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Chapter 20 Part 1

Please be patient and read the following scripture, for in this scripture is life and the truth of life. It brings all life and without it there is no life. Everyone's life needs to be based on this, for in this is how God would have everyone live. Jesus spent a lot of time on this and 3 chapters in the Gospel of John.

Note: Whenever italics and underlined is in the scripture, it is my addition to show more information or revelation.

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. **Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.** [11] Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.** [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.

JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (the Helper-Berkeley Version), to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

JN 14:22 "Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

JN 14:23 "Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him. [24] He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching.

These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.”

JN 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] **But the Counselor (the Helper-Berkeley Version), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.** [27] Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

JN 14:28 "You heard Me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. [29] I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. [30] I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on Me, [31] but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me.

"Come now; let us leave.

JN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] ***You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.*** [4] Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] **If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.** [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.”

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] **Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.** [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. **Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.** [16] **You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit**

that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other.

JN 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. [19] **If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.** [20] Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours also. [21] They will treat you this way because of My name, for they do not know the One who sent Me. [22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. [23] He who hates Me hates My Father as well. [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated Me without reason.'"

JN 15:26 "When the Counselor (Helper) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. [27] And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning."

JN 16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. [2] They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. [3] They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. [4] I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you."

JN 16:5 "Now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (Helper) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. [8] When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

JN 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] **But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.** [14] He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. [15] All that

belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.”

JN 16:16 "In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me."

JN 16:17 “Some of His disciples said to one another, "What does He mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" [18] They kept asking, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what He is saying."

JN 16:19 “Jesus saw that they wanted to ask Him about this, so He said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me'? [20] I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. [21] A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. [22] So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. [23] **In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [24] Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.**”

JN 16:25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about My Father. [26] In that day you will ask in My name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. [27] No, the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. [28] I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

JN 16:29 “Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. [30] Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

JN 16:31 "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. [32] "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for My Father is with Me.”

JN 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

20.1 If you remain in Me

It seems that most of this is easily understood. But this one sentence has been a mind boggler.

. John 15:7 **If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.**

So for many, many, many years I have prayed to understand this sentence. Wouldn't it be great if you could ask whatever you wished and God would do it? It seems that the key to being able to understand how to be able to pray what you wished is in this part

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you.

Or the Berkeley Version says

If you remain in Me and I remain in you, then you can ask what you want and it will be given to you.

My question has always been, "How do I do that?"

If we, the children of God, remain in Jesus, and if Jesus remains in us...

So I have been seeking how to do this. Recently He has been revealing to us how we can do that.

The answer is in 2 parts as He says above John 15: 13, 14.

1. You are My friends (Children of God) (or you love Me) if you do what I command.
2. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends

20.2 How do you love God—Be Humble

God has shown us His definition of humble: **To be humble is to obey God even unto your death, even unto your shame, even unto your humility; even to your disgrace in mans eyes.**

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True humility comes from God. It is the spirit of humility that we receive from the Holy Spirit. It is the willingness of this type of obedience that opens the door to the Holy Spirit to instill this spirit of Humbleness in you, but you must still receive it. It is when you make the decision to be obedient even unto death, and the decision to allow God to be God in your life, and the decision to let God fight your fights, and to be your witness, One who will convince everyone who you are and what He wants for you; and so you do not need to honk you own horn or prove to anyone that He is in you, that He is with you, that He has chosen you and loves you, that you are precious in His eyes and that He will tell the world that He loves you and has chosen you.

When you decide to have faith in Him for this, then the Spirit of Humility, will come and live in you and with you.

To be humble is to allow God to live in you in the Spirit of Humility. And when He does, He will show His love for you. But when His love is in you, then you will love Him more.

That is how we know we love God

John 15:15 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] **This is My command: Love each other.**"

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1JN 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the **One who is in you is greater than the One who is in the world.** [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."

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the world that we might live through Him. [10] This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12] No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.”

1JN 4:13 “We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. [14] And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. [15] If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in Him and He in God. [16] And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. [17] In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like Him. [18] There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

If God’s Spirit lives in us, then we have love. This is the whole purpose of everything God does: to live in us and for us to live in His love. But how do we do that, by being pure and holy. Why? Because God is love.

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1JN 4:19 “We love because He first loved us. [20] If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. [21] And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

So everything God does is to remove the evil in our lives. First Jesus sacrificed Himself so that God can forgive us, which then He can give us the Gift of Life and everything else is to cleanse, purify us to make us holy for Him to live in us.

How do we do that? Well then you need to read this manual again; but mostly you need to read, meditate and allow the Spirit to write the Word of the Lord on your heart.

The other is that if we love God, we will be willing to lay down our lives for one another like He did. But what is it to lay down your life for another, it is being humble to God.

LK 14:7 “When He noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: [8] "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. [9] If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. [10] But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, He will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. [11] For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LK 9:23 “Then He said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. [24] **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it.** [25] What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? [26] If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. [27] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God.”

True humility is this, that one is willing to obey God at all costs, even if it causes his death. For only by obedience will we be truly righteous to God, and if we obey God, we are loving Him.

JAS 4:4 “You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. [5] Or do you think Scripture says without reason that

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the spirit He caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But He gives us more grace.
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That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud (haughty-Berkeley Version)
but gives grace to the humble."

Similarly...

1PE 5:5 “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

*"God opposes the proud (haughty-Berkeley Version)
but gives grace to the humble."*

1PE 5:6 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

1PE 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert (have the attitude). Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

Note: This scripture does not say to always attack or cast out evil or to do anything but to stand firm in the Lord in faith and to obey Him. Why? Because if you rest in the Lord and your destiny, you will realize that the devil cannot devour you, God will not let him, it is not your destiny to be devoured for having faith in God, and that faith releases God to fight for you.

Then we will remain in Him and He will live in us, then we can ask what we will, and it shall be done.

JAS 3:17 “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18] Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

JAS 4:1 “What causes fights and quarrels among you? **Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?** [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

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So what do these wrong desires create in you? Do they not allow other evil desires (feelings) to come into you? And again what are these desires and feeling? As we have discussed, they are evil spirits allowed in your heart when you let them open the window of your heart to them.

So when a person who is controlled by these evil spirits comes against you, with their selfish and destructive intent; will arguing, reasoning, or using logic stop them? Evil's intent for them is the destruction of both of you. How can reason, or use logic to stop evil that is intent on your destruction? It cannot.

There is only one source that can stop this evil, and that is the Lord. Only He and His word has power over them. So why are you fighting the Lord's battle. Why are you trying to use your futile strength or puny mind to battle the forces of evil?

I was reminded when I came against these evil forces how the Lord defeated them, He use 2 of us and we only used He word as the Holy Spirit guided or lead us to use. These scriptural words finally got through the evil spirit and it fled, leaving the person free to choose the Lord or not. But it is an eerie feeling after a long battle and it leaves: silence. It is like tug-a-war and the other side just lets go.

Then once the evil thing left, we were able to finally talk salvation, the Lord would be able to touch his heart (like He did me) and he would pray the sinner's prayer. Praise the Lord.

But we could only do it when we were anointed with the Holy Spirit. We did not take anything from the evil spirit personally, because it was all a lie. Why should we believe the lie of an evil spirit? NOT.

When the person, even a Christian, is disobedient, it opens windows to their heart and evil spirits come in and take over. So even though they are sick we might hate that sickness, we cannot kill the person to destroy the sickness.

EPH 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. *(Even Christians can be disobedient, which open windows and allows these evil forces in.)* [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his

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kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

So this is when the Lord calls us to turn the other cheek or to love your enemy (at this time that person possessed is your enemy) in order to save that person and remove the evil spirit.

We must save the person; therefore, we must remove the evil with in. We must be anointed with the special love of God, the special patience of God, the special and extreme kindness of God, the very gentle touch of God and finally the wonderful peace of God that surpasses understanding. Because when dealing with a possessed person, you cannot understand them, which removes all normal peace, you must have the special peace of God or you will both loose.

So if you cannot do this, then you must leave with grace and humility. This does not mean they won, although the evil spirit will try to convince them that they have. They might have won that battle, but the Lord will win the war. It is better to humbly leave then to fight a loosing battle. It is true that it is humiliating to back down, but the consequences are worse.

MT 16:24 "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.** [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done."

This is true for all situations. To allow oneself to be humiliated is to loose his life for God. For that humiliation, God will reward you. To not fight the evil spirit in a person is humiliating, and giving up your life so that the other person can live. Allowing yourself to be humiliated for another's life is fulfilling God's commands.

Why do you need to fight God's fight? Unless you are sure He is asking you to do this and has anointed you or promised to anoint you, then do not do it.

AC 19:11 "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

AC 19:13 "Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-

possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." [14] Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. [15] **One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" [16] Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding."**

This is what will happen to all who try to fight evil spirits without God's anointing, which again only comes from being righteousness, which is a person being obedience to God.

To be prepared for spiritual warfare you must be righteous, being obedient and being faithful in Him, or be willingly obedient, not grudgingly obedient having a happy heart in being obedient, or lately we are calling it "Resting In Your Destiny."

20.3 Desires of Your Heart

MT 12:30 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. [31] And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. [32] Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

MT 12:33 "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. [34] You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? **For out of the overflow (abundance—Berkeley) of the heart the mouth speaks.** [35] The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. [36] But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. [37] **For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."**

We see here, that what is truly in your heart is what you will truly speak. This is one way We (God and Christians) know who really is born again. But here in this chapter we are focusing on how to store up in our heart that which will please God and that will bring out Godly words and will always bring glory to God in what we say and do.

JAS 3:3 "When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. [4] Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. [5] **Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.** Consider

what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. [6] **The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**”

JAS 3:7 “All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, [8] but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”

JAS 3:9 “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. [10] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. [11] Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? [12] My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

So from the abundance of our heart we will speak, but speaking is done by the tongue, yet that tongue when speaking from the abundance of evil in the heart, can set **“set(s) the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**

But the opposite is also true, that if the abundance of the heart is full of the desire for the Lord then God will give you your hearts desire (a heart that now can be guided by the Holy Spirit).

PS 20:4 “May He give you the **desire of your heart** and make all your plans succeed.”

PS 20:5 “We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.”

PS 20:6 “Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of His right hand”

PS 21:1 “O LORD, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in the victories You give!”

PS 21:2 “You have granted him **the desire of his heart** and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah”

PS 21:3 “You welcomed him with rich blessings And placed a crown of pure gold on his head.”

PS 21:4 “He asked You for life, and You gave it to him--

length of days, forever and ever.”

20.3.1 What desires are in your heart?

But the mysterious question is how to we become holy and pure to allow God to live in us and so allowing God to be able to grant us the desire of our heart? Well the way is not too hard but the process is a little more difficult, but with God’s help all is possible.

The key is that from the abundance of your heart your mouth will speak. For us if our abundance is God or the desire for God, then from that abundance God can work. So we need to change and clean our heart. We discussed Window Control in chapter 4 and we discussed in Chapter 11 about sin. We understand the principle of what and why, but now we can add how to the method of obeying God.

Likewise, this key is how to keep your heart full of the Holy Spirit. The way to keep Him is by not sinning. So lets try to review how sin comes into our hearts.

JAS 1:12 “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.”

JAS 1:13 “When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; [14] **but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**”

MK 4:13 “Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? [14] The farmer sows the Word. [15] Some people are like seed along the path, where the Word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the Word that was sown in them. [16] Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the Word and at once receive it with joy. [17] But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the Word, they quickly fall away. [18] **Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the Word; [19] but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the Word, making it unfruitful.** [20] Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the Word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.”

2PE 2:4 “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; [5] if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of

righteousness, and seven others; [6] if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; [7] and if He rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men [8] for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard-- [9] if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. [10] **This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.**”

Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; [11] yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. [12] But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.”

Note: Here is the definition of Lawlessness.

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] **All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.** [4] But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

GAL 5:16 “**So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.** [17] **For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.** [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”

GAL 5:19 “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21]

and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

GAL 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] **Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.** [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

Note: Here again are the lists of both Spiritual feelings, feelings from the Holy Spirit and feelings from evil spirits.

EPH 4:17 “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. [18] **They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.** [19] Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.”

EPH 4:20 “You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] **You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;** [23] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

RO 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. [17] For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: **“The righteous will live by faith.”**”

RO 1:18 “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, [19] since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. [20] For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

RO 1:21 “For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Although they claimed to be wise, they

became fools [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.”

RO 1:24 **“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.** [25] They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.”

RO 1:26 “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. [27] In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”

RO 1:28 “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. [29] They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, [30] slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; [31] they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. [32] Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

Now as you can see that the one common point is all of these scriptures of sin, is that all sin started with them having some kind of deceitful, sinful and unnatural desire. And if you look closely, you will see that all of these things we caused by a decision. They decided to agree or go with these desires.

Here are a couple of scriptures as to how to change or remove these desires.

HEB 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes (desires) of the heart. [13] Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

HEB 4:14 “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. [16] Let us then

approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

RO 13:11 “And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

RO 8:5 “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

RO 8:9 “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. [10] But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.”

RO 8:12 “Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, [14] because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

RO 6:11 “In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. [12] Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. [13] Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the

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parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. [14] For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”

RO 6:15 “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey Him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. [18] You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”

1CO 12:27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. [28] And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? [30] Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? [31] But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And now I will show you the most excellent way.

1CO 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1CO 14:1 “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. [2] For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. [3] But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. [4] He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. [5] I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.”

So it is possible to decide to desire things of God. It is possible to change your mind and decide to desire from God: God's love, God's mercy, God's peace, in essence, everything of God. We need to ask for forgiveness and then repent. The repentance is to change, and here the change is to desire things of God. This way you can replace the evil, deceitful, lying desires in you heart, with the desire of the things of God.

Now that you have the things of God in your heart, and that only comes from the Holy Spirit, which means that the Holy Spirit is always living in your heart; this in turn puts you in the position for the Lord to now give you the desire of your heart, because that desire is for God. He is always willing to give you Himself.

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Here are some other scriptures that help you to understand what good desires are for you.

PHP 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! [5] Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

PHP 4:8 “**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think (put your mind on these) about such things. [9] Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**”

1CO 10:31 “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. [32] Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- [33] even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. [1] Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

RO 14:19 “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. [20] Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. [21] It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.”

RO 14:22 “So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. [23] **But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.**”

20.3.2 Changing your desires

So how do we do this? Again we decide that we do not have these desires but we want them; we ask for forgiveness, and we repent (want to change; better yet we decide to desire to change) and we pray as the two scriptures below say, because we cannot change our desires ourselves that was born in us and evil constantly hammering and pounding on us to follow the evil desires, but as Heb 4 says that the word of God is shaper then any double-edged sword that can penetrate our thoughts and attitudes (the desires within us).

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When He does penetrate, He can remove the old and remake with the new desires of God. So we need to pray our true desire, our desire for God and He will come in and start removing these un-godly desires in us and replacing it with His.

EPH 4:20 “You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] You were taught, **with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] **to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**”

This is done by faith. We decide to believe God and we decide to trust Him with our very heart and we deciding to ask God to renew your mind and heart.

John 16:23 “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [24] Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

This is of course Jesus talking to His disciples before He is crucified.

HEB 4:12 “**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes (desires) of the heart.**

[13] Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Then nothing can stand in our way for God to give us the desires of our heart. Then we will live without sin and we will live with GOD.

The rest is in Part 2.

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