

# Holy of Holies

## Chapter 4

Lets start this discussion with a little understanding. The purpose of God using this concept is for us, in our minds, to understand today the spiritual concept of what it is like to become one with God; how this happens and why.

For me, God has used the Old Testament practice of the Holy of Holies to understand the seriousness of living in the presence of God, the process of climbing up, entering into His realm and being in the presence of God, and why He desires this so much.

Understanding how everyone is able to ascend into the Holy of Holies shows many things and helps us to understand and perceive what is God's purpose. So today, as in the old times, many people are offered the opportunity to go into the Holy of Holies. But only a few were able to make it. Like today, this was open to everyone. And many tried to get there. But most failed to pass the tests. They wanted to, but for whatever reason, they failed. They would go as high and as close to God as they can. So like today, John 14, 15, and 16, makes it certain and clear that all are called to come into the presence of God, we are all called to become one with God, but not all can make it, for it is the smallest of narrow roads that leads to the One-ness with God. It is not automatic. We are saved, yes, but that is not One-ness with God; that is being born again, it is receiving a new, clean and pure spirit from God, and everyone can be baptized in the Holy Spirit where the Holy Spirit lives and fills our every being with Himself and He helps us live our daily life and to help us live in the blessings of God, but that is still not One-ness with the Lord God our Father.

What is this One-ness with the Lord? It is a special gift of God for those who are willing to dedicate all steps in their life and to be a living sacrifice to the Lord. To be one with Him and to live for Him and always obey Him. And when we finally come to that place, He will reward us with this One-ness with Him and open the Kingdom of God to us and reveal all of Himself and His Kingdom to us. Only at this point will we touch His heart and move Him and fulfill this scripture:

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.**"

Holy of Holies is where God lived in the Old Testament. That is where the Ark of the Covenant lived, and so there was God. In the Holy of Holies a curtain surrounded the Ark. Only the Chief Priest could go into that curtained area and stand before the Ark—stand before God and live. If any one else tried, they died. Only the one, who was chosen, purified and clean, could stand before the Ark.

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The Holy of Holies was at the top of the temple and it was in the center, above of the Inner Court of the temple, which was at the center, above and surrounded by the Outer Court of the temple, which was above surrounded by the Temple grounds. Anyone could enter the temple grounds. But only the priests could enter the Outer Court, and then only a few chosen High Priests could enter the inner court and then only the Chief Priest could enter the Holy of Holies. Each step up required the person to go through a cleansing and purification with the right heart, mind and spirit before they could get close to God.

Then the moment Jesus died, it all changed. When He died the curtain was torn in half. The Spirit of God that resided in the Holy of Holies was released to the world for anyone through faith to receive and so have the opportunity to stand before God.

But now, like then, we still have to go through cleansing and purifying to stand before the Ark of the Covenant and before the Living God. God has shown me that today to get into the Spiritual Holy of Holies, we must pass tests, like Jesus did; you know that many of the things He did was as an example for us to do. He really did not need to do them, but God had Him do it all so that we could relate to a person like ourselves. He showed me that as we ascend up to the top of the temple where the Holy of Holies was, we had to enter through some very narrow gates, and He had placed powerful angles at the entrance of that gate. They guarded it and only those who passed the test could enter. In fact He showed me that after one who was seeking the Holy of Holies passed their test, the angles would pick that person up and carry them to the next level, as if going to the next level was a reward for passing the test. That is why some people, like me, did not realize that they were actually living in the Holy of Holies when they were.

John 14, 15 and 16 talks about this. Mostly it is this.

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."

"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you..." I have been seeking all my Christian life to understand this. I have been seeking to find out "How" to do this. This is the secret of Spiritually standing in the presence of God. Only the Chief Priest could do this in the Old Testament. But now we can all be Chief Priests.

1PE 2:8 "and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for."

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1PE 2:9 “But you are a chosen people, *a royal priesthood*, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

I believe that this Royal Priesthood means that, like King David, we can stand in the Holy of Holies. He is the only one who was not an official Chief Priest and stood before the Ark of God and not only lived but spoke with God but was also heard. God heard David’s confession and pleas for his people and God forgave him his sins, and He healed the land and people.

David went through the purification and cleansing to be received by God at the Ark in the Holy of Holies.

As the Chief Priests did physically, we who are a chosen people and a Royal Priest, we need to do it spiritually also, so that we can fulfill the scripture “If you remain in Me and My words remain in you”. Remember, that Jesus is the word of God made flesh, and then He was made immortal in His resurrection. His presence is made in us through His oneness with the Holy Spirit, and it is the Holy Spirit that lives within us with our purified and cleansed spirit through the blood of Jesus.

After the Chief Priest visited God in the Holy of Holies, he would emerge “Anointed” by God’s presence. Like Moses, when he came down from the mountain after living in the presence of God, he was also greatly “Anointed”.

EX 34:27 “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” [28] Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant--the Ten Commandments.”

EX 34:29 “When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that **his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD**. [30] When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, **his face was radiant**, and they were afraid to come near him. [31] But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. [32] Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.”

EX 34:33 “When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. [34] But whenever he entered the LORD’s presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, [35] **they saw that his face was radiant**. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.”

We need to be anointed and live in His anointing after we emerge from our spiritual time in the presence of God when we stand in the Holy of Holies. This is done spiritually any time and

anywhere. We have the right to be able to stand in the presence of God. When we live, we live in His “Anointing” and in this anointing, His words remain in you. This is not just an anointing that helps us to live a Christian life; it is “The Anointing” of Christ. The same one that Jesus received after He prophesied it in the Synagogue when He read Isaiah 61. “The Anointing” that came on Him that He used to minister by. His ministry did not start until after this prophecy was fulfilled and He lived in His “Anointing”.

LK 4:16 “He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. [17] The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

LK 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me,  
because He has anointed Me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,

LK 4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."”

LK 4:20 “Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, [21] and He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."”

Only now did His ministry begin as He shows us in John before He went through the testing period.

JN 2:1 “On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, [2] and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3] When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

JN 2:4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "**My time has not yet come.**"

JN 2:5 “His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

JN 2:6 “Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.”

JN 2:7 “Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.”

JN 2:8 “Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, [9] and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside [10] and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

JN 2:11 "This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him."

If His words remain in you, then that means that you **have** everything of God. You know everything of God and the Kingdom of God.

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."

Jesus did not say or do anything on His own, but only the words and deeds that came from our Father, which came through "The Anointing" on and in Him through the Holy Spirit.

Likewise we are able to do the same.

JN 14:[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."

How can this be? Well we remain in Him and His words remain in us, then we will do what He wants, like He did what the Father wants. So we will only do what the Father wants. This is the only way to fulfill this, but more below on how.

Here is the clincher to this statement of John 14:14 above.

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 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."

Like you are one with yourself in your spirit, and you will only do what is best for yourself and obey yourself, so it is with being one with our Father through the Holy Spirit. This is how God knows that when we ask things of God, we are being obedient to ourselves in our spirit and we are being obedient to God through His spirit.

This happens as He says that “On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me,…” After you seek and search and pray and are cleansed and purified, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you the truth of being one with God as Jesus was one with God, and that They are one with you, then His Anointing will be on you and you will know all things of God. Then and only then will your ministry begin too. To me I believe that our ministry is to fulfill His final request to all Christians.

MK 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [17] And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.””

### How do We Enter?

In the last year God has been showing us how to do this. He has shown us that there are 4 steps that we must accomplish before He will allow us to truly come into the special presence of God as in the Holy of Holies.

1. Repent, forgiveness, born again.

We all know this, it is what we all do to be saved, but not just once but always; to keep the windows closed and to keep evil out of us. All the other chapters discuss this.

2. Take up our cross.

Again this is not just a once in our life but every day, every hour and every minute. To be willing to sacrifice ourselves, our family and our way of life is to live on the cross.

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.”

This can only be done if you trust God to do what is best for you and your family. Just like Abraham did when he was willing to sacrifice Isaac. He was willing to obey God even to the death of his only child. Even though Isaac was the child that God had promised to make a mighty nation through him for his faithfulness to God.

Are you willing to lay down your life for a friend like Jesus did?

3. To be willing to be willing.

This is that we might not want to do what it takes to live a holy and pure life, we are only human. But God says that He will help us to maintain this type of life if we are willing to allow Him to change us and make us willing to live this kind of life. This can only happen if we are living on the cross. This is that we are willing to sacrifice all that we want, and need and willing to do, to be obedient to God. That we are willing to be obedient to God because we love Him. This fulfills JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command." You need to be willing to be obedient to God. If not then God is faithful to us in that if we pray for His help, He will help us change, our mind or heart, to become willing to be obedient to Him, even unto our, or our family's death. That we are willing to be willing to be obedient even if it looks silly, shameful or humiliating, or even foolish.

4. Be righteous by being obedient to God.

Now that you have allowed God to change you to be willing to be obedient, do it. In so you fulfill another scripture.

MT 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. [29] Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. [30] If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **[33] But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

This is showing your willingness to want to follow God and to be willing to be righteous. But to be righteous is to be obedient.

JAS 2:20 "You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? [21] **Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?** [22] You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. [23] And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "**Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him**

**as righteousness,"** and he was called God's friend. [24] You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone."

JAS 2:25 "In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? [26] As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."

They were considered righteous by their obedience to God. So to fulfill the fourth step to the Holy of Holies, you must act out of obedience of God. This also fulfills another scripture.

HEB 3:7 "So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear His voice,

HEB 3:8 do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion,  
during the time of testing in the desert,

HEB 3:9 where your fathers tested and tried Me  
and for forty years saw what I did.

HEB 3:10 "That is why I was angry with that generation,  
and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,  
and they have not known My ways.'"

HEB 3:11 "So I declared on oath in My anger,  
'They shall never enter My rest.' "

HEB 3:12 "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. [13] But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. [14] We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. [15] As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion."

HEB 3:16 "Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? [17] And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? [18] And to whom did God swear that they would never enter His rest if not to those who disobeyed? [19] So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief."



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Even Jesus went through this. Remember Jesus, was only “Anointed” after He returned from the desert where He lived for 40 days and nights. During this time He was put to the test and He endured all that they we did when they we driven out into the desert. He was tested to see if He would harden His heart in rebellion against God. And so after passing this test of purification He then received His anointing.

So like Jesus and the Jews before Him, you too will be put to the test to see how your heart really is with God. Will you harden it too, or will you pass the test and be purified.

When this happens, then He will fulfill His greatest need in us.

JN 15:26 "When the Counselor 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."

When you are one with God it will be only natural to testify for and about God. The Holy Spirit which is one with our spirit cannot keep quite, He always wants to Testify about God.

Only those who pass this test can truly be purified and cleansed to be able to walk into the Holy of Holies as a Royal Priest with all rights and duties of a Royal Son/Daughter of God. Only then will you really be one with God and be able to fulfill the great commission. Then you will receive “The Anointing” of Christ and will fulfill the greatest part of life with God.

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."

You will have everything that belongs to Jesus, which is everything that belongs to God. You will know everything, see everything and understand everything. All will be yours when you walk into and live in the Holy of Holies. Now you can ask what you want and it will be done for you by your heavenly Father, for what you want is what He wants, and He always does what He wants.

### **Holy of Holies Forever?**

In short, NO! Striving for it, definitely YES. Here is why. Simply put, we are human and we have a free will. We are easily deceived and so it takes time for God to reveal all to us. Until that time, we make mistakes and fail.

Only Jesus was perfect and did not make mistakes or fail. But He is God. So we need time and we need to grow our faith one step at a time. We have to decide to believe, to trust and obey at least once for all things. Nothing is automatic, we are not machines, we are not robots. We love and feel. So that makes us vulnerable, but that is how God made us. He knew that in doing this, He would have to

accept the bad about us along with the good in us. That is what makes us human. And that is why He has said that if we were willing to ask for forgiveness and repent, He would forgive us 7 time 70.

That is His Grace and mercy. Like the old and new testament. The old was under the merciless law, and the new is under His grace full of mercy. To that end, He was willing to and did die a most horrible death for us.

So with this in mind, it is almost impossible (almost because nothing is impossible with God) for us to always stay in the Holy of Holies. But once you have been there, the natural desire is to return.

God once told me, that where evil is, He cannot be. Either the evil has to leave or He will. So when we sin, and allow evil to enter into us: our heart, thus, He leaves our heart, but He does not abandon us, He just does not live in us. Now please to not take this wrong, I am not saying that He forsakes us, He just goes out side of our heart until we ask for forgives and we repent then He comes back in. When we are in the Holy of Holies and we sin, He will not leave His house, so He removes us instead. Like in the temple above, we are removed from the Holy of Holies and placed back in the Court Yard.

Once there, then He has the Holy Spirit draw us again to return to the Holy of Holies. That is where He wants all to be. So we start to climb the steps of the temple again. We start by going seeking God to find out were we went wrong and what was our sin or trespass and then we go through the first step again, of forgiveness and repentance. Then we seek God to find out who to put it on the cross and leave it there. This is followed by seeking the Lord as to how to be willing to allow Him to change this in us, and finally we seek and be obedient as to His will. At that point like before, He will reward us by the angles taking us back into the Holy of Holies where we can stand in His presence again.

The first time He removed me from there was a shock. I felt that He did forsake me. I felt that I was in this dark deep and cold ugly pit. I could not hear Him or sense His presence. I felt alone and deserted. I was scared and cold. Then one day, was reading revelations 3

REV 3:7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

"These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open. [8] I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. **I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.** [9] I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars--I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. [10] Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

REV 3:11 "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. [12] Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from My God;

and I will also write on him My new name. [13] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

From my pit the word of the Lord came to me in this scripture. “I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.”

He said that He was so happy with me that even though I was in this terrible pit, I did not deny His name. And for that He was going to reward me. He took me back in to His high place, His Holy of Holies again.

So He knows we are not perfect, that is why He has created life this way. This way we can be close to Him; we can have this One-ness with Him, for a time, until we fail again. But then He is willing go lead us back up steps, this time stronger in faith, into His presence in His Holy of Holies. It is a cycle, that is worth while going through, for every time we go through this cycle, we stay longer and longer and longer in His presence in His Holy of Holies.

As we, Christians, grow up and we mature to the point were we are able to reach the Holy of Holies, one of the blessings that come with that achievement is the next level of protection of the Lord: The Armor of Light. The Armor of Light comes from the Glory of God. When His anointing is abiding and riding in and on you, the Glory of God shines, and that shine is the Armor of Light. Nothing can penetrate it. Nothing can destroy or remove it, except self. The enemy cannot penetrate it; he cannot crawl in anywhere, not even the window. It covers the whole being including the doors and windows. The enemy might be able to see in, but he cannot penetrate the Armor of Light which protects you at all times, especially when walking through the valley of death. This Armor of Light will protect you even when the Lord is with you. You have double protection. This is the final blessing of being righteous. For only the righteous person can achieve the Holy of Holies and receive this Armor of Light.

1CO 2:1 “When I came to you, brothers (and sisters), I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. [2] For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. [3] I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. [4] My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, [5] so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

1CO 2:6 “We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. [7] No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. [8] None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love Him" --

1CO 2:10 but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. [13] This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. [14] The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1CO 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

1CO 3:1 "Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly--mere infants in Christ. [2] I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. [3] You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? [4] For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?"

1CO 3:5 "What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task. [6] I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. [8] The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. [9] For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

1CO 3:10 "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. [11] For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, [13] his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. [14] If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. [15] If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

1CO 3:16 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? [17] If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1CO 3:18 "Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. [19] For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness" ; [20] and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise

are futile." [21] So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, [22] whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future--all are yours, [23] and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

1CO 4:1 "So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. [2] Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. [3] I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. [4] My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. [5] Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

1CO 4:6 "Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another. [7] For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"

As with all people, friends, spouses, church members and family, all we can do is what the Spirit of God leads us to do (John 14, 15, and 16). We water or plant, we weed and hoe, but God makes it grow, what is grown, the seed of God--His word. If He wanted things differently, He would have done it differently.

All we can do is spread the seed--the word of God that He has given us. It is up to them to receive it. It is up to the Holy Spirit to work in their heart to soften it, to make it receivable, so that when they are ready they can receive the gift of Salvation because of their faith.

All we can do is to share our testimony, as Paul says, so that what they hear is of God and God's words, and not our theory or philosophy which is powerless and empty; it does not have Jesus' life in it. It is up to them to receive the Holy Spirit and to follow Him, for He is God's gift when they are ready to be obedient.

All we can do is to share the Secret's of God, it is up to the Holy Spirit to open their mind so that they can understand, so that when they are ready to accept their ministry, God will baptism them with Fire, to purify them and make them ready to be live in goodness, righteousness and the truth being one with God (EPH 5:8; John 14, 15, 16).

LK 24:45 "Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."

All we can do is to lead them into the presence of God, so that when they are ready to be one with Him, He will fill their heart with His glory and shine out of them with the armor of light.

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.”

As you can see only the righteous can put on the Armor of Light.

EPH 5:8 “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light [9] (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) [10] and find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. [13] But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

EPH 5:15 “Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. [18] Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, [20] always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

So it is all up to God. All we can do is to live in our Armor of Light (the Glory of God) putting all of our faith in Him, for Him to do His job. After we have done all He has asked, all we can do is to trust Him; it is like floating in water, just lay and rest in the water and trust it to hold you up. If you worry and move around, you will sink, and maybe drown.

## Finally

I have often wondered why if I understand things and I do these things that nothing happens.

RO 10:5 “Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: “The man who does these things will live by them.” [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: **“Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’**” (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? **“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:** [9] **That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** [10] **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.** [11] As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.” [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses

all who call on Him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The new point here is that God shows that humans have to have an agreement between our mind and our heart. Here He is showing that with the mouth you confess, well what really controls your mouth? Your mind. And then He is showing that belief comes from your heart. They must be in unison for reality to take place. So God sees these things. He knows when your mouth says something for your heart, when in fact your heart really does not believe what your mouth is saying.

So God does many things to get our mind and heart in agreement. This is then the faith that moves mountains. All the rest God does because of His pity, mercy and tremendous grace. Not because we have the faith that moves mountains.

Here is another idea.

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.

JAS 1:16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. [17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created."

The other day as we were fellowshiping, God revealed a great truth to us.

This concept of "gives birth to sin". He revealed to us that being tempted is not sin. Going through the battle against temptation is not sin. Having sinful, nasty, evil thoughts are not sin. But when you battle and battle and battle, and you give in to the temptation, when your heart finally agrees to go along with your mind as it receives these evil thoughts, then at that moment that the heart agrees with the temptation that is battling in the mind, you have now conceived sin. You have not given birth to sin only in your heart. This agreement of evil between the mind and the heart gives birth to sin. As with human birth, you need to have two people to create life, and in our case it takes two parts of you to agree to give birth to sin. As long as your heart does not agree with the temptation that is going on in the mind, you have not sinned and you can continue the battle. But once you have given up on the battle and you were willing to agree with the evil going on in your mind, you have lost.

That is why repentance is of two parts, to ask forgiveness for the sin, and to repent—to change, to remove—the evil that has come into your heart, when your heart agreed to follow your mind. Your mind is like a TV, it will receive anything that is in the world. It is up to your heart to determine if you

are to do all that comes into your mind or now. It is the judgment of good and evil that your mind receives daily.

This is why that even though your mind knows what you should do, and it knows the consequences of your decisions, but heart does not understand or even believe the consequences of your decisions, you have a hard time. God is trying to convince your heart the truth and to help it believe what is going on, believe what God is doing and what you should be doing.

This is why willing to be willing is so important. Often times your mind knows what is happening and what needs to happen, but your heart just does not believe it. Your heart just does not understand it or even wants to.

So willing to be willing is that your mind is telling God that you are willing to allow Him to change your heart and that you are willing to trust God to do what is right, to make your heart understand what is going on. To make your heart believe in God and what He is doing. So your willing to give up your free will of your heart to God and allow Him access to your heart to change it so that your mind and heart are in agreement with the will of God, fulfilling step 3 to the Holy of Holies.

I have found out that this is the hardest thing in the world to do: "To be willing to always be obedient to God."

But once you do, and you finally step into the Holy of Holies and you walk into the presence of God and receive His wonderful anointing and living water, you will never be the same. You will realize life, and true living. You will see the Kingdom of God and all of His Glory. You will then receive all of His Glory and you will be ONE with God and nothing can compare to that. It is well worth striving for.

I have added Hebrews 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the Holy of Holies and the faith chapter 11 in the Table of contents so that you can easily read them.

It is interesting that God has written in them the transition between the physical Holy of Holies of the Old Testament to His Holy Place in the New Testament. Here it shows how God completed in the New Testament what He started in the Old and He explains why.

It is good to read, hopefully it will clarify some questions. And I am assured that as you pray, seek God, His face and keep knocking for an answer, that He will show you all things according to His goodness and glory.



