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# From the Depth of My Heart...



Dearly Beloved,

Merry Christmas in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ!

. We had a very powerful Supernatural Lifestyle Seminar in Vijayawada with 2300 people from many parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Thank you so much for all your prayers. People's lives were transformed by the powerful move of the Holy Spirit. Pray for lasting fruit from this seminar.

The tenth batch of our School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies is going on now in our campsite. We have 273 ladies from different parts of India and other nations. We have students from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Orissa, Punjab, Chattisgarh, Maharastra, Karnataka, New Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and from Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Sharjah, Allein, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The Holy Spirit is tremendously working in their lives by healing them, plucking out negative roots, revealing to them who they are in Christ and taking them from glory to glory. Continue to pray for them to be mighty weapons in the hands of God to destroy the devil's plans all over the nations.

We are getting ready for the Supernatural Lifestyle Seminar in Pune and praying and planning for a School of the Holy Spirit in Pune. The great burden and push in my heart is to have many Schools of the Holy Spirit in every state of India and also in other nations. God wants to raise a younger generation who can faithfully carry this God-given vision and ministry to the next generations. We need your sincere prayers for this special mandate of God.

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# Edifying tongues

Dr. Ezekiah Francis



I'm sure by this time you are thoroughly convinced of the blessings and benefits of tongues. But still, what we know is only in part. There are many things we are yet to see even in this realm. The time of Christ's coming back to the earth to take His Bride is imminent. This End Time Church will explore the realm of tongues as never before. Thousands upon thousands would experience the greatness of tongues. God will raise up many ministers who would teach and train people in this art. No power under heaven can stop it.

We will see some more blessings of tongues in this chapter. The burden in my heart to see you enjoy everything compels me to write more and more. The Bible says very clearly: "***He who speaks in a tongue edifies and improves himself***" (1.Co.14:4, AMP). The very word edification has many meanings. This is literally an architectural term.

When a mason builds something, he piles one stone upon another. Similarly, a tongue-talker builds up his spirit man from one level to another. Another meaning of the word edification is **to erect**. When your spirit man becomes weak and collapses, praying in tongues lifts him up and makes him stand. The terribly shriveled inward man rises up and stands tall like a mighty champion.

**To grow:** Another meaning of the word edification is to grow. The born again new creation in you needs to grow constantly. Tongues help a great deal.

**To strengthen:** It also means to strengthen. Every time you speak in tongues, your spirit man

grows from strength to strength.

**To charge:** This is another meaning. As a battery needs to be charged, your spirit man needs recharging as you lose energy in the affairs of civil life and in spiritual warfare. Tongues truly charge your inner man.

**To improve:** You can very well improve your spirit man from glory to glory. Praying in tongues greatly facilitates your improvement in the spiritual walk.

## Spirit man

When Paul says, "***he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself***" (1.Co.14:4), who do you think Paul refers to? This is nothing but your inner man, your real man. Many of us are not fully aware of the distinction between spirit, soul and body. I want to explain it here in a few lines.

God created Adam as a triune being, spirit, soul and body. The body functions through the five senses, touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight. Your soul has emotions, mind and will power. These two are common for both man and animals. But do you know what makes man the crown of creation? That is nothing but his inner man, his spirit man.

God breathed Himself into Adam's nostrils. "***And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being***" (Ge.2:7). The very breath of God became man's life. That is his real man. As long as this spirit man reigns over soul and body, man has no defeat. Alas, man transgressed and his spirit man became inactive. The Bible calls this 'being dead' (Eph.2:1). From

then on, man's soul and body began to reign and dominate.

Jesus gave His very life on Calvary. The moment you believe in Him as Messiah, His life rushes into you and makes your spirit man alive. Paul calls this spirit man the inner man. This is what he refers to as new creation. This inner man is created in the image and likeness of his Creator.

The more the inner man grows, the more the nature of Christ is formed in him. That's why Paul travailed for the Galatians until Christ was formed in them (Gal.4:19). All communication from God first reaches your spirit. The strength of your spirit man is your real strength. All the gifts and fruit of the Spirit reside and grow in this inner man.

## Intellectual growth

Now the main question is how to develop this spirit man. The tragedy today is that humanity has vastly improved its intellectual power. We have seen the revolution of intellectualism. People spend thousands of dollars to improve their brainpower. Universities and educational institutions compete with one another to give us improved knowledge. The brainpower of man has never developed as today. All departments of science, medicine, industry, computer, media, politics have grown up like the tower of Babel. Our knowledge has grown to the extent of planning a permanent guest house in the sun and other planets. Yet God has already predicted that in the last days, knowledge shall increase (Dan.12:4).

## Physical growth

In the same way, physical growth was never given importance as it is today. Health care awareness is dawning everywhere. Young people work out many hours for body building, senior citizens walk miles to maintain their health, and everywhere gyms and beauty parlors multiply.

Every time I go to Western countries I am surprised to see the health care. Even when you

buy a coke you find the nutrition value and caloric value written all over it. You find vitamin tablets for each age group, capsules to gain or reduce weight, super herbal medicines, and so on.

All things are good and necessary but the same people that emphasize the outer man so much have failed to concentrate on the inner man. The result? Unprecedented immorality, licentious living, broken families, increased divorce rates, abominations, violence, bloodshed, robberies, terrorism, divisions, betrayal, unfaithful relationships, a sudden surge of pornography, homosexuality, so many such things. Iniquity has increased thousand times more than Sodom and Gomorra. Instead of reforming society, the efforts of man break society into pieces.

What is the remedy? The spirit man in you must grow from strength to strength. This is my pressing burden today. When I see the paralyzed, anemic, pathetic, shriveled condition of born again believers, I feel the burden rise up in me. Those who are supposed to challenge the powers of darkness, sin and the world like Christ and the Early Church have fallen captive to them. This book is born out of my pressing burden.

The one who has Christ in him is supposed to live like Him. All the fullness of God dwells in him (Col.2:9-10). In every place and at all times, he has to walk in triumphant victory (2.Co.2:14). Christ lives in him and strengthens him constantly. He can do all things through His strength (Phil.4:13). Christ's wisdom is his wisdom, Christ's holiness is his holiness (1.Co.1:30-31). He can command the demons like his Master, rebuke the tempest and cancel every disease. He can be the very reflection of Christ's glory (Rom.8:29; 2.Co.3:18). This is the Bible truth.

But why are we not able to reach this pinnacle? Why have we become victims to the demonic powers? Why do believers fall into abominable sins like unbelievers? Why has the love of many grown cold to the level that there is almost no believer without bitterness in his heart? Why so much conflict and misunderstandings in believers' families? Why have His people become

weariness under ever growing guilt-consciousness? Why are fear and terror paralyzing His Church? Why do people struggle to defend themselves while they are supposed to stand on the offensive and set the captives free? Why so much backbiting in the Church today? Think about it.

### **Not satan**

The reason for this sad plight of the Church is not satan but our failure to increase our strength to overcome satan. ***“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”*** (Eph.6:10-11). Heed this word from the Spirit. Becoming strong in the Lord is in your hands. Only you can grow in the power of His might. The power and ability to withstand the wiles of the devil is right within you. You have this divine potency to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Alas, we have not discovered this truth yet. We have neither learnt the art of strengthening our inner man, nor do we pay any attention to it.

### **Not the flesh**

I would not call flesh the reason for our sinfulness. You need not bow down to your flesh when God’s Spirit lives in your spirit. You are not debtors to the flesh to live after it. You can mortify the deeds of the flesh through the Spirit. You can very well grow the fruit of the Spirit in your life. But instead of strengthening your inner man, you blame your flesh. Instead of strengthening your immunity and resistance power you accuse your circumstances.

But here is good news for you. You live in the time of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is interested in strengthening your inner man. God is raising up strong servants in these last days, and they are rising up as a mighty army.

The immediate need of the Church today is to teach the Body of Christ the art of strengthening the inner man. How nice it would be if our Bible colleges and our teachers taught us how to

develop the spirit man. Every time Paul prayed for a church, he prayed ***“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man”*** (Eph.3:16).

Yes, dear friend, what is the condition of your inner man? Is he really growing with all the ability and power of the Holy Spirit? Can you truly say that Christ is being formed in you daily? Or are you a weak person, who is easily frustrated? Do you lose your strength and get irritated even for little things? Are you still carnal and a baby in Christ with envy, strife and divisions? God is looking at you with compassion. He longs to make you a strong person. He is very keen to transform you into His image and to bless the whole world through you.

We are at the verge of the greatest revival in history. Satan and all his host are getting ready for the final conflict. Only strong men will be shining vessels in this end time revival. Only God’s mighty champions can paralyze the heavy onslaughts of the devil.

There is already an intense warfare in the spirit realm. Please understand that this is the final war. I predict that a greater multitude will come to Christ in the remaining short time than all those who were saved since the day of Pentecost. This is the time of the greatest harvest of souls. Decide to become a strong champion at any cost!

Keep the Bible and Early Church heroes as your role model. Just imagine, could there have been such a great revival if the apostles had been constantly fighting a losing battle with flesh and sin? No, never! They were altogether living in another dimension of supernatural strength. How many oppositions! Persecutions! Enmities! But amidst all this, they stood like unshakeable rocks.

What is the reason? They were strengthened with might in their inner man. Their spirit man was their real strength. They never bowed down to anything. That’s why they could boldly declare, ***“We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but***

***not destroyed***" (2.Co.4:8-9). Wow! Can you see how strong they were? The need of this hour is an unbreakable, unbeatable, 'uncrushable', strong spirit. Decide now to make this your prime goal!

Maybe you are convinced now that strengthening the inner man is the first priority of your life. Now do you want to know how to strengthen your inner man? I want to help you here. Strengthening the inner man is not a big mountain. His burdens are not grievous. His yoke is always easy and light. One of the main functions of the Holy Spirit is to strengthen your inner man.

### **Word of God**

The Holy Spirit is using two major means of grace to strengthen your inner man. One is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is forming Christ in you through His Word. He is using His Word to develop God's nature, power, ability and life in you. ***"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby"*** (1.Pe.2:2). As the newborn baby grows by milk, Christ grows in you by the pure milk of the Word. This Word makes you grow and become strong.

John the Beloved utters this fact. ***"I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one"*** (1.Jn.2:14). Notice the sequence here. His Word abides and settles in your spirit. That Word becomes Spirit and life and makes you strong and vigorous. With that strength, you easily overcome the wicked one. What a simple secret!

### **Tongues**

The Holy Spirit also uses another important means of grace. It's the subject of this book. TONGUES! Yes, the strength of the inner man is the blessing of praying in tongues. Yield totally to the flow of tongues gushing forth from your spirit. Spend many hours practicing this art, and a mind-blowing miracle will happen in your spirit. All the ability of the Holy Spirit will flood your spirit. Then the nature of Christ will engulf your spirit man. Your spirit man will in turn rise up with

mighty vigor and transform your mind into the mind of Christ. Then He makes your emotions His emotions. Your five senses become the servants of the spirit man.

As you continue to speak in tongues, your inner man is edified and strengthened. The special character traits of the Holy Spirit such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control will begin to blossom in your spirit. At this point, neither appreciation nor accusation will affect you. Your heart shall not fear, even if an army encamps against you. This is the lifestyle of a strong man.

### **Gradually**

Now this does not happen in one day, by one single language or by stammering lips. It's a strength that grows gradually on a daily basis when you take sufficient time to practice speaking different languages like Paul. Then you would gladly testify that though your outer man is decaying, yet your inner man is being renewed day by day. It's a continuous and progressive journey.

It's a holy pilgrimage of being transformed into His very image from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit (2.Co.3:18). It's an experience that can take you from one degree of holiness to another degree of holiness and from one level of righteousness to another level of righteousness (Rev.12:11).

I urge you to enter this miracle world of tongues today! Strive to enter into new realms every day. You may face some failures on this journey, but don't give up. Can you expect a newborn baby to run around and dance in a few days? We all know a child needs to grow daily, nourished with good food and drink and pure ambience. In the same way there is a time of recuperation for a man who was on a sickbed for a long time. It will take some time for him to return to normalcy. That is how you need time to grow strong in your inner man.

Some people speak in tongues for a few days expecting great and sudden changes. When these don't appear, they stop talking in tongues. There is

still a belief among the old traditional Pentecostals. They only tarry in tarrying meeting to speak in tongues. Other believers, however, still speak the same initial language all through. Many don't even give five minutes a day to practice this art. Others even dare to say tongues are not for everybody and not an important gift at all. Thus they reject this precious gift.

Some have even gone to the extent of saying the times of tongues are over, and preach against it (1.Co.13:8). Some convince themselves that teaching and preaching against tongue-talking is one of their main commissions. What a pity and deception! This is one of the prime reasons for the weakness of today's church. I dare to say this is the main trick of satan.

Dearly beloved, the Holy Spirit is weeping over the Church, exclaiming, "if only you had known personally, even at least in this your day, the things that make for your peace, your edification and blessings!" Will you wipe away His tears?

## Faith

I have explained earlier how tongues build up your spirit man and produce Christ's nature and His power in your spirit man. Not only that! When you pray in tongues, He also increases your faith and joy and gives you His rest.

Jesus' own brother Jude counsels us here: ***"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God... hating even the garment defiled by the flesh"*** (Jude 20-23). We know Jude was impelled by the Spirit to appeal to the Church to contend for the faith entrusted to the saints (Jude 3).

He was warning those who secretly crept into the church and denied our Lord (Jude 4). It is at such a crucial time that Jude commands the Church to build up their faith by praying in the Holy Ghost. There is a close connection between tongues and the growth of our faith. We all agree that Christian life is a faith life, a faith race and a faith battle.

You are justified by faith and sanctified by faith; you walk by faith, live by faith, fight by faith, and receive His gifts by faith. Our Lord explains the power of faith by saying it can even move mountains. To grow such powerful faith, it is inevitable to pray in the Holy Ghost, and tongues play a vital role in it.

The more you pray in tongues, the more you grow your faith. Of course, God has already given a measure of faith as a gift to you when you got saved (Ro.12:3). All of us have the same measure of faith, but some of us have developed our faith, while others did not do much about it.

Some have developed their faith for a holy walk, others for a miracle ministry, yet others for financial prosperity, still others have developed their faith for soul winning.

You can develop your faith in every area of your life, if you so desire. To develop faith for your specific need, you must find the appropriate Scripture and meditate upon it constantly. Along with this, you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues all the time. I prophecy: In the coming days God will raise up mighty men and women of faith who would move mountains. Get ready to join this army!

As long as the promises of God are in your mind only, your faith can't grow. The Word in your mind must shine in your spirit man. For this, tongues help a great deal.

A man becomes a champion of faith when he is totally controlled by God's Word and tongues. Yet again I want to remind you: that does not happen in a day. Every grace in the Christian life needs time to develop. That's why I plead with you time and again to continue speaking in tongues on a regular basis.

A man who knew the Scriptures on healing was healed while praying in tongues. His head knowledge became a revelation to him while praying in tongues, and released his healing. I heard many such testimonies. The reason is, when you pray in tongues, the Scriptures in your spirit man rise up, build up your faith and release the

miracles.

Do you constantly lament your lack of faith? Is faith a problem to you? Is doubt the reason for all your failures? Don't worry. You need not cry for faith.

Read God's promises aloud. Let your ears hear what you read. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God. Then speak clearly the tongues that gush out of you. Set apart a time for it.

When you thus speak in different languages, your faith will rise up like a giant. Without your knowledge, this will happen secretly in your spirit. A day will come where you and others will be surprised to see your own mighty faith in action.

### Joy

There is another reason why tongues strengthen your spirit man. When you pray in tongues, the joy of the Lord bubbles out of you. Peter infers it in his first message while explaining the Pentecostal experience of tongues, ***“therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad”*** (Acts 2: 25-26).

Because God was at David's right hand, his heart rejoiced and his tongue was glad. How much more should joy explode in you when the very God Almighty comes to dwell in you! How much more should our tongue express gladness! Guess what it means, “the tongue was glad”! Some laughed for hours uncontrollably when they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Yes, when you are filled with the Spirit and explode in tongues, all the sadness in your heart vanishes and His joy bubbles out. That's why the Holy Spirit is called the Oil of Gladness. As a drunkard sings out, forgetting all his pains and sorrows, a Spirit-filled man also experiences uncontrollable joy.

The more you speak in tongues, the more you will be filled with the joy of the Lord. What's the use of such a joy? Joy is the strength of a Christian. Nehemiah said, ***“Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom***

***nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength”*** (Neh.8:10)!

Yes! The strength, power, ability of God's people lies in the joy of the Lord. That hidden joy is released by speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit wants to release His joy today.

When you suffer terrible loneliness, pray in this divine language. When the loved ones desert you, pray in new tongues. When sufferings and persecutions mount up against you, pray in tongues. When you suffer the pain of separation, plunge into this world of tongues.

Speak in tongues till your heart is filled with divine peace and comfort. If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small (Pr.24:10). When your strength is small, satan will plunder you. That is why at any adverse circumstance, I recommend you never stop speaking in tongues. There lies your joy, strength and edification.

### Refreshment

When you speak in tongues, a new vigor and vitality arises in you! You are greatly refreshed as if you slept for hours and rested. You renew your strength like that of an eagle. Isaiah predicted it very clearly, ***“For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” and, “This is the refreshing; Yet they would not hear”*** (Isa.28:11-12).

This is the true medicine to refresh the weary. It's natural for all of us to grow weary in our life journey. Though our spirit is strong, our flesh gets exhausted easily. Sometimes, both our spirit and flesh become weary. It is not unnatural for us to grow weary as we are frail earthen vessels who contain this precious treasure (2.Co.4:7). It's obvious that until we enter into our eternal rest, we will become tired and weary at times.

Our true strength is evident in overcoming this. That's why the Holy Spirit gives us this refreshing language as a free gift.

The word 'to refresh' has many meanings: A



place of rest and comfort; comfort and consolation; peace and serenity. The Hebrew word Noah comes from this root word. *“And he called his name Noah, saying, 'This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed'”* (Ge.5:29).

Yes, it's true that we toil so much in this cursed earth! We are tired by our hard work. Many times, our mind and body become weighed down like the hands of Moses. We groan inwardly for the redemption of our bodies (Ro.8:22). At such times, the Holy Spirit's precious gift of tongues rejuvenates, energizes, comforts and revitalizes us and gives us rest. As a result, we continue our journey with new courage. As a shepherd leads his sheep beside the still and restful waters, the Holy Spirit leads us into this divine rest through the still waters of tongues (Ps.23:2).

Many times, after intense ministry, I lie down on my bed, completely exhausted. Often, I would wonder, “How am I going to rise up again for my next ministry?” By the grace of God, I have labored for the Lord beyond my physical strength.

At such times of weariness, I keep whispering in tongues on my bed. After a few hours of these quiet tongues, I receive the surge of new energy. The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead quickens my mortal body (Ro.8:11).

When I go back to the pulpit, I have strength to roar like a lion. I've experienced it thousands of times. By this, I don't mean the body of a tongue-talker will never grow weary no matter how much he works. Neither do I advocate to over rule natural health laws. I simply present the help you can avail through tongue-talking in times of weariness. When your spirit man is rested and refreshed, he brings your body and soul under his control.

In Western countries, people go on vacation at least once or twice a year. Even people who can't really afford it save money for it throughout the year. Pastors and ministers go for vacation once a year, and the church pays for it. I feel we all need such resting times, but even people who can't

go on vacation can get divine vacation through this divine language! Hallelujah!

Thousands were healed through Smith Wigglesworth's ministry, and even the dead were raised. Even in his 80s, his vigor never reduced. One time, somebody asked him whether he takes vacations. The reply was: “I take vacations every day.” Wigglesworth explained to the puzzled inquirer: “I rest and refresh myself every day by speaking in tongues. That's my true vacation.”

Yes, tongues remove physical tiredness and mental weariness. *“You shall run and not be weary, you shall walk and not faint or become tired. When we pray in tongues, He increases our strength”* (Isa.40:29-31).

Why don't you enter this divine rest today? Jesus extends His invitation to you right now. *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me...”* (Mt.10:28-29). Why don't you take this yoke upon you now?

Yes, start a new life, renewing your strength. You can flourish like a watered garden. Rise up! Shout that you are strong! Determine to rejoice in the Lord! Take a vow never to allow worries to overcome you.

Take a decision to increase your faith daily. Decide to exercise your faith muscles. Turn your adversities into adventures! Let the rivers of tongues constantly flow from your heart. Never forbid it! May the Lord increase your strength like that of a wild ox and renew your energy.

May you bear fruit even in your old age and be fresh and flourishing. May you mount up like eagles with renewed wings.

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# ROOTED IN CHRIST

## PART 3

REV. BENITA FRANCIS



### Rooted in God's Love

In our Schools of the Holy Spirit, we often feel overwhelmed by the tragedy and painful situations people - and especially our precious ladies - go through. How many are deeply hurt, unjustly treated, rejected, forsaken by those who are supposed to care for them - but still, here they are, still alive, although satan had done his best to push them into suicide! Each one of these precious ones is a living proof that our Lord Jesus, the Prince of Life, is stronger than satan, the great murderer (Ac.3:15; Jn.8:44)! Hallelujah!

The most marvelous thing for me to see is how totally and completely they can be healed and restored, to such an extent that you would never imagine they ever endured any hardship in their lives. Oh yes, it is true: There IS healing in God's wings for each and every wound and pain, be it physical, mental or emotional (Mal.4:2). When we allow God's precious Holy Spirit to go deep down into our innermost being, He can and will do deep operations like no physician, psychologist or psychiatrist on earth could do!

I always gratefully remember the early days of my walk with Jesus. I had many wounds from rejections, a very low self-esteem and a deep-rooted insecurity. I felt like I had no foundation, actually not even a right to be on this earth. I just felt like a burden and a problem

for everyone. If somebody said anything nice about me, I couldn't believe it but instead questioned the person's motives for praising me. I was so shy and insecure that many times I even choked and was completely unable to answer when somebody tried to speak some nice words to me. Now look at me today. Can you imagine??? What a God!!! What a miracle HE has done in my life!!! Thank YOU, JESUS!!!

The wonderful thing is that He desires to do that very same deep inner healing in your life, too. He doesn't want you to wonder through this life feeling unloved, unimportant or even a burden. He wants to bring you up out of that horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set your feet upon a rock, and establish your steps (Ps.40:2). HE Himself is the Rock of your salvation, your eternal refuge and fortress (Ps.18:1-2,46)! He carries you throughout your entire life, even till your grey hair (Isa.40:11; 46:4).

How can you become rooted in God's love? Well, growing roots takes time, and roots have to go deep down into the soil - in this case, the fertile soil of God's living Word. Our God sent His Word and healed us and delivered us from our destructions (Ps.107:20). He did that by sending His Son Jesus, the Living Word, as His representative to show us His character (Jn.1:1; 14:9; Heb.1:1-3).

So again - HOW do you become rooted in God's love? Well, you do it by beholding Him in His Word, the Bible. You do it by meditating on His character as revealed in His Word and by His Spirit. You do it by fellowshiping with Him in prayer. You do it by living your life with Him, taking Him as your closest friend and loving Heavenly Daddy - and as you walk and talk with Him, you will increasingly know that really, really, really GOD IS LOVE (1.Jn.4:8,16)!

This knowledge born out of your personal experience is what will really transform your life. It is not enough to KNOW ABOUT God - you must take time to KNOW God. It is not even enough to know His character as described in His Word - you must be able to relate to Him in a personal way. You must be able to pinpoint situations and experiences where He clearly interfered in your life and showed you His love for you.

Christianity is actually a union much deeper than even marriage can ever be. It is God and man becoming one spirit (1.Co.6:17). It is your Creator coming to live inside of you, the One who knows you like no other and who loves you unconditionally. And yet, how hard is it for people to recognize God loves

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them. How much people mistrust God's good intentions toward them! How hard it is even for born-again believers to trust God's Word, when He says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer.29,11).

Why is that? Well, the Bible says that the god of this age, satan, has blinded the eyes of those who do not believe, unless the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them (2.Co.4:3-4). Can you see it? Satan, the master deceiver, has done a huge campaign of lies all over the world to convince people of exactly the same thing he told Eve in the Garden of Eden: "God is not good... God wants to withhold the best from you... God cannot be trusted...", and the like.

Even as a believer, you must renew your mind and consciously kick out whatever satan and the world planted into your thoughts. If you look a little deeper, there is so much mistrust towards God in your heart. You don't believe me? Then tell me - when you got something new or you liked something very much, have you ever had that feeling, "Oh, God won't like it when I like that... Oh, He will take it away from me... Oh, He will tell me to give it away..." or anything like that? Well, my Bible tells me to trust "in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1.Ti.6:17). My Bible tells me, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant" (Ps.35:27).

When you see such discrepancy between your thoughts and feelings and the actual Word of God, please take the time to ask God's forgiveness for believing satan's lies about His character, and make sure you establish the truth about Him deeply in your heart and mind.

Take time to meditate on Scriptures like these:

***Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you (Jer.31:3b)***

***He who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1.Jn.4:8)***

***And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him (1.Jn.4:16)***

Whenever you experience even the slightest hint of fear, remember:

***There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love (1.Jn.4:18)***

I used to be a very fearful, insecure young girl, until I found in my Bible these verses:

***3 You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.***

***4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.***

***5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you (Isa.62:3-5)***

Do you know what I did? I went to bed and cried for two days while God's Living and Active Word did a very deep healing in my deepest inner being. These verses showed me God's deep love toward me and transformed my life forever. By allowing these

Scriptures to take root in me, I became rooted and grounded in the love of God. I received with meekness the implanted Word, which was able to save my soul (Jas.1:21).

Please take time to meditate on the Scriptures in this article, especially the ones that touch your heart in a special way. Let God's Word reveal to you God's love, and grow deep roots into it. Your life will never be the same. Nothing will ever again be able to separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus your Lord (Ro.8:35-39).

Let these words sink deep into your spirit:

***14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

***15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,***

***16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,***

***17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,***

***18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height -***

***19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph.3:14-19)***

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## NEWS

In a surprise move, Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on November 8th declared old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes as demonetized. He explained the move as a direct hit against wades of currencies hoarded as black money and proceeds of corrupt deeds. New currencies of denominations of Rs 2000 and Rs 500 with more security features were introduced.

In the US, negating all media predictions, the Republican candidate Mr Donald Trump trounced his Democratic Party rival Ms Hillary Clinton in the presidential election romping home with huge victory in the Electoral College system. He is set to assume office from President Mr Barack Obama in January 20th.

In one of India's biggest business conglomerates, the Tata Sons, its chairman Mr Cyrus Mistry has been removed from the top post, reinstating Mr Ratan Tata as its interim chairman. However, long drawn battle is going on in the group companies of Tata Sons between Mr Mistry and Mr Ratan Tata. A search is on for suitable candidate for the top post of the holding company.

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