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I want to talk about Judas for a minute. If you read in John 13:29, it says, "...Judas had the bag...". What was in the bag? In the natural, Judas carried money in the bag, but if you have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying here - the 'bag' also represents his 'soul'. And if you study the life of Judas in the scriptures, you will see that he carried with him the weights of jealousy, greed, and selfishness. The reason that Judas betrayed Christ is because he wouldn't let God deal with what was in his mind (soul).

You see, Jesus only called twelve disciples back then, and the word 'disciple' means: to be a pupil of another. To be a 'disciple' also means that you must be 'disciplined'. And the word 'discipline' means: to bring to ORDER AND OBEDIENCE BY TRAINING AND CONTROL. Even Jesus learned obedience by the things that He suffered - and as we have said many times before - He is the pattern!

Why did He only call twelve? Because the number 'TWELVE' means: the 'DIVINE GOVERNMENT OF GOD'. It also means 'RESTORATION'. Jesus was calling the people to come under the divine government of God to where GOD would govern their lives, and to where they would live in total harmony and oneness with God and each other.

But Judas was an individual who refused to come into total submission to the divine government of God. Judas had jealousy in his heart, and because he would not let God deal with all the thoughts that were hidden within his soul (mind) eventually the jealousy overtook him. These weights (thoughts) were carried in his mind - and the same is true with you and me.

This is the reason why the Lord has been going into our minds/soul (bag) to deal with all the thoughts (weights) that are still there. And when He has dealt with and consumed everything that is not like HIM – ALL THAT WILL REMAIN IS THE MIND OF CHRIST! You will be totally free in every area of your life, because that is the nature of God!

This is not just something that you have to know in your head – it is not more head knowledge for God's Sons to talk about - it is something that you must walk out and experience! The Father puts you through certain things in your life, so that you can experience and use what He has given you. Sometimes our own mind keeps us bound and imprisoned in different areas of our lives, to where our true-self can't be expressed. But I declare unto you, that Christ is coming out of the tomb once again in all His fullness – and He's doing it from within man's mind.

God is raising up a ministry after the order of the Melchisedec Priesthood, and they are coming out from behind the veil, and it is God Himself that is appearing and ministering to His creation through them.

This is why the Lord has been working so diligently on our minds.

He works in different ways. He works and brings about change by your sitting and hearing a Word that comes out of the Spirit. But you need to do more than just hear it - you've got to digest it. Just like a cow chewing it's cud. It chews and chews on that grass - swallows it down and then spits it back up rolls it around in its mouth again, and chews it some more before it finally swallows that cud. It does this, because that old cow knows that in order for it to become substance to its body, it needs to fully digest all the life that is hidden within that grass.

When you partake of the Word, you need to keep going over it again and again meditating on it, and digesting it to where it becomes substance and takes on form (becomes part of you). This is one of the ways that God is bringing about deliverance and transforming your mind.

Another way that God works to transform your mind, is by His going into your mind with a "sword" (the Word and Spirit). In Hebrews 4:12 says, "<u>For the word</u> of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

He divides what is of the soul from that which is Spirit/God. He divides your mind from the mind of Christ. He divides the lies (those things which are false) from the Truth, the temporal from the Eternal, and death from Life. And He does all this through the WORD AND THE SPIRIT - TRUTH! He exposes what is hidden in your heart - in the subconscious of your mind, and He consumes those things that keep you from seeing the truth.

When God is getting ready to deal with something in your mind/soul (an area of your life), you'll know it - because He always brings it to the surface. Thoughts from that area of your life will bombard your mind to where they will take away your peace and joy.

Sometimes you get bombarded with thoughts in your mind, but you are able to take those thoughts captive and push them out of your mind. You begin to worship the Father within and pray - and you are able to get right back in the Spirit and experience His peace again.

But if those thoughts keep coming to mind over and over again, then it's because God is trying to get you to take a look at something that is still in your soul. Things that have been stored in the subconscious of vour mind that have not been dealt with - even things that have been passed down from your generations. For as long as you continue to vield to those thoughts, or just try to ignore what the Father is trying to point out to you - they will recur again and again, taking away your peace until you are ready to yield to Him and say, "Yes, Lord! I don't care what it takes, but go into that area of my life and consume it!"

As you grow and mature in the Lord, you can go within and let God deal with some of these areas yourself. However, some areas are too strong and God will use the corporate body to deal with them. This is the reason why we spend so much time here letting the Lord minister to different individuals, because we want everybody to come into what the Father has for them. We don't want anybody to miss out on their full inheritance in Christ.

I asked the Lord about the door being closed. And He showed me in the Spirit, that the stubborn and the unfaithful are those that are foolish and continue to yield to their five senses. They are as the five foolish virgins that had no oil in their lamps. They have not allowed God to deal with what is in their mind, and because there are still things in their mind that distract them from the mind of Christ - they keep going out to the external realm. They have not awakened as to who their trueselves are and just go with the flow of whatever comes into their mind!

(If you re-read our newsletter on "The Door Is Being Shut", it goes into much greater detail on who the five "foolish" and five "wise" virgins are. If you don't have a copy, please contact us and we can send you one.)

Well bless his heart, but Peter did the same thing after Christ went to the cross. In John 21:3-4 Peter was with some of the other disciples, and it says, "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus." You see Peter forgot who he was, and he never asked God if he could go fishing. He didn't even ask God where to go.

We know that Jesus is the pattern Son. And it says in Romans 8:29, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, He might that be THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN." Well Jesus was here to do the will of His Father. We are to be even as the creatures in Ezekiel 1:12 - which are really representative of the Overcomers on this side and on that side/the Sons of God. And it says, "And they went every one straight forward: WHITHER THE SPIRIT

WAS TO GO, THEY WENT; AND THEY TURNED NOT WHEN THEY WENT."

If you want God to be in control of your life, then you can't just go anywhere and do anything you feel like. If God doesn't tell you to go, and you go without His permission, then you really don't know who you are and what you are called to do. If you still go out and do this and do that without His permission, it's because you're still yielding to the lusts of the flesh.

It says that, *"the wages of sin is death."* Generally what happens is a process of you declining out of the Spirit. And it can happen so subtly and so quickly that you aren't even aware of it.

God knows it takes stages of growth for us to come under His full control and into that oneness with Him. And even before Jesus went to the cross, He knew what Peter was going to do. He knew that Peter still didn't have the full understanding of who he was and what God had called him to.

So Peter said, "I go a fishing." Well, sometimes when you listen to your self-will, you take a lot of other people along with you. And when Peter said, "I go a fishing", it was also an invitation to the other disciples. He was saying, "Come on boys, let's go fishing!" And the others just followed right along and said, "We also go with thee." They just went with the flow, and listened to the serpent talking through Peter. And just like Peter, they never asked God if they could go, or where to go.

You see, when you choose to listen to your self-will, and you want to yield to the lusts of the flesh/the desires of the mind/soul - it usually makes you feel a little better if you can get someone to go along with you. It's much easier when you have someone else to go along with you, because then you're not out there alone. It makes you feel more secure in your mind, because you can say, "Well they're doing it to." Your soul may say to you, "I don't want to be here all by myself - so I'll get some others to agree with me on this. I'll get them to support my thoughts and my self-will, and we'll just all feed on our flesh together!"

And this is what "Christians" still do today! The serpent is still saying, "You can serve two masters. You can live in two worlds! You can live in the Kingdom of God - and live in the world at the same time! Yes, you're the children of the light but you can also fellowship with the people who are in darkness! It's okay to hang out and fellowship with them! You can commune with them - and do the same things that they're doing!" That's what the serpent tells you - and when you listen to it (your self-will), and become one with what it is saying - you get off track and fall out of the Spirit. When you do this, it's because vou're still suffering from amnesia and don't know who you really are. And this is the reason why it takes stages of growth to awaken you and cause you to remember who you are in Christ.

Now, one thing that was really interesting about Jesus' water baptism, was it was not a "doctrine" water baptism. In other words, it wasn't done by church tradition according to the doctrines of men. The timing of His baptism wasn't chosen by man - it wasn't even for Jesus to choose. It was done in God's timing, and in the way that He had ordained it to be.

You see Jesus was called to be the Son of man. But in order for Him to be the Son of man - He first had to come to a place of walking in total oneness with the Father. At the age of thirty His mind had become fully awakened. He knew who He was and why He was here.

Even at the age of 'twelve' Jesus had begun to wake up and understand who He was. At the age of 'twelve', He came into the awareness in His mind that He needed to come into a place of walking under the divine government of God. He knew that He needed to come into a place of walking in harmony and oneness with His Heavenly Father. He even spoke to His natural mother and father and said, "I must be about my Father's business." Jesus knew that His natural mother and father, and His brother and sisters were not to pull on him anymore.

Jesus understood all this at the young age of twelve - but many of God's Sons still haven't gotten it today. They haven't woken up yet as to who they are - they still have amnesia. Because if they had truly awakened and become one with the knowledge of who they are in the Father and if they had а true understanding of their inheritance in God - then these things wouldn't pull on them.

There are many that have this knowledge in their heads –

but they have not become one with it. They are not walking in it. They are not using what God has already given them. They have not come under the divine government of God – and they have not learned to walk in that oneness with the Father.

Jesus knew at the age of twelve, that He was no longer to identify Himself with the flesh – that He was only to identify Himself with the Spirit – because that's who His true-self IS. And just like Jesus, we have to know who we are and become one with it.

Head knowledge means nothing unless you put it into use. We must walk in it and become one with it (the Word and Spirit) in order for it to bring forth life and change. When we walk in oneness with the Father AS CHRIST - we no longer identify ourselves with the flesh because our true-self is Spirit

None of us are totally there yet, but the deeper we go in God, and the more we allow Him to transform our minds – the less and less we are drawn out of the Spirit by the cares of this world.

baptism The that Jesus received, was really a baptism after the order of Melchisedec Priesthood. Many years ago when the Father began to awaken me to this, He spoke to me and you've "Joyce, said, been baptized three times, but you've never received the right one!" And I said, "God, what are you talking about?"

You see, I got baptized in the Baptist Church - then later I got baptized in the Full Gospel Church - and later I got baptized again because I was backslidden. (I was really trying to get it right!) But the Lord said, "Joyce. The baptism I want to give you is in My Day - as I have spoken it to be - and it will be done by My Spirit - not by tradition according to the doctrines of men, or because you think you have to. And, Joyce, this time you will have the understanding of what's going to take place when you go into that water - and it will be Me! Then just as Jesus did, you will immediately go into the wilderness."

Sure enough, every individual (including myself) that I've seen baptized after the order of the Melchisedec Priesthood, has immediately gone into the wilderness (in their mind).

The wilderness is necessary to prove you, try you, and test you. It is to reveal the son of perdition!

So I asked God, "Who is the son of perdition?" He said, "The son of perdition is in the temple, trying to make <u>himself</u> as god. The son of perdition is the selfwill." You need to understand that anything you bow down and yield your will to, becomes a god to you. Your self-will has been a god to you.

The word says, *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."* Meaning your self-will cannot be before God in your life.

God is sick and tired of your self-will sitting in the temple. He's had His fill! This is the reason why He's consuming the sacrifice. And when the sacrifice is completely consumed, there'll be no more self-will in the temple.

Even though there are still some areas <u>in your soul</u> that are not like the nature of Christ, you need to recognize that THOSE THOUGHTS ARE NOT WHO YOU ARE - THEY ARE NOT THE REAL YOU! YOU ARE NOT TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF WITH THOSE THINGS ANY LONGER!

It says in 2Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be <u>IN</u> <u>CHRIST, HE IS</u> (present tense) <u>A</u> <u>NEW CREATURE: old things</u> <u>ARE</u> (present tense) <u>passed away;</u> <u>behold, <u>ALL THINGS</u> <u>ARE</u> (present tense) <u>BECOME</u> (or have already become) <u>NEW</u>."</u>

God sees you FINISHED -IN HIM - NOW! When He looks at you HE SEES HIMSELF! But as long as you identify yourself with the old man (old things), you will continue to walk in that state of amnesia, according to your five senses in the outward appearance of things, according to your own understanding, and be ruled by the son of perdition (your self-will)! You will not be able to express the Christ or come into your full inheritance in God!

You see, when you are fully awakened as to who you are IN GOD (NOW), you will begin to LIVE in the understanding that GOD has already dealt with (past tense) your self-will on the cross! And all that is left for the full manifestation of what He has done, and the FULLNESS OF ALL THAT HE IS (and you TO BE MANIFESTED are) **OPENLY TO CREATION, is for** you to WALK IN THESE TRUTHS - IN HIM AND, AS **ONE WITH HIM!**

We are to walk in these truths now! We need to be one with the reality of who we are IN GOD - NOW! Because when you begin to walk in the truth and understanding of who you really are in God <u>NOW</u> - AS HE SEES YOU, AND HAS DECLARED IT TO BE - then you will be able to say with out any doubt or unbelief in your mind, "I know who I am! I'm Christ in the earth!"

Paul wrote in 1Corinthians 3:23, "And ye are Christ('s); and *Christ is God('s*)." He is not only saying that we belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God - He is saying, "in the same way as". Well the Word says that Jesus (Christ) and the Father ARE ONE! Well "in the same way as" Christ and the Father ARE ONE - WE ARE ONE WITH CHRIST! THIS IS WHO YOU ARE! You cannot separate Christ from the Father, anymore than you can separate Christ from WHO YOU ARE! "Christ in you, the hope of glory." That's your true-self.

Paul understood these things and wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live (he understood that his true-self is Christ); yet not I (he was no longer identifying himself with the old man/old things/his self-will), but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live <u>BY THE FAITH</u> OF THE SON OF GOD (it wasn't even the "old" Paul's "faith" that he was living by - IT WAS CHRIST'S FAITH THAT HE LIVED BY), who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Christ is to live through us every day, and when we yield to Christ (our true-self), then He is being expressed to all that we come in contact with.

However, when we get in our self-will, it is not Christ that is living through us. When we yield to our self-will, we cannot be the Light to others, nor can Christ express Himself to mankind through us in the way that God wants to do.

How is it that Jesus could be tempted in the wilderness? In James 1:13-14 it says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: FOR GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed." God could not be tempted, but the man Jesus could be! You see, Emmanuel (Christ) was in the flesh - God was in the man Jesus. Jesus was the Son of man walking in the earth, just like you and me. He had to go to the bathroom and eat, just like you and me. He learned obedience through the things that He suffered, just like you and me. He was tested, tempted, and tried in every area of His soul (mind), just like you and me - and yet He never sinned. Why didn't Jesus sin?

We know that Jesus was tempted, because the Word says that after He was baptized, "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said..." Who was the tempter? Who or what was tempting Him? Satan! Who is Satan? Adam! The self-will!

If you go back to James 1:13-14 it said, "...for God cannot be tempted with evil, NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN: BUT EVERY <u>MAN IS TEMPTED</u>, <u>WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY</u> <u>OF HIS OWN lust and enticed."</u> Read it very carefully. <u>God</u> <u>cannot tempt you</u>... <u>but every</u> <u>man is tempted when he is</u> <u>drawn away by HIS OWN lust</u>. It is talking about the lust of the flesh. So in fact, the man Jesus, was tempted in the wilderness by the lust (or desires) of <u>His own</u> <u>flesh</u>. (Yet without sin!)

For forty days and forty nights, he fasted – meaning He refused to eat or partake of His flesh. And when you walk in oneness with the Father, you are not eating of the flesh. Jesus refused to eat of the flesh (His self-will). He would not yield to his emotions, feelings, desires, wants or anything! He would only yield to the oneness of God and to His true-self - which is Christ!

Why was He never tempted again? Because HE WAS YIELDING TO THE ONENESS OF GOD AND TO HIS TRUE-SELF! HE HAD COME INTO A PLACE OF TOTAL ONENESS WITH THE FATHER, AND HE KNEW WHO HE WAS!

I know that there are times when you walk around with much confidence and peace in your mind. But I also know, that there are still some times when you fall back into that state of amnesia. I know that you can act just right when you come together for fellowship and meetings - but my question is, "What are you doing the rest of the time? How are you acting and walking during the rest of the week?"

You can come together and smile and pretend all you want but now is the time when God is taking all the masks off. He wants you to wake up and get a hold of this, because this is something that's real and genuine! He wants you to know who you are and to walk in harmony, peace, and joy ALL THE TIME - not just when you come together! I've learned in this message that it's not how you started out, but where you end up that counts. There are still periods of time when you go to sleep every now and then. The disciples fell asleep three times in the Garden of Gethsemane, and each time Jesus had to go back and awake them.

Matthew 26:39-41 says, "And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying O Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT. And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? WATCH AND PRAY (remain alert Spiritually remain in that oneness and communion with the Father), THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION (so that you do not fall asleep again and yield to the flesh - DON'T FORGET WHO YOU ARE): THE SPIRIT **INDEED IS WILLING** (your trueself is the Christ - you are Spirit, and are here to the will of the Father), **BUT THE FLESH IS** <u>WEAK</u> (the flesh is your selfwill/carnal mind, and is enmity against God)."

Sometimes God has to come and wake us up again, because we fall back into yielding to the self-will, forget who we are, and fall asleep again. The self-will is what makes you go to sleep again. I hope you're hearing this, because if you listen to this over and over - meditate on it and digest it to where it becomes part of you - you'll begin to come out of that state of amnesia and awakened to your true-self. What I have been hearing over the years, is that God has been doing an awakening in the mind. Each truth is to awaken a part of your mind that's been in darkness and has caused you to lose sight of who you are – Christ in the earth!

All of mankind is trying to find out who they are. All the kids these days are trying to identify themselves with someone to look up to, i.e., their favorite basketball player, movie star, singer, etc.. They are trying to put on some kind of image and want to be identified with something that they are not. But, the only image that we're to put on is the image of Christ!

They do this for attention, acceptance, and out of ignorance because they don't know who they really are. They don't know who their true-selves are! They're trying to find something with which to identify - but they'll never be satisfied until they come to know, and identify themselves with Christ! They must come to the place where they wake up every morning realizing that they are not a natural human being but that their true-selves are supernatural Spirit beings!

People generally look at you the same way. They only see the natural person standing in front of them - but that's not the real you. You are a Spiritual being – YOU ARE CHRIST IN THE EARTH! And when you come to understand what that really means, you will also understand that you are the Father. WE ARE ONE!

You see, the disciples were always looking for the Father. They would ask Jesus all kinds of questions about the Father, and

in John 14:7-9 He said, "If ye had known me, ye should have known the Father also: and from henceforth YE KNOW HIM, AND HAVE SEEN HIM. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus said unto him, HAVE I BEEN SO LONG TIME WITH YOU, AND YET HAST THOU NOT KNOWN ME, Philip, <u>HE THAT HATH</u> <u>SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE</u> FATHER ... " And in John 10:30 in speaking with the people there, He said, "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE."

That's the way creation and even many Christians are to this day! They don't know who they are! They don't know who He is, and they're still trying to figure God out!

Well, let me tell you – there is a people that is beginning to walk in the oneness of God like never before - and the world is going to see the Father again! He is getting ready to step out on stage for all creation to see. He's been saying for sometime now that the stage is set - that His time is closer than we think! This is when the manifestation of the Sons of God will take place, but the manifestation won't happen until the Sons of God have fully awakened as to who they are!

> ... To be continued in "Harmony And Oneness" (Part 3)