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## Hold Onto the Promise - Be Encouraged!

Hello, Friends,

God bless you!

As we just celebrated Pentecost Sunday, I want to remind you to #Keepthecelebrationgoing!

Remember?

### **Quick Recap:**

- Christmas = Christ + mas:
  - ➤ Christ (The Anointed One and His Anointing) + Mas (Celebration) = Christmas (Celebration of the Anointed One and His Anointing).
- Popular Christmas verse Luke 2:11:
  - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Christmas was not just a one-time-of-the-year celebration. Rather, it is an all-the-time celebration: even though we associate Christmas with the birth of Christ, the celebration is actually the celebration of Christ Himself. His birth was just the beginning. If it hadn't been for *Easter* (or *Resurrection Day*), we would have nothing to celebrate at all.

- Popular Easter verse Luke 24:5b-6a:
  - ➤ Why seek ye the <u>living</u> among the dead? He is not here, but is <u>risen</u>...

Jesus is alive! Not only is He alive, but He's alive IN ME! If you've made Jesus your Lord, He's alive IN YOU! Hallelujah!!! Christ (the Anointed One and His Anointing) lives in you! ... Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

#### What's the Point?

As wonderful as it is to have Jesus living in our hearts, we need to understand that Jesus is not just some big "warm fuzzy" that is inside our heart to make us feel good and happy knowing that we are going to Heaven. No, He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords with all power in His hands – power that He has given to us! He's all powerful! Almighty! And the reason He is in our hearts is to rule and reign in the earth – *through us by His Holy Spirit*.

Let's backtrack for a minute. Let's go back to before Jesus went to the cross:

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He told His disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7). "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). "...The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

When Jesus rose from the dead, He showed Himself to His apostles (formerly His disciples) for forty days. Just before He ascended to Heaven, He "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4). That promise was the Comforter – the Holy Spirit. He told them, "ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

God sent the Holy Spirit just as Jesus said. He sent Him on the Day of Pentecost (see Acts 2:1-4). That promise was not just for the disciples. Neither was it just for people in the Bible days. That promise is for us today, as well. And <u>WE</u> shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon <u>US</u>: and <u>WE</u> shall be witnesses unto Him [starting at home and branching out to wider spheres of influence].

That word "power" in Acts 1:8 means "power, might, strength – the ability to get it done."

"Get what done?" you might ask. Whatever is needed to be witnesses of Jesus – both to boldly tell people about Jesus AND to be the very evidence of Jesus here in the earth through the lives we lead. We receive this power through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we receive the power to tell of all that God has done in our lives and to be His show-and-tell as we live out the promises that He has given us. As His witnesses empowered by the Holy Spirit, we receive the power to resist temptation, to live above sin, to see God's promises manifest in our lives, and to overcome every obstacle victoriously. We don't have to live from victory to defeat to victory to defeat, or even from miracle to miracle. With the power of the Holy Ghost, we grow from faith to faith and from glory to glory. We no longer live from miracle to miracle, but instead, walk in a steady (and increasing) flow of God's provision and power.

One of the empowerments that God has given us through the Holy Spirit is **encouragement**. (If you have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and would like to, it would be my pleasure to lead you in prayer. Click here.)

## **Our Divine Encourager**

Aren't you glad in times like these that we have a divine Encourager? Despite the goings on of a pandemic, political injustice, racism, economic calamity, and everything else, we have Someone on the inside of us Who encourages us. We have Someone on the inside of us Who reminds us of the Word God has spoken to us.

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What is the Word God gave you for this year? This season? This month? This situation? Do you know *why* God gave you that Word? BECAUSE HE KNEW YOU WOULD NEED IT! He knew this time was coming when you would need something to hold onto... When you would need words to speak to call those things that be not as though they were... When you would need the strength and the courage to walk out what He had spoken to you.

But let me ask: what have you done with the promise? From the time God gave it to you until now, what have you done with it? Have you meditated it... let it form an image on the inside of you? Have you cooperated with it...giving it first place and supreme authority in your life? Have you held onto it even when circumstances contradicted it and it seemed it would not come to pass?

Let me encourage you by the power of the Holy Spirit: HOLD ONTO THE PROMISE! You don't have to hold onto it by yourself. You have the Divine Encourager to help you!

We read in Hebrews 6:13-18 in the Amplified Classic Edition:

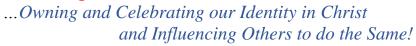
For when God made [His] promise to Abraham, He swore by Himself, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, Saying, Blessing I certainly will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you. And so it was that he [Abraham]... realized and obtained... what God had promised him. Men indeed swear by a greater [than themselves], and with them in all disputes the oath taken for confirmation is final [ending strife]. Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath. This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before [us] (emphasis added).

Verse 18 in the King James version says, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." That word "consolation" in the Greek (the original language of the New Testament) means "encouragement, comfort; a holy urging." It is used of the Lord and refers to His directly motivating and inspiring believers to carry out His plan.<sup>1</sup>

How does the Lord urge us? **By His Holy Spirit, the Comforter** (see John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). This word "Comforter" in the Greek means in its widest sense "a helper, succorer, aider, assistant." It refers to the Holy Spirit, Who leads us to a deeper knowledge of gospel truth, and gives us the divine strength needed, enabling us to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine Kingdom.<sup>2</sup>

Holding onto God's promise in the midst of opposition and affliction qualifies as a trial, does it not? Holding onto God's promises when people criticize you, ridicule you, and make fun of you

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Strong's Greek word 3874. <sup>2</sup> Strong's Greek word 3875 (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)





constitutes persecution, am I right? Well, Holy Spirit - our Comforter - encourages us. He gives us divine strength, motivating and inspiring us to carry out God's plan – to stick with it - through it all.

### **Be** Encouraged

Genesis 1:3 says, "God said, 'Let there be light." In the Hebrew (the original language of the Old Testament), that sentence is "Light, <u>be</u>!" God commanded light to <u>be</u>, and light was. Well, it is in that same spirit that I say to you, "*Encouraged*, <u>be</u>!" I believe that you are encouraged this very moment, in Jesus' Name.

Allow Holy Spirit – *your Comforter and Divine Encourager* - to minister encouragement to you through the following scriptures:

- Be strong and of a good courage... Only be thou strong and very courageous... Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest (Josh. 1:6a, 7a, 9).
- ...[God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] (Heb. 13:5 AMPC)
- ...<u>be</u> strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might (Eph. 6:10).
- ...<u>be</u> ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (I Cor. 15:58).

Receive your encouragement. TAKE courage, in Jesus' Name. Say the following out loud:

#### I AM ENCOURAGED!

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to hold onto the promise(s) God has spoken to me.

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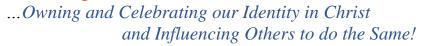
to move forward in the promise(s) God has given me.

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to prosper in the assignments God has called me to.

I AM ENCOURAGED!

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Amen! Now that you have received your encouragement, I would like to encourage you to give, or to "sow on it." Sowing puts action with your faith and positions you to receive on a greater level than you would otherwise. Name your seed in faith and expect to receive a harvest of it in your life. Just as you would plant corn seeds if you wanted to harvest corn, plant the seed you want to harvest. If you are believing God for groceries, name the seed "Groceries," sow it in faith, and expect to see the harvest of that seed (i.e., you buying enough groceries for yourself with enough to give to others because the harvest is always greater than the seed). I stand in agreement with you that God will grant your request as you have prayed according to His will, in Jesus' Name. You may give through the following outlets:

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Prophetess Kaye

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