**GOD’S DIVINE CALL AND PREDESTINATION**

The Holy Ghost spoke through the Apostle Paul over 2,000 years ago to the Saints at Rome. They were suffering many hardships and persecution. In **Rom. 8:28 - 39** Paul declared: “We are more than Conquerors through Christ and there is nothing that can ever separate us from the Love of God. No matter what comes our way - every trial known to man, even death itself cannot take away God’s love for us. We are more than a Conqueror through Christ Jesus who gave Himself for us and made us Overcomers through His Redeeming Blood.”

 What is God wanting us to know? If you are saved and serving the Lord with Jesus living in your heart – You will make it! You won’t go down! The devil cannot have you nor destroy you. The evils of this world and all the demon forces CANNOT Conquer the Christ within. Thank God the Blood of His Son has been applied and the Holy Ghost abides deep inside! Fear not Child of God, Satan cannot cross the Bloodline. He cannot take you out of God’s mighty hand. Come Hell or high water, it might shake you, but it cannot move you nor break you!

Storms of trial may come, the winds may blow, rains descend and floodwaters rise and beat against your house, but they will never wash you away! Affliction and trials will never hold back God’s good Grace from you. Sword and famine and all this world’s pressure and stress cannot keep His Mercy from reaching you in your time of need. The battles in these last days are raging but the Church of Jesus Christ still stands strong. She knows her God. She’s come through the fire and she’s come through the flood and there ain’t no power from Hell can stop God’s wings of love. She’s strong in the power of His might and she will not give in or compromise. Though the host of Hell rages and the enemy throws his many fiery darts – yet “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” The born again and blood washed Saints of God, His called out and sanctified (Church) shall Overcome!! When the final battle between good and evil has been fought, when all the struggles of this life cease, when the War is over and the dust settles, – WE WIN!! Love Conquers All!! The Redeemed will Triumph! Grace will take us through and bring us home!

THE KEY TO OVERCOMING

In order to endure in these last days and be Victorious in your trials, you must **know** The Word of God and get it in your heart! You must know what God says about you. The only way you can stand against all the doubts and fears and lies of the devil, you must have the knowledge of who you are in God and what He has done for you!! Knowledge of the Word of God is power that will make you an Overcomer. When you are going through a trial, it is then the enemy of your soul comes and tries to fill you with doubt. He wants to take away your faith and rob you of strength! If you do not know the Word of God and what rightfully belongs to you, you will live a life of defeat and never be happy! You will never accomplish anything for the Lord. The devil will run over top of you.

GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU

HE HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

 I want to take you into God’s Holy Word now and show you just how important you are to Him and the plan He has for you. **Rom. 8:28** - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the Called according to His purpose.

 **29-** For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

 **30-** Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he **justified**, them he also glorified.

 **31-** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

I want you to look close dear reader to the word **Foreknow**! Foreknow means to know beforehand. God knew you before you ever came along and He had a plan for you! God wants you to know that He knows all about you. He knows your limitations, He knows your abilities. Before you ever came along, He knew your every weakness and flaw. He knew what you were able to endure and stand and what you could not stand. He knew all this before you were born and yet, still loved you and cared about you in spite of it all! What’s the Lord saying to us? “I know you, I love you! No matter what you go through or what you face – I see you, I care and I have a Plan for you.” Dear child, you are not here by chance or by accident – **You are here for a Purpose!** You were born to serve the Lord!

Through your every problem and trial – God is saying - I am thinking about you. You are in my heart and my thoughts. I brought you into this world for a purpose. Your enemy the Devil does not want you to know this! He would like to dishearten, discourage, depress and destroy you. He wants to hold you back from this knowledge and keep you defeated. The Lord is letting you know that no matter where you have been in life, or what you have gone through, no matter your inward struggles and maybe some wrong choices and failures, God still loves you and has a plan for you!! His Divine plan is to Save you, forgive and cleanse you, sanctify you and give you His good Salvation. If you believe and serve Him, He will make you strong and fill you with His Power and love. The Lord wants you blessed and victorious.

 This is where the Devil gets a lot of people and keeps them down and defeated. The Lord loves us and wants to help us, but we will never get victory and be what God wants us to be unless we have knowledge of His Word. You can not fight the devil until you really know who you are in the Lord. You must believe what God says about you, what He has done for you and given you.

QUIT PUSHING YOURSELF DOWN

YOU ARE IMPORTANT!

 Aren’t you glad that God doesn’t judge you by someone else’s abilities? You might have the feeling and think – “Because I’m not as smart and as strong as so and so - I don’t have the talents they have. I have no great gifts and abilities like they have. I don’t have much to offer and I guess I’m not important to the Lord!” (Oh yes you are dear Child of God! My precious Brother and Sister, no matter how little you feel and small you see yourself, God never makes a failure! Bless His Holy name. He never makes losers. Every one of His Children are important to Him in the family of God. Each one of you are More than a Conqueror through the Redeeming Grace and Blood of God’s Son!)

 If we are not careful, we will let the Devil rob us of everything good God has for us. This writer and preacher can tell you, that I have fought the same battles that many of God’s people have fought and now fight in this hour. Through the many years of serving the Lord, I have had times of feeling inadequate. I have struggled at times of feeling insufficient and unimportant to the Lord and to the Body of Christ. I felt that what I had wasn’t good enough. If we are not careful, we will see others being blessed and used of God and will think that we are not as good as they are. We will see ourselves as unworthy.

 To you who feel that others are better than you and have more to offer – I say, “I’m glad that God doesn’t grade us or judge us by someone else’s abilities. Because I don’t fit into their mold, that doesn’t mean that the Lord doesn’t love me. It doesn’t mean that He didn’t call me! That doesn’t mean that I am not called and anointed! Because I don’t have their gifts and talents, I’m glad that Jesus didn’t push me aside! He loves me just as I am. All that I am and all that I have – I give it all to Him and He will accept it and He will use it and bless it!!” Yes dear reader, you are important to God! You are here for a purpose!! He saved you for a reason! Your ministry might seem small but **it is important**!

 Can you say with the song – “Just as I am without one plea, but that thy Blood was shed for me? Thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God I come. Just as I am though tossed about, with many a conflict and many a doubt, O Lamb of God I come! Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse and relieve – O Lamb of God I come! Just as I am of that free Love – the breadth, length, depth and height to prove – here for a season and then above, O Lamb of God I come!” Dear reader, wherever you are, lay this letter down and lift both your arms and hands and say – “Thank You Dear Lord Jesus for Loving me!! I am your child, I am important. I am more than a Conqueror through you!”

YOU HAVE BEEN PREDESTINED

 Let’s look at the next word the Holy Ghost gave Paul for the Christians at Rome. **Rom. 8:28-** For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

 **30-** Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also called:

 **Predestinate** means that God had a plan and a purpose for you before you ever came along! Again, the Lord saw you in the telescope of time and knew you would be here. Who can comprehend the Foreknowledge of the Almighty God of this universe? This word Predestinate means that God had a destiny worked out for your life before you were formed in your mother’s womb! Before you were born, He saw you and had a plan just for you. Oh the Revelation Knowledge of this powerful word.

It means that God has determined beforehand to bring you to the Saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and give you His great Salvation. He’s already made provisions beforehand to bless you and use you for His glory. It is sad, but many have failed to realize this knowledge and have given up and missed all that God had planned for them. You might say – “This is too deep and hard to understand!” But when you grasp the Revelation of this Knowledge, you can run the Devil and his every lie out of your life! Then you can stand up and learn to be More than a Conqueror! **HALLELUJAH**!!!

LOOK AT JEREMIAH THE PROPHET

 God told Jeremiah the prophet when He called him – “Jeremiah, I have made thee a prophet to the nations. You are my spokesman. You are my witness – go give the people my Word. I have Called you Jeremiah!” Jeremiah’s answer back to the Lord was – “Oh Lord God, I cannot speak – I am but a child!” What was he really saying? (Lord, I can’t do it. I’m inadequate, I’m not worthy, not good enough for you to use me. Others are surely more able and important than I am, you can use them!) **But** God does not make a mistake! He does not make losers or failures. Who God calls and what He anoints, the powers of Hell cannot stop or overcome!!

 Jeremiah said, when I answered God that, the Lord spoke back to me and said – “Jeremiah, before I formed thee in the belly, I Knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee!” The Lord is saying – if you will only believe me and yield your all to me, you shall see what I can do in your life and through you! I will use you to help others.

 I’m speaking right now to some people in this Newsletter – God has already gone before you and planned out your life. Don’t let the Devil rob you. Don’t let him lie to you and make you feel inferior and unworthy. You might have failed somewhere along the way and the enemy told you it’s over, God has given up on you, but tell the Devil that he is a liar! God don’t make losers. Those whom He calls, He justifies. He still forgives, He cleanses and sanctifies. Rise up Child of God and take back what rightfully belongs to you – the Gifts and Callings of God are without repentance! God don’t make mistakes. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

GOD KNEW ALL ABOUT ME

 This preacher can tell you that my God knew me before I was ever born. He knew all about me and He knows all about you. He loves you and cares about you. You are in His mind and heart right now! Like David the psalmist said in **Psalms 139:1** O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

 **2** Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

 **3** Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

 **4** For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

 **5** Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

 **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

 **7** ¶ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

 **8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

 **9** If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

 **10** Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

 **11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

 **12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

 **13** For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

 **14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

 **15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

 **16** Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

 **17** ¶ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

 **18** If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

 What was David saying? Lord, it was you who put me together! You had a purpose and plan for me and my life. Can I tell you that God knew what size shoes you would wear dear reader and how tall you would be in life? He knew what color eyes and hair you would have. He knew the span of your hand and your stride when you take your steps. When you were intricately designed in your mother’s womb, He wrote all your little members down in His big book of remembrance. Yes, you are important to Him more than you will ever realize! You must quit having low self-esteem of yourself. Pushing yourself down and having an uncontent self-image will hinder God from anointing you and using you! God loves you as you are if you will give your all to Him! Every atom of your being, every cell in your body and every fiber of your soul ought to praise Him! Give it all to him dear Child, you are important!

Don’t be denied of what the Lord has done for you and given you. Give it all to Him now! Give Him your all though it be little and He will accept it. He never calls you to do a work that you cannot handle. He knows your abilities. He knows your character and your very make-up. If you will only Pray and seek Him, He will transform you into what He wants you to be. He will make you strong and fill you with His power. The good Holy Ghost inside will help you overcome self and every weakness! If any of you have drifted back from the Call of God because of failure, if you are fighting feelings of unworthiness and a sense of not being good enough and not important, and if you feel that your work is all in vain – It’s time to get restored! Get back to your post of duty, take back your position in the body of Christ. Return to your Call, God is waiting! He has never changed His mind concerning you! You are still in His big heart – and you are still important!

PREDESTINED FOR THE BLESSING

 In ending this Newsletter, I want to help some of you who are struggling and encourage you. I can say that I am glad God knew all about me. He loved me before I came along and thank God He still loves me now. Many trials have come in my almost 46 years of serving my Lord. I’ve had my ups and downs. I’ve been knocked down to the bottom. I’ve had my mountain tops of glory, seen many victories and also at times experienced the bitter dregs of defeat, but God remained strong and faithful! I’m so glad He is forgiving! He has come and renewed me over and over when I reached the end of myself. Hallelujah, the work of God goes on. His divine touch and anointing makes the difference – it will take you over and take you through!

Many times in my afflictions and trials, when things looked dark and my spirit was low, I have questioned and I have wrestled with my own feelings of unworthiness and not being good enough. The enemy fought me hard, but when I look back on it all, I realized that God was right there all the time. I knew He had called me. I know where the Lord brought me from and where I am today. I am what I am and where I am because of His unfailing Mercy and Grace! When I finally realized these scriptures and saw in them God’s view and plan for me, I rose back up and went on serving Him, fighting the good fight of Faith. I’m Glad we can say – IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that loved us! If God be for us – Who can be against us?

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**

**May God Bless all my Readers!**