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The Sword of the Spirit

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In this teaching Bertie explains what it means to walk in the Spirit. This teaching is absolutely a must for every person and will bring great clarity to how easy walking in the Spirit really is.

COMMUNION

When we come to Communion, it's all about what CHRIST has done for US! It's not about a sin consciousness. So many times I remember when we did Communion, we would take the bread and drink the wine and I would say, "Oh, Lord, I hope I don't have some hidden sin because if I eat this, I'm eating condemnation over myself if I have some hidden sin in my life. I would feel so guilty concerning the Communion and then after Communion, I would feel better because my sins are taken out of the way. At the church I attended, we took the Communion once a month and you had to prepare yourself for the Communion. Even the Sunday before we were told we had to prepare ourselves for the Communion.

Communion is not about sin consciousness! Communion is about LAMB CONSCIOUSNESS! IT'S ABOUT THE SACRIFICE GOD MADE FOR US CONSCIOUSNESS, where Jesus said, "When you eat of this bread, do this in remembrance of ME, not, "Do this in remembrance of your sins!!! NO! We do it in remembrance of HIM!!!

We take this bread and we eat this bread in remembrance of the Law man that was broken. The body of death, the body of sin, was broken!

Christ had come to give us access to LIFE and He wants us to experience His quality of life --- and that is what it is all about.

Just where you are now, alone or with your family, as you break bread, pray for each other, lay hands on each other, thank the lord and make use of His body that was broken for **you**.

In the same way, with the blood that flowed, His blood spells the blood of the New Covenant. It talks about the end of the Old and the beginning of the New. The old man has died. The Law man has died. The body of sin is taken away. When the body of sin was taken away, death lost its hold and now we can have

life. We can have life in our emotions. We can have life in our spirit and in the return of Jesus Christ we can have immortality manifested in our physical bodies and we will live with the life Jesus possessed! That excites me so much!

So let us just enjoy the Communion together. As you take this Communion, just say, "As this bread and this wine feeds my body, as it's broken down into sugars and whatever, to feed my body, in the very same way, the Word of God, as we feast on the broken body of Jesus and we feast on the blood that flowed, and we are remembering the death of the Lord until He comes, it shall feed my body with health. It shall feed my mind with peace and my emotions with stability because I have the mind of Christ." Let's enjoy together.

Thank You, Lord, that we can celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and what that implies! At the end of the day, we can say, "Jesus was raised", or "Jesus had died.", but that means nothing outside of what it implies and what it means to me, today! When Jesus died, He died away the Law man. When He was raised, He created a brand new man and that new man has already been created! Now we can be clothed with that man. So let us be clothed with the new man. That word, clothed, means let us sink into, like into a garment. Let us rest in the new man. He has been made available for us which is a man that is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him. So what we do is, we get knowledge of Who this resurrected Jesus is and then we come and we say, "What happened there is my High Priest. He is my Representative. He is the Word of God. He is the Truth about me." And as you start to walk in that Truth, it will divide and distribute life to every area of your life. And that's what we will be talking about today. **We are going to talk about the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.**

We must realize that the Word of God is the message of the Spirit. The Word of God is the Spirit of God articulated. When we take that Word and we can take that articulation, or that message, and have that message enter our heart, then we find that the Spirit that brought forth that Word, now enters our heart and we then have the Holy Spirit. Then we can say that we are born of the Truth, or we are born of the Spirit or we are born of the Word, or the seed of the Word is bearing its fruit in us.

Let me say that again. When I say something to you and I have a certain spirit wherein it is said and when I say that, that spirit forms those words and forms the ideas. When I can take that message and I can understand the Spirit wherein it was said, and believe that Word, believe that message, the Spirit of that Word accompanies that Word and it enters our heart and when it enters our heart, it distributes life to us.

I remember years ago when I was heavy into spiritual warfare, binding the devil over the town and all those kind of things, I would say that I got dressed in the armor of God and then I would also take up the sword of the Spirit and the taking up of the sword of the Spirit that was now, that sword, was now used to attack

the devil. I would attack Satan, I would say, "Satan, I bind you with the Word of God!" I didn't even know what the Word of God was! I would just say, "I bind you with the Word of God!" I remember that sometimes as a young person just going through my room swinging the sword of the Spirit because that was what we were taught and that was what I taught myself as well. I was taking the sword of the Spirit and attacking Satan. That's what you do with a sword --- you attack the enemy.

But if you read **Ephesians 6:17**, it says, ***And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:***

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. I also want to bring in **Hebrews 4:12: *But the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.*** It talks about a sword. So take the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit. And what do we do with that sword? What is that sword for? Is that sword there to attack Satan? NO! Listed to what the sword does: ***"... the two-edged sword, piercing even the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and the marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."***

So, here we can clearly see that the sword of the Spirit is not the message of how we must attack Satan. **It has nothing to do with attacking Satan! It has everything to do with what the Word of God will do in your heart!**

So when we look at the armor of God and we talk about the sword of the Spirit, we must know, like the shield of faith which is shielding behind the Door, Jesus Christ, which is the sacrifice which was from the beginning from the Garden of Eden, where we can shield behind, be clothed with the very skin of God... with the very righteousness of God --- **when we hide behind that it has everything to do with what you believe.**

In the same way with the sword of the Spirit: when it talks about the sword of the Spirit, it talks about something that is directed towards your heart. It's not an attack of Satan. It talks about something that will cut and distribute life to your heart!

If we say it is the sword of the Spirit and at the end of the day we say it is the Word of God, let us have a look at what Spirit actually is. What is a spirit and who is the Holy Spirit and how does this Spirit actually manifest and bring forth life in us? If we say that the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God then this Word will have a Spirit all around it. It will be sunk inside a certain spirit.

Let me explain spirit quickly. I have found in counseling on the Web and even writing some posts, being in debates on Facebook or any other social media page,

I found that it is very difficult to bring over the spirit wherein something is said because you can't hear the tone of voice, you cannot see facial expression or anything like that. Unless you become skilled in writing you can easily make a lot of enemies because it can be read in a wrong way. In any debate people are like in a semi-attack mode or attack spirit and then from that spirit they interpret everything. So, whatever you write, even if the spirit wherein it is written can be a spirit of humility and kindness, because it cannot be communicated properly, the wrong spirit can be assigned to it and then it cannot reach the goal it is supposed to reach. So it is very important to see the facial expression of God when He talks. It's very important to look into His eyes when He talks. It's very important to see all these things when we look at the Word of God so that we can pick up the spirit wherein God speaks. **If you cannot pick up the spirit wherein God says something, you might interpret it in the wrong way and you might take the literal words and have a wrong spirit and then that spirit will distribute death to you even using the words of the Bible.**

Now, when we look at the spirit of God, let's start with the definition of the word, spirit. (This is taken from Paul's Dictionary.) The spirit is the non-physical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul. So it is the seat of your emotions or your character or the seat of the soul dimension, which is your mind, your will and your emotions if we want to define soul according to psychology. So here we find that the spirit is the seat, that in which, like with me now, I am seated here, I am on a seat. I am at rest on a seat. So, what's carrying my weight, what's keeping me in this position is this piece of steel covered with some cushions to make it comfortable that keeps me in this position. I am at rest on this chair. In the same way, a spirit is, like it says there, it is the non-physical part of a person which is the **seat** of the emotions and character. Your emotions and character is seated in this spirit. In the same way, God's emotion and God's character is seated inside a certain spirit. Then the soul of the Spirit or the entrance that the Spirit has into your life, the sharp part, that which can cut into you is called the Word that comes from this Spirit.

Continuing with the definition of spirit: the spirit, is the vital principal by which the body is animated. The spirit is a vital principal by which the body is animated. If you look at the body of God which is Jesus Christ, that body was animated or brought to life by the Spirit of God or the life principles by which God lives. We are going to have a look at what those are.

The definition of spirit continues: it is also the power by which the human being feels or decides; an influence that governs your soul. That which influences your soul into feeling what it feels, that which influences your life into what it actually is, that is what the spirit is.

Church, as you watch this, I want you to know that what we are dealing with here is of vital importance. This is what will determine life to you. This is what will shape your life, what will shape your very thought, what will shape the emotion in

your heart. That is what it will do. We're talking about that. We are not talking about attacking the devil. We're not talking about quoting Scripture over a town. We're not talking about that. We're talking about the vital principle wherein God lives, God's life principle that would animate the life of God inside Jesus, put into words which is the way through those words through your understanding and your perceiving of those words. The spirit that formed those words can then enter your life and then animate and bring to life the very life of God in you and give life to your mortal body, give life to your emotions, give life to all those kind of things. That is what he is talking about. He's talking about our spiritual war against the enemy and then what he is saying is the way in which we stand against the enemy is by applying the Word to our heart. That is how it is so that our emotions can be shaped by God and not by a false word.

Let us look at what this spirit is. **Revelation 5:6** is a very important verse that we are going to read. It says, ***And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.***

So, what are we seeing here? We are seeing that there are seven horns on this Lamb as it had been slain.

Now, Church, that verse is so important! It says that in the midst of these four beasts, in the midst of the elders there was **a Lamb as it had been slain**. And it has these seven horns and seven eyes and it says, ***which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth***. So, what are we seeing here? We are seeing that there are seven horns on this Lamb that was slain. Now, what is the Lamb and who is the Lamb that was slain? **The Lamb that was slain is God's Word**. The head or the thought pattern and the way we need to think of this and the way we need to see this is as follows. Those horns talk about (there's different commentaries about it) but one of the commentaries would say authority, which is a very good way of looking at it. Another commentary would say it is like a trumpet or a horn where a horn was blown. When an announcement was made, they would blow the horn or the trump. When that was blown it signified a word, it signified something said. So here we see **the Lamb of God slain as the perfect Word**, the number seven talks about perfection, **as the perfect announcement. The seven eyes talks about the way you see things. The Bible says that if your eye is evil then your whole body will be filled of darkness. In the very same way, if your eye is single, then your body will be filled with Light. It talks about revelation. It talks about how you perceive things.**

So the perfect perception and the perfect word about us is the perfect Lamb that was slain which is the Spirit of God. So, the message that comes forth by Jesus being slain, the revelation that we can have about who we are and Who Jesus is and how we are united with God and what

our future is in Christ, this is the spirit wherein God operates. So, we can clearly see here the seven spirits of God or the Spirit wherein God operates is on the head and in the face of the slain Lamb. So, if you want to behold the Spirit of God, look into the face of the slain Lamb. Look into the message that comes from the slain Lamb. That is the Spirit of God. So today we can walk either by the Spirit or by the flesh.

I was just talking about tithing before this service and I even mentioned this in the morning service. If I preach tithing and I come to you and I say to you, "Unless you tithe, you cannot be blessed!" Do you think I had received that from the seven spirits of God? Do you think I had a look into the face of the slain Lamb and had a look into His eyes? No way! It doesn't come from the Spirit of the slain Lamb. It doesn't come from the announcement that comes from the slain Lamb. It's not inside the Spirit wherein God operates towards us because **the Lamb spells the death of the Law man! The Lamb spells the death of anything that you had to do in order to have any blessing from God. The Lamb spells the end of anything you owe God.**

The Lamb, the death of the old man, like in the Communion we had, and the resurrection of Christ, what does it spell? It spells your perfection! It spells through one sacrifice He has forever perfected you! It spells that the kingdom of God, that Jesus Christ has authority in heaven and on earth and that we as humans are united with God in Christ. So when I can see that and I can have that Spirit through that Word enter me, my goodness, do I need to tithe to make my money holy? Am I still part of the Abrahamic tithe where I have to pay my dues to the local king according to the Babylonian Tax System? No way!!!

I'm part of the "**Lamb is my tithe!**" The Lamb is that which was provided outside of the gates every third year so that those who could not work with their own hands could eat of it and have provision because He has provided the body and the blood! Glory to God! What spirit would that be of? I think it would be of the spirit of everything but the Spirit of God. It can be anti-Christ because it is anti of what Christ has done. Now, that can be a shocker and you may want to turn this off now, my friend. I don't want you to turn this off but if you want to turn this off, I am not going to change what I say. This is the Truth! That way of thinking is not from the Spirit or the life principle from where God reasons! The life principle from where God reasons, the only way we can understand that life principle, is the Word of God. Unless we can see the eyes of God, the actions of God, like that one definition... let us just go there quickly again: The spirit, the vital principle by which the body is animated. So, if you want to see the vital principle by which the body of Jesus was animated, you need to see that animation. How do we see it? We see it in Jesus! Jesus is the Spirit of God animated. So, from there we can see what attitude God has, what foundation He reasons from, from where He thinks. He thinks from perfection. He thinks from innocence. He thinks from union. He thinks from the platform of oneness with Jesus. He doesn't think from sin consciousness, righteous consciousness,

especially if you don't look at the Word of God in fleshly format anymore but as a resurrected Jesus. That is the Word of God over your life! Oh my goodness! That is an absolute change of life that takes place!

Church, we cannot walk in any other spirit but the Spirit of God. The Bible says that there are many spirits but test the spirit. The spirit that says that Jesus did not come in the flesh, is not of God. What that means is that the spirit or the teaching, if you want to call it that way, or the attitude or the point of departure, or the wisdom that doesn't want to acknowledge that Jesus came in the flesh... and let me explain that. It doesn't mean you say, "I believe that Jesus came in the flesh", and then you continue with your conclusions as if He never came in the flesh. No! The teaching that says, "Jesus came in the flesh" and having all doctrine and everything you want to conclude based on Jesus came in the flesh, that teaching is of the Spirit. That is the Spirit wherein God operates. So when God in the Trinity sits and the Spirit or the atmosphere that there is in the Trinity is holy, it's set apart unto what Christ has done. It set apart the way God functions. How does God function? He's got the spirit of knowledge, He's got the spirit of wisdom. I want to break those things down into simple form. The spirit within where God operates is: I see my Son for Who He is and My Son sees Me for who I am and the Spirit and the Trinity is the spirit of representation as pertaining to us.

We are co-seated in Christ and God will never walk outside the Spirit of Truth. He sees the Truth and He will walk according to that Truth and Jesus is that Truth! He has the Spirit of knowledge and the Spirit of wisdom. One of the words there was the Spirit of counsel which means purpose. It means advice based on purpose. So, the Spirit wherein God dwells is the Spirit of original design, the Spirit of purpose. What is God's purpose with your life? God's purpose for your life is not that you work for Him, that you govern something for Him, or anything like that. **The purpose God has with your life is to share His quality of life with you so that someone can feel what it feels like to have the very life of God inside Him.** He created a body for you to have a place where that Spirit can, or a thing that Spirit can animate and bring to life that you can see it, feel it, think the thoughts of life. That is what He planned for you! So the Spirit wherein God dwells is the vital principal wherein God deals with the Son and the Son with the Father inside the Trinity. It's the Spirit of Love. Amen! And that Spirit, the sword of that Spirit...we will now look quickly at what that word, sword, means. Just listen to this quickly. This is really going to bless you.

Hebrews 4:12 *For the Word of God is quick* (that word, quick, doesn't mean fast. It means alive, or full of life, quick can mean it gives life.) ***The Word of God is quick (full of life) and it is powerful and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing, even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*** So, when we look at the Holy Spirit, we know the Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Life. We know the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit

that will raise us up and that will quicken our mortal body and we can read that in Romans 8. The Bible says that the Spirit of God will quicken your mortal body. How will He quicken your body? --- through the sword. What is this sword? --- the sword is the Word of God. It is sharper than any two-edged sword. It divides asunder. What does that mean? Dividing asunder does not mean that God separates your spirit from your body. If that is what the Word of God does, He is going to kill you. The moment you hear the Gospel you are going to die and go to heaven. He doesn't want to separate your spirit from your body. He wants to unify your body and your spirit to the point that your body manifests what's in the spirit.

Let's have a look at what that verse means, the meaning of the Greek words: dividing asunder, a separation or distribution. Now, we know that God does not want to separate your spirit from your body but the Word of God, this sword, which is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word based on the Spirit wherein God is, which is a slain Lamb, that's the Spirit where God operates towards you and He wants you to have that same Spirit and He wants you to live by that Spirit. **That Spirit will cut into your heart, what it is you belief, and it is very sharp and it can enter the depth of your belief and then it will divide asunder, or distribute the quickening force, the life that is inside it. It will distribute that to spirit, soul, and body.**

So what he is saying is when you hear the Word, the Word based on the Spirit of the slain Lamb and the revelation of the slain Lamb, will enter the depth of your being and as that Word enters your heart, it will distribute life to your spirit. Life to the way you think. You will start to think differently about yourself. You will not think in measures of money or the amount of people or worldly success or any of those things. You will think along the lines of completion and perfection and immortality in the return of Christ. You will think along the lines that you are loved and people are loved. You will start to see people, not for what they do, but you will start to judge in a correct way and you will start to say, "I just feel sorry for this guy because what he does is not him doing it but it is legalism and law doing the things inside him and he is just a victim of this and you will have words of wisdom that can minister grace to people. Why? Because the sword, the message, the Word of this Spirit, or the Word of the slain Lamb will distribute life to your heart, divide asunder, distribute life to your heart, your soul and your spirit and even your physical body. It will distribute life to you.

That's why the Bible says He will quicken our mortal body and I will read that verse again. **And the Word of God is quick...** the Bible says He will quicken your mortal body. How? By the Word of the Spirit. What is the Spirit? The seven eyes and the seven horns that is the Spirit of God, that which we can see and that which we can announce on account of, or what is on the head of the slain Lamb. That is the Spirit of God! Glory to God! Now we can start walking in the Spirit.

I used to think that walking in the Spirit was praying in tongues all day. Oh, my goodness, you can be so in the flesh praying in tongues all day, because if you have to believe that if you pray in tongues you are moving God. And if I just pray in tongues and if I prophesy and if I have hands laid on me, you are making a law about something. You're taking the Spirit things but you are still walking according to the spirit of the world, the spirit of the Law, and the spirit that is anti the slain Lamb!

I know what I say can challenge you but let the correction enter your heart because it can divide asunder, it will distribute life to your spirit, soul and body! Do you know what it also says there? Let's have a look at it. It also says that it is a discerner of the thought and the intent of the heart... the discerner of the thought and the intent of the heart. What does the word, discerner, mean? It means decisive, critical, that is discriminative, or a discerner: we can also say that it critiques. In our brain in psychology it talks about a critical factor, it is the firewall of your mind and of the thought and intent of the heart. What the Word does is when we hear the message of the slain Lamb or the message that comes, that is is portrayed or the announcement that decides the conclusion we can come to concerning the slain Lamb. That message we hear there, once it enters our heart, it will be the firewall of your heart. It will be the very thing that discerns the thought and the intent of the heart. It decides on what your thought will be. It decides what the intent of your heart will be. So you won't be in a place anymore where you say, "Well, I must have a pure motive." The Word will be the discerner of the thought and the intent. It will not be the judge. It says there it will be the critical factor. It will be the thing that says, "This is in and this is out." So, the way you protect your heart is by having the Word of God in your heart because it is so sharp it will cut to the very depth of the thought and the intent of your belief. When we believe in our innocence, the thought and the intent where we believe with will be so pure and clean all on account of the Word that comes from the Spirit. Glory to God!

That is the message that I have for you today. I trust that this blesses you. Let me end off with this: **Ezekiel 36:26 And a new Spirit I will put within you. I will take the heart of stone out. I will take the Spirit, I will take the message that comes from the spirit of stone, out of your heart.** I found that many times we have the word of grace but we have the belief system of the Law still in our heart and we want to apply the word of Grace in a legalistic way. Listen, let the message of your pure innocence, flood your heart. Don't let freedom be in "what can I say where" or let your freedom be in, "I'm free to give or not to give." Let your freedom be in: **"I am free to say and think like God about myself, for the final word about my life is Jesus Christ!** Glory, glory, glory! Isn't that awesome! That is awesome! So as we have that enter, what does God do? He says, "I take away the heart of stone and I will give you a heart of flesh." Why the heart of flesh? For the Word was made flesh! The whole atmosphere around giving a Lamb to be slain, to take away my debt that I can have life, the Spirit wherein all of that takes place is called the Spirit of God. The

message that comes forth on account of the Spirit is called the Word of God. That Word distributes life to you and becomes the firewall in your heart. It determines the thought and intent of your heart and distributes life to you.

I've enjoyed this message! I sit here and I just say to me, "This is life! This is life and we behold and John said, ***I beheld a Lamb that stood in the midst of the four living creatures, or the four beasts, and then in the midst of the elders as He was slain and on His head was seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God.*** (I have a teaching on the seven spirits of God and you can listen to in the web archive where I just go into the seven spirits, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of might, the Spirit of knowledge, the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of counsel and all those kind of things. Just go into the Spirit of the fear of the Lord and all of that where I explain that. But all of that taken together is just one thing: **Believing in the Lamb, hearing the Message of the Lamb.**

My friend, your sins are taken away. The old life has passed away. God brought forth a brand new man. Let us be clothed with a new man. Let us hear the Word of the new. Let us take up the armor of God. Take up the Word, the Message that comes from the slain Lamb because that is the only way the Spirit can cut into the depth of your being distributing the life into you. Glory to God! Amen! Let's pray:

Father I want to thank You for the wonderful opportunity I have to minister this message of Grace. I just declare every person blessed in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!

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We would like to hear from you if this message has blessed you please go onto our Facebook page and "like" it and in that way people can hear about the message and it can be a web evangelist. In the future we are going to have a little course on Web evangelism because we want to reach people with this message. It 's not just, "God bless us four and no more." This is for other people because that Lamb was slain for all people. That is the Truth about your neighbor, the Truth about your enemy, the Truth about everybody that Jesus actually died for. Glory to God! So if you would be so kind to do that, I would really appreciate that. Send a link to some of your friends that might need to hear this message on the sword of the Spirit. Then if you would want to send a testimony we would really appreciate it. We get short testimonies here and there and let me say it this way. We get a lot of testimonies but it's just like, "Thank you, Bertie, for this and that." and that's it. Some of those testimonies are very private and we can't read it here. If you would like to testify, please write us something or make a short voice recording, put it in the drop box and just send it to us and we would like to broadcast it here and just let people have as a web family congregation. We can just give testimonies as to what God is doing. If you want to see testimonies and

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