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Apostle Peter in his writings to the church made it clear to us that we are redeemed and got saved by the precious blood of Jesus that shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He told that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus, from the worthless traditional things that we received from our forefather: ***“18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19 KJV)*** We believed God who raised Jesus on the third day, ***“21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.” (1 Peter 1:21 KJV)*** And the blood of Jesus redeems us from the worthless traditional practices and the wrong doctrine of life that we received from our forefathers. ***Therefore, if we practice anything, for example in marriage, in our families and in raising up our children, using the tradition of our forefathers then we are becoming against Jesus.***

Apostle Peter described to the church and to us today, that their souls and our souls were purified by the Spirit, when they and we started to obey the truth showing that through a true and pure love toward the brethren, ***“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” (1 Peter 1:22 KJV)*** You can see clearly that ***holiness and sanctification will take place when we, the people of God, will start to obey the truth as the Holy Spirit brings to us God’s Word.***

The sign of conversion and purification is when we will start to love the brethren and God’s church more than our family ties and our relationships outside the family of faith, and that what apostle Peter mean when he said unfeigned love of the brethren, and he encouraged them and us today to continue to do so.

Apostle Peter described to us that we are born again by the Word of God that live and abide in us forever. Everything around us will perish and disappear, but the Word of God stand for ever, and this is the Word which is preached by the gospel. ***“23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” (1 Peter 1:23 KJV)*** ***Born again experience will take place when the soul hear, accept and believe on God’s Word that he heard. Apostle Peter with such description stressed on us to***

use the Word of God in evangelism and preaching to the people because the Word of God lives forever, neither perish nor fade. ***“24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:24-25 KJV)***

Apostle Peter further in his teaching and instructions to the disciples he continued to combat sin and gradually brought them to the same Scripture that Jesus used, as we can read here:

“1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:1-8 KJV)

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking.” (1 Peter 2:1 KJV) ***He instructed them and us today to move away from sins, as malice, guile and bitterness, hypocrisies, envies and evil speaking. He confronted them and us today with the sins that they and we need to repent and renounce.***

In addition, as we endeavor to reach the lost, we need also to send the message to those who control them and hinder them from coming to God. Who usually manipulate the lost souls and God’s church with corrupted practices and lies to perpetuate their politics in order to continue to enslave the people.

“2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 2:2 KJV) ***He instructed them and us today that we need to desire the sincere milk, the Word of God so that we will grow normally and will be cleansed from sin, evil and traditional worthless practices.***

“3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” (1 Peter 2:3 KJV) He reminded them and us today, ***that the Lord had been gracious to them and to us and had done great miracles to them and to us, therefore the more we need to be faithful to Him.*** Jesus had been faithful to every soul that He had introduced Himself in doing lot of miracles and gracious acts, therefore the more, every believer in Jesus, need to be accountable to what had been received from Him.

“4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious.” (1 Peter 2:4 KJV) Peter here is bringing Christ as a living stone, who is the living Word of God, and this reminding us that ***we need not to follow the example of others who rejected Christ and refused allowing Him to enter and be the Lord over their lives. But to allow Christ to rule over our lives and consider Him a living stone, a precious stone, a head stone of the corner, and the Lord over our lives.***

Apostle Peter brought to them the same Scripture that Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the Pharisees, ***“22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. 23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.” (Psalm 118:22-23 KJV)*** *We need to be careful not to reject Christ or His Word, lest we will found ourselves one day rejected and outside His church. Those who use principles and practices of the world, they are truly disallowing Christ to be the Lord over their life, family and ministry.* They disallowed Christ as Peter said, ***“disallowed indeed of men.” (1 Peter 2:4 KJV)*** But inspite of that God's church will not be affected. They are the one will be finding themselves outside God's church, because God will not change His Word and He will not have respect for men, for inspite people rejection to Chirst, but Christ is still ***“chosen of God, and precious.” (1 Peter 2:4 KJV)***

“5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5 KJV) *As He is a living stone, we need to be the same like Him, a lively stone, baptized with the Word of God, living the Word, so we will be fit to be used to build up a spiritual house, and to be holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices of prayers and deeds that God is praised with through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Church of God before being baptized with the Holy Ghost is baptized with the Word of God. Peter was baptized with God's Word before he was filled with the Holy Ghost. In the Day of Pentecost, Peter stood and delivered a sermon filled with Scripture, that was store in his heart, and brought to his attention and his mouth to utter by the Holy Ghost.

Apostle Peter moved in the Scriptures as Jesus moved to deal with those who would oppose Christ and His teaching. He wrote, ***“6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.” (1 Peter 2:6 KJV)*** Peter brought to the attention what is written in the Old Testament about Christ as a foundation stone laid in Zion, that describes Christ clearly, ***“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.” (Isaiah 28:16 KJV)*** *Those among them, and today among us who believe on Him shall not make haste, or be shaken or move away from Him; They and we shall not be shaken or confounded with trials or enemies.*

Christ is not only a foundation stone, He is ***“A tried stone.” (Isaiah 28:16 KJV)*** People cannot use their own understanding, neither the worthless tradition of their forefathers, nor the worldly pagan practices for life, but only Christ, for He is tried and His Word is tried and is fruitful. Christ is also ***“A precious corner stone.” (Isaiah 28:16 KJV)*** God will not replaced Him for the sake of people wishes and desires to keep the worthless worldly practices.

Peter further described those who believe and those who does not believe on Christ, ***“7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:7-8 KJV)*** *Those who believe on Christ, His Word is precious to them and they are keen to keep it and live it and live on it. They are keen to fight for it, and they are even keen to be persecuted for it.*

But those who rejects Christ and are disobedient to His Word, they are disallowing Christ's Word to rule in their lives, but Christ is still the head of the corner, and one day as they continue to disobey they will find themselves out of God's Church, and the very Word of Jesus will judge them; it shall be, “And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (1 Peter 2:8 KJV) That is the same of what Jesus answered with the chief priests and the Pharisees who were opposing Him and disallowed His Word in their lives, ***“And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.” (Matthew 21:44 KJV)*** The Word of God it will be a stumbling stone that those who fall on it will be broken, and those who continue to disobey, the Word of God will be a stone of offense that will fall on them and grind them into powder. That also goes along what is written in *Isaiah 8:14* ***“And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 8:14 KJV)*** Christ Word will be a stone of stumbling, a rock of offence, a gin and a snare. The Hebrews word for gin is ‘Pach’, which means trap, snare, or calamity. The Hebrews word for snare is ‘Mowqesh’, which mean a snare. That will be really the effect of Christ Word on those who refuse to comply with His Word; they will be trapped and fall in a snare, and will not be able to come out from it till they repent from all their sins and start to obey the Word of truth.

Jesus said, ***“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48 KJV)*** Putting also in our minds that Christ Word will not be passed away, ***“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:18 KJV)*** so it will bring the effect that intend for it to do in the lives of those who believe in the form of regeneration and new birth, and in the lives of those disobey in the form of deterioration and destruction.

My dear and beloved:

Born again experience will take place when the Word of God that you heard, you accepted and you believed.

Holiness and sanctification are what God wants you to achieve in your lives, and that will take place when you will start to obey the truth as the Holy Spirit brings to you God's Word.

You should not be becoming against Christ by practicing the tradition of your forefathers in life for example in marriage, in the life of the family, in raising your children, and in handling your finances.

Before you evangelize you need to be a good example to others in obeying Christ and in abiding in His Word. You need to read the Word of God, meditate on God's Wod and you need to live it, so others can see it.

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My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord. Lord I renounce the following sins

Lord I thank you for your Word that caused me to repent from malice, guile and bitterness, hypocrisies, envies and evil speaking and the sins of practicing the tradition of my forefathers in life

Lord thank you for your Word that you sent to me, calling me to live in holiness and to spend my life serving you. Lord I commit myself to study Your Word, hiding them in my heart, applying them in my life, teaching and imparting them to others. Lord I abide with your will and plan to deliver the message that you want me to deliver. Lord I am willing to go to the people that you want me to reach out.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you, to evangelize and to proclaim your Word and your will. Lord gives me boldness to speak the precise Word that you want me to speak. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry. Lord I trust you to protect me and provide for me as I go forward to spread your Word to the lost world. Lord hides me from wicked people. Lord I am trusting You my future and my life.

Lord I pray for my Brothers an Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize and to live their lives to you. Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord gives them boldness to stand firm and to abide with your Word and to do your will in full. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide all their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel, impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to preach boldly your Word and to do the very thing that you wants us to do.

Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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