THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM LIFE.

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PREFACE

This book is a follow up to one of my books titled, SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Your Top Priority.

In the book, which was published in 2012, I promised to publish another

book in order to continue some personal testimonies on the goodness of God based on making God's kingdom your top priority. Unfortunately, due to some hindrances, I was unable to until seven years after I had made the promise. Glory to God who has spared my life to be able to make good my promise. It is a wonderful experience to enjoy Heaven on earth in the midst of earthly joy, sorrows, calamities, insecurity, and many other untold problems that characterize this present world. There are a lot of benefits attached to accepting Jesus Christ as one's personal Lord and Saviour. The greatest and permanent joy anybody can experience is the joy of salvation of one's soul, which is the greatest miracle anybody can receive. Any miracle you receive in whatever way is temporary. Lazarus, who Jesus Christ raised up after four days in the grave, had passed away many years ago. All the blind men that Jesus opened their eyes had gone and if they did not accept salvation of their souls after healing, they would live in total darkness all through eternity. No wonder, King David pleaded with God not to take away the joy of His salvation from him [king David]. As you are

reading this book, think about what things have ever given you the greatest joy ever since you were born. The question is for how long did the joy last or for how long did they remain the best things that had ever happened to you? Anything or someone that makes a person happy is only for a while. In fact, many of such occurrences or happenings, are either being overridden by better things or worse still, become a source of problem, usually to those who are not of God. For example, many successes celebrated have turned to be a source of demotion, sickness or even untimely death. There was the case of an individual who had secured a "better" job than a previous one but at the end, the so-called "better" appointment turned out to be the cause of his protracted illness, sorrow, problems and eventually untimely death. The true lasting joy can only be gotten in having personal relationship with God. My prayer is that you will have the grace to read this book with all diligence to the end. Living a life of Heaven on earth, is the only thing that can give you enduring joy here and all through eternity which is not negotiable. A song writer says:

O what a wonderful, wonderful day,

Day I will never forget,

After I have wandered in darkness away,

Jesus my Saviour I met,

O what a tender compassionate Friend,

He met the need of my heart,

Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,

He made all the darkness depart!

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,

When at the cross, my Saviour made me whole:

My sins were washed away

And my night was turned to day!

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

("Heaven Came Down" by Gaither Vocal Band)

The joy of Salvation that always gives a sinner grace to become a child of God and candidate of God's Kingdom, is the only permanent joy if such individual continues in God's commandment.

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First and foremost, I give all the glory and adoration to my God for the salvation of my soul from sin into a living hope in the gospel of my Lord Jesus Christ, for sparing my life till this period and for enabling me to finish this book. As I mentioned in the Preface, this book is coming seven years after the expected date but sincerely, I'm very grateful to God for making it My deep appreciation goes to my loving children -Blessam, happen. Oluwaseun [more than a name] and Tosinnike- for their support and encouragement on a daily basis. I also say a big thank you to my pastors whose Calvary love, care and concern for my physical and spiritual life have been keeping me moving in life's journey. My earnest prayer is that, we shall all finish strong by the grace of God. I owe many children of God in the church deep appreciation for their love and support. There is no word that can be sufficient to express my thanks to Dr Folasade Hunsu who has been so wonderful in ensuring the actualization and publication of this book. Worthy of mention is Revd (Dr) J. L. Olajide, who has always been there as a special pastor, father and counsellor. I also thank my husband. Last but not the least, I appreciate all my siblings and mother. God bless them all.

REFERENCE TO THE BOOK: SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD: YOUR TOP PRIORITY.

The book, Seeking First the Kingdom of God: Your Top Priority, was a book written as a result of my personal experience and out of the burden of letting the world know the importance of a verse in the book of Mathew, Chapter Six verse thirty-three of the Holy Bible. This is the key of solution to every need and problem of life. The book is meant for heaven-bound Christians. As stated in the book, many so-called great men and women have lived their days without discovering the essence of coming to the world. They only lived to amass wealth, attract vain glory and sometimes they have surrendered their lives to worthless causes without caring about the fate of their souls. They have passed away to eternity without gaining the salvation of their souls. What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Jesus said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and All these things shall be added unto you" [Mathew 6 verse 33].

In fact, all the things we need on this side of eternity will be taken care of by God the moment we seek first and integrate ourselves into the kingdom of God through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a pity that some always put it the other way around by seeking what they need in life before the kingdom of God. The book is divided into eleven chapters:

One- Necessity of Seeking First God's Kingdom and His righteousness

Two – How to Seek First the Kingdom of God and His righteousness

Three- What to Meet in the Kingdom of God

Four- Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Personal Ministry

Five-Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Personal Victory

Six- Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Attitude to God's Work

Sven- Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Evangelism

Eight- Seeking First the Kingdom of God and God's Project

Nine-Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Divine Healing.

Ten- Seeking First the Kingdom of God and Efficacious Prayer.

Eleven- The Hour of Decision.

The discussion in each of the eleven chapters of the book clearly depicts that all our life's needs have been taken care of, if we can humbly come unto God with a contrite heart in repentance and ensure our salvation through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the answer to every problem of life and any other way will just amount to complicating such problem. In view of this, *THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S KINGDOM LIFE* is a continuation of the first and it examines life and benefits of living a

kingdom of God's life. My earnest prayer is that God will grant every one of us the grace to seek first, find and continue living in the kingdom of God right from now to eternity in Jesus name.

INTRODUCTION

Experiencing joy is a strong desire of every normal individual and better still, having a blissful life after death. In most cases, either a person reconciles with God while on earth or not, after death, the next thing is, close relations announcing 'exit to glory' or saying 'gone to glory'. God in His wonder has created a yearning for something higher and supreme in every man created under the Heaven. Hence, man is always in a guest to satisfy the need for God and anxiety of what happens after death. However, God in His infinite love created man in His image with His attributes. God is immortal and holy with the intention of creating eternal man who will live all through eternity. Despite the fall of man from glory through Adam, the purpose of creation remains constant. The soul of man is a non-dying soul. Have you ever thought of why you find yourself engaging in some activities while sleeping? Yes, it is because that soul of yours is the breath of eternal God who neither slumbers nor sleeps. Under normal condition, there is a limit to how anybody can force himself or herself to work after the body is tired and needs rest. There are cases of employees fired for sleeping while on duty. Our body is ordinary dust with a limited ability in all things, hence, either somebody likes it or not, that body must rest temporarily or

permanently rest at death when it is time to do so. However, the soul continues to exist and work after the body is voluntarily or forcefully laid to rest. Many people had sustained injuries in their dreams while sleeping only to wake up to realize that they were already in problems. This is enough evidence to believe there is life after death and that every individual will be conscious of himself or herself in eternity. In the same vein, at death, what happens is that the eternal soul moves out of the mortal body while the body turns to its former position, which is dust, the soul will come out as the total being to eternal destination depending on the state of that soul while on earth.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;
And the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it
[Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 verse 7].

Yes, at this juncture, I want to ask you a question. Are you one of those who believe you are just existing and will become manure at the end of life? My dear reader, what happens to your soul after death? Your soul will live all through eternity either in Heaven or hell as the eternal final destination depending on your relationship with God while on earth. I would love to borrow the language of our brother, Paul the Apostle, "do not be deceived".

Whether you believe it or not, your soul that always refuses to sleep while you are tired, will refuse and cannot even die whenever death knocks at your door. The best choice is living here on earth in a way to make it to Heaven which is the abode of God who is your Creator. The only way to be sure of seeing and entering the kingdom of God is living the life of the kingdom of God while on earth. It is possible and you can do that with your purposeful determination and by the special grace of God. kingdom of God has remained an abode of God where righteousness reigns, all creatures who want to live with him in Heaven, must determine to live a holy life which is possible only through the grace of God. Jesus Christ, who knows no sin, had been made sin for us so that we can be righteous. The best of life is to live Heaven on earth, that is, enjoy the peace and beautiful gifts of God while on earth and all through eternity. It is not a gainsaying, that this world is full of troubles and problems. The only beauty of it is that, there is hope and assurance of victory for those who are of God. That somebody becomes a Christian or not does not guarantee freedom from problems. John Chapter sixteen verse thirty-three says:

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me, ye might have peace.

In the world, ye shall have tribulations" but be of good cheer, I have

Overcome the world.

Jesus, the truth Himself, who can never lie, forewarned His disciples. However, in the midst of any problem or tribulation, there is hope of unspeakable joy and peace which characterizes life in the Kingdom while on earth. As you continue reading this book, you will discover the joy and benefits of belonging to the Kingdom of God and I pray that you will know and be a partaker of the wonderful blessings.

A song writer says:

Once Heaven seemed a far - off place,

Till Jesus showed His smiling face,

Now it's begun within my soul,

It will last while endless ages roll,

O halleluyah, yes, 'tis heaven;

'Tis heav'n to know my sins forgiven,

On land or sea, what matters where,

Where Jesus is, 'tis Heaven there. (Where Jesus is, 'tis Heaven by Charles

J Butler)

CHAPTER ONE

THE NECESSITY OF BECOMING A CITIZEN OF GOD'S KINGDOM.

The Bible always refers to this world as "this present world" which is incumbent with meanings: wicked, corrupt evil and deadly. All through the Bible, whenever a mention is made of this world besides the first assessment of God on creation, it is often associated with all forms of evil social vices. God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, assessed His creatures at the end of the seventh day and He saw and knew that it was good:

And God saw everything He had made, and behold,
It was very good. And the evening and the morning
Were the sixth day. [Gen: 1 verse 31].

The next assessment of God on earth after Genesis chapter one, verse thirty-one was unfortunately and continually, what saddened the heart of Almighty God as recorded in Genesis chapter three which was the account of the fall of the first man, Adam, and his wife from the glorious image of God. Man lost eternal life and all the divine attributes that God bestowed on him at creation and unfortunately invited curses of God upon humanity. In fact, it is saddening that man gave away the good things bestowed on him by God and embraced evil and all its attendant consequences. No wonder the world and all therein have been corrupted and are usually

perceived as evil. Moving to chapter four, we have the account of Mr. Cain, the first murderer. God's question to Cain indicated the sadness in the heart of God with regards to man; "Why art thou wroth?" Reading further to Genesis chapter six verse five:

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

It should be noted in the verse above that many thoughts, and not just one, were mentioned. The Bible says, "continually" which means every time. As you are reading along, pause a little bit and think on what usually comes to your mind often, even towards yourself. Are they thoughts of good or evil? Thanks be to God, who said "I know the thoughts I have towards you, thoughts of good and not of evil" (Jer. 29 verse 11). He is a loving God, even while you are thinking evil of yourself, He is thinking and calculating how it shall be well with you. A song writer says no tongue can recite the love of God.[Robert Grant: O WORSHIP THE kING] As pointed out in the first volume of this book title: SEEKING KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST: Your Top *Priority*, even in the perceived critical conditions that seem like serious problems, if you are right in the center of His will, God is working for your good.

And we know that all things work together for good to them who are the called according to his purpose. [Rom. 8 verse 28.]

Since the assessment of God on man in this the earth, in Genesis chapter six, the creation of man grieved God causing Him to lament daily and be angry. The Psalmist says "God is angry with the wicked daily" [Psalm 7 v 11]. Howbeit, in every generation, God always singles out an individual or group of individuals who found favour in His sight as a result of the individuals' Godly or righteous relationship with Him. The world is daily increasing in wickedness and more serious evils. Knowing full well that, there is an end and life after death, what must you do? The wisest thing any man can do is doing everything possible to become and remain in the kingdom of God in order to have a meaningful life while on earth and escape from eternal doom to reign with God in His glory.

CHAPTER TWO

CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS PRESENT WORLD

The earth is what God planned and beautifully created as the abode of man, for the glory of God like all that He created. But sin came in and corrupted it. Since then, unfortunately, the world and its systems, are degenerating on daily basis. What God assessed to be very good after creation, has turned to be very bad and growing to worse. No wonder, man is graduating in evil doing every day. To crown it all, the technological advancement which is supposed to bring better life, has culminated into endangering human's existence on earth, as a result of man's evil heart. Today, the internet can be used to perpetrate any evil one can think of, among men, irrespective of the age group. There is a lot of evil ranging from fraud to kidnapping, assassination, invention of new ways to commit crimes and murder. Nonetheless, the prevalence of social vices in the society, does not depend on technology alone, there is an increase in the number of evil doers everywhere. Since the heart of man is quick to commit evil, societies are full of social vices. People exhibit behavioural patterns that are sinful, criminal and immoral in nature. Naturally, after the fall of man in the garden of Eden, man became corrupt and desperately wicked and God Himself regretted ever creating man.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great
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Thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
[Genesis 6 verse 5]

The wickedness that God condemned and regretted of has continued to multiply among human beings and invariably have negative effects on every individual in the society. In trying to enumerate the common social vices in the world today, I am convinced, they can be summarized under the sinful acts outlined in the book of Galatians chapter five which are works of the flesh. It should be noted here that no one can sit on the fence, it is either one is being controlled by the Spirit of God or by Satan with the carnal nature. Herein lies the mistake of those who always claim innocence on the premise of having their mind or heart as their faith and depending on good works without regeneration by Jesus Christ. There is no way a natural man can be free from sin without being born again. A "naturally" good person with supposed moral behaviour would only succeed in suppressing their natural in- born attributes for a period of time. Little wonder, most of such people, usually over react to issues when pressed. For example, there have been cases of individuals who were believed to be gentle, but when the natural man came out from them due to external pressure, the supposed gentle man found himself committing murder out of anger. Many people always warn that one should be careful as not to step on the toes of those who are extremely gentle, because the consequence can be dangerous due to their anger. The question is, what always comes out of you whenever you are pressed? Our action is basically a matter of the condition of our hearts. Nothing perfectly good can come out of an unregenerated man with impure heart. No matter the human efforts, the real man will always show up. The Bible says, by their fruits, you shall know them.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery,
fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred
variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying,
murders, also told you in time past, that they which do such things
shall not inherit the kingdom of God. [Galathians 5 vs 19-21]

Scrolling through the three verses above, seventeen major sinful acts were identified by Apostle Paul and by every standard, all are prevalent in our societies today with even new and advanced terrible dimensions which evolve daily.

ADULTERY

This is an act of having immoral relationship outside marriage or voluntary sexual intercourse between married persons outside the matrimonial home. Our society is characterized with the sin of adultery and many even see it as a normal way of living. Many married men and women justify themselves and as a result do not see adultery as a sin. There are lot of reasons that people give in order to rationalize this wicked act. Adultery, apart from being a sin unto God, is perpetrating evil against another individual who is the legal spouse such is committing adultery with. Among the common excuses given for committing adultery are discussed below.

1] The complaint of having irresponsible husband who is refusing to take care of both the woman and her children: Hence, in the course of looking for alternative care-giver, the woman looks outside for a supportive strange man. The reason here is not enough nor tenable for any reasonable woman to be indulging in adultery. There are thousands if not millions of single mothers who have successfully cared for and brought up their children. Some married women, even under the same roof with their husbands, are breadwinners in their homes. While it is not the ideal and may not be prayed for, for heaven-bound Christians, the grace of God is always available to sail through the trying period, if it happens. Since God frowns

at adultery, no matter what happens, a heaven-bound Christian who wants to enjoy the benefits of life in the kingdom on earth cannot go near adultery.

2] The nature of couples' jobs: They usually claim there is no way they can avoid committing adultery due to their incessant absence from home on their part or that of their spouse. Here, I don't want to mention some jobs that take some people outside for days or weeks but whatever job anybody does, that takes the individual outside for a specific period, is a matter of personal choice and not a license for adultery. Since adultery is a sin before God, something positive must be done to be free from the sure judgment of God. Few years ago, a set of supervisory officers were sent on a special official assignment to an institution in another state from theirs, for just one week. On reporting for their duties, after the institution had satisfied these officers with good accommodation with every supposed comfort, one of the officers bluntly refused to cooperate on the basis of incomplete arrangement. The officer insisted and shamelessly requested for provision of ladies who would be "warming" them up for the period of one week, with the claim of not being used to be sleeping without women beside them. The first question that came to my mind was that, "why did they fail to bring their wives since they were all married?" Well, somebody may want to

adduce reasons for why their wives were not able to follow them. At any rate, anything that may warrant failure of their wives to accompany them, should be enough for them to sleep without women. In some cases, this can also be applicable to a woman who for any reason travels outside her home for days or weeks. Being away from your home is no excuse for adultery. A kingdom of God's life calls for self-control.

3] Old age or depreciation of physical beauty or appeal: These individuals have forgotten that, they are both aging and where the outward appearance of a partner is no more appealing as it was in the beginning of their relationship could also be their fault. There are some men who always justify their adulterous lives or penchant for polygamy by giving the excuse that the first one has become old. Thereby, they begin to change wives like clothes. It should be noted that under normal circumstance, both husband and wife usually grow old together as the years go by. Some women who outrageously grow old more than their normal age, are mostly those who pass through fire and untold sufferings under many tyrannical husbands. If a woman is cared for as it should be, there is no way she can become an emergency "old cargo". Both husband and wife usually graciously age as they journey on in their marriage. Some women are not better than rags in

the hands of some wicked husbands. Instead of giving excuses, it is better they repent.

4] Suspicion and baseless blames on the other partner: Some people while suffering as a result of their past reckless and sinful lives, shift the blame on their partners. Many men and women have fallen into the hands of false prophets or prophetesses and have been told that their beloved wives or husbands are witches or wizards and hence use that to justify their adulterous ways of life. Eventually they pass the buck of the guilt of their adultery to others instead of repenting. This excuse is not tenable before God. Even if it is true that such wives or husbands are having spiritual problems, the only way out is going to God for deliverance. In the actual sense of it, in most cases, it is a baseless and unfounded suspicion. There are some who had made the costly mistake of having immoral affairs with ladies possessed by familiar spirits and thus, get into captivity for the rest of their lives. It is not all men that sleep with women that will be spiritually free for life. Except with genuine deliverance, such men may never have anything good working for them in life. The same thing is applicable to some women, whose glorious gifts had been lost or depleted as a result of fornication in their youthful days.

5] Lack of patience as a result of unmet expectations such as fruits of the womb, that is children, and material things like houses, cars, good jobs and others: Our God is faithful and has perfect timing with Him. The Bible says 'but seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and every other thing shall be added'. All the things some people go outside the matrimonial home for, whenever they think God is late, has its appointed time. There are cases of men who for the failure of their wives to have children fall into adultery. In the same way, some women because of delay in conception, have gone outside their blessed home to "test" if the fault is actually theirs or their husbands'. Whichever way or reason, adultery is a sin before God that invariably renders the perpetrators enemies of God and such act will attract God's judgment. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" [Heb. 13 verse 4]. Another passage says:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not, that the friendship with The world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend Of the world, is enemy of God. [James 4 v 4].

Why should you make yourself an enemy of God because of ordinary less than five minutes so-called enjoyment and go to eternal hell fire? You can amend your ways with God today if you are an enemy of God through fornication and adultery. You must be born again.

FORNICATION

This is consensual intercourse between two unmarried individuals. Today, many boys and girls have taken this to be part of normal life. Some boys and girls see nothing bad in having sexual intercourse anytime and anywhere without an iota of shame. God refers to this sinful act as grievous and sin unto oneself. In some higher institutions, some students are living couples' life without being married. It is saddening that some ungodly parents do assist their children with family planning, that is a method to prevent conception even if they are committing fornication. To such parents, their main concern is their children' academic or career success forgetting that such children can never have good success in life while living a sinful life. There have been cases of parents taking their children to doctors for abortion claiming that they are "saving" their children's lives. All of them are under the judgment of God.

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things
[sins] Are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in
them that do Them [Rom: 1 verse 32]

At this juncture, I will like to share the testimony of a secondary school boy. By the grace of God, I always visit schools for evangelism and motivational talks as part of my ministry. I normally hold different programmes like: Opening the schools' assemblies and having special programmes on the basis of invitations. Most of the schools usually invite me on Thursdays which is normally social activities day for most public and private secondary schools. For instance, every ten o'clock in the morning to twelvethirty in the noon of Thursdays has been slated for literary and debating period. In one of these special programmes in a school, something strange happened that surprised me. I always round off the programme after two hours and give room for personal counselling to as many that have one question or the other. On that fateful day, more than five students came to me for counselling. The first one that surprised me was a tiny girl in year two of junior secondary school who cannot be more than twelve years old. This girl confessed that she was already in a covenanted relationship with a boy and as a result, would find it difficult to end the relationship. After much efforts to lead her to a life free from sin, this girl decided not to guit the relationship because of the fear of the supposed consequence of breaking the blood covenant. My surprises are: the age of the girl and the

blood covenant. Now, the question is how such persons like these will, not have problems in future?

At another time, the same school, but after another programme, a student located my house to intimate me about the problem he had encountered after repenting from fornication because of my message in their school. The case of the boy was that, he claimed to have had many girlfriends, three of whom were his school mates. His conversion however led to serious problems for him. The best remedy for sin is 'don't do it'. There is no doubt, God is loving and out of His mercy, He always forgive any sin confessed and forsaken, but a sinner must always pay dearly for his or her sinful ways.

The boy started battling with various problems after taking the bold step of cutting himself off from all his sinful friends. In the first instance, he did not know that all the while, one of his girlfriends was not an ordinary human being but an agent sent from Satanic kingdom to torture disobedient men like him. The Bible says, 'if you believe, and obey God, it is for your own good' [Job 5 v 27]. According to him, the girl had warned him not to try to break their relationship or else, he would regret his life. Since he had decided to forsake all his sinful ways and follow Jesus, the boy dared the girl and cut off from her. The first problem encountered was he was

having nightmares. He said whenever he tried to sleep, different things would be appearing to him and in turn, he started shouting and disturbing his family members. As if that was not enough, anything he touched must spoil. Within the two weeks before the boy located me, many things had spoilt in his hands. For example, his mother's expensive phone and other materials. To his greatest surprise, he said, his father car's headlamps broke into pieces while he was cleaning it with ordinary hand towel. As expected, his parents did not believe that he was under any evil spiritual influence and so they punished him after each offence. I must confess, I was scared by his stories. He concluded on the note that maybe he should go back and apologize and resume his relationship with the girl but then, God directed his path to me. I give all the glory to God. The first thing I did was to pray for him asking God to put a permanent end to the devilish relationship and the torment he was going through. The very night I waded into the matter; the girl attempted to fight back but met with the power of my living God. After this, I tried to see the girl and preach to her but she ran away. It was a long story but at the end, I arranged a meeting with my Regional Pastor who prayed a simple prayer of deliverance with the name of Jesus Christ for the boy and that settled the whole problem. While he overcame the problems, the girl ran away from the school without participating in the

final year examination. You don't beg Satan but resist him by the power in the name of Jesus and he [Satan] will flee.

Satan always beautifully coins sinful acts to make it attractive or justifiable. For example, Satan has coined fornication as friendship. Yes, you call it ordinary boyfriend or girlfriend as in the boy's case, but it is sin before God. It is not ordinary. Moreover, if Satan allows some people to discover the nature and consequences of their sinful acts, they will run away for their dear lives.

Can a man take fire his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

[Pro 6 verse 27].

It is better you run for your dear life and don't wait until Satan will ruin your life and God's plan for you.

There are many boys in the same shoes with boy in the testimony above, who had long been imprisoned both physically and spiritually as a result of fornication. There are some promising boys and girls who had met their waterloo in the cause of committing fornication. The Bible says, it is a sin against oneself:

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeh fornication sinneth against his own body. [I Cor. 6 vrs 18]

Samson forfeited all the good plans of God over his life as a divinely ordained messenger of God and got his life and ministry messed up and aborted at the end because of fornication despite his mightiness. If Joseph had committed the stupid act with his master's wife, he would have got his dreams shattered. Unfortunately, many good destinies had been truncated by fornication and adultery today. Have you been trapped? You can be set free by the power in the name and Blood of Jesus.

For by means of a whorish woman, a man is brought to a piece of Bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. [Pro 6 verse 26]

It is a pity, Solomon who was declared the wisest man that ever lived, failed the practical test of what he himself knew and warned others of. How many promising men of God have been reduced to nothing by assigned demonic ladies? They started well but fell as a result of adultery or fornication. Some preachers have become actors on the pulpit and only "demonstrating" or acting through carnal or worse still, demonic powers. God knows His own servants. He promises to judge fornicators and adulterers. The admonition is to run away from fornication and adultery.

Only the foolish will be entangled by these sinful acts. Fornication and adultery have power to render his victim impotent both physically and spiritually. Proverbs 6 verse 26 says, "But whoso committeh adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul". Any sexual immorality either before marriage or after is sinful before God. God permits and allows sex only within marriage. God commanded those who were even married to desist from sex three days prior to His visitation to the children of Israel in the Old Testament. No wonder, Paul said:

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is

Good for a man not to touch a woman, Nevertheless, to avoid

Fornication, let every man have his own wife, and every woman

Has her own husband. [1 Cor. 7 verses 1-2]

This does not justify the immorality among some fake Reverend Fathers and Sisters, who are perpetual fornicators. They are only deceiving themselves. If you cannot control your vessel, God graciously permits marriage within which spouses can satisfy their sexual urge. All glory to God in His holy majesty, who will never give room for anything to defile Heaven. The Bible says, we shall all be like angels of God in Heaven where there is no marriage, talk more of immoral act.

You cannot commit sin and go scot free. You must be born again.

UNCLEANNESS

This is the act of being impure. Impurity covers many sinful acts. There are some who are so engrossed in many dirty or impure acts and continue to argue that such acts are not condemned or mentioned in the Bible. In trying to correct or admonishing some to amend their ways, the question they pose to whosoever attempts to point it out to them is 'where is it written in the Bible?' May God have mercy. Uncleanness comprises of all those acts that are abominable before God, either written or not written in the Bible. Except where one's conscience has been seared with hot iron, anyone who is indulging in unclean behaviour knows. In most cases, it is either the conscience is forcefully suppressed or damned on the consequence of such acts. I had met somebody who stressed that he had prepared to go to hell fire since he will not be the only candidate. I cannot imagine why somebody in his or her right thinking would choose hell fire while there is a way out. My friend, the best is not partaking in hell fire because no one will have time to think about somebody else.

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of Holy Ghost
Which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

[1 Corinthians 6 v 19].

There are a lot of unclean acts that are abominable even before normal decent individuals how much more our holy God. For example, smoking different kinds of hard drugs in order to be extra-ordinarily alert as they claim, indecent dressings, wearing of opposite sex garments for whatsoever reason, speaking dirty slangs, homosexuality and many other unclean habits in all things.

LASCIVIOUSNESS

This is a sinful act of indulging in lustful thought and wanton urge towards the opposite sex. I have explained extensively on adultery and fornication earlier on, but God also condemns lust which is not committing immorality per se, but sinful thought and sinful gaze on the opposite sex. You may wonder why a mere thought is sinful before God? Undoubtedly, if there is no lustful thought, I believe there cannot be the act of sexual immorality. May I conclude thereby, that lust is an incubator for sexual immorality without which it will be difficult to fall into these deadly acts. Hear what Job said:

I made a covenant with mine eyes: why then should I think upon a maid? [Job 31 verse 1].

Now, let us do a simple analysis of lust which Job detested. Job was a man who God Himself acknowledged as being righteous. There is a clear

difference between seeing and looking. If everybody who had been brought down from glory to grass due to adultery and fornication had stopped at seeing and not graduating to looking, they would have probably escaped the act. Since no man can be wiser than God, who says 'flee fornication', there is no point wasting costly time on looking, gazing and ruminating on the opposite sex who is not your spouse. It is not a surprise that God approved Job as righteous because Job knew and obeyed God to the extent of making a covenant with his eyes not to gaze at a girl or woman. It implies then that Job had warned his eyes.

The Bible charges us to learn how to control all our body members. Many people, due to carelessness, had their careers, good jobs, opportunities, and even ministries aborted as a result of adultery or fornication. Unfortunately, instead of going back to God in true repentance, they heaped the blame on Satan and the individual who dressed carelessly. There are some ministers, either deliberately or ignorantly, who are quick to blame Satan for the fall of a member of their church. I had been in different congregations where the announcements of such "falls" were made and other members would burst into tears and blame the devil. Some, because they could not control themselves as Christians, had backslidden for long but for self-ego, like king Saul, would be busy defending their titles

and "working" for God who had forsaken them long ago. Doing the will of God entails making covenant with our body members if we want to make it to the end. There is no point blaming Satan on what we have power to control. Are you there saying lust should not be a big issue? My friend, it is! Lust can even lead to other deadly sins. Despite the fact that God declared King David a man after His own heart, David paid dearly for lusting after Uriah's wife and even after his death, his descendants are still paying for it. God pronounced judgment on David that sword will not cease in his house due to all other sinful acts which transpired between him and Uriah's wife as a result of lust [2 Samuel 11 v 4]. However, thanks to God for His covenant with Israel, by the mercy of God, the house of God is not consumed due to Davidic covenant. What a covenant keeping God we are serving. However, the good recommendations and testimonies of God concerning David was tarnished with the BUT of Uriah's issue.

Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord

And turn not aside from anything that He commanded him

All the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the

Hittite. [1 King 15 verse 5].

The best is to be free from lust and its attendant consequences, God is always ready to forgive, but the scar will continue to hurt you forever.

Yes, it is necessary to raise a point here concerning those who always shift the blame on the opposite sex. Joseph had every opportunity to commit fornication but because he knew his God and feared Him, he did not.

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph: and said, Lie with me. But he refused and said unto his master's wife, BEHOLD MY MASTER WOTTETH NOT WHAT IS

WITH ME IN THE HOUSE, AND HE HATH COMMITTED ALL THAT HE HATH TO MY HAND; There is none greater in this house than I: neither hath he kept anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: HOW THEN CAN I DO THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS, AND SIN AGAINST GOD? And it came to pass as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by by her or to be with her.

And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, that she called unto the men of her house, saying, See, he hath

brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: [Genesis 39 verses 7 - 14].

Let us examine what transpired between Joseph and his master's wife. In the first instance, Potiphar's wife was one of the adulteress women who Satan had assigned to destroy promising men, abort their destiny and at the end reduce them to a piece of bread. As I am writing now, it dawned on me that this shameless and wicked woman might have succeeded in seducing some other men of the house. It was recorded that she called upon the men and reported Joseph to have been brought to mock them not her alone. Why the expression to 'mock us' and not to 'mock me'? She started from looking and meditating on Joseph's good appearance: Lust. Her lust aggravated unto adultery which could have led Joseph into committing fornication if not that he had made a covenant with his God and his eyes. I am sure Joseph spared no time to consider her beauty. Always make a covenant with your eyes so that you can be free from evil men and women. Some ladies who had confessed bringing many men of God down, did so with eyes' contact. Let this settle in your mind: nothing goes for nothing. If you are trapped, forget about becoming what God purposed for your life. I pity those boys or men who count the positions they are holding as an

opportunity to sexually exploit ladies or women. At times they believe so because such ladies or women cannot get or achieve their goals without passing through their tables. Are you a politician, lecturer, manager or big boss in an organization? If you think you are enjoying and you use your exalted position for adultery or fornication, Satan will destroy your destiny sooner than later and at the end expose you to public shame.

Once again, Joseph, resisted many temptations. Firstly, he was alone with the woman and no man might have discovered but he knew God was omnipresent and nothing is hidden from Him. Some people are "angels" whenever their pastors or a brother is around, forgetting that every action is opened unto God. Paul asserted in the book of Hebrew, that all things are naked before God whom we are dealing with. [Hebrews 4: 13]. You can hide it from man but not from God. You must be wise and fear God in all of your doings both publicly and secretly. Many so-called men or women of God apart from committing adultery, have aborted pregnancies for innocent children of their neighbor or church members. Some are keeping two or more homes and still jumping on the pulpit in the name of Almighty God who they have no personal relationship with. The day of reckoning is coming. Many women have cunningly brought children from other men for their innocent husbands to train up as theirs. The eyes of God are on you.

Another temptation that Joseph passed was the fear of men or women who are highly placed. Many young sisters who are carrying God's grace with a beautiful future, for fear of losing an opportunity, had messed up their lives in the course of looking for admission or employment. My strong belief is that whatever I lose for the sake of the Gospel or for my God's love, will turn to an opened door for greater opportunity for me and it has always been. I give all glory to God; testimonies abound on this. I will like to recall one of such testimonies here. It happened that some years back, while I was doing my Master degree programme, one of my lecturers was sexually harassing me, insisting that he must have an affair with me before I could graduate. Knowing full well that his course was one of the core courses, he turned deaf ears to the reasons I gave why it couldn't be possible. I told him I was married with children and that my living God whom I served was (He is forever against it!) against it. It was a long story but to cut it short, he kept on echoing into my ears that he was holding my fate but I made him realize that only God has the final say on my life. As expected, he tried to frustrate all my efforts in the class. He emphatically and boldly boasted of having sexual relations with female students irrespective of their marital status and that the fact that I was married was not an excuse to him but I told him my own was different. While the battle of having his way was on,

he came into the class one fateful morning and announced that we should all contribute one thousand [Nigeria's highest denomination] each. Those who had the money paid and others promised to pay the following week. However, on turning to me, I bluntly told the class I could not pay because it was against my Christian faith to give bribe. I knew the implication of my decision but at the same time knew all power belonged to my God. In fact, I knew the lecturer was a mountain hindering my success and started I personal prayer and raising prayer requests that God must intervene whenever I had fellowship with the children of God. God proved His power as He always does, just three weeks to our examination, the lecturer had a cause to be away from the Department for good three or four years and the examination for his course was conducted by another lecturer. At the end, all who paid one thousand and the female students who had given him their bodies with the hope of getting good grades lost out. To the glory of God, I graduated with the best result out of the twenty-one of us who did the Master programme that academic session.

Still on Joseph, he overcame the temptation of thinking that he would receive special treatment. The woman might have been flashing before him promises of many goodies in the house apart from her body. For instance, promise of enjoying special delicious food, timely attention, and other socalled beautiful mundane materials. Nonetheless, if Joseph had chosen the way of perdition, he would have not become Prime Minister in a strange land. He occupied an exalted position in Egypt on a platter of gold as a result of his faithfulness unto man and God. The position of Prime Minister, meant the second in command to Pharaoh, and thereby rendering Potiphar a subordinate unto Joseph. Today, just for the ambition of becoming an ordinary officer or boss of an organization, some will go to the extent of terminating whosoever they think will be an obstruction to their way forgetting that it is a position they will occupy just for a while or worst still, a bait for their destruction.

On a last note here on the story of faithful Joseph, you have no excuse. You must flee from fornication or adultery. That a lady exposes her body, the fear of losing an opportunity, no help in view, too much hardship, lack of basic necessities of life and fear of being put to shame among others are not tenable excuses or reasons before God. The Bible says, God will judge the fornicators and adulterers. If you discover you are guilty of any, which started from lust, pause and go to God in repentance now.

IDOLATRY

This is an act of serving, bowing down or subscribing to idols. God is the creator of Heaven and earth whom we must always give all glory, adoration, worship and praises unto. The first commandment is:

Thou shalt not have no other gods before me.

[Exodus 20 verse 3]

God deserves and must be given the first place in our lives; God and God only. An adage says he who fails to serve God will end up serving what is not up to God. Every one created by God has an inborn desire or urge to serve, either consciously or otherwise, even the so-called atheists. Testimonies abound that at the close to or last minutes, those who claim that there is no God, confessed and cried to God for help when in most cases, it was too late. Some home care-givers have narrated the horrible sight of dying atheists. However not all who profess in the existence of God are serving the true God. Some carve images, set apart one particular animal or material as sacred object to be served and render their request to animals like: cow, snails, snakes, and stones. Most of what idol worshippers serve are images which have eyes, hands, ears but can neither see nor hear. The Bible declaration is that those who are serving them are like them, that is they are equally blind and dumb like their images. However, idolatry,

does not end in serving an animal or object but also extends to the act of placing anybody or any object above God. Whatever an individual cannot sacrifice or do without in order to obey God, has become an idol. Worthy of mention here is the use of mobile telephone in the Church or in a holy congregation today. The Bible even refers to all sinful acts as idolatry.

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;

But he that is begotten of God keepeth himself,

And that wicked one toucheth him not. As we know that

we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we

we know that the son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding,

that we know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His

son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep

yourself Amen [1 John 5 verses 18-21.

WITCHCRAFT

This is the practice of using black or evil magic, powers and spirit. God frowns at this and will judge all the people indulging in the practice of witchcraft. Out of self-deception, some always justify themselves that their involvement in witchcraft is basically for protection of themselves or children and thereby call their own "white" witchcraft. More often than not, such children they claim they are protecting or helping with witchcraft,

are eventually donated to and shared by their members in the coven. Satan is cunny, wicked and has nothing good as gift but rather destruction. There is no sure protection besides God's: Eternal God is our refuge and underneath is the everlasting Arms. Only the blessings of God are not with sorrow. Like Satan their master, those who are into witchcraft are wicked and perpetrate many evils. For instance, murdering people, causing miscarriages, accidents and inflicting their victims with incurable diseases and sicknesses are some of these evils.

HATRED

This is an act of having extreme dislike or disgust towards another. There are some who profess to hate others without any reason. Either somebody is having a reason or not for hating others, hatred is equated with murder. In addition, there is no way somebody can love God without loving fellow human beings. Love is the nature of God that anybody who want to partake in God's kingdom must possess. God is even Love.

If a man says, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? [1 John 4 verse 20].

VARIENCE

This is unstable and contradictory behaviour. Sinners are naturally not stable in nature and thus, make it difficult to trust or depend on them. They deviate easily from the normal expected behaviour. They are neither predictable nor reliable.

EMULATIONS

Biblically, it means having ambitious or envious rivalry behavior. With the act of emulations, some want to be like other people in appearance, achievement and thereby, engage in unhealthy rivalry. God in His wonderful love created every individual uniquely. It is wonderful to know that the over six billion human beings in the world differ from one another. For instance, it is not possible to have two individuals with the same finger print. God has a plan for everybody with the resources to becoming what He purposes for the individual. However, failure to discover such or allowing Satan to interfere could truncate God's plan for the individual.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves, but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise [2Corinthians 10 verse 12].

If the Bible says those who make such comparison or emulations, are not wise, it means they are fools. Little wonder, some in an attempt to be like others indulge in doing foolish or criminal activities. As a result of emulations, many are not contented with whom they are or have and have ended in hot soup. In the olden days, only ladies used to indulge in bleaching their skin but now, many foolish men have joined the wagon. For this set of people, they think emulating others with lighter colour, will serve them better but at the end, paying dearly for such actions. Instead of looking more beautiful as envisaged, they find out that their skins have been damaged beyond repairs at the end.

Some people, due to emulations, have missed the right path for their destiny. After knowing full well that, they have no ability or talent for a particular career, some had dabbled into wrong careers just because somebody nearby is making so-called success in it. I say so-called because in some cases, the success may not be real. Worst still, some have terminated other people lives so that they can usurp the envied positions they occupied. In some societies now a days, become transgender, that is, a woman or a man undergoing an operation in order to change to the opposite sex. This is abominable before God.

WRATH

This is an act of strong anger or vengeance anger. Anger or wrath usually produces intense emotional state which always results in hostile response or reactions. In most cases, wrath, if not controlled, is destructive. Anger has cost many people great opportunities in life. Some had lost lucrative jobs, spouse, accommodations, wealth, and even life. Since anger is an emotion that sets in and dies down with time, it can be controlled if one is filled with the Spirit of God. Many cases abound of those who committed murder out of anger and later regretted their actions. Few years ago, I followed the prison evangelists to the prison on evangelistic mission. We met a woman there who had been in the prison for over forty years. Very unfortunate, the woman got herself into life-imprisonment because of anger. According to the woman, she had a quarrel with her sister- in law and unknown to her, she just discovered she picked an available cutlass and beheaded the other woman. She said on realizing what happened, she tried to escape but was caught. The best thing to do during provocation is to keep quiet and walk away if possible. If the emotion can be successfully controlled, after some time, the intended anger may not even be necessary.

STRIFE

Strife is having physical disagreement with another person which usually emanates from anger. Some strife may not be shown outwardly but it is equally dangerous because like physical combat, it can be destructive or even lead to death. A man with the Spirit of God, can save himself from the consequence of strife. For example, in the Bible, Abraham, saved himself and his households from total destruction. Abraham avoided strife with Lot who happened to be his nephew on where his cattle should graze. If we can surrender our rights in a cause to avoid strife or anger, it will save us from many troubles. Naturally, everybody wants to claim and protect his or her rights and where no one is ready to sacrifice his or her right for other, there is bound to be strife. Jesus Christ, instead of defending His rights, committed His cause unto the hands of God and chose to lay down His life for the redemption of the whole world. Make sure you avoid strife and make peace with God and man.

SEDITIONS

This is an act of incitement of resistance against others. This is the conduct of speech or actions inciting people to rebel against the authority or another individual. Those who indulge in this act, do so with the intent of causing strife or quarrel.

HERESIES

This is an act of dissidence or blasphemy. Many people are fond of acting against the basic instructions of God as a result of not accepting the truth. In some cases, some who have known the truth before, are now living a blasphemous life. These are the people the Bible condemns for nailing Jesus on the cross the second time.

ENVYINGS

This is an act of not having contentment with one's possessions while looking at others' and allowing it to degenerate into hatred, as a result of desiring what others have. Envying usually causes bitterness of heart which can lead to other horrible sins: defamation of character, strife, hatred and murder. All that have been said concerning wrath are also associated with envying. The first murderer on earth, Cain, started with envying that degenerated into hatred and eventually, murder. Beware and be contented with whatsoever you have. There is no envying without bitterness. God has provided what everybody needs for life's journey.

A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the Rottenness of the bones. [Prov 14 verse 30]

Envy will ordinarily make an individual to be preoccupied with what he or she does not have and thereby fails to recognize the many things God has done. At the end, the peace of mind will elude such individual. Another place in the Bible says, envy is heavier than a big stone [Prov 27 v 3]. Why should you heap a heavy load on yourself as a result of envy?

MURDERS

The act of premeditated killing of another human being. Thou shall not kill is one of the ten commandments. The Bible says God created man in His own image, hence terminating a life is wasting the image of God which is a terrible sin before God. No murderer will see or enter the kingdom of God. Whatever or means anybody uses to terminate a life, judgment of God is sure. Some may use gun, or other deadly weapon, charms or their words. Those who indulge in abortion are murderers.

DRUNKENNESS

The act of being intoxicated with alcohol. Drunkenness leads to disturbance in behaviour or mental function during or after alcohol consumption. Many have inflicted their lives with grievous calamities and problems due to intoxications from drunkenness. For example, unnecessary wounds, broken

homes, poverty and untimely death. The Bible says wound without cause belongs to the drunkard [Prov 23 v 29].

REVELLINGS

This is an act of merry making like drinking or partying. Today, many indulge in excess enjoyment and merriment of drinking, dining and dancing in horrible ways that are abominable before God. The rate at which the world is advancing in merry making is very alarming. Almost all activities call for partying; house warming, naming ceremonies, burials (not minding the age), graduation, promotions, new jobs and so on. The point here is that, everything gives room for partying since, there is already urge for merriment. It is sad that, some prefer to attend such parties at the expense of God's appointment. No wonder Jesus Christ said his second coming will catch many unawares.

These above-mentioned sins are not the only sinful acts in the world but the others not mentioned can be associated or traceable to any of the sins that have been discussed above, the Bible in Galatians chapter five verse twenty-one says, and "such like" which implies there are still others not mentioned here. In the book of Romans (Romans 1 vs 28-32), Paul the Apostle, stated many other sins like; haters of God, having eyes full of wickedness, whisperers, backbiting, without natural affection, covenant

breakers disobedience and so on. There are other places in the Bible where sins are mentioned. There are other social vices like kidnappings for either rituals or ransom, armed robbery, lesbianism, gayism, unforgiving spirit, and many others that are being invented daily out of evil imaginations. However, the ones explained perfectly depict what is going on in our contemporary societies. All these sinful acts made the world a terrible and an unsafe place for living and this is why God in His infinite mercy is preparing a new Heaven and earth for those who will obey and turn away from their sinful ways. The kingdom of God is full of righteousness and peace and no sinner will be allowed there.

CHAPTER THREE

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF HEAVENLY KINGDOM.

Having seen the depravity of man, and the major characteristics of this present world, it is a thing of joy to know that there is hope and assurance of living a better life. This is exactly opposite to the state or nature of this present evil world.

Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty [Psalm 74 verse 20].

While the world is full of darkness, the kingdom of God is full of light. With Jesus, you cannot stumble on darkness of any satanic power. Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord and King of glory and also the light of the whole world.

I believe, the first question that comes to your mind is how? The answer to this question, is basically the main message of this book. My earnest prayer is that as you read on, you will realize the importance and the need of embracing life in the kingdom.

Living a life in the kingdom starts with becoming a member of heavenly Kingdom which has been extensively dealt with in my first book on the Kingdom of God, titled *SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*: *Your Top Priority*. This starts with a decisive step of accepting JESUS as Lord

and Saviour. In volume one, much emphasis is placed on eternal benefits of entering God's kingdom even while on earth, but much will be revealed on the benefits you stand to enjoy here on earth as you continue to live kingdom life while on earth and unto everlasting eternal glorification. Before continuing, I want to assure you that it is as easy as ABC. Take the following steps to salvation:

1] ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE A SINNER

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God [Romans 3 verse 23] God be merciful to me a sinner [Luke 18 verse 13].

2] REPENT OF YOUR SINS

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish [Luke 13 verse 3].

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of God [Acts 3 v 19].

3] CONFESS YOUR SINS

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness[1 John 1 v 9].

If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved [Romans 10 v 9].

4] FORSAKE YOUR SINS

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him and will abundantly pardon.[Isaih 55 v 7].

5] BELIEVE ON THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST

For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever Believe on Him should not perish but have everlasting life [

John 3: 16].

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned.[Mark 16 v 16].

6] RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

He came unto HIS own, and His own receive Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the son of God, even to them that believe.[John 1 vs 11-12].

Before moving to the last but not the least step, it is pertinent to expatiate on step six. The need arises from the confusion and doubt of many on the Sonship of Jesus Christ and His followers. Sonship bestowed on us through Jesus is the manifestation of God's love towards humanity.

The scope of this book will not give room for the details of doctrines but then, the redemption of man from eternal damnation is by the grace of God which was destined the very moment man fell from glory. Prophet Habakkuk said, God remembered mercy even in judgment (Habakkuk 3 v2). Adam and Eve lost two attributes of God: holiness and immortality but thanks be to God for His eternal love that He has towards man. No wonder, Apostle John the beloved, stressed that the love God has for man is eternal. Now, for God to bring man back to the first nature, there is need for sonship which can only be gotten through the power of adoption as recorded in John chapter one verses eleven and twelve. Our becoming children of God is by the power of adoption through our Lord Jesus Christ. Even nature itself teaches us the power of adoption. The constitutions of many sovereign countries allow the adoption of a child or children by any individual who so wishes after following the laid down legal procedure. If God Himself pronounces the power of sonship on those who believe Him through Jesus Christ, nobody belongs to His council to dispute this. Paul the Apostle in his Epistle to the Ephesians in chapter one beautifully wrote: Grace be to you and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ: Blessed be the God and father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ.

According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy without blame before him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. To the praise of the glory of grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace.[verses 2-7].

My earnest prayer is that this great grace will not be in vain over our lives.

7] ASK TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you In the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. [Acts 2: 38].

PRAY THIS PRAYER NOW:

LORD JESUS, I BELIEVE YOU DIED FOR ME, TO SET ME FREE FROM ALL MY SINS.

I NOW CONFESS THEM AND SEEK YOUR FORGIVENESS. I RECEIVE YOU AS MY LORD AND PERSONAL SAVIOUR TODAY. WASH ME CLEAN OF ALL MY SINS. I INVITE YOU TO CONTROL MY LIFE. LORD JESUS CHRIST, WRITE MY NAME IN THE BOOK OF LIFE AND SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO ME. AMEN.

Becoming a child of God through the Lord Jesus Christ, which automatically makes you a citizen of God's kingdom is the highest miracle anybody can receive on earth. It is an act of God Himself by which He supernaturally translates a sinner who follows all the steps to salvation, as enumerated above, from this corruptible wicked world into His eternal kingdom. You need this translation through the power of God. You cannot do it on your own. Unfortunately, some think it is what they can do with human wisdom or power. Many, after several attempts to be free from sins through exerting carnal power and meeting with gross failure, have concluded they cannot be freed. What a frustrated effort!

This reminds me of a young man that decided to follow Jesus after realizing his sinful ways and the consequences. This is a true story of somebody I personally witnessed to and started to follow up. He joined the church of God, and was fervent in church activities but unfortunately, did not embrace the grace of God that empowers a Christian believer to stand in the faith and run the race of eternal life to the end. Prophet Zechariah had this to say:

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the word of Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. [Zechariah 4 verse 6]

This young man continued to struggle with sin on a daily basis as he continued in fellowship with the children of God. He always complained of being tempted and falling into sin despite his willingness to obey God. This may be your own problem too. There are many who know the judgment of God on evil doers but have resigned to so called "fate" because of their belief that no one can be free from sin.

God is ready to accept every willing sinner. What a loving father! The fact that you are not free from sin, does not imply that some are not free from sin. Jesus has paid for our righteousness and we are made complete in Him.

For He had made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. [2 Corinthians 5 verse 21] Some, after experiencing disappointment from struggling with sins daily, have resorted into joining a "dead" church where they can worship and at the same time continue swimming in their sins without being condemn by their false or so-called man of God who is interested only in their money and not salvation of their souls. These self-enthroned men carry the Bible around but are in fellowship with powers of darkness without knowing or having any personal relationship with the God in the holy Bible. All these false prophets and preachers will be exposed by the power of Holy Ghost. The Bible says, they will be deceiving people and be deceived by others (2) Timothy 3 v 13). My dear reader, don't be deceived, whether you avoid the truth and choose to be deceived or you deliberately close your ears against the truth, will not change God's standard because of you or anyone irrespective of their title.

The young man mentioned above, like many people who feel they can by themselves overcome sin, out of disappointment, later left the church and concluded it was better not to be hearing the truth about judgment of sinners than to be in a church where the truth is being preached and taught. The problem with the young man is that in the first instance, he felt he had committed too much atrocities that could be forgiven just like that. Since he was still carrying the guilt of sins that God had forgiven him when he accepted Jesus Christ, he lost the joy of salvation and eventually found it difficult to press on with God. When God forgives, He forgets and can at the same time empower the individual with the power of 'go and sin no more'. That is the work of grace which is always available to save a sinner. God has the power to integrate a repented sinner into life in His kingdom. Upon being integrated into God's kingdom life, a Christian will continue to be controlled by God's Spirit and not Satan's. Robert Lardon said 'A saint cannot commit sin, while a sinner cannot be holy'. Nothing less is expected because everyone is being controlled by the nature of his or her master.

Sinners Jesus will receive!

Sound this word of grace to all

Who the heav'enly pathway leave,

All who linger, all who fall.

Christ receiveth, sinful men:

Even me with all my sin:

Purg'd ev'ry spot and stain,

Heav'n with Him I enter in.

Sing it o'er....and o'er again......

Christ receiv....eth sinful men:......

Make the mes....sage clear and plain....

Christ receiv....eth sinful men......[Sinners Jesus will receive be James McGrana.]

Upon becoming a child of God, a Christian believer is integrated into the life of God's kingdom right from that moment unto eternal life if he or she continues in the love of God in obedience to His commandments. There is need for continuity as against the satanic doctrine of eternal security. Many so-called men and women of God, have imparted wrong doctrines into the lives of their blind followers among which is the doctrine of eternal security. That is, being secured in the eternal kingdom of God for ever after salvation, no matter what the individuals does. Some have been deceived of misinterpreting the grace of God. Hence taking the grace of God for liberty to continue in sins instead of continuing in faith. Jesus Himself emphasized continuity after salvation:

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, if ye continue in my word, Then are ye my disciples indeed. [John 8 verse 31].

It was also recorded of the first converts of the early Apostles after the death of Jesus that the Christian believers continued in the Apostles' doctrines.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and prayers.[Acts 2 v 42].

It is a great thing to be a candidate of God's kingdom with its manifold's benefits. There are a lot of benefits I have been enjoying personally since I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. This will lead me to the next chapter of this book. The benefits a child of God begins to enjoy immediately he or she becomes the citizen of God's kingdom. The song above was beautifully composed in the Spirit by an individual who had experienced heaven on earth.

Says 'heaven with Him I entered'. Salvation from sin is a glorious experience if it is genuine. No wonder King David who God Himself pronounced as a man after His [God] own heart, said 'restore unto me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51 v 12). The joy of salvation is unconditional, it is an abundant joy that will continue to flow even while you are passing through trials, problems, hunger, and even to the point of death. Yes, it is Heavenly joy starting right here on earth.

CHAPTER FOUR

BENEFITS OF BECOMING THE CITIZEN OF GOD'S KINGDOM

It is a great thing of joy to become a citizen of God's kingdom with its manifold benefits in this present world and after. As pointed out earlier, there are some people who settle for remaining in their sins as fate. The belief is either they cannot be free from sin or be forgiven of the terrible sins they have committed. On the other hand, some continue sinning due to satanic deception that God will unconsciously throw them over hell fire, and they will miraculously land in the kingdom of God for eternal bliss. What a great mistake! Have you ever seen any judge of this world mistakenly throwing a condemned criminal over the prison into a palace? Again, many ignorantly determine to enjoy this present world to the fullest and allow eternity to take care of itself. The common language is that 'only Heaven knows those who will be saved and wait till then'. One thing that is certain is that, it is not possible to cross to another country without a visa. As a citizen of another country, all necessary documents must be duly processed and collected before crossing over. You cannot cross to Heaven the kingdom of God without having a personal relationship with God through salvation by Jesus Christ. Salvation is the passport while holiness of life is the visa to Heaven.

Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal,

The Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth

The name of Christ departs from iniquity. [2 Timothy 2 verse 19].

In view of all these falsehoods, they choose to continuing in sin and are ready to face the consequences of God's wrath with a false self-consolation that many will suffer the same fate with them. While it is true that many unconverted souls will suffer in hell fire, the pains and horror will be felt by every individual. As you are reading along, I want to ask a question: 'why should you choose eternal damnation in hell, when there is an opportunity to escape and make it to eternal life?' My sincere plea to you, is that you check your life and take necessary steps to salvation now if you have not. Becoming a citizen of God's kingdom is for individuals' good. Job pointed this out;

Lo this, we have searched it, so it is: hear it, and know thou it, for thy good. [Job 5 verse 27].

In this section, you will come across many testimonies most of which will be personal and other people's that buttress the wonderful experience of becoming citizen of God's kingdom. Job, out of his experience in walking righteously with God, concluded that believing and doing God's will is for your own good. I want to stress here that it is not possible for me to share all my testimonies since becoming a child of God and having the grace of Heavenly citizenship because it is a daily experience. My earnest prayer is that the main reason of sharing just a few where applicable, which is to challenge you into desiring this glorious experience will be fulfilled in your life. I will like to share the testimony of my conversion from being a sinner unto a saved soul first. All my testimonies, what I have become and will become is by the grace of God through my personal encounter with God.

I met the Lord Jesus in the year 1978, during a seminar organized by 'Christian Fellowship' in Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria. Before this time, I used to follow one of my uncles to his church with the thought of being converted into a Christian because I was a Muslim by birth. In fact, a child of an Alhaji and a committed Muslim mother. As a member of my uncle's church, I was zealous in religious activities and basically a member of different sections in the church, like: choir and evangelistic outreach group. I was already preparing for the conferment of 'right hand of fellowship' which was to qualify me for receiving holy communion that was meant for Elders in the church, though, I was under sixteen years of age. All this was as a result of my serious participation in the local church. In the actual sense of it, I was ignorant of the truth and full of self-righteousness. Unfortunately, I was never born again. With all my fervency, I still indulged in sins, some of

which I did not count as sins unto God because I did not involve myself in fornication which I believed was the only sin that God frowns at against the youth. For instance, I used to alter my school fees' bills so that I could use the extra from the inflated bills for personal needs. Though, I thought I was justified, since to me, I had a good reason because my father believed in paying children's school fees, while other expenses should be borne by us, or we continue to manage ourselves. Knowing full well that collection of school fees was a sure means of having my needs met, I used to inflate the bills. What are those sinful things you indulge in, and justify yourself with supposed good reasons? There is no good reason for doing bad. Adam and Eve tried to argue their case before God by pushing the blame of their disobedience to others. God listened but judged them. God will definitely judge sin anywhere He finds it, regardless of the reason and where it is found.

Apart from this, I was hypocritically gentle but stubborn, tough and quarrelsome outside especially while in the school. Everybody used to vouch for me as a gentle girl. I also indulged in telling lies, fighting, cursing, keeping malice and above all I was very proud. As a young girl, I was brilliant and cherished by many people everywhere I found myself. By the grace of God, I was the best girl academically in my set and with this, I

thought life was just like Mathematics and thereby, had calculated my journey of life, using brightness as a major formula. By my calculation, I concluded that I should have gotten to the peak of my career at the age of thirty-five. This at the back of my mind, I always looked down on people because I saw myself as being there already without any impediment. Thanks to God, I met Jesus Christ on time. With salvation, my life changed completely, and I became the opposite of my former self. Till today I see myself as nothing outside God's grace and the higher I go, the lesser I see of myself. I give all the glory to God who saved me from pride which was the singular sin that brought Satan down from his highly exalted position: 'the Morning Star'. Have you reasoned it out before, as God Himself ministered to me that if not for pride that brought Satan down, many of us will be naming our children after him? I am sure no one will ever dare name his or her children Satan, so sad, one of the effects of pride. In those days before my conversion, I thought I was a Christian because of religiosity and avoidance of fornication. Unfortunately, I was adamantly proud which is a grievous sin in the sight of God. Apostle James and Peter stressed the evil effect of pride.

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. [James 4 v 6]

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. [1 Peter 5 verse 6].

God Himself descended so low to the extent of becoming a man for the sake of paying the penalty of our sins. What a wonderful humility! There are many people that are so proud and have forgotten that man is just ordinary decorated dust with temporary existence on earth. Being proud is just one out many sins that will send some people to hell fire. All our self-righteousness is vain before God. Jesus Himself said 'except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" [John 3 verse 7]. Some are sincerely serving God in sin due to ignorance as a result of not having a personal relationship with God. Only the Spirit of God can convince and teach us the mind of God. The Bible says, the Holy Spirit which you have received will teach you all things (1 John 2 v 27). The kingdom of God is characterized by the will of God and to see God, you must do the will of God while on earth. A phrase in the Lord's prayer says 'thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. You must have a taste of God's kingdom while on earth before you can qualify to enter Heaven. I always pity those who are fond of deceiving themselves even posing as one doing the work of God without having a personal

relationship with the God they are claiming to be working for. Some are wash-hand basins in the hand of devil and his agents. If you are serving God and belong to Him and His kingdom, three personalities will bear witness: God, You and Satan. Are you of God and member of His kingdom? The man of God who preached on that day I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, quoted the book of Psalm chapter one hundred and forty-six, verses three and four.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there There is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth:

In that very day, his thought perish. [Psalm 146 verses 3-4].

Holy Spirit ministered to me more than what the preacher was saying and I started crying even before the altar call was made. After the prayer, an unspeakable joy entered my heart and till today, the joy is still flowing within me no matter what I face. It is the joy of salvation indeed. If you taste it, you too will know it.

I have been enjoying God's goodness as a citizen of His kingdom. I will share some testimonies concerning the goodness and faithfulness of God in the next few pages of this chapter.

DIVINE HEALING AND TOTAL DELVERANCE FROM MANY- YEARS DISEASE.

The circumstance in which my mother conceived and gave birth to me was historical and rendered me sickly right from the womb. After God by His grace had saved and healed me, she narrated the story of how she was attacked while she was pregnant with me less than three months. Due to this attack, she was hospitalized for months prior to her delivery date. It was reported that her medical problem was not diagnosed, that is, the name of her ailment not known despite all the efforts of the team of doctors in the best available hospital by then: Wesley Guild hospital, in Ilesa, Nigeria. On her due date, I was born with undiagnosed ailment too, and right from the very first day, the battle for my survival started. Apart from the ones narrated to me, I grew up to discover that some strange diseases were growing up with me. August, which happens to be my month of birth, is always what I did not always wish to come to existence every year before my conversion. Of a truth, it used to be tug of war for me. I knew I was not alright but found it difficult to explain how my body system was working. I can still recollect most of my visits to different Hospitals, I was always looked down upon as stupid for not able to explain what was actually going wrong within my body system. I was subjected to different medical

examinations with uncountable X- RAYS and other physical methods. My medical problem defied all medications. I became teaching aids to many doctors. At this juncture, I will like to narrate what happened to me in a hospital that made me decide to stop going to hospital on that problem.

As I pointed out earlier on, the ailment was growing as I was growing up. At the age of nineteen, I determined to find solution to my life's problem myself. I went to a specialist hospital purposely to do all available medical examinations, as advised by some concerned individuals. It should be noted here that; the medical examinations went on for many weeks if not months. At the end, the last doctor who attended to me, gave me a sealed referral letter to another specialist hospital. On my way, it just occurred to me that I should open the letter and read the contents. In fact, upon going through the contents, I hated myself and wished I was not born. Apart from some terrible terms, the doctor stated that he did not understand my case and that I should be referred back to him if they could discover what the actual problem was. In addition, the doctor stated that everything was internally alright with me according to the medical tests performed on me. When I realized the doctor's comment, I decided not to go anywhere again as far as orthodox medication was concerned. I strongly believed it would Little wonder, many patients had been unnecessarily be the same story.

operated upon without any successful result but rather their conditions would grow from bad to worse.

Yes, something within you may be saying I should have gone to traditional healers. I left no stone unturned in the course of looking for solutions to my problem. I suffered many things in their hands too. Like the woman with the issue of blood, instead of being healed, my problem was compounded. I was taken to a herbalist which was actually a long story but to cut the story short, after draining the purse of my maternal aunty that took me there, he gave me a small stone which should be kept from others. During this period, I did not know the implication of small stone given to God says the sorrow of those who are seeking other gods will be multiplied, apart from not being able to give any solution, Satan always adds to the problem of his customers. Imagine me ignorantly becoming an idolater. In the book of second Kings chapter three verse two, mention was made of a sacred stone of Baal, which another Bible version refers to as image of Baal. It was later after many years that I realized the foolishness of those who are seeking and following other gods. The old man instructed that I should be waking up at exactly one-thirty in the morning, and put the stone inside very hot fried palm-oil and start licking it after reciting some incantations of about five lines. In the first instance, it took me many days before I could master the incantations. You can just imagine the terrible bondage of waking up at one-thirty daily before the day breaks all in the cause of seeking for solution to my problem. Satan has no solution or any good gift to give out free. The Bible says, it is God that gives without adding any sorrow. Added to all this was also the warning to desist from the food I loved most so that the stone could work. In addition, it cost me so much.

In fact, Satan is wicked. There were other experiences I had which cannot be written here due to the scope of this book. With all I had undergone in the hand of the herbalist, there was no solution. However, all glory to God, after my conversion and personal encounter with God, my Jesus divinely healed me. One glorious day, I went for a church service and there was an opportunity for brethren to share their testimonies concerning what God did for them as I am doing now. One of the testifiers happened to be a brother who I can never forget, he praised God for how he was delivered from a terrible stomach problem that had lingered for many years and which had defied all medications like my own situation. On hearing this, I was pricked in the heart and started crying. I cried for two main reasons, firstly, I had been following God over one year or more without realizing that Jesus could also heal freely after salvation and secondly, for what I had passed through. At the end of the service, I went home with a

heavy heart but on getting home, I went on my knees immediately, praying for healing and pleading for similar experience like the one I heard of, in the Fellowship. As I was praying, the Spirit of God instructed me to do away with all the medications in my room: both orthodox and traditional. Apart from the satanic stone, there were some black soaps and cream. I packed everything and dropped them into the pit toilet without consulting with anybody. I will ever live to praise God to eternity for that glorious day. Since that day, an end came to the terrible unknown disease in my life which I had battled with, for twenty-one years. That very day I resumed eating the food I loved most and till date, I can eat whatever I like and I am totally free. I must add here that; this is one of the miracles that I have been enjoying since walking with God. God is great.

If you have read my first Christian book, which I titled, *SEEKING FIRST*THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Your Top Priority, you will discover and appreciate this section.

As you are reading this book, you too can take a step of faith, accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, then pray for the healing of any sickness/disease in your life or solution to your long-time problem. My God, through Jesus Christ, is still in the business of being close to His own children and ready to always grant their requests. You just believe and seek

first the kingdom of God. May be your own problem has a name or not, at the name of Jesus Christ, every kneel must bow. You cannot be a child of God's kingdom and Satan will refuse to let you go. Jesus is the greatest Emancipator. Most of the problems taking people from one prayer mountain to the other, can be solved if sin's problem is settled. Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

DESTRUCTION FROM THE KINGDOM OF SATAN AVERTED.

The thief [Satan] comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. Only those who have been born into the kingdom of God genuinely are free from the destruction by Satan and his cohorts. It is very disheartening that many lives have been wasted with their visions perishing. Some promising individuals whose lives have been cut short at unripe age have been celebrated on the account of 'not how long but how well'. In most cases, in order to comfort their relatives or the society they belong to, they will conclude that it is a call to service in heaven by God Himself. I pray God will have mercy on us. I want to bless God for His mercy for delivering me from being wasted by the enemies.

It is of the Lord mercy that we are not consumed, because his compassion fails not [Lamentation 3 verse 22].

I am a product of God's mercy because the enemies would have wasted my life under many circumstances that would have seemed normal and considered "one of those things". I will only narrate few instances but want to say here that it had been God even right from the womb. The first instance has to do with my wedding day. Satan planned to turn the glorious day to my burial day but God of Hosts Himself over ruled it. Just one year to my wedding when we had not even fixed the date, a sister and I had special three days fasting and prayer which was basically to wage war against a problem facing her. It was the second evening, as I was sleeping that God opened my eyes and just as if a television was placed before me. The person I saw, knelt down before herbalist with a request to destroy me and all my siblings. She then stressed that my wedding day should be a declaration of bride and groom's death. Since it was a clear vision, I shared it with my prayer partner. The vision kept on coming in different forms but I strongly believed that my Jesus Christ is alive. It was also a long story but because I am a child of God, the death sentence was reversed. May be as you are reading, you feel it was ordinary dream. The individual was so bold and sent me physically life-threatening messages, but I made her realize that apart from it being a successful wedding, she would be missing at the glorious occasion and it was so. The Bible says 'And such as do wickedly,

against the covenant: shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God, shall be strong and do exploits' (Daniel 11 v 32). Who can say and come to pass, when my God has not commanded? She did not stop at that; she came four weeks after my wedding to test the power of God and she met with super power of my living God. Over thirty years now, she is still paying dearly for her wicked intention. Having seen the power of my living God, she came after ten years to apologize. Do you know that many have been wasted on their wedding day and only for people to conclude that such a lady is a member of familiar spirit coven? In my own case, the woman said it would be easy to conclude that I belonged to another world because I was bright. Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'

FATAL ACCIDENTS FROM THE KINGDOM OF SATAN AVERTED.

Satan tried to use one of his agents twice to wipe away all my family members in the year 1991. My entire family and I embarked on a journey to attend one of my brothers-in-law's wedding in April, 1991. The journey from Ondo to Ibadan, both cities in Nigeria, was very pleasurable that fateful day until just a few kilometers away to our destination. All happened like a flash, we faced a big long container truck right in front of us that lost control and another big truck behind us, like magic, our small car was in between the two trucks while those near were shouting and lamenting for

us thinking all hope for our survival lost. Everywhere turned dark in a daylight but I was shouting Jesus. Up till today, nobody knew how we escaped. After the scene, my husband could not move the car for some minutes.

Again, same year, October, 1991, the whole family decided to visit our family friends who relocated from our station to their home-town, Idanre. We had just about two kilometers to get to our friend's house, when the enemy struck again. My husband started complaining that the road was slippery, and in a twinkling of an eye, our car started rolling in a circular mode. I was just shouting please don't apply the brakes and we were calling Jesus. To the glory of God again, we escaped. Now, one may be correct to say that the two incidents were not strange but I am sharing this testimony here again as a result of what happened after some months. There was a particular so-called sister in our church in those days, who was active in many activities. This so-called sister just came to my house and started confessing that she was responsible for the two averted accidents. It was unbelievable and my question was 'what was my offence? She narrated how they had succeeded in causing various accidents that claimed many lives including the life of one of her teachers that happened very close to the school. However, I prayed that she would confess publicly herself because she might want to deny if I reported her in the church. Again, being an

active sister in the church, no one would believe me because even I found it difficult to believe if not that I heard it from the horse's mouth. God exposed her publicly after some weeks and she confessed many atrocities that she had been involved in. From all her confessions both in the public and privately to me, this lady was just a victim of satanic possession and acting under the command of her master, Satan. For instance, she was always ordered to kill or destroy the lives of her dear ones. Among the confessed evils she perpetrated was blindfolding her loving father, debarring her younger sister from seeing a man who could marry her and wasting the lives of many of her close friends. She added that, each satanic assignment was meant to promote them in their kingdom. This ugly incident happened while I was working in Ondo State. May God have mercy. Imagine how the two accidents might have claimed the life of everybody on board while people would have thought it was an ordinary accident. Any of the brethren over there, reading this book can bear me witness. The sister confessed that she did not know how my family escaped her first and second attempts. The Bible says that "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world". [1 John 4 v 4]. You must not allow Satan to waste your destiny or life before you repent and turn to the living God. If you are

a true child of God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, no Satan or his agent dare touch you except, he or she is ready to stop work. By the special grace of God, many who have dared going beyond their boundaries by touching real children of God did not live to tell the story. No evil can come near you as a child of God except you yourself are playing with sin either secretly or openly. There are many accidents that have wasted promising souls which would have been settled in the spirit world before their actualization in the physical. You must insure your life with God if you don't want to be wasted. Don't allow any Satanic agent use you to earn his or promotion in their kingdom.

Before I leave this point, I want to issue out a warning against being suspicious. This is pertinent because of the sister I mentioned in my testimony. It does not mean that anybody moving too close to you or far from you must be an agent of Satan. The reason for this warning is that many have driven away those who were supposed to be their destiny helpers and in return embraced their enemies. The best and only way out is to know and have personal a relationship with God.

Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full

Of the habitations of cruel [Psalm 74 verse 20].

Only God knows the heart and is able to weigh all actions, hence, commit your life sincerely unto Him and relate freely with anybody. Whosoever proves himself or herself contra-wise will meet the power of God you are carrying. The scope of this book may not give room for my experiences with different house-helps both male and female. Becoming a true citizen of God's kingdom will qualify you to possess gifts of the Spirit, among which is discerning spirit. Discerning spirit enables a Christian to know deeper things which are not known ordinarily. By the grace of God, there are many sincere children of God who God Himself knows and recognizes in Heaven. The fact that Judas Iscariot existed among the twelve disciples, did not make all others Judases. Only God Himself knew how Judas Iscariot emerged as the treasurer among the disciples, whatever happened, Jesus Himself recognized Judas Iscariot as such that is, a treasurer, who might have initially possessed the required qualifications. It was likely for him to be a saint after Jesus called him to the ministry by the power of God and along the way, Judas allowed Satan to enter his life either consciously or unconsciously like many backsliders. Many men and women of God today that started very well but for some reasons, part of which is covetousness, have opened the door of their hearts to Satan like Judas Iscariot. By the time the evil spirit entered his life at the fullest, Satan empowered Judas to

betray his Lord and master and eventually he hanged himself at Aceldama field. If a Christian is not careful, he or she may not know the exact time evil spirit will take possession of his or her life and ministry and thus, become an agent of Satan in the household of God. On the other hand, some agents of Satan intentionally creep into the house of God with the aim of destroying, bringing down, afflicting, tempting and causing many other evils to Christians who are careless with their Christian's life. Such satanic agent may occupy or bear high title in his or her church. Iyke Nathan Uzorma in his book titled OCCULT GRAND MASTER NOW IN CHRIST asserted that Satan used to sponsor his agents to seminaries where some people enrol to be trained as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Just imagine the pastor of a so-called church, being an agent to the kingdom, undoubtedly, he or she will be working assiduously to enlarge his master's kingdom. Nathan Uzorma gave a living testimony. I came across one socalled woman of God who was the head of a big church in New York, of America. It was so dramatic. When we met, just to exchange greetings with me, she started speaking in an unknown tongue. Unconsciously, I burst into laughter while one of her members was embarrassed because she believed the woman was spiritually powerful. I laughed, not because she was speaking in tongues but because she was faking the demonstration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The lady pastor was ashamed of herself because she expected me to be shaking for her like others used to do so that she would start dishing out fake prophecies. The Bible says "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge" [Hosea 4 v 6]. Many good destinies have been truncated by false pastors and prophets who are sent by Satan or who become satanic agents in the cause of looking for power to do God's work. If God sends an individual to work for him with the sole purpose of increasing His kingdom's population, He will definitely empower such minister. The question is why should somebody decide to go to hell fire just because he or she wants to draw others to God's kingdom? Since it is not the power of God working in them, but their master Satan, they will always dramatize with magical performances which their ignorant followers call miracles. On the last day, Heaven will be filled with wonders while all secrets will be exposed. Jesus Christ warned His disciples that not all are clean. The onus lies on you to know whom you are serving and serve Him faithfully. You must be Spirit filled if you don't want the gates of hell to prevail against you and cause you to regret all through eternity. Once again, you need God and Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour. My God is good and faithful and it is a wonderful experience to become a child of God living a kingdom life right

from here. All glory to God, there are many wonderful faithful men and women of God. God, Satan and you yourself know if you belong to God. Don't allow Satan and his agents waste you untimely. God is faithful unto His promises.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

[Romans 8 verse 14]

Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

DIVINE HEALING FOM SERIOUS KIDNEY PROBLEM

The supernatural God's intervention when I was diagnosed with kidney problem is an unforgettable experience that actually proves God's power and His faithfulness in the lives of those who belong to Him. Some people often make the mistake of facing this present world without God, with the attitude of allowing Heaven or eternity to take care of itself after death. You cannot even enjoy this world without God because it is a battle which nobody can conquer with his or her own power. Sometime in the middle of year 2005, I developed an ailment which I initially thought to be ordinary malaria. However, I took almost all known malaria drugs but the illness persisted. After a few months, I was slated for general body scanning, the result of which revealed a problem with my two kidneys and the right one was the worse. In short, it was a long story but to cut it short again, I was

slated for dialysis against March 1st, 2006 but my brother believed the operation may not be properly handled in Nigeria, offered to sponsor me to United States of America for the dialysis. I blessed God for my Regional Pastor and many children of God who know God and His power to do all things. Apart from coming to my house to pray for me, they also charged the brethren in the church to be praying for me. Our God answered all the prayers, because I was already in serious pains day in day out with protruding stomach despite the fact that I was not able to eat anything except drink half glass of orange juice per day. It got to a stage I set everything in my life in order and was ready to go and meet my Lord and Saviour. At a stage, I was having an inner joy that I will go and rest. But my God who knew I still had service to render, had mercy on me. My healing was a miracle and an evidence that God is still working as of old. By the grace of God, I searched my life and was convinced that I would see my God if I should die. Up to this time of writing this testimony, I cannot say if it was a vision or not, because I had lost anything called sleep over four months to that time. I saw a man who came besides my bed and ordered me to carry my Bible and read the book of Philippians. Immediately I answered it should be the promise of God in chapter one verses twentyseven to twenty- eight? The man said just read Philippians and I started reading. I picked my Bible in real life and started reading as instructed. I finished chapter one and discovered nothing, then I started the second chapter. As I was reading on, verse twenty -seven seemed as highlighted and I started repeating it and not long, I heard a voice: that said "won't you ask for my mercy?' I jumped from the bed and started praying with tears asking God to have mercy on my children who would have suffered a great loss if had died. The verse says:

For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him:

And not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon

sorrow. [Philippians 2 verse 27].

The next thing I realized was that I woke up from sleep around six O'clock in the morning since eleven o'clock in the night that I had the experience. On waking up, I felt a terrible hunger which had not happened over four months to that time, and immediately I demanded for food. Praise God with me, that was the end of kidney problem without dialysis. I was totally healed and delivered. I knew it was the power of prayer and my children who were pleading for mercy because I had already told them I may not survive it. My dear reader, I am putting all these testimonies in black and white so that you may believe. My hope is that if you are doubting the ones in the Bible, these are personal miracles which I experienced and with

many living witnesses. God is real and there are lots of benefits in becoming a citizen of His Kingdom. God loves you too. Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

THREATENING MISCARRIAGES AND ESCAPE FROM MATERNAL MORTALITY

Like a song writer, I have proved God over and over and my conclusion is that God is faithful. After salvation, God's grace continues to sustain me in the Christian journey and His words daily serve as light to my path. This testimony is another wonderful love of God over my life. Maternal mortality is usually the death of a woman while pregnant or during childbirth and thousands of women die yearly all over the world as shown in research records. By the grace God I settled many issues concerning my life immediately I became a child of God among which was conception and childbirth. Since God is faithful to His promises, He answered all my prayers. I am a living testimony of God's faithfulness in all ways, even what seems to be problems along my way always turned to stepping stones to the fulfillment of God's plans for my life. For Heavenly bound Christians, any disappointment is always a root to divine appointment and greater opportunity. Like I stated earlier, because of what I saw in many pregnant women around me and the stories narrated by my mother when I was young, I told God I must not experience such evil occurrence because I discovered in the Bible that it is part of Adamic curse and as a child of the kingdom of God, Jesus has set me free from all curses. The Bible says:

Blotting out the hand writing of ordinances that was against us, Which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross... [Colossians 2 verse 14].

However, in one of my pregnancies Satan tried to raise his ugly head but met with total defeat. It happened that right from the first month of my conception I started bleeding profusely every Thursday. I sought for medical solution but the problem persisted. When the pregnancy was five months, my Doctor ordered the evacuation of the baby because, according to him, everything had scattered and I couldn't but have a multiplehandicapped child. As he was busy expressing what his examination of me revealed to him, my God who is Alfa and Omega assured me of having a healthy baby, the voice I counted superior verdict to that of the doctor. As a child of God, I believe God has the final say over my life. I heard within me that nothing good will be withdrawn from those who are walking uprightly. What transpired from that time to the day of my delivery was a long story. Firstly, the bleeding persisted and it used to come every Thursday. The

doctor kept on pressing on my husband to convince me to terminate the pregnancy. With faith I held on to God's voice which said to me, "nothing good shall be withdrawn from those who are upright'. [Psalm 84 v 11]. Unlike normal delivery, I missed my due date and I was not delivered of the baby until almost one year and according to God's promise, the baby came out to be goodly and wonderfully attractive in beauty. There is none like our God. Once again, I am appealing to you as you read along to make sure nothing deprives you of becoming a child of God and invariably being integrated into His kingdom. Like I emphasized at the beginning of my testimonies, that many things that we take to be one of those things, are not ordinary but designs from the pit of hell. Just a few days to my delivery, a young girl living with us was arrested by the power of Holy Ghost and started confessing her evil deeds against me and my family. The most painful aspect of what she confessed was that, she had the opportunity to strike while I was weak in prayers. However, all glory to God for His mercy because she failed in the assignment given to her against my life and family. She narrated how she cunningly came into our family with the aim of making sure I don't have any child in life. Hence, she, in collusion with the satanic agents that sponsored her, were the ones causing the bleeding in order to terminate the baby in me at all cost. If not that I was a child of God

with lively faith, we should have flushed out the baby in accordance to my doctor's recommendation. It is a pity many promising future leaders have been terminated during conception. My earnest prayer is that any satanic agent assigned to destroy you and your family will be exposed and consumed by the power of God. In addition, she stated that if I had terminated the baby that time, it would have been the end. Many families have been limited to having only one child or none by Satan and his agents because of carelessness in their spiritual life. Though doctors give names and different terminologies to some problems, they are mostly attack from the kingdom of hell. Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

THE SALVATION AND DIVINE HEALING OF MY MOTHER.

It should be recollected that the first major miracle I received after my conversion was my healing from inherited undiagnosed disease which afflicted me from my mother's womb. My mother too battled with what she knew was an attack but did not know the way out for many years. We, her children, grew up to know her as being sickly and feeble. Her problem then was always on and off. At a stage, all hope for her survival was lost. As I earlier stressed, she was a Muslim, one converted by force after marriage. According to her, she was deceived that she would be allowed practice her Christian faith while my father, her husband, would continue with his

Islamic religion, but things did not work as she faced serious persecutions and for her love to her children, she resigned to fate and was eventually won with a change of name to Islam. Surprisingly, as a converted Muslim then, she embraced the religion more than those who were born Muslims. I must confess, my mother gave me more tough time when I surrendered my life to Jesus and (was persecuted) than my father. The way I overcame the period of this persecution will be narrated in my next book if Jesus tarries. But, after series of punishments, threat to make me mad, abandonment, denials and so on, my father realized that I had made up my mind to the point of death and decided to leave me alone with my chosen way but my mother vowed not to. I bless the name of God that my life and testimonies were not contestable. For instance, when I was to wed, my mother insisted that I must be pregnant before she would support me. This was another battle that generated a family meeting on me. I vehemently stood on my conviction as a child of God and told them that I would come with my first baby after ten months of my marriage because my mother kept on citing examples of many who celebrated without conception. I made them realize that my case was different because I belonged to Jesus. To God be the glory, exactly ten months after my marriage, I gave birth to my first child. I got married January, and gave birth to my first child

October same year. This was what Holy Ghost used to break my mother down and she gave her life to Jesus. Up till now, my mother is a Christian and lover of the Bible.

The Bible says 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness'. After conversion, my mother was miraculously healed and is still enjoying the goodness of God up till now that I am writing this book, looking under seventy years of age at over ninety. The Lord is good. You may be wondering, my father, an Alhaji confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour before he died. Jesus says 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

DIVINE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND PROVISION

Here, I want to say that God has been proving Himself faithful and true in my life concerning protection, security and provisions. I gave much time on this in my book title *SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD:*Your Top Priority. Trying to do justice to God's faithfulness to His own children in the areas of divine protection, security and provisions in my personal life since I have been integrated into His kingdom, will amount to futile efforts but in all, God has been so kind to me. Many good things have been coming my way without being solicited for. My personal experience in these aforementioned areas motivated me to embark on my work in the first book.

For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things [Matthew 6 verse 32].

God Himself declares that the fools will be weary by their unguided labours. There are things that people struggle, bribe and strive for without achieving but are handed over to me but most of which I even reject for the sake of the gospel. The more I give out things, the more I receive from many unexpected avenues. I always pity those who think they can have more by closing their hands against giving to God and others, most especially the needy around them. Giving is living and the main key that unlocks the windows and doors of Heaven. I don't believe in fat bank accounts as a measure of being rich. It is possible to have a fat bank account and still be in need. Godly riches are what make it possible to have every need met at the appropriate time. Becoming a citizen of God's kingdom means having God as a super provider. No wonder, king David exclaimed in his twentythird Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want'. If God owns the whole Universe, and is able to sustain the earth on waters without pillars, what can He not do?

There are promises concerning divine security and protection which no power can withstand. As a Good Shepherd, He guides to safe places, leads to right ways and drives away any dangerous power along our ways. Eternal God with Everlasting Arms has all it entails to divinely protect us from all evils. Hallelujah! God is good.

Fear ye not me saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence,

Which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by perpetual

Decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss

Themselves, yet can they not prevail: though they roar, yet can they

Not pass over it? [Jeremiah 5 verse 22].

In analyzing this verse in Jeremiah chapter five verse twenty- two, no power or satanic agent can overcome or prevail on a true Christian who belongs to God and is walking with and working for God. Imagine ordinary sand serving as a blockage to the sea, which is the gathering together of waters. How many aircrafts have been drawn down to crash, some discovered while some concluded as missing after futile searching? With the distance of sea to firmament, have you thought of why is it easy for an aircraft to be forcefully brought down by sea's waves? But God who is the creator of the ends of the whole earth says, no matter the sea's waves, it cannot pass its boundary. My conclusion from this is that my enemies have been given boundaries and anyone of them who stubbornly passes the boundary is ready to face the wrath of God. All glory to God! Some have

tried the power of God in my life, and faced the consequences. All you need do is take the steps to the salvation of your soul. Most of the time some people waste their precious time on going to mountains to pray against their enemies. This may not be necessary if they settle their personal relationships with God. Unfortunately, many, instead of forsaking their sinful life and becoming the citizens of God's kingdom, are battling with problems which are primarily caused by their sins. I am standing on the Rock of Ages: Jesus Christ and leaning on the saving grace of God and sav no witches or any satanic power can dare you if you are of God indeed. It is either Satan strikes when a Christian is sleeping spiritually or playing with secret sins and if not quickly repented of his or her sins, Satan will usher such to hell fire which is the ultimate goal. Like Paul the Apostle, I am pleading with you by the mercy of God, if you are yet to be saved, repent and be converted today and if saved, don't look unto anybody but Jesus as the captain of your soul. You will have nobody to blame if you allow Satan to untimely waste and draw you to hell. The sole mission of Satan is: to steal, kill and destroy eternally. Be wise and don't allow Satan accomplish his mission on your life. When I was yet to be converted, people used to deceive us like many, that, if somebody is killed by another person, the person killed will be fortunate to get automatic ticket to the kingdom of God

since his or her assassinator will bear his or her sins. My friend, it is a mere satanic deception. Every man will bear the consequence of his or her sins. God says 'the soul that sins shall die and be judged accordingly. Jesus said 'Marvel not, you must be born again'.

We are victorious, yes, we are victorious, Glory be to God, who gives us the victory.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE DANGER OF REJECTING THE FREE THE GIFT OF BECOMING CITIZEN OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Having seen the prevalence of social evils in this present corrupt world and the benefits of becoming a citizen of God's kingdom, it will be wise to choose the glorious life of enjoying heaven on earth and entering Heaven where God Himself will be the head of a peaceful government after death. There is danger if you delay the salvation of your soul from sins. Apart from missing the kingdom of God, imagine the battles you have been facing with their attendant sufferings and afflictions. A song writer says:

If you delay, tomorrow may be late [3ce]

There is danger if you delay. [Be in time, by Wende Nyasaye]

You must stop procrastinating about the salvation of your soul. The inherent dangers in rejecting the free gift of God, will be felt both here on earth and in eternity. Only living the life in God's kingdom can ensure victorious life in all areas of life. THE DANGERS WILL BE EXPERIENCED ON EARTH AND IN ETERNITY.

HERE ON EARTH

[1] Not having the protection of God in this world that is the abode of the wicked ones is highly disastrous. On a daily basis, we hear and see many

evils befalling many, which are usually taken for granted as ordinary events. As stated earlier on in this book, what we call accidents in most cases, are evil works that have been settled in the spiritual realm before coming into manifestations. Some years back, a terrible accident occurred along Ibadan to Ile-Ife express way in Nigeria that claimed almost two hundred souls who were burnt to death with many vehicles in one single day. Among the victims were a newly wedded couple with their relations. Initially, the blame was passed on either bad road or poor drivers of the day. But sadly, after a few weeks, somebody confessed and claimed to be responsible as a revenge on one of the newly wedded couple because they broke the heart of the perpetrator. Only the power of God can save us from this wicked world.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and
This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth
That Jesus is the son of God? [1 John 5 verses 4-5]

[2] Another thing those who are not integrated into God's kingdom are missing is divine provision from above. Yes, something within you is saying but unbelievers too have riches. Or you, like many, have it in your brain that prosperity and riches come through hard work. There are many who

are working tirelessly but still living in abject poverty. It is true, but not true riches. Only riches that come to God's children is void of sorrow and attendant consequences. The Bible says;

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and added no sorrow with it. [Proverbs 10 verse 22].

Apart from having riches, the needs of God's children are always met timely. God promises to supply our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. In the present world, many have been affected with 'get rich quick' syndrome but dearly paying for it with their lives and eternity. It is even possible to be rich and still live in lack. God's blessing makes you sufficient in all things at all times. An individual can be sufficient without a fat bank account. God's riches ensure one's needs are met at every point in time. I shared some testimonies concerning this in my former book. It was written concerning Abraham that 'he was rich in all things and full of age' Genesis 24 v 1. Some people with fat bank accounts are praying fervently that their peace can be restored, and the riches removed. While some are praying for something lacking in their lives which cannot be disclosed to anybody despite their supposed riches. God owns the earth with all therein and can supply all needs to His glory.

[3] Missing out on Divine Healing and Health: There is assurance of divine healing and perfect health for everyone who is in the kingdom of God. There are a lot of sicknesses and diseases all over the world that are afflicting people. Thanks be to God for His care on us, He has power to heal and keep in perfect health.

Thou wilt keep in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee:

Because he trusted in thee. [Isaiah 26 v 3].

Since God created all men, He has the power to heal and change any condemned parts of our body. There are many sicknesses and diseases that originated from the devil and as such, doctors just ascribe a name to any of such ailments. Now a days, we hear of different types of cancer: breast, cervical, nose, mouth, throat, blood skin and so on. All pronounced cancer, when no other name can be deduced. Cancerous stands for spoilt, or decaying. I pray that you will not experience any of these in Jesus name.

[4] Not Having Victory over Sin: There are many who battle with sin on a daily basis because they fail to be integrated into God's kingdom. Only God can empower a natural man with the power of go and sin no more. More often than not, Jesus always pronounced, 'go and sin no more'. The encounter of Jesus with the woman caught in adultery is a typical example.

Her accusers, callously with the intention of destroying her and also with the intention of putting Jesus into problem of mis-judgement, brought her to Jesus with joy within. All glory to Jesus who knows all men and will never judge with what He sees but in righteousness. Jesus appealed to the conscience of the evil men and invariably, they were all condemned by their conscience and they vanished into the air. Jesus forgave the woman and granted her the power to go and sin no more.

She said no man Lord. And Jesus said unto her, neither do I

Condemn thee: go and sin no more. [John 8 verse 11].

As soon as an individual is born again a supernatural power follows that

makes living a holy life possible. No wonder Apostle Paul said "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principalities and power" [Colossians 2 v 10] We are saved by grace and can be sustained by grace. [5] Not Having Victory over Satan: Satan is the arch enemy of all Christians and human race in general. He always works against the plan of God for every individual and wants to make sure no one makes it to the kingdom of God. He is out to destroy good destiny and total life. Satan is referred to as the "thief who cometh not but to steal, and to kill and to destroy" [John 10 v 10]. He will not destroy you in Jesus name. He is painted again, as accuser of brethren. Only God through Jesus Christ can empower us to overcome

Satan. Satan stands against Christians to accuse them before God. You must allow Jesus to plead your case in the court of Heaven so that you can be justified before God.

[6] Not Fulfilling One's Mission or Destiny on Earth: It is very sad that majority of those who have passed away, failed to fulfill their missions on earth. Life will be worthless without God and His direction. The moment an individual comes to God through Jesus Christ, light will shine to direct and guide such individual.

[7] Missing Daily Spiritual Blessings: There are some spiritual blessings that all children of God enjoy the moment they give their lives to God through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the Lord and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ. [Ephesians 1 verse 3].

There are some spiritual blessings that God releases on His faithful children daily which guarantee the supply of physical, social, financial and all life blessings. However, those who are not in the perfect will of God will definitely miss such blessings. You must not miss these daily spiritual blessings, come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ today if you have not. Life in the kingdom will definitely give you this wonderful opportunity.

- [8] Missing Wonderful Things Prepared in Heaven: There are lots of things that God in His infinite mercy has prepared and is preparing in Heaven and the new earth for His own, which those who reject God's love and mercy will miss.
- [i] The crown of life and righteousness
- [ii] Rewards of our labour in the house of God and to humanity in general.
- [iii] Having eternal fellowship with Saints of old and holy Angels.
- [iv] Seeing God, the king of glory in His majesty.
- [v] Eternal rest with praises for ever and ever.
- [vI] Putting on immortal body in order to reign with God eternally.
- [9] Eternal Hell Fire. This is the most horrible and mother of losses for anyone who fails to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Jesus opened the life gate by His death and precious blood, hence, anybody who rejects Jesus' sacrifice will blame himself or herself in hell fire.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he had not believe in the name of the only begotten son of God.

[John 3 verse 18]

CONCLUSION

The land of glory, I will be there by the grace of God. Jerusalem, the city of God. Kingdom of God. Salvation gives a believer the assurance of making Heaven by the grace of God. Apart from making it to the land of glory, there are lots of benefits that anyone who repents, forsakes his or her sinful ways and accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour stands to enjoy. It is a life of overcoming and victorious Christian living. Anything short of living Heaven on earth, is a miserable life. Paul the Apostle exclaimed that "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. [1 Corinthians 15 v 19]. While people believe that money answers all things, one basic thing is that money cannot do all things. Your money can buy beautiful a bed but, it can neither grant you good sleep nor beautiful dreams. Sinners are suffering because they are in the cage of Satan. Let Jesus in today and start enjoying Heaven on earth. There is a story of a rich man who had not been able to sleep in the night over many years due to one particular ailment in his life. The position he was occupying by then, gave him the privilege of having armed men as body guards besides gatemen positioned at his gate's day and night. All these were provided free by the big international company he was working for. He sadly made a statement: "I am sure many of my neighbors would think I was enjoying

without knowing I was under fire". He cited a day when he had lodged in one of the most expensive hotels in Lagos with two policemen ordered to keep vigil in front of his hotel room to ensure his security. Nonetheless, these policemen with their vested authority were unable to help him sleep. According to him, the torture he used to pass through every night always made him leave the bed and sit down till morning. Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest." [Mathew 11 v 28]. Very unfortunately, this man rejected the gospel of Jesus that would have set him free. There is no way you can freely journey through this present world unhurt and have a glorious end except you accept Jesus. Like this highly and powerful man I narrated his ordeal here, if one asked those who rely on satanic power for riches and wealth, you will realize they are just pretending looking outwardly alright, while in the actual sense of it, they are passing through hell while on earth. What a horrible experience!

The best is to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour for a beautiful glorious life. In short, there is no way or sufficient word to express my experience with Jesus. If Jesus tarries, when I write another book, I will give more testimonies on other areas concerning the benefits of belonging

to God's kingdom from earth to eternity. In conclusion, I am enjoying Heaven on earth. A song writer puts it this way:

The only life that will endure, is good and pure,

And so, for God, I take my stand and I declare my life for God. ["A

Beautiful Life" by The Statler Brothers]

The only way to understand all I have been trying to explain as humanly possible, is that, you just have to accept Jesus Christ and live a life of Heaven on earth. The Psalmist says, "you taste it, and know that God is good" (Psalm 34 v 8).

Nothing can be compared with Heaven on earth and in eternity, a mortal man being translated as immortal to the city of glory and praise all through eternity.

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