

# Dearly beloved in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is such a joy to meet you again at least through this magazine. I always thankfully remember you for all your

faithful support and prayers. *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place"* (2.Co.2:14). God is so faithful and He has brought us to the end of this year. He has made us to triumph in every situation and in every circumstance all throughout this year. Make a decision and set apart this month to praise and worship Him for every good thing that you have received from His mighty hands. You are His glory carrier. You carry His Presence everywhere. Wherever you go you will diffuse the fragrance of Jesus. Consciously desire it. Seek the Lord as a family and enter into the New Year with thankful heart.

The School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies is going on in our campsite. Ladies from Chattisgarh, Maharastra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are undergoing the training with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is working very deep in them and molding them into mighty women of valor. Don't forget to pray for this school. Now start encouraging Ladies to attend our next school in November 2013.

As I have told you already I am writing a book on 'The Anointing'. The Church must have the revelation of the anointing that God has given for each and every one of us. My wife Benita is also writing a book on Marriage which is very much needed in this hour. The devil is trying his best to devastate God's foundational pattern of family, the marriage. Let this be of utmost importance in your prayers. Continue also to pray for the recording of the prophetic New Testament commentary. Help us to carry this vision in whichever way you can and also connect the right people with us.

Get ready to participate in the School of Worship from December 3<sup>rd</sup> evening to 8<sup>th</sup> afternoon in our Berachah campsite. Anointed worship leaders will take you into a new realm of worship. Please see the advertisement in this issue and contact Pr. Jeyaseelan for further information.

GOOD NEWS: As per request of many of our partners, we will conduct a 40-day short term "School of the Holy



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# HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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Spirit” for couples and brothers starting in January 2013. It will be a miniature of our three-months school to facilitate busy ministers and working people. For further details please see the advertisement in this issue.

Continue to pray for our German TV programs. We need more prayer support for this. Other channels also want our programs, but due to technical problems we are not yet in a position to step into more channels.

I hope you already made your plans and travel arrangements to attend our Apostles and Prophets seminar in the month of February. Make sure you register soon for seats are limited. For room booking call office at the earliest.

Pray that all these schools may produce international ministers of the Gospel who serve Jesus faithfully in Spirit and in truth!

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Continue to pray for our European TV programs in German language. Pray also for my dear wife, our aged parents, counselors, key leaders, coordinators, staff and partners.

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In Him,

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*Ezekiah Francis*

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# FOUNDATION FOR SUPERNATURAL LIFE

## PART 2

**Dr. Ezekiah Francis**

A supernatural walk and ministry is the inheritance of every child of God. It is purely based on God's mercies and grace. The Spirit of God who dwells in you brought all His manifestations within you. All you have to do is to see it and share it to the world. Though it is the norm for every Christian, we often struggle to come out of our natural walk. The main reason is the lack of faith and ignorance of what we have in Christ. Such ignorance is the direct result of our lack of fellowship and intimate friendship with our Father, who is the Source of all genuine supernatural things. As I have already told you, what we need is not power or strength but a deep focus on the One who gives strength. It's not the healing; it's the mighty Healer with whom we need to walk hand in hand. Intimate walk with the Holy One dissolves the power of sin from our soul. Every good gift comes from the great Giver who lives in you. The only way to enjoy His gifts is to enjoy the Giver with all your heart.

In this article, we will continue to study the five groups of people who had fellowship with God.

### **Old Testament saints who walked with God**

Adam was created for fellowship with God. God created him in His own image and likeness and made him at par with Him so that he might have intimacy with Him. Every living creature, all birds, animals, and creeping things reveal the heart of God. Birds and animals lived together and loved each other. He saw the mother hen carrying the chicks under her wings and caring and guarding them with deep passion. He saw the little birds enjoying the mother bird's intimacy. Everything God created lived as a family, enjoying the togetherness and constantly communicating with each other. It seems that God wanted a man with whom He could talk and talk intimately. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and Adam and Eve together were enjoying each other, walking and working together, planning and performing together for the development of this earth.

This intimate friendship between God and man

became the prime target of the arch enemy. He could not tolerate the love between man and God. Through his cunning scheme he made Adam and Eve to believe his lie and doubt God's love. Alas! The sweet fellowship between God and man was broken. Broken fellowship is what has produced all the miseries and calamities.

Beloved of God, your enemy, the devil, will try all his best to deter you from enjoying your God. He doesn't bother much when you manifest the gifts of God but he trembles when you walk in open communication with God and when you become a passionate lover of God. Sometimes it is possible to manifest all the gifts of the Spirit without a joyful, intimate love relationship with God. The Bible has so many examples for such tragedy. Judas Iscariot who exercised God's power to cast out demons was estranged from the sweet fellowship with his Savior and became a puppet in the hand of the enemy.

The moment you decide to be an intimate friend of God, the devil will try to distract you in all possible ways. He will try to put his snares of lust, greediness, worldliness or immorality to ensnare you. The devil knows the power of a man who walks with God intimately. Many Davids after some time slowly become Josephs and end up as Samsons. Oh, the trick of the devil!

Imagine when Adam and Eve were cut off from God's fellowship! They were cut off from the source of life, the source of joy, the source of power and the source of all. Thank God! He came to restore man back to fellowship. Throughout history, God picked up some people like Enoch, Noah, and Abraham to walk with Him and be His friends (Ge.5:21-23, Ge.6:9, 18:17-19).

### **Enoch**

Enoch lived sixty-five years and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters, so all the days of Enoch were three hundred

and sixty five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.

Enoch walked with God for three hundred years and begot sons and daughters! His family life and sons and daughters were never a problem for him to walk with God. Your family and all your relationships must enhance your walk with God, never be a hindrance. Walking with God is totally your responsibility. Don't blame anyone if you don't walk with God intimately. Walking with God, having deep fellowship with Him, should never be your past experience. Enoch walked with God not a few years of his life but till he was taken up to heaven. Three hundred years of walk with God was possible for Enoch. Wow! When Enoch was walking with God, he just disappeared from the eyes of men as God literally took him. This is the manifestation of the Holy Ghost gift which is called working of miracles (1.Co.12:7-11). Enoch had no knowledge of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we are taught today. He was thoroughly enjoying his deep walk with God and experienced one of the greatest miracles of the Bible - being transported by the Spirit like the great prophet Elijah or the super evangelist Philip. If such a lofty experience was possible for the ordinary farmer-husband-father Enoch, how much more must we experience God's continuous miracle powers in our own lives! Yes, Enoch had no theology to explain his miracles except his intimate fellowship with his Creator. How could anyone develop fellowship and friendship without spending quality time with some one? Think about it.

I have already given you a glimpse of my young age. How I longed for intimate fellowship with my Father! This automatically made me to spend many solid hours communicating with Him.

Dear reader, where are you now in your fellowship with God? Maybe you spent many hours with God's Word in your inner closet long ago. Maybe you spent hours in worshipping and communicating with your God. Now there is a deep longing in your heart to restore that joyful relationship with God. Yes friends, there is no substitute to fill up that longing of your soul for your Beloved.

Great friends of God like Noah, Abraham, all came from the loins of Enoch. Yes, Godly generations come from those who walk with God. Godly generation is the blessing of Godly fellowship. My mother is a woman of God who walked with God closely by

spending hours in prayer and meditation in spite of her hard labor as a teacher and a mother of nine children. My daddy used to fast and pray when he was a teenager in his school. That is one of the things that made all their children to serve the Lord today.

Right now, make it a priority to develop fellowship prayer with your God and leave a great spiritual heritage to your coming generations.

### **Noah**

When the wickedness of man was great in the earth, one humble Noah was walking with God and excelled above all his generation. "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. **Noah walked with God....** God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, the end of all flesh has come before Me... make yourself an ark of gopher wood" (Ge.6:9-14). Because Noah walked with God, God could continuously communicate with him at every single step of his life. This is another great blessing of fellowship with God. God reveals His heart completely to His bosom friends (Jn.15:15).

One of the major problems people share with me today is about the hearing the voice of God. The revelation gifts are the urgent need of the church today. Words of wisdom which reveal the plan and purpose of God, words of knowledge that reveal the present condition and the past happenings, the discerning of spirits which shows the spiritual world etc. are the special gifts of the Holy Spirit. Noah operated in these gifts freely without knowing any definition and operation of these gifts.

There is no need for any definition of the supernatural for the man who walks with God. Walking with God is the secret of a supernatural lifestyle. If God is your intimate friend, His whisperings become like your breath. When I was fourteen years old I was able to hear the voice of God almost the whole day. I used to ask God many questions throughout the day like, Lord, what is the time now? What time my friend will come to me? Is the bus delayed today? Who will visit us today? What should I talk? Etc. I always had quick response of His sweet and distinct voice which thrilled my heart to jump for joy. Such intimate fellowship made me intoxicated with His love and kept me as a pure virgin for Him. Now I know the revelation gifts and their definitions. Those



days it was not a definition but a definite longing of my soul for my Beloved and the disciplined time with His Word and in His Presence. Yes beloved, we have more knowledge today but less burning love for the Lover of our soul. That is the reason for the famine of supernatural manifestations of God. May God forgive us! Lord, restore us our first love.

I use to greatly admire a man of God called DGS. Dhinakaran when I was young. He used to operate in revelation gifts more than anyone I have seen in my life. He would give the names of people and describe their problems, diseases and their future everything. I remember one of my friends went to him and asked how he could hear the voice of God accurately. DGS was exhausted after a heavy meeting and was on the way to his staying room. He simply said one word; brother pray five hours continuously nonstop and with a smile went to his car. What a short and sublime answer? Yes, that depicts the man of God who used to spend many hours every day in prayer and meditation.

This is how I receive all the messages I give to the people of God. I need to spend many hours in praying in the Holy Ghost to receive the rhema Word of God for every meeting. There is no substitute I have found for fellowship with God. I am a man who preaches faith, grace and the riches of Christ. Yet I am thoroughly convinced it is the intimate walk with God and deep love for God that releases the unsearchable riches of Christ from our spirits. It is true God has made us as His habitation and God dwells in us all the days of our life. But the person who spends quality time with God on regular basis carries the aroma of His manifested presence wherever he goes. When such people ministers to the crowd, you can see the whole atmosphere is electrified. This again comes by fellowshiping with the God of glory. There is absolutely no substitute for fellowship and friendship with God.

### **Abraham**

Abraham was the bosom friend of God who walked with God intimately. God Himself found it hard to hide anything from him. The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" (Ge.18:17). God shares His heart with His friends. This is what we call "revelation gifts". That's why I repeatedly say that the gifts of the Spirit are the byproduct of communion with the Holy Spirit. I have seen illiterate village people operating in the revelation gifts very accurately. They see

English letters coming before them clearly explaining the names, places and problems of people. Surprisingly such people don't even know the alphabets of English. They have fellowship with God without theology. I challenge you, just spend two, three hours in prayer and meditation and look at people; you will automatically get God's thoughts and His feelings for them. I have tried it many times even in my teenage and got specific revelations about the people. Whenever I spent quality time with God, people notice that even my jokes become prophecies. Yes, friends, time with God is the foundation for supernatural manifestations.

Abraham walked with God with all his family. He always built altars in every staying place, and they worshipped God together. Try family altars, family fasting and family Bible reading. You will see many mighty miracles in your family. In my family, we have seen miracle after miracle as a result of seeking God as a family in fasting and prayer. My mother had a tumor growth in the urinary tract which surprisingly disappeared when we fasted together. My daddy was healed of severe gall bladder infection and jaundice and the operation was cancelled. I don't know whether it is the operation of the gifts of healings or the working of miracles. All I know is the family altar that released the miracles. Do you want to see God's hand stretched out for your family? Try this family fellowship.

### **Priesthood**

I can quote all the way from Adam numerous Bible saints who walked with God and released heaven on this earth. Let me just throw some light on some of these saints in this article. Who are the priests? They are separated from the Israelites to stand before God many hours a day. All the Israelites were separated unto God as God's own treasure. Even among them, the Levites were specially separated to serve God fulltime. Among the Israelites, priests were called to minister unto God as priests constantly staying in the Holy Place offering incense and sacrifices to God, praising and pleading for the Israelites. In short their primary vocation is to linger in God's presence in deep communion. They are Presence-people. Listen to what God says, "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that **he may minister to Me as priest**, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for

beauty... that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may **minister to Me** as priest... So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may **minister to Me** as priest" (Ex.28:1-4). "Minister to Me... Minister to Me" says the Lord. Do you see the longing of God?

Ministering TO the Lord and ministering FOR the Lord is not same. The one shows the love for Him, the other shows the labor for Him. Real labor comes out of deep love for God. Let me repeat: Fellowship with God breeds powerful ministry. If you are called as a full time minister, please remember that your primary calling is to enjoy God's fellowship. Preaching, healing and casting

out demons are not your main ministry. Doing administrative work throughout the day is not your main calling. They all have their own place in the plan of God. The foremost priority for a man of God, however, should be his deep walk with God and His precious Word. Out of that intimacy flow all your other callings. May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to see that you are called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ (1.Co.1:9). May the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you (2.Co.13:14). May God help you to boldly declare that your fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ!

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## TESTIMONIES



Returning from SOHS, Poondi, as we entered our house we prayed and thanked God first of all and we saw demons going out of our house. Today is our first day in our house and we sat with our family in prayer. We just released the river and everybody started speaking in tongues, even those in our family who were not speaking started. Praise God. We are so happy now. In our family there is a fellowship meeting for somebody's birthday and they have asked me to speak something from the word. My thanks to God for Berachah and my spiritual parents Dr. Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis.

Just returned from the fellowship meeting. In the place they called me for preaching, they also called another preacher. First he preached and he condemned women and he was preaching out of Bible. I got angry(Holy Anger) but suddenly I started thinking that if I preach against that teaching what will people say and if that preacher gets offended then what will happen. But I remembered a word Anna said at the SOHS, "Never compromise for the truth." So I preached about sonship and daughtership very powerfully. Holy Spirit moved mightily in that place and all the people hugged me blessed me and they started liking me. Even that pastor asked my mother 'With which mission your son is doing ministry?' All this happened on just the first day after school...!! Hallelujah!

Davis, Punjab

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After the SOHS things are going great here. Everything has gone to another level. Wonderful!! Expecting more to come. Had healings too!! A lady with a lump in her breast got healed.. and at the same time another girl saw a vision of God's hand taking out that lump... Praise God!!!!

Sheldon, Mumbai



First day of Church Service fourteen people instantly got healed and God is powerfully moving and using me. Thanks to SOHS and Berachah.

Manoj, Andhra



I was a very shy, timid person. I attended the SOHS along with my husband. After coming here we had thanks giving meeting at church and when I prayed I started to call names and prophesying and also when I prayed over them they were filled with the Holy Spirit. We had 12 hours of praise and worship and in that also I had the same experience. Thanks a lot to Berachah and SOHS. God bless you.

Esther Rani, Andhra

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# LAZY MAN

Rev. Benita Francis

Dear family of God, let us today continue our study on the dangers of laziness.

Laziness is a weapon satan can use to render you completely useless for God's Kingdom. One tragic side effect of laziness is depression. Since you are too lazy to prepare in God's Word and in prayer, and since you therefore never step into your calling, you will suffer a terrible feeling of emptiness and worthlessness in life. This is very normal and logical since you were created in Christ Jesus FOR GOOD WORKS (Eph.2:10). If you don't actively step into these works God has prepared for you, life on this earth is nothing but a meaningless drudgery.

Now let us see how our Lord Jesus Himself sees laziness. Is laziness an excusable thing in His eyes? What is His opinion about it?

Before you read any further, please first take your Bible and read Matthew 25:14-30. See the real good excuse the lazy servant had. He sounded very humble and wise in his explanation why he had not worked with the talents given to him. He declared he feared God and didn't want to do anything wrong. How nice it sounds! He had actually not wasted anything. He had safely kept the talent given to him and was now happily and faithfully giving it back. The only problem was, he had not worked with it! He had not used his talent to win more talents - he had not used his abilities to win more souls for God's Kingdom! Now see:

***But his lord answered and said to him, "You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed...Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents...And cast the***

***unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Mt.25:26,28,30)***

WOW! Can it get any worse than this? In the eyes of our Lord Jesus, a lazy person is a WICKED person! And what is the end of a lazy man? Well, I leave it to your own discretion what you want to understand by "outer darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth"...

Now see the other two servants who had WORKED with their talents. Their lord told them, "Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the JOY of your lord" (Mt.25:21,23). Working for Jesus releases tremendous joy both in heaven and on earth (Lk.15:10)! On the contrary, the emptiness and depression you feel if you are lazy is a strong push from God for you to take a quality decision and start WORKING for the Lord today itself!

You may ask me, "Well, sister, I would love to work for God, but I am a very shy person. I don't know how to preach, and I am very timid in public." Dear child of God, this is absolutely no problem for your God! You can just start serving God in any capacity and place where you feel comfortable. You might bake a cake and bring it to a lonely person as a gift from Jesus. You might help somebody do his housework, you might take care of somebody's children for a few hours, you might help children with their homework, you might write a loving letter and add a tract that touches that person's life circumstances, you might ask your pastor if you can help with practical jobs around the church building, you might iron the clothes for the pastor's family, you might start and host a prayer meeting in your house or office, you might send a good offering to

some Christian ministry, you might support some missionary with prayer, finances and regular communication, you might use your technical abilities to help ministries develop websites, bring out TV and audio messages, create online sermons... there are millions of ways to start working for God today itself if you really want to.

See the interesting answer the wicked and lazy servant gave to his master. He completely misinterpreted the character of his master. He didn't really know him, which is why he was afraid of him. That fear paralyzed him and made him unfruitful. Or did he just use all of this as an excuse for his laziness???

Of course, laziness and excuses are the nature of fallen man. When Christ came into your life, Christ's character and Christ's burden came into you. So please allow Christ's heart cry to be carried out in and through your life and WORK while it is day (Jn.9:4)!

Why am I so keen on making you work? Why is GOD so keen on making you work? The answer is very simple: We want you to be blessed, to be special, and to be protected! See what your God declared over those who fear Him and who meditate on His Name in His last words to rebellious Israel before 400 years of silence:

***“They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him” (Mal.3:17-18)***

“Well, sister, but what about grace? Don't you know that salvation is the free gift of God and that we don't have to work for it? Don't you know you are saved by grace, not by the works of the law?” - Yes, that is definitely true. Of course, none of the works of the law are required from us today. Praise GOD, our Lord Jesus, who is Love personified, became the fulfillment of the law (Ro.13:10). Christ is the end of the law, hallelujah (Ro.10:4)! With His one sacrifice Jesus delivered us

from the toil and tragedy of having to kill innocent animals as atonement for our sins (Heb.10:12-14)! Today, the righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled by us walking according to the Spirit and loving one another (Ro.8:4; 13:8; Ga.5:14). Praise the Lord for His wonderful gift!

No, you do not need to work to please God or to earn your salvation; but let me tell you with all love and respect - I really doubt the genuineness of your salvation if you don't feel an urgency to serve God, to do something for Jesus, to tell others about His tremendous love, and to warn others about the danger of hell fire.

Think about it! The greatest grace preacher ever, the great apostle Paul, could boldly say, “The love of God compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2.Co.5:14-16).

To what did this love of God compel him? It compelled him to lay down his own life and to allow Christ to live in him and through him (Ga.2:20). It compelled him to beg and implore people to be reconciled with God (2.Co.5:20). It compelled him to preach the Gospel in regions where nobody had labored so far (2.Co.10:13-16). It compelled him to spend and be spent for souls to be saved and strengthened in the Lord (2.Co.12:15). It compelled him to leave his very high social and financial position and become a minister of Christ (1.Co.3:9). It compelled him to endure without any complaint a whole list of hardships (2.Co.6:3-10). It compelled him to sing and praise his beloved Savior even in prison and to be uncompromisingly bold even in the face of death (Ac.16:16-40). It compelled him to make Christ known and fulfill His last command from Mt.28:18-20 and Mk.16:15, again and again risking his own life in his never ending zeal to preach the Gospel to every creature (2.Co.11:23-33).

Oh no, don't be deceived! Grace is not for lazybones! All the opposite! See this statement of our great apostle Paul, the greatest preacher of grace that ever walked on this planet except our Lord Jesus Himself:



***But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1.Co.15:10)***

Can you see it? According to the great apostle Paul, if you don't labor for God, His grace toward you has been in vain! Wow! This clearly shows us that grace is not a ticket for laziness! Grace is not an excuse for you to sit on your couch, put up your legs and selfishly enjoy all your blessings. Grace is actually a mighty motor that compels and strengthens you to serve God with all your might and to the best of your abilities. As you thus run and labor out of love and gratitude for His love, mercy and grace, grace makes sure that you don't get exhausted in your service for God.

Even the signs promised to all those who believe will NOT follow you if you don't rise up and act: "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mk.16:17-18). Can you see it? For every sign, the Bible says, "THEY WILL", not "God will"! None of these signs can happen if you don't take the first step and ACT! This is exactly what the disciples did: "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs" (Mk.16:20).

What about faith? Well, some people think having faith is enough. They think faith is a magic rod you can swing comfortably from your couch to get everything you want. Unfortunately, though, this is a gross misunderstanding. As the apostle James puts it, "What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do

not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble! But do you want to know, o foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (Jas.2:14-26).

Could anybody explain it more clearly? And mind you, this is an epistle to born-again, Spirit-filled believers in the New Testament, not to people under the Old Covenant! Yes, faith is the victory that overcomes the world; but faith must be expressed by action (1.Jn.5:4).

If you study with an open mind, all throughout the Bible you will see that laziness is never commended or rewarded, but faith expressed through good works is! And remember, without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb.11:6)!

So please, put your faith into action today itself. Let grace compel you to do God's labor of love for a hurting, desperate world. Take your position in Christ and rule and reign in the spiritual and also in the natural world. Accept today your great privilege of being called as a worker together with God. Plead with people not to receive the grace of God in vain but to lay their lives on His altar for His noble, eternal cause (2.Co.6:1; Ro.12:1-2). Become active and find real joy and fulfillment in life! ENJOY!!!

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THE ONLY NAME WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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We are in the Christmas month and we look forward to a great celebration of the birth of our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Apart from our traditional style of celebrations like setting up a Christmas tree, decorating our house and church, buying gifts for our friends and relatives, meeting them, having a sumptuous meal and dinner, going for carols, what is still special about Christmas? It is worshipping the greatness of **the name Jesus Christ above all names**. In this article, I would like to talk about how **the name Jesus Christ** is due all praise and worship. **Jesus** has so many spectacular names which can be used in praise and worship.

The Bible says in Phil.2: 9 that God bestowed on Him **the name which is above every name**, so that at **the name of Jesus** every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of **God the Father**. Not only that Col.1: 15-20 says that **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-**all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together**.

Just imagine **how great His name is! Long live Jesus! Long live the King of Kings! Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the Highest! Shall we all sing-**

**Jesus, name above all names**

**Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord**

**Immanuel, God is with us**

**Blessed Redeemer, Living Word**

Wow! Nothing can stand at **the name of Jesus Christ**. The very birth of **Jesus Christ** brought praise and worship to this earth after many years of darkness. It was a time of drought and darkness when there was no word from God. It was a time when many were waiting for the Salvation of Israel to manifest. It became a great time of excitement for the Bible people during that time when **Jesus, our Savior** was born into this earth. Jesus was not born in an ordinary way. He was born of **the Holy Ghost**. Mary, the virgin conceived Him by and

through **the Holy Ghost**. It was no ordinary birth.

Modern scientists have scientifically researched how babies could be reproduced without human blood. They tried to hatch the woman's eggs, using a differently created artificial light. Without placing an egg inside the woman's body, they hatched the eggs from outside the female's body using an artificial light. And every time they did this, only a female baby was the result. They tried their best to make the virgins produce a male baby but they did not succeed. God surely knew the minds of the modern scientists and that's why He made the birth of **Jesus** so special. If the scientists had proved this research to be otherwise, then there wouldn't have been anything special and extraordinary about the birth of **Jesus**.

Probably, the scientists failed to read the words spoken by the angel of **the Lord** and the hovering of **the Holy Ghost** which were the most significant factors of the birth of **Jesus Christ**. "**In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, The Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.... and the Word became flesh**"(Jn.1:1,14). So the birth of **Jesus** was no ordinary thing.

**Jesus** was born as a **King** and not a poor child. No child on this earth had such great signs and wonders happening in the heavens and on earth during or prior to its birth. The star appearing in the east, the journey of the magi from the east, the angels appearing and singing songs of great news, peace and joy, the encouraging words of the angel to the shepherds, all these things never happened to any other child at birth. But we can see the supernatural dominating the natural, right from the birth of **Jesus** till His death on the cross and resurrection.

When the birth of **Jesus Christ** was foretold by prophet Isaiah in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter, he called **Jesus** first as a **Child**, then a **Son**, then he said the government will rest on His shoulders, then he spoke out His powerful names- **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of peace**, then he said there will be no end to the increase of **His government** or of peace, on the throne of David and over **his kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on

and forevermore. All these names will draw anyone to a powerful praise and worship filled life. If we take time to meditate on the varied dimensions and facets of the names of **Jesus Christ** and His sovereignty mentioned here, it will be clear that **Jesus** came to reveal **Father God, Himself and the Holy Ghost**. This results in spontaneous praise and worship of **His Triune Being and His sovereignty**.

The name **Jesus** itself is a miraculous name. How great a salvation it brought for generations and generations! The angel said in Mat.1:21, “You shall bear a **Son**; and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins.” First of all, a virgin giving birth to a child is miraculous. By nature a virgin cannot give birth to a **Child**. But **the name Jesus** is so special that it was the kind intention of **His will** to be born through a virgin of **the Holy Ghost**. He sought a holy and meek virgin. This birth was highly spoken of and still draws the praise and worship of many people. Even an unbeliever is thrilled and surprised to know the birth of **Jesus** and intends to worship Him at least on Christmas Eve. I have witnessed this many times with different people in different places. **Jesus** was born a **Son** and that itself made a great difference in His birth when compared to other children. He was not born as God. He was born just the way a child ought to be born.

But this child was different from the others. The Child **Jesus** attracted many people which resulted in praise and worship. Now, **Jesus** is also given another name ‘**Savior**’. This name draws so many to **God the Father**. The Bible says, “... there is no other name given to sons of men on this earth to be saved but **the name Jesus**...” He is the **Savior** and so He draws so many to worship **God, the Father**.

**Jesus** was considered **the King of the Jews** by the magi. The Bible records in Mt.2:2 the words spoken by the magi, “Where is He who has been born **King of the Jews**? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” The very name of **Jesus, the King of Jews**, attracted men from the east to worship the child **Jesus**. They were waiting for years and years for His star to appear in the east. And finally when the star appeared, they did not hesitate to travel along with the star to see the marvelous mystery about the star. King Herod’s kingship shook when the magi spoke to him about the child, **the King of Jews**. Yes, at the name of **Jesus, the King of Kings**, any king is belittled, dethroned and overthrown. That’s the power of His name. King Herod trembled when the magi spoke the words, “...and have come to worship Him.” Never was a king worshipped in such a majestic way by people from a different country. King Herod marveled at the birth of the child **Jesus** which drew men to worship from the east, a long way to travel. Great is **the name Jesus**! It can attract any one from any

where because His name is great which demands worship.

This Christmas we all have to fall prostrate and worship **Jesus**. This is the time to offer all our costly treasures to Him. Like Mary Magdalene we have to apply costly oil on His feet, body, cover Him completely from head to toe and worship Him with high praises in our mouth. **Jesus** is the only person who is our **Redeemer** and **Savior** and to him belong all praise and worship. “... they fell to the ground and worshipped Him... they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

It is surprising for me to see Saint John giving a different detailed study about the personality **Jesus**. Jn.1:12, 14, 15, 16, 18 - all these verses give me a different picture about **Jesus**. **Jesus is the Absolute. The Fullest, the Greatest, the Highest, the Strongest and the Nicest expression of God Himself**. I don’t think there would have been a better way for **God** to express Himself but through **Jesus**. **Jesus has become the grace, the faith, the holiness, the redeemer to us. He is the wholesome personality of the Triune God. Jesus has become to us the correct explanation of God Himself**. What we need to do today is sing His greatness and experience Him.

If you read Lk.1:28, we find the angel Gabriel greeting Mary, “Greetings, favored one! **The Lord is with you**.” This Christmas, we should have a revelation that we are favored ones because **the Lord is born in us**. Any worshipper is a person who has already won the favor of **Lord and God is with him**. Let’s worship **Immanuel- the Lord who is with us. He is in us as the hope of Glory**.

**Jesus** was also named by angel Gabriel, “**the Son of the Most High**.” None can compare His greatness with something or someone. **The heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool**. He is such a great **Elshaddai, the Almighty God**. Not only that, the prime reason of the birth of **Jesus** was to redeem praise and worship which happened continually a long, long time ago in the times of David, the King. **Jesus** redeemed this ministry which Israel lost before many years. And that’s why He chose to be born in the lineage of David to redeem the throne of David. The Bible says, “... and **the Lord God** will give Him the throne of His father David.” We completely lost the relationship with our **Father** because of our sins but **Jesus** redeemed praise and worship (the throne of David), so that we can have access to **our Father God**. He dwells in the praises of His people. **He is the one who holds the keys of David**. We are no more far from **our Father God**. We are always near to Him through **Jesus Christ**. Hence **Jesus** redeemed the praise and worship ministry of David to

become **the High Priest**.

**Jesus, the Savior** was revealed so that He can have complete dominion over the twelve tribes of Israel. But Israel failed to identify **the Messiah** and lost her Salvation. Since they failed we received the Salvation which was theirs and we who once were far away from His presence became near to **His presence**. Now to **His Kingdom there is no end. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End**. His Kingdom is the greatest and that's why His name demands such a great praise and worship. He came to make us a Kingdom of Priests to **Father, His God and our God**. He became **the Son of Man** to make us Sons to God. Look at the greatness of **His name Jesus Christ**. Thank you **Jesus Christ** for your wonderful birth in our lives! Thank you **Immanuel!** Thank you **Son of the Most High!**

The song that Mary sang in Lk.1:46-55 is one of the favorite praise and worship songs I admire of all the songs written in the Bible. Of course, it is also a prophetic song. But mostly it is filled with praise and worship. Look at the names of God and His praises which come across in this song-**The Lord, God my Savior, the Mighty One, Holy is His name, His mercy is upon generation after generation, He has done mighty deeds with His arm**, the list goes on and on. What a great

song! What we need today is a praise song which includes the names of **our Lord God** and His works. Sing with me- "How great is our **God**, Sing with me, How great!"

Gather your family, church, and your country to praise and worship our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Start today and let it happen forever and ever more. Let us fulfill the ministry of the royal priesthood with **the High Priest**.

Organize Christmas Carols in your places, churches and houses. Invite unbelievers to celebrate Christmas with you and give them gifts. Create an opportunity for them to know the name of **Jesus Christ**. Do not be idle at home. **The Kingdom of God is at hand**. Work fast for the Kingdom to be revealed. The violent take it by force. Proclaim **the name of Jesus** here and there. Let the music of joy and peace of **Jesus** be heard through out India and the whole world. May **God** bless you all. May the favor of **God** be upon you. Let the joy of real Christmas be meaningful in your life. Let your barns be full and let it overflow.

Merry Christmas! Sing the name of **Jesus**. Praise and worship the name of **Jesus**.

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