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Dear Pastor Alamo,

Thank you so much for the wonderful tapes you sent on prayer, just in the nick of time. The enemy has certainly been increasingly vicious and ugly in the last year. Whew! It's all out war! I'm exhausted! God bless you! I <u>love</u> your literature! Yes! Keep telling it like it really is! Could you send me a copy of *The Messiah*? I'm a Jewish Christian (been saved for twenty-seven years). Much love, blessings, health, and long life to you.

M.D.

Granada Hills, California

M.D.'s request has been filled.

This is the fifth in a series of excerpts from Pastor Alamo's book, *The Messiah*, to be continued each month until the book is complete.

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"The Messiah" According to Bible Prophecy

"To HIM give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43).

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(Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7).

The Apostles and Writers of the New Testament Also Bear Witness that Jesus the Christ Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies.

Many modern Christians have lost—or never had—an enlightened understanding of the genius of Christianity: that the New Testament is the fulfillment of the predictions and promises of the Old; that Jesus the Christ is the link who binds the two Testaments together. The early New Testament church writers and preachers saw this clearly and constantly pointed out the New Testament fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

When Matthew narrated the virgin birth of Christ, in Matthew 1:18-25, he said it was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prediction of the Messiah's virgin birth: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the (Continued on page 4)

ACCEPTING THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Tony Alamo

God came to the world as a man, a human, with the Spirit of the Triune God in Him.¹ Even though He was God, He was also God incarnate, a man, human flesh like you and I.² Because of His humanness, His fleshiness, He had to discipline Himself to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit.³



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Jesus, the man who was also God, never sinned.⁴ He was able to keep Himself from sinning every day of His life because He willingly submitted Himself unto the discipline of the Holy Spirit, both inwardly and outwardly, every day of His life.⁵ By God's Spirit living in us, and by our keeping our will the same as Christ's, we can do the same thing, that is, we too can live a sinless life.⁶

In the eyes of the Lord, in the eyes of God, the entire world is undisciplined, self-willed, and devilish.⁷ People make up their own rules and live in darkness. Because they are deceived by the devil, they are not willing to submit themselves

to the discipline of the Holy Spirit. The people of the world are becoming more undisciplined, more insane, more mad, and more ungodly every day.⁸ They ignore the good and precious discipline of God more and more each day. Because of this, God is currently disciplining the entire world with

plagues such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, hurricanes, famines, pestilence, new and incurable diseases in epidemic proportions, and much more.⁹ As the people of the world become more ungodly and undisciplined, God promises to discipline them with more plagues than He did in the land of Egypt during the time of Moses.¹⁰

God's Word tells us that it is Him, not mother nature, who is disciplining the ungodly people of the world. ¹¹ The term "mother nature" is a heathen, idolatrous, satanic term, a myth. No such term as "mother nature" can be found in God's Word. God created na-

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Dear Pastor,

I have received the twenty books entitled, *The Messiah*, which I requested for friends and other interested people. They have showed their great interest and their love for God and our Lord Christ Jesus. Those that received the free gift of the book, *The Messiah*, were surprised by asking, does the Bible contain all these true prophetic words? With joy they promised me that they are going to write you. There are a lot

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of people that have received the literature which they will write you from Holland here. Our plan is to try and follow them up and also find a place whereby we can meet and have prayers and Bible study. It is not easy in an advanced country to get a place to worship. I do not really know whether you are having a branch here in Holland. Me and my family and friends have a dream and plan through our Lord Jesus Christ

to establish one. If you have a branch here, let me know please. If not, we will continue to share the literature to gather them that believe. After that, we will invite you to have a crusade and open a branch. We need your prayers to fulfill our plan and the dream. Calvary greetings to you all. Yours in Christ,

A.W. Amsterdam, Holland

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ture, not a "mother nature." ¹² In short, there is no such thing as "mother nature."

God brags that He is the One who will discipline the world of ungodly people¹³ because they refuse to honor Him by first studying His Word,¹⁴ then by disciplining themselves to receive the discipline of the Holy Spirit, which is the same as reading God's Word and disciplining themselves to do exactly what it says¹⁵ so that God can do mighty works both in them and through them,¹⁶ just as He did both in and through the human body of Christ,¹⁷ who again is God incarnate.¹⁸ We who are born again of the Spirit are the continuation of the Triune God's incarnation.¹⁹

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BEING DISCIPLINED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"The Word of God" is "the Holy Spirit,"²⁰ and to discipline ourselves to do what the Word says is the same as receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit.²¹ It must be our will to discipline ourselves to do God's will.²² Of course, we will never do this unless we are first born again of the Holy Spirit,²³ and our becoming born again of the Holy Spirit will never happen unless we begin fearing the Lord enough to begin disciplining ourselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit.²⁴

God commands that we confess our sins and forsake them. ²⁵ Then, by God's power living in us by the Holy Spirit, He promises we will be able to live the same life as Christ did, ²⁶ not an imitation of Christ's life, but the exact life of Christ. Actors imitate, but Christians have God's life and let Him live it in them. If you let Christ live His life in you, He will separate you from every plague and every curse. ²⁷

God disciplined three and a half million of His chosen people in the desert for forty years because of their unwillingness to discipline themselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit. Even after seeing God's mighty power turn Egypt upside down,²⁸ after seeing God open the Red Sea for all Israel to walk through on dry land, and after seeing Him destroy the entire Egyptian army,²⁹ they preferred being undisciplined. They were more afraid of giants than of God.³⁰ Later, God drove the giants out of the promised land with tiny insects, hornets.³¹ Be-

cause of the people of Israel's unwillingness to discipline themselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit, God disciplined them outwardly by making them wander in circles on the hot desert for forty years until most of them dropped dead. ³² Only those who "did cleave unto the Lord [their] God [were] alive every one of [them that] day" when, with Joshua and Caleb, they crossed the river Jordan on dry land into the promised land (Deut. 4:4).

No one can run or hide from God, from His discipline, or from His judgment.³³ It is written, "Though they dig into Hell, thence shall Mine hand take them; though they climb up to Heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of [Mount] Carmel [located in Haifa, Israel], I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them" (Amos 9:2-3).

If we receive the Lord's discipline, we will receive great reward and blessing.³⁴ However, if we refuse, God warns us, "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver" (Psa. 50:22). This truthful message from the very mouth of God is quite different than most of the messages you hear being preached from pulpits today, but this is the real truth from God's holy, infallible Word, the Bible!

We live in perilous, dangerous times (II Tim. 3:1). In the last days the Bible says "the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12). "Men shall be lovers of their own selves" (II Tim. 3:2), and love their own undisciplined, worldly, devilish ways more than the Word of God and God's way.³⁵ We must willingly discipline ourselves to obey the Word of God if we are to spiritually prosper on earth and in Heaven eternally.³⁶ For us, receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit is the very law of God for our eternal life.³⁷ If we discipline ourselves to receive the discipline of the Holy Spirit, we shall surely live eternally. The life we must live to attain eternal life for ourselves is a life of self-discipline, a life of purposely doing the will of God. This life of selfdiscipline and doing God's will so we might gain and retain His life is thoroughly detailed throughout the Bible.³⁸ Unless we begin disciplining ourselves to do the things God tells us to do in His Word, we shall all most certainly spend eternity in the lake of fire prepared by God for the devil, for his rebellious, evil angels, and for all the others who live unrestrained, undisciplined, unregenerated lives.³⁹

CAREER DISCIPLINE

People willingly discipline themselves to be sports professionals of every type, as well as musicians, singers, actors, dancers, politicians, doctors, and lawyers. They discipline themselves for hundreds of other careers so they might excel in this present world, which has no future because it is condemned by God to burn.⁴⁰ We are without a doubt at the end of time. 41 "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:10). Yet people pay little or no attention at all to willfully disciplining themselves to do what the Word of God tells them so that they might spend an eternity in a cozy, comfortable, pain and harassment-free Heaven⁴² where there is no devil, 43 no death, 44 no aging, no sickness, no disease, no separation from loved ones, no plagues, no pestilence, no famines, no annoyance of any kind,45 no thief, no moth, and no rust.46 "As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Cor. 2:9). First John 2:4 states, "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." In other words, for us to know Christ He must be living and working in us. If He is not, it is impossible for us to know Him and keep His commandments. If He is in us, we certainly know Him and are keeping His commandments.⁴⁷ Therefore, those people who say they are Christians and do not keep His commandments are liars,48 because they don't know Him, He's not in them, and no one in the world can see the evidence of them disciplining themselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit. They don't belong to the Lord because He is not in them to do His work. They are liars, and the truth, which is Christ, is not in them.

The men in the armed forces of nations are highly commended for defending their temporal, worldly countries. How much more highly commended are the children of God who defend their own spirits by willingly (Continued on page 6)

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South Carolina

Dear Brother Tony,

Grace and peace to you all from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sending you these few lines in the name of the whole Hispanic Christian congregation here in the prison of Estill, South Carolina, to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and love for the needy. I want to inform you that we have received from you Bibles and Bible literature, which has been a great blessing to us all. This contributes to our knowledge and helps us to draw near to the Father of all creation. Day by day, He shows us His infinite power and mercy, and supplies our every need by using faithful servants such as yourself to show His divine kindness.

Brother Tony, I would like to request with respect if at all possible, that you periodically send us your literature, and any other kind of literature that will help us prepare sermons to share with the brothers. Also, it would be really important if you could supply us with videos that will show us how to preach, give testimonies, and play Christian music. We really lack this. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this letter, and I am expecting to receive good news. The whole Spanish congregation would like to say bye for now. We are appreciative of your noble generosity toward us. Please keep us in your prayers, as we likewise are doing the same here. Brother Tony, please send me your book, *Messiah*. Your servant and brother in Christ,

G.M. Estill, South Carolina

G.M.'s requests have been met.

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Praise the Lord. Thank you so very much for the time you took to send me a Bible, it means a lot to me. And the Christian newsletter, I was surprised to get it in the mail. And also the book you sent me, *The Messiah*, it's absolutely fabulous. I started to read it and cannot put it down. It's great.

Please, Pastor Alamo, keep me on your mailing list and send me any literature that you can spare. Once again, thank you very much, and may God bless you.

A.D. Estill, South Carolina

A.D.'s requests have been filled.



Missouri

Dear Reverend Alamo,

I picked up a couple of your newsletters at a restaurant. To me, your writing is incisive and comprehensive on this topic of salvation, which we all need. Please send me your book, *The Messiah*, along with *The Pope's Secrets* literature, and anything else you feel will help a beginner, such as I am. Enclosed is a donation.

Very truly yours,

H.M. Chaffee, Missouri

H.M.'s requests have been filled.

California

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I first want to begin by thanking you and your late wife, Susan, for fighting the good fight of faith and standing fast in the Lord through all your trials and tribulations. I will let you know how much I appreciate God for putting me into this ministry by doing as the Word says. I am truly blessed to be able to serve the Lord in these last days.

I met the Lord nine months ago, and as soon as I did, I left my job, my friends, my new roommate, and so on to follow Christ. It was the best decision I ever made. Well, during the first eight plus months, I had to search for a place to serve the Lord and through this time I was unable to find a church that did what the Lord said to do, for none matched what the Word of God said.

Well, it was on a Tuesday and I went into the study room at the church I was at and found your literature, Leaders and Fables. I know the Lord has used that literature to save many souls, but I also know that it was written for me, so I could go somewhere to serve the Lord with all my mind, heart, soul, and strength. The Lord then provided a way for me to get to Hollywood to meet the members of your church there. As soon as I got here I knew that I was home, finally. So now I am being trained in the way of the Lord and am able to save souls for Him through me.

I had not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and I began to seek it diligently from the Lord. Well, on Sunday the 10th, I was baptized at Venice beach. I know that I left the old man buried there. Later that afternoon I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. What an amazing experience. It was as if I was alive for the first time, and now see things in a whole new light. What an amazing gift from God.

As if that was not enough, during evening service, while Dave McAdams was giving his testimony, my natural hearing went away and I was unable to hear anything. The Lord then took my spirit and snapped it out of me then back into me twice. (It was like a rubber band snaps.) I thought I was going to Heaven, but then the Lord spoke to me and said, "I have baptized you in water, I have given you My Spirit. If you do not do as I command and obey all authority I have put over you, you will go to Hell." Pastor, I now understand what it is to fear God. I do not know how to describe that kind of fear. but I know it was the Lord, and I thank Him for putting that fear into me.

The Lord told me to read Romans chapter 13 and I read about how God put all authority in place in my life. To make even more confirmation, we are studying your new literature and the next day I read about how the Lord visited you. I am so blessed to be able to serve the Lord today. Thank you for true guidance and direction, for you point me to the man who will keep me on the straight and narrow path, Lord Iesus.

You are in my prayers Pastor. Thank you once again.

His servant,

T.T. Los Angeles, California

INDIA

Kakinada

Beloved Pastor Alamo,

Many greetings to you and your dedicated family in the loving name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am very thankful for your dedicated ministry. I truly respect it, because very few people in the world are like you, who perform the ministry with every effort to the Kingdom of God, in present days, when we see many people/pastors divert themselves from the real Word (Bible) for short benefits. It might show the situation of the end time (Matt. 10:35). Even in one family these type of problems become severe day by day. Many pastors are working here in this world, but one's message/ word is different from another. I found real truths in your words of literature. I learned many truths from your material. Not only one, but many Christians can benefit through your material. Pastor, I believe your valuable prayers are with me. My ministry is slowly growing. Recently, I received some cassettes that explained about prayers, and also some Bibles. Those helped me much. If

it is possible, please send me some Telugu Bibles also. I strongly believe that our great God is using you as a mighty weapon, that should not be stained with anything in the world, it is my heartfelt prayer to God. Because these days are the end days, in these days, the elect can be deceived by Satan by his tricks.

Pastor Alamo, I write about my ministry in the last days. By the grace of God, it is going on. My parents taught me in my childhood days on words to seek the face of God for my every need, whether it belongs to family or church. Please remember me in your valuable prayers. My family and my church are praying for your ministries around the world. Convey my regards to your dedicated family. Thank you for hearing.

Yours in His service,

K.A. Kakinada, India

K.A.'s request has been sent.



(Above) Brother G.S. distributes Pastor Alamo's literature translated into the Telugu language in Korumilli, A.P., India. (Below) Alamo Christian Ministries associate Pastor A.R. distributes Pastor Alamo's literature in Alamuru, A.P., India (also translated into Telugu).



"The Messiah"

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Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:22-23; Isa. 7:14).

When King Herod, in a jealous rage, slaughtered the innocent children in his vain effort to kill the Christ Child, Matthew called attention to the fact that even this gruesome murder was foreknown by God, who had it written down in the Bible as a prediction that was then fulfilled (Matt. 2:16-18 with Jer. 31:15).

In dozens of places in the Gospels, the evangelists infer or state that Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. Peter expressed the convictions of the other disciples when he made his great confession: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

It is neither practical nor necessary in this brief treatise to list every case in the New Testament where the writers referred to the fulfillment of an Old Testament prediction. But I do want to call attention to the fact that the main theme, not only of the Gospel of John, as stated in John 20:31, but of ALL FOUR GOSPELS, is to prove that Jesus of Nazareth is the predicted Messiah, the Son of God, the One who was to come.

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

The gist of John's proof in his Gospel of John is to show that Jesus has all the qualifications, the perfection, and the works of the Messiah–Jesus fulfills all that was written of the Messiah–hence, He is the Messiah.¹

The backbone of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost was an argument from the Old Testament to prove to the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth, whom they with wicked hands had crucified, but whom God had raised from the dead, was the Messiah that David had written about, and that this "Jesus of Nazareth...God hath raised up...[and] made...both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:22-36).

In Peter's second sermon in the book of Acts (Acts 3:12-26) at the gate of the Temple, he ended and enforced his argument and appeal by saying, "And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it [rejected and killed Jesus, their Messiah], as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all His prophets, that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:17-19).

Even in his sermon to the assembled Gentiles in the house of Cornelius, Peter said, "To Him [Jesus] give all the prophets witness, that

1. All the apostles laid great stress upon this argument from prophecy: it was not only the main, but almost the sole argument employed in the New Testament. They felt it necessary to show the marvelous correspondence between the well-known facts of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ with Old Testament prophecy, in order to carry conviction to every fair mind; and so this was the common method of preaching the Gospel, the solid but simple base of argument upon which rested all appeal.

through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins [former sins]" (Acts 10:43).

In Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Antioch he said, "And when they had fulfilled ALL that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a sepulchre. But God raised Him from the dead" (Acts 13:29-30).

Paul's method of preaching the Gospel to the Jews is given in Acts 17:2-3: "And Paul, as his manner was...reasoned with them out of the Scriptures [Old Testament], opening and alleging, that Christ [the Messiah] must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that THIS JESUS, whom I preach unto you, IS CHRIST."

When Paul would define the Gospel, by which people are saved, he connects the New Testament facts of the death and resurrection of Christ with Old Testament prediction and teaching: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel...By which also ye are saved...how that Christ died for our sins ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES [the Old Testament]; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES" (I Cor. 15:1-4).

Many more citations could be given to show that the apostles, writers, and preachers of the

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AFRICA

Dear beloved Pastor Tony Alamo,

I greet you in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I appreciate and thank God for your ministry and all you've been doing all over the world. First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is O.M.E., an undergraduate in electrical/electronics engineering. I am twenty years old, and a Bible believer from Edo State in Nigeria.

Pastor, my aim of writing you this letter is to tell you how I got to know about your ministry. I came back home some time in December, when my academic session was interrupted, and met your newsletter which read "Alamo Christian Ministries" volume 03300. I asked my kid sister how she came about it, and she told me it was given to her at school. I glanced through its contents, and dropped it without digesting its contents. There was this day I needed something that could aid my Bible reading. I found nothing except your newsletter, and I read through it and got every bit of the message it carries. I thanked God for its contents, and the message it carried, "Being Led by the Spirit," was what my spirit really desired at that particular instant. The literature, I must confess, is life-transforming, especially when I read the roads by which one can be led by the Spirit.

I once read about Elijah and King Ahab, and how Elijah ran before King Ahab, who was riding in his chariot to the entrance of Jezreel, because he, Elijah, was led by the Spirit of God. Before now, I used to imagine that riding in the Spirit or being led by the Spirit was a big task, but by the revelation your teaching in the newsletter gave me, I believe the Spirit of God can also lead me.

Pastor, I was baptized in the Catholic church eight years ago, but I never really welcomed Jesus Christ into my life, not until July, 2000, when I started worshipping with the church at school. Pastor, in recent time, I have suffered from various health problems. and have survived by the grace of God. Now I really want to follow God and do His work with all my life, because if God had held my past against me, I would not be alive today. I have had a very bad past, like living in alcohol, smoking and fornicating, but I thank God for sparing me till this day, and I think God has a plan for me. Pastor, in accordance with your newsletter I read, I realize that I could learn a lot from you by reading your scriptural literature. Please, Pastor, if God's willing, send your booklet, "The Messiah," more of your



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newsletters, literature and other necessary materials that would enable me to create an awareness of your ministry in my state and in my school. Pastor, I would like you to pray for divine health and prosperity for my family and me. I stop here with love from my family and my fellow Nigerians to you and your ministry. I hope to hear favorably from you soon. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Your beloved one,

O.M.E.

Edo State, Nigeria

New Testament constantly pointed out that Jesus the Christ lived, suffered, died, and rose again in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

We must now go into more detail, under different categories, to further demonstrate that "all Messianic predictions of the Old Testament converge in Jesus of Nazareth into a focal point of dazzling glory." We will present a brief of the voluminous material under these seven headings:

- I. THE CREDENTIALS OF THE MESSIAH
- II. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH
- III. PROPHETIC PARADOXES IN PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST
- IV. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE SUFFERINGS, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH (CHRIST)
- V. PROPHECIES DESCRIBING THE MESSIANIC OFFICES OF CHRIST
- VI. THE DEITY OF THE MES-SIAH (CHRIST) IN BOTH TES-TAMENTS
- VII. TYPES AND INDIRECT PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED IN CHRIST

To be continued in the August newsletter

Missouri

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Hello! How are you doing on this blessful day? Good, I hope. I am writing about your ministries, for I heard about you through a friend, and read a little bit of your literature. I would request more of your literature and other information that you may have, for I am in the New Life Evangelistic Center training program, to where I am learning radio and television operation. It's a two-year program, and I have about three months left in the program. I was wondering if you have any procession in this area. If

not, is there any other area that I may serve to help, if you are interested? So, if you may be so kind to send any information and/or literature at this time, I would appreciate it. It's time for me to say, may the good Lord bless and keep you while near and far away; may the good you wish for others shine on you today; may your heart stay to music that will cure the heart's of man; may the good Lord bless and keep you until we meet again. Sincerely,

J.G. House Spring, Missouri

Literature was sent to J.G.

Texas

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I don't know how I got a copy of one of your newsletters, and you can't imagine how it was a blessing to have found it among my papers, and the volume is 02400, and I'm sure you have lots more. Please add me and my boyfriend to your mailing list and send us both a copy of *The Messiah*. I have very much needed to hear and read about Christ, since I have been going through tribulations in my life. Your

literature and newsletters are a blessing. Please send us whatever you have. I am in need of a lot of strength.

B.C. San Antonio, Texas

B.C.'s requests have been filled.



ACCEPTING THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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submitting themselves to keeping the commandments of the Word of God, which is God,⁴⁹ or, in other words, by willingly submitting themselves to the discipline of the Holy Spirit so they might not enter another temporal country, but instead enter a heavenly, everlasting country where all tears shall be wiped away and there are no frustrations of any kind?⁵⁰ Also, there will be no such thing in Heaven as insanity, drugs, adultery, fornication, whoremongers, homosexuality, lesbianism, dangers, unrest, Satan, liars, thieves, extortionists, con artists, or any other abomination.⁵¹

Medical agencies, in cooperation with the government, have extracted the brains of dead men whom they say were incorrigible, criminally insane monsters, murderers, and rapists. They tell us there is nothing to differentiate the appearance of their brains from the brains taken from the bodies of people who have led what they deem to be normal lives. "We see nothing different at all." They foolishly spend so much money and time on such research. If they would only believe the Bible, which tells us that this behavior is caused by invisible demon spirits that even the most powerful microscopes cannot see.⁵² These minds have been made the strongholds of Satan by their receiving doctrine other than the Word of God and by their refusing to submit their lives unto the discipline of the Holy Spirit.⁵³ Their lives would have been radically changed for the good, not just by hearing the Word of God, but by doing what it says, which again is the same as submitting themselves to the discipline of the Holy Spirit both inwardly and outwardly.54

THE DEVIL CANNOT BE DEFEATED BY **CARNAL MEN OR CARNAL WEAPONS**

Unregenerated law enforcement and government officials can never control undisciplined, demonic spirits because most of them are not born of the Spirit themselves. Because of this, they have no power or knowledge of God within them to deal with this invisible satanic treachery.⁵⁵ Secular agencies, whether governmental, medical, political, law enforcement, or military, along with all other secular, unregenerated humanity, have no power to fight the demonic powers in this world that are causing people to commit vicious crimes.⁵⁶ They

cannot fight that which they cannot see or understand. Even the people who are committing these crimes say, "I have never done such an evil thing as this in my entire life." Either they can't figure out why they did such things, or else they and the world system believe they should be completely excused for what they have done because some psychologist deems them to be insane. God does not allow leniency for insanity because insanity is a satanic spiritual condition, a condition that people seemingly love to live with. If they would only accept the Lord with His power to live in them and would discipline themselves to be disciplined by Him, they would never commit the evil atrocities as we see today.⁵⁷ It is written, "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27). They believe whatever the devil by his spirit has planted in their unregenerated brains.

Christ alone by the Spirit of God was able to defeat the devil and cast him out.58 Only those who have the Triune God living in them are able to successfully fight these powers and teach others how to destroy the devil's power over them because "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [but spiritual]...to the pulling down of [Satan's] strong holds" (II Cor. 10:4).59 Unregenerated people don't have the Triune Spirit of God in them. They need to be born again of the Spirit.⁶⁰ Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

Jesus makes this statement to the entire secular and spiritual realm: "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). The only real and true answer is found in God's Word, in Bible scripture,61 and it can only be delegated by those who have received all of the Word of God, have willingly been tried and tested by offensive people, places, and obstacles arranged for them by the Holy Spirit, and have successfully come through these trials and tests because they initially submitted themselves under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, both inwardly and outwardly,62 so that they would have enough of the power of God in them to withstand all the tricks, crafty devices, and deceptions of the devil.⁶³

Today, we see many penalties, persecutions, and trials doled out to all those who preach such truth of divine nature from God's Word.⁶⁴ The people of the world are being disciplined by evil

forces into being rebellious to God's Word, His way of life, His will, and His law of eternal life.65 The Lord stated in the New Testament, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17). This means He came to show the world that with the help of the discipline of the Holy Spirit living and working both in and out of them, they can be more than conquerors over their once undisciplined, fleshy ways in this totally unspiritual, undisciplined, self-willed, ungodly world.66 If we are to have an overcoming powerful, spiritual life in Christ Jesus, we must begin accepting the discipline of the Holy Spirit

For those of us who are saved, there is both the inward discipline of the Holy Spirit and the outward discipline of the Holy Spirit. The unsaved are mostly outwardly disciplined by the Holy Spirit because they receive little or nothing inwardly from the Holy Spirit. The inward function of the Holy Spirit for those of us who are saved is "the anointing of the Holy Spirit."67 The discipline of the Holy Spirit I am presently writing of here is the outward discipline, that is, what the Holy Spirit does in our outward world or in the environment around us. The Holy Spirit arranges many different circumstances in our lives, using different people and various objects or things to discipline us.⁶⁸ He is always disciplining us because it is necessary.⁶⁹ The outward disciplining of the Holy Spirit is the chief work of God on our behalf, with the exception of the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. These two, the inward and the outward, comprise almost the total work of the Holy Spirit towards the complete development of the complete spiritual man.70

Again, the law of life is contained in the Holy Spirit.⁷¹ The Apostle Paul in Romans 8:2 says this in these words: "THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS." We know by God's Word that "Christ [is] the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (I Cor. 1:24). Therefore we know that Christ is one with God.⁷² He is a combination of the Father,73 the Son,74 and the Holy Spirit.⁷⁵ "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). So if Jesus, who is also the Holy Spirit, is in us, if we are born of the Spirit, He can, by His power living and working in us both inwardly and outwardly, set us free from the power of sin. 76 Also, the power of Christ, the Holy Spirit

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in us, can put to death the deeds of the human body.⁷⁷ Christ, the Holy Spirit, will also guide us into all truth,⁷⁸ so if we accept the discipline of the Holy Spirit, we may most certainly live according to the life of Christ, both by our being in the Holy Spirit and by the Holy Spirit living in us.⁷⁹

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom. 8:26). These are the things the Holy Spirit does inwardly for those of us who are saved, born of the Holy Spirit. This is the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit inside our human bodies.

It is written, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). This means that no matter what the daily events are that take place in our lives, they are certainly for our own good. "All things [are] for [our] good" because these outward events are for our growth and depth in Christ.80 They are good because they are the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Again, for us to continue in God's life, God's Spirit, we need to know that the events happening around us are for our good, for our spiritual growth. We need to keep this scripture in mind all the time. It will give us strength whenever discouragement, trials, tribulations, persecutions, or any other type of seeming loss comes our way.81 Just know that something good and godly is being done on your behalf. Hold fast to this scripture and the many other scriptures which tell us to have faith and put all our trust in God's wisdom for mankind's spiritual development.82

The Holy Spirit's work of outward discipline and inward movement with His leadership and His power in us means we may have the Lord's power within us to be lifted far above every temptation, trial, tribulation, persecution, slander, disappointment, separation, and grief.83 The discipline of the Holy Spirit is our boot camp training and our daily reproof, which God helps us endure so that we may gain more faith in His power and grow in stature spiritually.84 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:7). "Being tried" is the term used in the Bible for being tested. We are also tested so that we might know, by the increase of God's power living and working in us, that we are more than able to resist every temptation and to tolerate every outward obstacle, condition, or environment through the strength we receive by disciplining ourselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit both inwardly and outwardly.85

To resist temptation or to turn away from it

is the same as having victory over that trial or temptation. ⁸⁶ "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (Zech. 13:9). We must endure this discipline, this temporary hardness, so that we may, at the end of our trial, appear to God, both here and at Judgment, as gold. Job tells it this way: "He [God] knoweth the way that I take [self-discipline]: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). The spiritual meaning of gold here is "purity of spirit."⁸⁷

We may be troubled and feel some pain with all this discipline, but it is only temporary and the end result will bring about the greatest and richest godly condition in us. 88 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it" (Heb. 12:11, Orig. Gk.). If we will only accept a little amount of the discipline of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual results within us will also be little, and our spiritual condition will be puny or eternally fatal.89

THE MOST DANGEROUS DISCIPLINE

The saints of God will go through many trials, many tribulations, and many sorrows.90 After having gone through the storms of misery, some of us will experience a time of tranquility, easiness, and peace with some wealth and little or no criticism. We will mostly hear the voices of those who wish us well and those who praise us, not the voices of false accusers and those who suppress us. The Holy Spirit arranges such a prosperous environment for some chosen ones to test the amount of inward power they have to endure such exaltation and abundance after having received the inward discipline of the Holy Spirit.⁹¹ Faith is added to our lives after we see that the power of God within us is more than powerful enough to pass through these trials of oppression, tribulations, temptations, losses, and sorrows triumphantly.92

Many Christians can endure poverty, trials, tribulation, and suffering, but find it more difficult to continue receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit when they become prosperous and begin receiving applause, compliments, and praise. ⁹³ They find it difficult to continue in the discipline of the Holy Spirit both inwardly and outwardly when they become wealthy, exalted, or promoted. ⁹⁴ Many people are only able to continue receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit when they are being oppressed and surrounded by painful sorrow. Many people are able

to receive the discipline of the Holy Spirit when the Spirit arranges this type of environment for them. But very few people of God ever continue receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit so they can survive an environment of prosperity where everything in their life seems easy. Many disciples become so distracted by worldly things which are spiritually unprofitable that it becomes difficult or even impossible for them to receive the discipline of the Holy Spirit, that is, for them to continue serving the Lord. They refuse to continue serving God with a humble spirit. They refuse to discipline themselves to read, pray, and do all the other things God tells them to do. In other words, they fall away from the Lord.

In order for our inner weaknesses and strengths to be revealed to us, we need the Holy Spirit to test us with an environment where we are agitated.⁹⁷ Again, sometimes the Holy Spirit will arrange for us to be in an environment where the people we are most irritated with surround us, or to work and live in a place that we hate. There are a multitude of other obstacles that require God's presence in us to overcome them. So, dearly beloved, "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Pet. 4:12-13).

If we want God's eternal life, we must discontinue our old self-life. Disciplining ourselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit mortifies or deadens our old self-life.98 This makes it possible for us to continue minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day with God's eternal life living and working in us.⁹⁹ We need to realize that all the people, all the places, all the obstacles, and all the situations that the Holy Spirit has arranged for our environment are for our good. We need to thank God for the overcoming, spiritual strength we receive from the discipline He arranges for us to receive. No matter what is happening to us, we need to know that it is the Lord. We need to just kick back and trust it is the Lord, knowing that when God does something, it is good for us. It is exactly what we need. "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).

People having murder, hatred, or lusts of any kind in their hearts can have victory over the hatred, the murder, the lusts, and even other temptation by simply trusting that God's Word is true enough to do what He says so that He might change their environment, then elevate them to a higher status of usefulness to Him. 100 All these things that aggravate us so much are,

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⁷⁷ Ezek. 36:27, John 14:15-17, 20, 23, Rom. 6:1-8, 8:13-14, I Cor. 9:27, II Cor. 13:5, Gal. 5:24-25, 6:14, Col. 3:1-6, 8-10 78 John 14:15-20, 23, 26, 16:13-14, I John 2:20, 27 79 John 14:15-20, 23, 26, 15:1-14, 17:16-18, 21-23, Rom. 8:1, 9-11, 26-28, 31, 37, Gal. 2:20, I John 3:6, 24, 5:4 80 Deut. 8:2-6, Job 5:17-19, Psa. 34:8, 18-19, 63:3, 94:12, 119:64, 67, 71, 75-76, Prov. 3:11-18, Rom. 2:4, 8:23-32, 35-39, I Cor. 11:32, II Cor. 4:15-18, Phlp. 1:12-14, Heb. 12:5-13, Jas. 1:17, 5:10-11, I Pet. 5:10, Rev. 3:14-22 81 Neh. 8:10, Job 23:10, Psa. 119:49-50, 92, 165, Eccl. 7:3, Rom. 5:3-5, 8:16-18, 15:4, II Cor. 4:17-18, Heb. 13:5-6, Jas. 1:2-4, 12, I Pet. 1:6-7, 3:10-14, 4:12-14 82 Psa. 5:11, 9:9-10, 33:18-19, 34:8, 112:7-8, Prov. 3:5, 14:26, Jer. 17:7-8, John 11:25-26, 14:1, 15:2, Eph. 6:16, Heb. 5:13-14, 11:32-34, I Pet. 4:12-13 83 Matt. 24:13, John 16:33, Rom. 7:24-25, 8:1-2, 11, 28-31, 35-39, II Thes. 1:3-7, II Tim. 2:3-5, 4:5, Jas. 5:10-11, John 2:14, 17, 4:4 84 I Kin. 2:1-4, Prov. 4:5-7, 22:6, Matt. 7:7-8, J3:3-8, 18-23, Luke 2:51-52, Acts 6:4, I Cor. 3:6-8, II Cor. 3:6-8, II Cor. 3:6-10-8, Gal. 1:14-18, 4:1-7, Eph. 4:11-13, 15-16, 6:10-17, II Tim. 2:15, 4:2, Heb. 4:12, Jas. 1:2-4, 12, 5:10-11, Jer. 5:10, I John 3:5-9 86 Prov. 2:10-12, 4:13-15, 13:14, 14:27, Gal. 5:16, Eph. 4:27, 6:11, I Thes. 5:22, Jas. 4:7, Rev. 3:15, 199 Matt. 24:8-9, 13, 21-22, 29-31, John 16:33, Acts 14:22, Rom. 5:2-3, 8:35-39, Je:11, I Tim. 4:7-8, Jas. 5:10-11, Jer. 5:10, I John 3:5-9 86 Prov. 2:10-12, 4:13-15, 13:14, 14:27, Gal. 5:16, Eph. 4:27, 6:11, I Thes. 5:22, Jas. 4:7, Rev. 3:15-19 90 Matt. 24:8-9, 13, 21-22, 29-31, John 16:33, Acts 14:22, Rom. 5:2-3, 8:35-39, Je:12, II Cor. 1:3-11, 7:4-5, II Thes. 1:6-12, Heb. 11:24-26, 35-40, I Pet. 1:7, 4:12, Rev. 2:10, 7:13-17 91 Gen. 13:2, 24:35, I Kin. 17:8-16, 10-12, Acts 6:11-12, Acts 3:6, I Cor. 1:26-28, Jas. 2:5 92 Job chs. 1, 2, 42, II Tim. 4:5-8, Jas. 1:12, Rev. 2:10 93 Deut. 6:10-12, 8:7-20, I Sam. 9:21, 13:13-14, 15:16-23, 94 Prov. 30:8-9, Matt. 16:26, Mark 1:16-26, Mark 1:16-27, 2

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according to God's Word, for our good and are exactly what we need.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

We are like diamonds in the rough. When God finds us, we are still covered with all manner of worthless, stony substances. All these must be subdued and mortified so that first the diamond can be seen. Then it can be shaped and polished by God's processing.¹⁰¹ This hurts during the time it is happening to us, but when God has finished His work in us, we shall shine more brilliantly than any diamond, because He can then use us, by doing His work in us and through us, to give Him more glory than anything else He ever created could do. It is by this very process that we all become the working members of the glorious Body of Christ, His Bride. 102 If we are to enter Heaven, we must all go through this godly process so we can be partakers in God's eternal life and power. This is the Holy Spirit preparing you to live eternally with God in His heavenly Kingdom. We shouldn't despise that which is eternally good for us. The Lord states, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction: For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth [He disciplines]; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Prov. 3:11-12).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to [only] them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," that is, to those who discipline themselves to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:1). This is the real gospel that the world should not despise. It is the life of self-discipline, self-sacrifice. 103 Jesus commanded that after we are saved, we must "deny

101 Job 5:17-18, Prov. 3:11-12, I Cor. 3:13, Heb. 5:13-14, 12:5-13, I Pet. 1:3-7, 2:2-6, II Pet. 3:18, Rev. 3:18 **102** Dan. 12:3, Mal. 3:16-17, Rom. 12:4-8, I Cor. 12:4-28, II Cor. 11:2, Eph.1:17-23, 4:10-16, 5:23-32, Col. 1:17-23, 2:19, Rev. 19:7, 21:2-3, 7, 9-27, 22:14 **103** Psa. 34:18, Luke 7:23, Rom. 6:1-16, 8:1, 12-13, 12:1-2, I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20

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[ourselves], and take up [the] cross daily, and follow [Him]" (Luke 9:23). If we will do this, we will be members of the army that never breaks rank, the army that never falls out of the circle of God's heavenly light or pulls itself away, turning back to the dark, undisciplined life of this present condemned world where the only thing to look forward to is a certain death and Hell with its eternal lake of fire, ¹⁰⁴ a place where "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," ¹⁰⁵ a place where people will "[gnaw] their tongues for pain" (Rev. 16:10).

The Lord cannot work in members who are not willing to be broken. ¹⁰⁶ If we become broken in our own human spirit by accepting the discipline of the Holy Spirit both inwardly and outwardly, the Triune God by His Holy Spirit can not only work Himself into us through our brokenness, ¹⁰⁷ He can work Himself out of us

through that same brokenness unto others so that they too might be saved. Then they too can do His will in this world by allowing Christ with His Father by the Spirit to live God's life in them in this present world and win the souls He died for.¹⁰⁸

Are you willing to let God live His life in you and through you? Are you willing to discipline yourself enough to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit so that you may be able to turn away from every temptation and be victorious in every conflict you have now and shall have in the future with the devil and his evil demons?¹⁰⁹

Christ with the Father by the Holy Spirit can be conceived into your human spirit with His eternal life and overcoming power this minute. Begin living the victorious life of Christ now by making it your business to start disciplining yourself to be disciplined by the Holy Spirit. The first step is, without hesitation, to say this prayer:

104 Psa. 9:17, Prov. 15:24, Joel 2:1-11, Matt. 10:28, 13:40-42, Luke 3:17, Heb. 10:22-29, Rev. 14:9-11, 20:11-15 105 Matt. 8:12, 13:41-42, 49-50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, Luke 13:28 106 Deut. ch. 28, Psa. 34:18, 50:22-23, 51:16-17, Prov. 1:33, 3:5-7, 15:33, 22:4, 29:25, Isa. 57:15, 66:1-2, Hos. 4:6, Matt. 11:28-30, Luke 14:11, Rom. 8:13-14, Phlp. 2:14-15, Heb. 2:2-3, 10:26-29, 12:7-8, I Pet. 5:5-6, II Pet. ch. 2 107 Psa. 34:18, 51:17, Prov. 3:11-12, Isa. 57:15, Dan. 4:24-37, Jonah chs. 1-2, Heb. 12:5-6, Rev. 3:19 108 Matt. 10:7-8, 24:14, Mark 16:15-18, Acts 2:38-41, 10:39-43, 26:15-18, Rom. 7:4, II Cor. 5:11, 17-21, Eph. 2:8-10, II Tim. 4:2, Jas. 5:10, I Pet. 2:21-24 109 Matt. 26:41, I Cor. 10:12-13, 15:53-54, 57, Eph. 6:11-18, I Tim. 6:12, II Tim. 2:3-5, Jas. 1:12, II Pet. 1:3-4, I John 4:4, 5:4, Rev. 3:10-12

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. Believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins. I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer. I open up the door of my heart and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus. Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary. You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus, You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so. Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me. Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved. And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.

1. Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2. Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3. Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4. Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-6 5. Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6. Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7. Eph. 7:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8. Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9. Rom. 10:13, Jas. 4:2-3 10. Heb. 11:6 11. John 8:11, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of authority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the Church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord, May God reward you abundantly.

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