to do an about face and look at the love of God and what it comes up with to achieve the purposes of God, namely the redemption of man:

Early history leads me to believe that God spent a lot of time on his word before he gave it to the world: What is behind this belief is

Psalm 12: 6 and the support that comes with it: **Psalm 12: 6. The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times, they stand forever unchanged** - Psalms 119: 89. For ever , O LORD, your word is settled in heaven. **God depends upon his word:** Isaiah 55: 10. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11. So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. **His words are powerful beyond compare:** Hebrews 4: 12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Jesus said: Luke 16: 17. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. **They will be carried out:** Matthew 5: 17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Anyone who interferes with God's word is in deep trouble with God:** Dueteronomy 4: 2. You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish ought from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Revelations 22: 18. For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Which is the great commandment in the law? Matthew 22: 36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37. Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all our soul, and with all your mind. 38. This is the first and great commandment. 39. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **To love is the fulfilling of the law:** The Apostle Paul recorded these words: Romans 13: 10. Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **What is the all encompassing behavior that expresses love for another?** **Jesus tells us,** Matthew 7: 12. Therefore all things whatsoever you

would that men should do to you, do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. **Matthew 7: 12 says it all in a nutshell, but lets take a good look at what this means for us: But first this, how do we demonstrate to God that we love him?** The Apostle John writes – 1 John 5: 3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commands: **he adds to encourage us,** and his commandments are not grievous.

The God of love has not only undertaken to bring man out from under, he has also undertaken to transform man into the image of his Son: Using Matthew 7: 12 as a focal point to start from we look at the personality of God and ask this question, What does God's love work to bring us to the point where we fall in line with Matthew 7: 12, and to agree with him that this is what it will take for us to be vessels of honor for the Master's use, our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Again, what did God allow his love to work in order to come up with a man that could be identified with. Matthew 7: 12. The first word that comes to mind is COMPASSION. We see it as the only thing that will motivate a behavior that always puts others ahead of ones own self, even to the point where one would dare to die for another. Compassion is powerful beyond compare, the entire plan of the redemption of man seems to be rooted in it: The evidence we have are the words God has used and the actions he has taken from the time of the days of Adam's fall to the days of the risen Christ and beyond, the old Testament was to shed light to bring man to Christ and the new was to give light to man in Christ and to transform him into the image of Christ: For this, the final act of God's compassion would drive him to pay the highest price that could be paid, it was the death of his own Son. The final act to accomplish this was God allowing his own Son to take upon himself to be the passion of his Father to the saving of man. You and me.

Compassion turns to passion and so it was with Christ, he laid down his life for you and me to the glory of his Father. Christ is our example: Between compassion and passion there is one thing that makes things possible, it is the personality of God that we have in Christ Jesus. **Colossians 2: 9. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:** Brothers and Sisters, we are without excuse, what we now need to do is to look at what we have at our exposal to come through for God to do what Christ did to be the passion of God's compassion: I said we are without excuse, to confirm we have **Psalm 103: 4. Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender**

mercies; It is God's loving-kindness in us that gives rise to the attributes of our new Christ like personalities, the first is being understanding, being understanding gives rise to being tender and merciful, being tender and merciful give rise to being gracious, being gracious gives rise to being longsuffering, and being long-suffering gives rise to patience, perseverance and persistence, and these three together lead to supplication, that is to earnest prayer. Brothers and Sisters have asked how did you get this far? The answer came like this: I had a desire to become Christ-like, then there came a day when I was determined to be like him, God in his grace came through and gave to me what it would take to become a vessel of honor for the master's use. The following were given to me in the order given – it is these that he wanted me to agree with and to take them serious, and so I did. Here they are:

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Preparing for the Master's use.

“Onward Christian Soldiers marching as unto war” was the very first song I sang in Sunday School, it was a song that would stay with me for the rest of life, I truly believe what God did was write this experience on my heart as something that he would want to water and bring to life at a later date. The day did come, but not until I was called to surrender my life to Christ. The day did come when God did a special calling, it was for me to become fit for the Master's use. My heart was already prepared, there was little left for me to do, for me it was to surrender to Him and allow Him to develop me into the man he wanted me to be, a Soldier of Christ. The one thing I did know was this, it would take time to teach me, that is to get me to know the truth, and to train me, boot camp, putting the knowledge received to work. Knowing this, my first prayer to becoming a soldier of Christ was for him to bring to me the knowledge I would have need of, and secondly, the things I would have to possess in order to be fit for the Master's use.

The record of these things are listed here for you; They are all for one purpose, that purpose is to develop new converts who have come to the point where they are content with God, with who he is, with what he has done, with what he will yet do, and finally with what he expects from them.

What God blessed me with came to me as with the speed of bullets from a rapid firing gun, the list was precise in both content and in order, here it is:

The first was to see to it that I would faithfully pay attention to the commands of his beloved Son: The Bishop and Shepherd of my soul.

1. Listen to me: Luke 9: 35.

35. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. To confirm the validity of this list I had to search the scriptures and so I did: ***What power and authority did Christ, the Son of man, have to command me to listen to him?*** Scripture support: John 5: 26: For as the Father has life in

himself, so has he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27. **And has given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.** John 3: 35: The Father loves the Son, *and has given all things into his hand.* Matthew 28: 18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* **The optimum of power and authority: Jesus - Without me you can do nothing, John 15: 5. A soldier's command post: Matthew 28: Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Faith: Philippians 4: 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.**

2. I will do my will: Philippians 2: 13.

13. For ***it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure:*** Scripture support: Isaiah 46: 9. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times they things that are not yet done, saying, ***My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*** Psalm 33: 11. *The counsel of the LORD stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.* Proverbs 19: 21. There are many devices in man's heart; *nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.* Job 23: 13. But he is one mind, and who can turn him? *and what his soul desires, even that he does.* 14. For *he performs the thing that is appointed for me:* and many such things are with him. Acts 5: 39. *But if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it, lest haply you be found even to fight against God.*

3. You be my vessel: Romans 12: 1, 2:

I. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, ***that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*** 2. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Scripture support: **Acts 9: 15.** But the Lord said unto him, (that is to Ananias) Go your way: for he (the Apostle Paul) *is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:* Acts 9: 15 was for the Apostle Paul, **2 Timothy 2: 20 and 21** is directed at the rest of God's people, it reads. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. 21. If a man therefore purge himself of these, *he shall be vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*

4. Clean up so that I can use you: 2 Timothy 2: 21

21. If a man therefore purge himself of these, he shall be vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. To prepare a vessel for the Master's use involves the purging ones conscience from dead works, it involves the purification of ones soul which includes the heart, and last it involves the sanctification of ones heart. All three are the works of the Spirit of God: Romans 8: 13. For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.

On being purged: Hebrews 9: 14 reads, *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.* Scripture support: **Proverbs 16: 6.** *By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.* 1 John 1: 7. *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.* **1 John 1: 9.** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, **and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

On being purified: 1 Peter 1: 22. *Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit* unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another **with a pure heart** fervently, 23. being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.** **James 1: 18.** *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth,* that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

On being sanctified:

Through the blood of Christ, we have been sanctified, that is set apart for God once and for always, Hebrews 10: 1 - 17, (10-14). By which will *we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* 11. And every priest standing daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12. *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever,* sat down on the right hand of God; 13. From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14. *For by one offering he has perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

To be set apart our living on earth so that we might glorify him is done through the truth of his word. John 17: 17 reads, Sanctify them through your truth, your word is truth. **2 Thessalonians 2; 13** reads, But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God has chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.**

5. Stop the old man: Col. 3: 9, 10.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; 10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. (Lying is going back to the behavior of the old man.)

6. Be filled with the truth: John 17: 15 - 19.

Jesus - 15. I pray now that you should not take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from evil. 16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17. Sanctify them through your truth, your word is truth. 18. As you have sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

7. My Spirit will help you: John 14: 26.

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

8. So we can talk to people: 1 Peter 3: 14, 15.

14. But and if you suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are you: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you for the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

9. Behave like a strong soldier: 2 Timothy 2: 3,4.

3. You therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4. No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier.

10. Study my word: 2 Timothy 2: 15.

15. Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

11. It is your sword: Ephesians 6: 17.

17. And take on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

12. It will cut through everything: Hebrews 4: 12.

12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**13. Don't give up, you know what is in store for the wicked:
2 Cor. 5: 11.**

11. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

14. Trust in my protection: Eph. 6: 10 - 20.

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

15. Don't be afraid, I am with you: 2 Timothy 1: 7.

7. For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (Power of the Holy Spirit, The love of the Father, and the Mind of Christ.)

16. In me you have everything: Col. 2: 9, 10.

9. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10. And you are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

17. I am in you: Colossians 1: 27.

27. Christ in you, the hope of glory.

18. Trust in my faith: Galatians 2: 20.

20. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

19. Through me all things are possible: Matthew 19: 26.

26, But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

20. You are my Ambassador: 2 Cor. 5: 20.

20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: We pray you in Christ's stead be reconciled to God.

21. Together we will get the job done: John 15: 5.

5. I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.

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