

# YOUR ETERNAL PRESENCE IN CHRIST



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# FOREWORD

The purpose of each Eternal Living Now Foundations Workbook is to provide readers with the basic concepts, vocabulary, and opportunities for guided application of eternal Biblical principles that promote personal growth. Each reader is encouraged to select a Discussion Partner to share interpretations, revelations, personal growth, and testimonies that are received from the information provided in each workbook. *Blessed to be a Blessing* is the outcome we pray for every reader who receives and shares the Eternal Living Now experience with others.

The Structure for each Workbook includes the following Sections:

- **CHAPTER STORY:**
  - Each Chapter presents Eternal Living Now truths, perspectives from the Bible, and Scriptural applications for our life and lifestyle.
- **ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:**
  - Certain scriptures, that help build Eternal Life Vocabulary, are highlighted, and included in this Section for readers to memorize.
- **CHAPTER PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:**
  - Application questions that encourage readers to learn “how to” apply the information that is provided in each Workbook, are included in this Section. Readers are to select a Feedback Partner with whom the reader can communicate what they have learned after completing each Chapter. Sharing and teaching others what you have learned provides greater clarity and memory retention for our readers.

Repetition, repetition, and more repetition is required when learning new things. Certain phrases and themes are intentionally repeated in each Chapter in order to familiarize our readers with Eternal Living Now language,

concepts, and points of view. Our *Learning through Relearning Model* for training through repetition, has proven to be an effective way for people to remember, internalize, and take command of the new materials presented in each Eternal Living Now workbook.

**Because God is eternal, He is already having an eternal relationship with us**, whether we are, or are not, aware of Him. Each workbook was written to encourage everyone, and especially Believers **in** Christ, towards growth in greater *awareness* of God's **eternal** means and methods of communicating with humanity. Divine health, healing, wholeness, and well-being, originate from the Nature of our eternal God, and each workbook focuses on the different components of God's Nature that serves as **the** eternal solution for mortal and immortal beings in all of God's creations.

Enjoy, and be blessed as you complete and receive revelations from God through each workbook. As you are blessed, the world in which we live becomes more blessed. Blessed to be a Blessing is what Eternal Living Now is all about. Selah!

Blessings,

Roland & Pennie Ruffin

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## CHAPTER ONE:



### 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WITNESS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM PRESENCE

Jesus came from Heaven to demonstratively manifest truths and the realities of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first public message of John the Baptist and Yeshua-Jesus, was the announcement of the existence, and immediate presence, of His celestial Heavenly Kingdom within our midst (Matthew 3:2, 4:17; ). Jesus was careful to use the word “repent” as the header for his *Kingdom Come* announcement in the Gospel of Matthew. The word repent is translated in the Greek New Testament as “*metanoia*” which primarily means to “*think differently*,” and secondarily means to “*turn around to a new direction*.” Traditionally the word “repent” has been equated to a type of godly sorrow and regret for one’s sins with the intention of not continuing wrong actions. However, when Jesus said, “*Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*,” he was referring to the **necessity for different thinking in order to perceive the presence of his new Heavenly kingdom on Earth**. New thinking would be required because the Kingdom of Heaven is an *immortal* society that is now in the midst of our *mortal* world on Earth. Mortal people think in mortal ways. All mortals are born with perishable lives and eventually die. Because mortals are born to die, they possess time-sensitive awareness of emotions, sensory perceptions through our 5-senses, desires for perishable needs, intellectual needs, economic needs, adulting expectations, and dimensional awareness of time and space in what is understood as the 3-dimensional reality of human existence on Earth . The first public message

of Jesus did not introduce a *mortal* Kingdom in Matthew 4:17, but an *immortal society* that is comprised of immortal (non-dying) spiritual beings, Heavenly laws and Throne room truths for everlasting citizenship. Christ's Kingdom is an immortal society of powers and positions of authority for everlasting social orders, living language for celestial citizens that only know life-everlasting as their social norm, Divine righteousness as God's perspective on everything as the only perspective for His celestial society, and God's Divine Nature as the only Nature that emanates within and through all beings within His Heavenly household. In the Heavenly Kingdom, everyone can get along with everyone because the Divine Nature of God is the only Nature allowed for everyone. Competing natures (Satan, fallen angels, etc.) were cast out and successfully replaced by God's Nature to the degree that Matthew 6:10 could declare that the *Will* of God is being done in/on Earth as it (*has been, and is being*) done in Heaven. God will not tolerate competing natures within His household ever again. Therefore, if one plans on living with God forever, then one must only exist the Nature of God in order to fit-in with the everlasting Divine *Nature* and atmosphere of His celestial Heavenly household society. God's Nature includes His character, attributes, eternal personality, Throne room posture and perspectives, eternal powers, eternal communications, and His unchanging identity. God's Nature is very important because in Christ, Believers are born-again forever into the Divine Nature of God. The living Spirit of God transforms the human spirit of the Believer into a *living spirit* as one Spirit/spirit union (1 Corinthians 6:17). This means that as the Spirit of God unites with the Believer's spirit, the same eternal Nature of the Father in Heaven, becomes the same eternal Nature of the Believer's born-again spirit. The term "born-again" means that the Spirit of God has transformed the existing spirit of a person, into a living spirit being that is now an extension of the personality, power, life and presence of the Spirit of God in Heaven, on Earth. The Believer becomes a micro-*replication* of the Father's Nature in Heaven on Earth just like Yeshua Jesus during the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

*YESHUA AND BELIEVERS ARE REPLICATIONS OF THE FATHER'S NATURE IN HEAVEN – ON  
EARTH*

It is important to note that Yeshua-Jesus did not just represent his Father in Heaven, but he also replicated the authentic Nature of his Father in Heaven on Earth. Through the person and presence of Christ, people were able to actually experience the authentic eternal love, compassion, health and presence of God in the Throne room of Heaven. Because Jesus was/is the highest revelation of God in Heaven on Earth, people experienced the Heavenly

presence of God in Heaven through his words, touch, and ministry of presence wherever he traversed and resided. People literally experienced the immortal, eternal presence of God in the Throne room through Christ on Earth. No wonder the miraculous occurred wherever Jesus sojourned, because nothing is impossible for God in Heaven, and neither for the Divine Nature of God in Christ within Believers on Earth.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ How do you inform Believers that in addition to representing God in Heaven, they are also genuine replications of Divine Nature of God in Christ on Earth?

#### *JESUS BEING AUTHENTICALLY HIMSELF THROUGH BELIEVERS IS GENUINE 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WITNESSING FOR CHRIST*

The authentic witness of Yeshua-Jesus the Christ, occurs as Jesus is allowed to be “himself” within, thru, and as the behavioral expressions of Believers. Only Jesus can truly be himself 100%. No one else can be Jesus like Jesus can be himself. Only the Spirit of Christ can manifest the presence of Christ because God’s Spirit, and person of Yeshua-Jesus, are One and the same Divine Nature (John 14:20). Our modern day encourages us to witness for Christ to our world through words, strategy, musical performances, preaching and/or acts of kindness. Though modern day witnessing is having a positive impact upon our world, it is possible however, for our modern approaches to introduce people to the idea, concept and history of Jesus without a person ever experiencing the union of the authentic life-transforming presence of Jesus within their spirit being. Relationship **with** Christ, and relationship in Christ, could be two different relationships. Living a good life based upon relationship with biblical principles, and a well-educated history of the meaning, message and ministry of Christ is one thing, but living a godly lifestyle by allowing the presence of God in Christ *within* your spirit to be the behavioral expression of your lifestyle, could be a totally different reality of relationship. Living a good life as good citizens, based upon sacred writings and fulfillment of community expectations like escorting guest to church, may be all that witnessing for Christ may ever



look like in some religious circles. However, true witnessing for Christ begins and ends with Jesus authentically expressing himself *within* and *through* people who exists the Nature of God. Devils or disciples of devils do not possess the living Divine Nature of God, and therefore cannot be vehicles of the authentic Nature of Christ. Believers, however, are born-again of the Spirit of Christ (John 3:5-8), permanently indwelt with the Spirit of Christ (John 14:16,17) and share a Oneness relationship in Christ (John 14:20), therefore Believers are well-qualified to be receptacles that allow for the authentic presence of Jesus within their spiritual souls to fully, and transformatively, express himself within and through every believer when given a chance. Once again, **no one can be Jesus like Jesus can be himself**. Allowing Jesus to fully be himself through us allows for eternal, transformative moments to occur as **our** human presence becomes the Heavenly presence of Christ. In short, true witnessing through the presence of Christ occurs during the moments when Jesus is allowed to be himself, within/through Believers.

#### *SPIRITUAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST AS THE PRESENCE OF THE BELIEVER*

Jesus the Christ or the Anointed One, was incarnated on Earth by the Spirit of God (Luke 1:35), his miraculous ministry was empowered by the Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 12:28), and Jesus was resurrected from the dead by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:11). In short, Jesus came to demonstrate how the Spirit of God in Heaven manifested on Earth through himself for Heavenly results. Before Jesus allows his disciples to witness of/for him to others, he instructed them to wait on empowerment from the Spirit of God to “come “upon” them (Acts 1:8). This was necessary so that the same spiritual anointing upon Christ, would now be upon his witnesses, in order for the same authentic miraculous ministry of Christ to be replicated through empowerment from the same Spirit that was upon Christ. The humanity of Jesus, coupled with the empowerment of the Spirit of God within/upon him, resulted in a miraculous *Heavenly* ministry on *Earth*. Awesome witnessing for Jesus occurs when the empowerment of the person of Jesus produces the outcomes of miraculous *Heavenly* ministry on *Earth* through Believers. Once again, *no one can be Jesus better than Jesus, himself*. Only Jesus can truly be his own witness within/through us. **To witness for Christ, is allowing Christ to be his own witness within/through us to others**. As aforementioned, the best way for us to be an authentic witness of/for Christ, is to allow Jesus to completely be himself in and through us with

others (Repetition was intentional). Total surrender to the person and empowerment of Christ's Spirit upon and within us, allows for the replication of his 1<sup>st</sup> century ministry through us in our world.

### [Chapter One]

#### ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:

Romans 8:11	The presence and power of the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead continues to reside <u>in</u> Christ and within Believers <u>in</u> Christ.
Romans 8:9	The Believers identity and existence is not found in the nature of the flesh, but in the Nature of the Spirit of God.
Romans 8:16	The Believer's identity is confirmed by the Spirit of God's identity, and not anything less.
Acts 1:8	Believers are empowered to witness for Christ through the Spirit of God, just like Yeshua Jesus.

### [Chapter One]

#### CHAPTER ONE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:

- TASK: Explain your understanding of the following with your Discussion Partner:
  - Explain the difference between living with the history of Christ and living in Christ when it comes to *existing the empowering presence* of Christ.

- Explain how the Believer's replication of the Image/Likeness of God in Christ, differs from Adam/Eve's replication of the Image/Likeness of God.
- Explain why one must exist as the Divine Nature of God in order to permanently enter into His Heavenly household in Heaven.

## CHAPTER TWO:



### UNDERSTANDING REPRESENTATION AND REPLICATION OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE

The presence of a Believer **in** Christ is incredibly powerful and impactful because Christ is eternally powerful and impactful in this world and the world to come. The Divine **Nature** of God within the Believer's born-again spirit is the most powerful reality and dynamic in our universe. God is beyond the impossible, likewise God's Nature within Believers exists beyond all impossibilities. Wherever Believers reside, all possibilities are present with them because of their **in** Christ relationship. Wherever **Christ** traveled, the possibilities for healing, deliverance, transformation, transmutation, salvation, and Kingdom manifestation traveled with him. Likewise, wherever **Believers** travel, the possibilities for healing, deliverance, transformation, transmutation, salvation, and Kingdom manifestation travel with them as well. During the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D., the immediate presence of Christ could result in death becoming life, or demons leaving the territory, or the activation of miraculous miracles that only the power of God could

accomplish. Likewise, during our modern century A.D., the immediate presence of a Believer in Christ could result in death becoming life, or demons leaving the territory, or the activation of miraculous miracles that only the power of God could accomplish. The last two previous sentences are almost identical regarding the environmental impact of the presence of Christ and the presence of Believers in Christ because Jesus is always the same within himself, and the same within Believers who allow Jesus to fully be himself through their lifestyle and presence. The presence of Christ changed history during the 1<sup>st</sup> century. The presence of the Believer is changing history because of the residence of Christ within. Be it past, present or future, whenever Christ is fully himself, history is transformed. Attention Believers, as incubators for the authentic presence of Christ in Heaven on Earth, your very presence is already forever transforming the Earth. One day Heaven will disclose just how much the impact of your presence as a Believer in Christ, has changed and transformed this Earth for God's glory. Believers, your very presence not only represent God in Heaven on Earth, but your presence also re-present or re-presence, the eternal Nature of God in Heaven on Earth as well. God is seen, felt, experienced and loved by others through the presence of Believers. The Kingdom of Heaven is manifested (made visible) within and through the presence of Believers in Christ, anywhere and everywhere they may reside. This means that just the mere presence of Christ within a Believer, is more powerful than any competing energetic presence in the universe.

#### MORE ABOUT PROGRESSING FROM REPRESENTING TO REPLICATING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Yes, Jesus wants us to re-present and re-presence him to our world. We can do this through our Christian language, recitation of the historical accounts of Christ, testimonials of our personal salvation, and talks that encourage conversion and god-centered lifestyle for both Believers and unbelievers. However, as aforementioned in the previous paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> century witnessing of Christ included more than just talks, motivational strategy and a religious lifestyle. It is worth repeating that 1st century witnessing was based upon an *authentic experience of the Spirit of God upon/within the Believer*, in addition to the SAME *experience* of the Holy Spirit also being the SAME *expression* of Christ through the Believer. Authentic experience and expression of the Spirit of God through Believers is more in keeping with "replication" of Christ through Believers, in addition to re-presentation. There is a difference between *representing* and *replicating* someone. An unrelated friend or neighbor can *represent* me to others, based

upon their knowledge about me. A person who *replicates* me must first have my DNA within them and they can present me more authentically because of the degrees of biological sameness due to our shared DNA. Our Oneness of DNA theoretically allows for the nature of my DNA, and the memories within my DNA, to authentically be shared through the presenter as me. *Representation* can be accomplished from a distance, whereas *replication* is accomplished in the space of Oneness. Many people can represent Christ without being One with his Divine Nature. People who encouraged slavery, racism, classism, and divisions for financial control, claimed to represent Christ in their sermons, church services and theologies that promoted superiority, fear and greed. However, *replication*, based upon Oneness with the Nature of Christ, occurs when the authentic Jesus within the Believer, is the same Jesus who is allowed to lovingly express himself through the Believer. Jesus is beyond sin, death and selfishness, and when allowed to be himself and express himself through Believers, others will experience a revelation of God that is beyond the vested interest of using God for personal control of people or greed above need. Representation is good for witnessing today, but 1<sup>st</sup> century witnessing was based upon a relationship of *genuine replication of Christ* in the midst of others. The authentic presence of Christ within the Believer, and the authentic anointing of power upon both Christ and the Believer, resulted in the replication of the experience and expression of the authentic Christ in Heaven, on Earth. Heavenly presence, thoughts, words, intentions, wonders, miracles and replications of the 1<sup>st</sup> century ministry of Christ, occurs today when the anointed Jesus is allowed to fully be himself within and through the Believer. Jesus has never changed. The Spirit of God, who empowered the miraculous ministry of the anointed Jesus has never changed. Again, it is worth repeating that what was seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> century can be seen again as we allow the Christ of the 1st century to fully be himself and express himself through us in our modern century. Centuries change, but Jesus never changes. Be encouraged to allow the unchanging Christ to be his own unchanging witness of himself within and through yourself, and the authentic witness of *replication* will occur once again. Allow the Spirit of God to inspire you to speak the words and be the presence of Christ according to what the moment may call for. As Jesus was speaking and expressing himself during the 1<sup>st</sup> century, it presented transformative moments for his environment. As Jesus continues to speak and express himself through Believers during this century, transformative moments occur once again within our modern-day environments because God **in** Christ within Believers is unchanging. Representation of the interest of Christ through scripts/scrolls, and strategies are great, but Spirit-led replication of Christ, both in and through Believers, is better.

## [Chapter Two]

### ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:

- John 14:16-17      The presence of Christ permanently resides within Believers.
- John 14:20          God in Christ **within** Believers is confirmed.
- Romans 8:16        The Spirit of God bears witness that the Believer's born-again spirit is of the Divine Nature of God in Heaven.

## [Chapter Two]

### CHAPTER ONE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:

- TASK: Explain your understanding of the following with your Discussion Partner:
  - Explain the difference between witnessing as *representing* Jesus or *replicating* Jesus.
  - Explain the importance of empowerment by the Spirit of God for 1<sup>st</sup> century witnessing in our modern world.
  - Explain why every Believer in Christ possess a transformative presence on Earth.

### CHAPTER THREE:



### WHY CHRIST-CENTERED PRESENCE TRUMPS SIN-CENTERED PRESENCE

#### *WHY CHRIST-CENTERED PRESENCE VS SIN-CENTERED PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT*

Too many Believers are language-heavy regarding their vocabulary for Sin, sins, personal failures, cultural deficiencies, and language that imitates and emanates from our present culture of death. Too many testimonies take up too much time reviewing the past while only providing seconds on who and what we presently exist in Christ. Many sermons tend to focus on the presence and penalty of Sin(s), but few messages educate the Believer about their sinless **eternal** Nature, powers, mission, or Heavenly presence on Earth in Christ. In fact, very few Believers even know that their existence is *eternal* in Christ, or that our eternal relationship with God begins upon our confession of faith in Christ as our Lord and Savior. The phrase “*shall have everlasting life*” in John 3:16, is rendered in the original language (Greek) in the Passive Active Subjective tense. This means that eternal life occurs as the Spirit of God transforms your existing spirit into a living spirit upon your confession of Christ as your savior. Eternal life and eternal living is already the reality of your life and existence in Christ. Growth in the eternal love,



peace, righteousness, faith, and compassion of God, provides an inexhaustible vocabulary for Believers to employ in their testimony. Perhaps one reason why Believers have too much to say about their past, and so little to say about their present eternal identity, is the fact they have historically learned so little about what is in Christ, within Believers. Hopefully after completing all of the Eternal Living Now Foundations Workbooks, you will be incentivized to develop language regarding your in Christ identity, behavior, inheritance, mission, message and ministry.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/Since Sin does not exist within Christ, how would you encourage Believers to have more discussions with each other about what eternally exist in Christ beyond Sin or sins?

Christ came to save people from Sin, not to continually condemn people because of their sins (John 3:17). Christ came to offer abundant life as our primary focus for lifestyle and beingness, and not Sin-consciousness as an obsession. Too many Believers are taught to expend more energy in avoidance of sins, rather than alignment with the Divine Nature of abundance within their spirit. Sin is poverty at every level, whereas Christ is abundance at any level, which subject do you think is more worthy of the Believer's full attention? Please don't say both because you cannot have two masters (Matthews 6:24). One master must take priority over the other one. Sin-consciousness or Christ-Consciousness, which one is more worthy of your full attention, because what you think – you behave, where you look influences where you walk, what you believe - you behaviorally express. Your understanding of your eternal identity in Christ governs the impact of your *ministry of presence* on Earth. Christ-Consciousness leads to greater understanding of your eternal identity in Heaven and on Earth, whereas **extreme** Sin-consciousness only leads to a question mark (???) identity. It is time for full awareness of your presence on this Earth as an exclamation mark (!) of eternal identity in Christ. The eternal presence of your identity in Christ on Earth makes you an immediate reservoir and presence of healing, wholeness, healthiness, and the eternal future within our present Now. Because you have chosen to be more consciously aware of what resides within Christ, rather than without Christ, Sin-consciousness no longer controls your self-identity or silent self-condemnations. Eternal realities in Christ are

superior to all realities of our culture and world. Your choice to become more aware of what resides in Christ, is by default a choice to manifest every Heavenly solution, every everlasting benefit, and every gift of goodness within the Nature of God into our world. Choosing to be more aware of Christ than Sin changes the world and will forever change worlds. Believers, thanks for your choice.

**[Chapter Three]**  
**ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:**

- 1 John 3:5            There is no sin in Christ. (*Your born-again spirit exist in Christ*)
- 1 Corinthians 6:17   The Believer's Oneness in Christ is beyond Sin.
- John 3:5-8            Believers are born-again OF the Spirit of God. There is no Sin in the Spirit of God, neither is there any Sin in what is OF the Spirit of God. Believers **possess** a sin-infected Earth suit but **exists** as a sinless born-again spirit in Christ. A balanced understanding between the Believer's sinful/sinless natures is urgently required in our modern day.
- 1 John 3:9            The **sinless** Nature of the Believer's **born-again spirit**, exists as the "**seed**" of God's Divine Nature in Heaven or Earth.
- Matthews 6:24        Believers cannot have two masters. Sinless, eternal spiritual identity must be progressively prioritized over identity with the Earth suit's sinful fallen nature.

**[Chapter Three]**  
**CHAPTER ONE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:**

- TASK: Explain your understanding of the following with your Discussion Partner:
  - Explain why the Believer's focus on Christ-centered presence, results in actual manifestation of the presence of Christ within and around Believers.
  - Explain how long testimonies on past sinfulness, and short testimonies on life in Christ, may also reveal the lifestyle priorities of the Believer.
  - Explain why the Heavenly Throne room is less interested in achievements through Sin, but more interested in achievements **in/through** Christ.

## CHAPTER FOUR:



### SPIRIT/spirit HEALTH OVER UNHEALTHY PROGRAMMING

#### *WHOLENESS PRESENCE WITHIN THE IMPERFECTION OF BODY PRESENCE*

The conundrum of the embodiment of the perfect presence of Christ within the imperfect Earth suit of the Believer, is sometimes complex and hard to explain. Apostle Paul identifies the constant struggle between the fallen nature of our Earth suit and the perfect Nature of Christ within the Believer, as a continuous challenge until we cease to exist in our Earth suits.

#### *PRESENCE WITHIN PRESENCE*

Within the person of God in Heaven is the Nature of His Divine love and light that dominates the environmental presence surrounding Him within His Throne room. When Apostle John was “caught-up” to the Heavens by the Spirit of God, he experienced a Throne room presence/environment that was a mirrored reflection of what exists within the Nature of God, in addition, to an experience of the internal presence of the persona of God/Father,

God/Son, God/Spirit (Revelation 4,5). The presence of God's Nature within Himself, literally dominates the glorious presence of all inhabitants in the Throne room and Heavenly household. An example of this includes the glorious God-persona presence of Angels in the Heavenly household. Angelic beings possess a brightness, hue, brilliance, and light that mirrors and directly reflects its origination from the Divine Nature within God. What is within God is reflected *through* and *As* the glory of God's Angelic creations. It is important to remember that the glorious brilliance within and surrounding the Angels and the Heavenly host, is not a self-developed glory, or an Angelic co-creation, but originates and emanates from within the Nature of God. In other words, what exists within God can also be felt, viewed and experienced by others within His Heavenly household. God's internal presence of Being has become externalized as the dominate presence throughout His entire celestial household. God's (inward/internal) presence within the (outward/external) Throne room presence, is what Apostle John experienced as the *Kingdom norm* in Heaven.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ Awareness of the Nature of God is more profitable than pursuit of Heavenly relief. How would you inform Believers that within the Nature of God is all of the atmosphere, personality, purpose for interactions, and eternal presence that Heaven will ever possess, both now and future.

#### *BELIEVER'S PRESENCE AS LIGHT OF LIFE*

Since God never changes, then the glory of God's inner-outer Divine presence in Heaven, is the same glorious presence that resides in Christ, and subsequently within Believers in Christ. Believers, your spirit being in Christ exists with the same brilliant hue and radiant brightness that the Angels and Heavenly host possess. Your spirit radiates the glorious brightness of God because your spirit exists in Christ as the Light of Life (John 8:12). As there is no darkness in the internal persona of God (1 John 1:5,7), there is also no darkness in the brightness and brilliance of the Divine glory that resides within and around the Believer's spirit being. Jesus said we are "light" because in Christ, the glorious brightness upon/within and surrounding of our spirit suit is our eternal state of being. You

cannot be what you do not exist. In Christ, you exist as “*light*” therefore you can be/ behave the glorious *light* that originates within God and mirrored as a state of being throughout the personas of His Heavenly household in Heaven, and His Heavenly household on Earth as well. Believers, when you enter a room, you bring the brightness of God’s glorious Nature in Christ into the room with you. Dark spaces/ places become brighter upon your occupancy. Literally, the Believer’s power of glorious presence changes the atmosphere, vibrational frequencies, and formerly energetic agendas that previously occupied or saturated the space and place where the Believer now resides. Believers in Christ really are the difference on Earth when it comes to the presence of *light* shining in darkness, and the *light of life* overcoming the obscurity of evil. No wonder Jesus said, “**Let** you *light* shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven (Matthew 5:16), because the mere presence of the Believer’s existence as “*light of life*” brings *light* and illumination to all humanity.

#### *LIGHT OF BEING COMMUNICATION BEYOND WORDS*

Because the celestial brightness and glory of God in Heaven, also resides in Christ, and within the spirits of Believers in Christ, every Believer has the capacity to allow the *light-presence* of their spiritual countenance, and the glory of their inner-being to communicate with others before the use of words or physical actions. Writers commented on the *glorious presence* of Angels and inhabitants of the Heavenly household before these celestial beings could release their Divine words or messages (Ezekiel 1:26-28; Daniel 10:5,6; Matthew 28:2-5; Luke 9:30,31). The glory of God *through the spiritual presence of being* can communicate the sacred, loving, and compassionate presence of God within Believers more effectively than words or demonstrative actions in some cases. In our nation, what you do or how you act often becomes the basis for how you are seen and understood. However, in Christ, the brilliance within your eternal being, and expressions of your “beingness” can communicate God’s relationship and residence within you beyond the alphabetical articulations of a language. As perceptions can be experienced in the absence of words, actions, or even explanations, likewise, the *glorious presence of God within Believers* can be perceived by both Believers and unbelievers in ways that are spiritually or intuitively understood before culturally understood or expressed. Though some experiences exceed the limitation of words or even intelligent utterances, their impact can have a permanent affect. The glorious *light* and presence of God in Christ within Believers can impact others with an experience that exceeds the limitation of words or even intelligent utterances as the Believer enters the room.

Sometimes people may react to the glorious impact of the Believer's presence by finding ways to continuously stand close, or at least silently be around the Believer without an explanation for their behavioral attachment. Just being close to a Believer can be an eternal experience for those who are *awake* and *aware*. As the eternal health of God exists within Himself before existing around Him, the eternal health of God also exists within and around Believers as well. Because it is a blessing to just be in the presence of God, it is also a blessing to just be in the presence of Believers **in** Christ. The blessings of *presence within presence* means that the brightness and glory of God presence within, and through Believers is the healthiest (internal) presence within the (external) presence humanity could hope to experience. As the **in** Christ presence within Believers become the same presence surrounding Believers, all who are present in this *presence within the presence* moment, are blessed. You might need to repeat the previous sentence several times to receive the full impact of its message.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ How would you encourage Believers to see themselves as blessings because of the presence of Christ within the presence surrounding the Believers (*presence within presence*)

#### *FLESH AND SPIRIT NATURES NEVER AGREE WITHOUT SURRENDER*

The nature of the flesh will always be fleshly, and the Nature of our spirit being **in** Christ will always be godly. These two natures will never agree with each other because our flesh nature has an ephemeral agenda and our born-again spirit has an eternal agenda. Each day requires a choice for Believers to either exercise the desires of our fallen fleshly earth suit, or our eternal spirit being **in** Christ. When we choose to exercise the desires of our fallen flesh nature, we experience the less-than perfect experiences of sickness, dis-ease, misfortune, or anti-holy impulses that result in behaviors that bring pain to ourselves and others. When we choose to exercise the desires of our born-again spirit **in** Christ, we experience the realities of the eternal Nature of God in Heaven on Earth. These eternal realities include the experience and expression of Divine health within our bodies, God-thoughts through our spirit to our minds, Divine presence within and around us, the goodness of God behaviorally expressed through us, and

the experience of Heaven within our present Now, since in Christ we can experience both the Nature, and culmination of all that Heaven will ever become in our present Now (Ephesians 1:10). In short, choosing to exercise the desires of our flesh will result in outcomes that lead to death (Romans 8:6-8), while choosing to exercise the desires of our born-again spirit will result in outcomes that lead to everlasting life (Romans 8:10; Galatians 6:7,8). Death or life is within our power to choose daily. Choose well, and you will end well!

#### *ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH THE SPIRIT CARRY ETERNAL REWARDS*

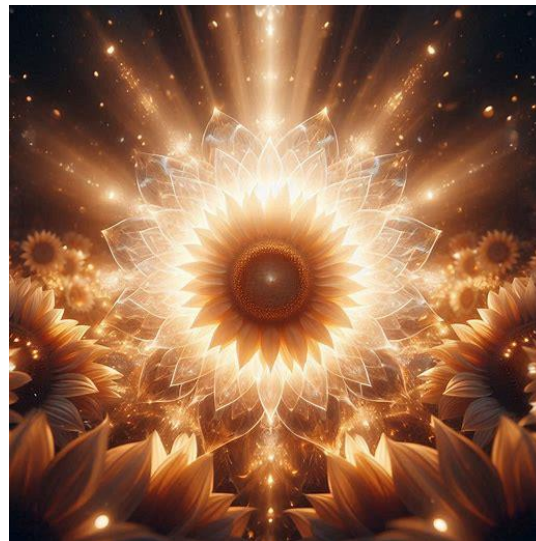
Spiritually motivated activity and behaviors carry a greater reward than behaviors that are culturally rewarded. Yes, we feel good when we are financially rewarded for honorably providing corporate or community services, but the Heavenly/eternal rewards for serving as extensions of the mind of Christ, or behaviors that reveal God's hands and arms of compassion and love, is far beyond any perishable cultural reward. The Song entitled, "*Only What You Do For Christ Will Last*," is a true testimony in the timeless Heavenly society of the Believer's spiritual citizenship. Heavenly rewards within the heart of God for the Believer's Class include Imperishable Crowns (1 Corinthians 9:24-25), Crowns of Rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 2:19), Crowns of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8), Crowns of Glory (1 Peter 5:4), and Crowns of Life (Revelation 2:10), all of which are reserved for the Believer's Class in the Heavenly household of God. Once these crowns are awarded, they are seldom rescinded or taken away in the Heavenly society. White robes of righteousness, and star-like countenances are awarded to Believers who obey the governing of the Spirit of God (Isaiah 61:10; Daniel 12:2,3; Revelation 3:5, 4:4, 6:11).

#### *HEAVENLY AWARDS AND EARTHLY REWARDS FOR IN CHRIST PRESENCE*

Rewards for surrendering to the guidance and governing of the Spirit of God not only carry awards in Heavenly places, but also carry rewards on Earth. God is the ultimate Source for health, goodness, wholeness, and fulfillment of being. God's Spirit provides guidance into "*all Truth*" of the healthiness, goodness, wholeness and fulfillment of purpose and being that resides in the Nature of God within every Believer through earthly experiences. Just imagine, God orchestrating experiences that will present moments of healthiness, goodness, wholeness and fulfillment of purpose every week in your life because of your surrender and choice to follow the guidance of God's



Spirit. As Believers follow the Spirit's guidance, the awesome/healthy outcomes of obedience will become the normal experience of the Believer in this life, before getting into Heaven. Following the goodness of God in Heaven or Earth results in the award or reward of goodness outcomes, regardless of your immediate situation. Believers can experience eternal goodness, eternal peace, eternal love in the presence of hate or evil and hate/evil can do nothing about it. God's Nature is greater than evil, therefore evil cannot stop the Divine Nature of goodness or peace from being experiences of goodness or peace within the Believer's Consciousness. God's blessings are unstoppable when we choose or are able to see them. God's blessings have already been released into this world for Believers and are awaiting discovery. Believers really have it all because both Heavenly, Earthly, and eternal blessings have already been celestially awarded and terrestrially rewarded in Christ, and the enemy can do nothing to stop your stream of blessings since the *"gates of hell cannot prevail"* against the revelation of God's blessings (Matthew 16:18).



## [Chapter Four]

### ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:

Matthew 16:18	The enemy cannot prevail against the advancement of the Kingdom of God <u>in</u> Christ.
Galatians 6:7,8	The Believers power of choice can determine future experiences.
Romans 8:6-8	Choosing to be governed by the Spirit of God results in blessed outcomes.
Matthew 5:16	Believers can simply allow their <u>in</u> Christ <i>light of life</i> to shine to the glory of the Father in Heaven.

## [Chapter Four]

### CHAPTER ONE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:

- TASK: Explain your understanding of the following with your Discussion Partner:
  - Explain why Believers can let, rather than sweat, the illumination of their light in our world.
  - Explain how the existence of Christ within Believers automatically includes Heavenly rewards.
  - Explain why others are blessed by simply being around Believers.

## CHAPTER FIVE:



### GLOBAL IMPACT OF CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS

#### *THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF A HEALTHY COLLECTIVE IN CHRIST - CONSCIOUSNESS:*

Western theological and Christological views tend to limit God's person and anointing to the Western interpretation of the Bible. From an Eastern perspective, it was the anointing of the Spirit of God upon Christ that empowered Jesus-the man, with the ability to manifest the *Will* of God in Heaven on Earth as it related to healing, wholeness, salvation, reconciliation, and life over death as testified by the Scriptures. Many things were revealed or manifested by Jesus that no one in the 1<sup>st</sup> century had interpreted through Jewish scriptures. In other words, Jesus often and intentionally operated beyond any person's personal interpretation of the scriptures concerning his mission, message and ministry on Earth. Why, because the *origination* of the scriptures concerning Jesus came from the

mind of God in Heaven, not from mankind on Earth. Only the Spirit of God knew the complete volumes of the scriptural story within the heart of God concerning the mission, message and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of God is continuing to globally fulfill the Scriptures concerning the ministry, message and mission of Jesus in ways that please God, not dogma or theologians. God promised to “*pour out His Spirit upon all flesh*,” and that the day would come when humanity would respond to direct communication between the human spirit and the Divine Spirit (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17). God’s Spirit is not chained, limited or circumscribed to humanity’s limited understanding of scriptural writings about His activities on our Earth. Since the Bible told us that not all of the scriptural information was exhaustively recorded (John 21:25), then why humans continually attempt to control God through limited and incomplete writings concerning God in our Judeo-Christian Bibles, is very concerning. Direct Spirit - to - spirit (*Divine Spirit/human spirit*) communication with humanity *rather* than just *sacred writings* – *to - human spirit- communication*, is happening at an unprecedented scale in our modern day. Both Believers and unbelievers are testifying of communication received directly from the Spirit of God, regardless of their unfamiliarity with the sacred writings of our Bible. Obviously, God is not waiting on everyone to jump through the many denominational complexities that organized religion may require for salvation. Some religious organizations require their own unique denominational baptism, or 3 & 4 confession steps, or participation in their denominational Holy Communion, or salvation preparation classes, or confession of Romans 10:9 as a salvational prerequisite, or congregational approval before God will accept you into His kingdom. This can be exhausting. The Spirit of God is not obligated to honor man-made hoops for people to jump through in order to be saved because it is **God who trans formatively saves**, not churches, denominations or complexed religious hoops. Salvation comes from God. Eternal Life comes from God. The Revelation and understanding of life in Christ, comes from the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God can witness, communicate, save and redeem with whomever He wills. Apparently, the Spirit of God has chosen to minister directly to people globally in ways that are beyond the control of the Church and organized religion. The Spirit of God is talking directly to people, and people outside of religious circles are sharing Spirit-revealed information that may exceed the traditional dogmatic interpretations of our Judeo-Christian Scriptures. Thousands of survivors of medically verified NDE (*Near Death Experiences*) are coming *out of the closet* so to speak and sharing the same basic testimony regarding their experiences of the presence and love of God on the other

side of death. The lives of the vast majority of these NDEs have drastically changed in ways that align with the love that Christ presented on Earth during his 1<sup>st</sup> century ministry. By the way, NDEs are in the Bible. Apostle Paul experienced a Near Death Experience during his Lystra episode when he was almost stoned to death (Acts 14:19-20). Apostle Paul's previous Pharisaic view of the *resurrection* as solely a future event under the auspices of the return of the Jewish Messiah, was later changed after his NDE to include an immediate experience with God upon death in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4. Paul used the "*present*" tense in the original language to communicate immediate interaction with God upon separation from our bodies (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). Why, because his NDE changed his Old Testament rabbinical view of resurrection based upon his personal experience of life after near-death. Once again, the vast majority of NDE survivors return to our world with Christ's message of acceptance, wellbeing, and the greatness of the ever-abiding presence of God's love for/with everyone. NDE testimonies often exceed the controlling limitations that organized religion may require for Heavenly habitation. Religions are useful, but religions are not God. Religion point the way towards God, but we are not required to worship religion as God. Many NDEs allow the Spirit of God to transformatively interact with the human spirit with communications directly from the heart of God that change many people into believers of God. Most NDE survivors confirm spiritual conversions based upon the direct Spirit/spirit communication of Divine Love, rather than religious rules or biblical precepts. The Spirit of God can transform lives with the aid of our Scriptures; however, the Spirit of God can also save and transform souls beyond the reach or writings of our bibles because **God's Spirit is unlimited** in ability to communicate with the human soul. It seems like a new version of our bible is presented every 50 years because of the *limitations* of human languages. However, the Spirit of God can speak moment by moment without the limits of language within the human spirit when Spirit/spirit communication occurs. Reading about God is great, however, receiving revelation directly from God is better for life in our present Now, and for life beyond death. Believers need to be prepared to hear the voices of the non-religious who are experiencing direct Spirit/spirit communications, and complement/companion them with our in Christ understanding of spiritual living. Rejecting the non-religious spiritual experience, just because they failed to pronounce God's name the way we have religiously been programmed, is no longer acceptable. As God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh, we want to accommodate this move of God's Spirit with Spirit-led sensitivity and understanding. Just because The *Spiritual But Not Religious* (SBNR) may have another name for their spiritual experience of God, does not mean they are referring to a different

God. Even the English name Jesus, is not the Hebrew, or Aramaic name for our Son of God in the original languages of our bible. In short, we say the name “Jesus” because that is what we have been told to say in Western Christianity. Although “*Jesus*” is not the real name for Yeshua Bar Yoseph, who was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea, God understands WHAT WE MEAN from our hearts when calling Yeshua by the Euro name of “Jesus.” People who call Jesus, Yeshua, or Yehoshua, or Iesous, Christ or Christos, Mashiach, or Messiah, all refer to the same Divine person, even though different names are used. Likewise, non-religious people, who are responding to Spirit/spirit communications, may also refer to God with different names, but like different names for Jesus, they maybe referring to the One God “*who is in all and through all*” (Ephesians 4:6). Let’s remain quick to listen and slow to judge.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ How can you encourage Believers to accommodate the Near-Death-Experiences of the unchurched with our spiritual experiences in Christ?

#### *GOD IS DOING A NEW THING IN THE LAND*

God is doing a new thing in the land. If the Church or organized religion competes, rather than cooperates with the global work of the Spirit of God, then God simply goes around and beyond the Church to accomplish His *Will* for global salvation. God is not limited to the Church’s long history of using the Bible and Christ to achieve vested interest that may have nothing to do with Heavenly health, but everything to do with monetary greed and perpetuation of systems of power, wealth and oppression. **Most churches are healthy advocates and ambassadors of the global work of the Spirit of God in my opinion.** However, when a local church’s agenda disagrees with the Spirit of God, the Spirit of God is not obligated to obey, or be controlled by that local church, or any religious institution or system. Personally, I love the Church, but I worship God alone!

### *YESHUA (1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY) AND JESUS (21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY) NAMES FOR INCARNATIONAL PRESENCE*

Perhaps you have heard the declaration that people can only be saved *“in the name of Jesus.”* The Mother, and family, and neighborhood of Jesus during the 1<sup>st</sup> century would have responded by asking “who, or what is a JESUS? You see Jesus is a Western Euro name that never existed during the years he lived on this Earth. In fact, the letter “J” did not even exist in Hebrew, or Greek, or Aramaic (which were the languages Jesus would have been familiar with) during the 1<sup>st</sup> century. The names “Yeshua” and Jesus have two entirely different pronunciations, BUT THE MEANINGS ARE THE SAME. Non-church people, who may be experiencing Spirit/spirit communications as a fulfillment of Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17, might spell, call, or refer to Jesus by another name, just like our Euro name (Jesus) is used for Yeshua. For example, our Euro named “Jesus” represents the highest revelation of God in Heaven on Earth. Many NDEs have met the highest revelation of God in Heaven in the person of Jesus by another name during life beyond death experiences.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ How do you have a discussion with a person whose NDE encountered the highest representative of God in Heaven by a name other than the Euro name Jesus?

A key indication of whether or not people with NDEs, legitimately communicate with the Spirit of God directly rather than through writings, is the post-NDE testimony of their life and lifestyle. Since God’s Divine Nature never changes, whether manifested in Heaven, Earth or anywhere, then when the behaviors of the non-religious, and sometimes atheist, or non-churchgoing people are transformed through a NDE into a healthy mirroring of the Divine Nature of God’s Love, Goodness, Compassion, their spiritual NDE experience with God may serve as a validation of their non-religious encounter with the Christ. In other words, **as the Divine Nature of God is consistently expressed through these people, it may serve as a confirmation of God’s presence *within* and *through* them**, regardless of what religious dogmas may say. Satan or Sin cannot imitate, emanate, or replicate the Divine Nature of God. Only God can express His own Divine Nature authentically through Spiritual But Not Religious NDEs. When we see God expressing His Divine, eternal Nature through people who are not compatible with our religious dogma, theology

or interpretation of the Bible, then we should **believe in the Truth of God's Nature that is revealed through these individuals because God would never express His Nature deceptively**, in this world or any world. Would you believe a non-churched person, whose life and lifestyle consistently mirrors the Nature of God, OVER a person with the label of a Christian who lives a life and lifestyle that promotes oppression, racism, destructive colonialism, plantation slavery, or veneration and celebration of civil war heroes who fought to dehumanize people of color and died supporting systems that generationally dehumanize non-Caucasians? I would choose the person, whose life mirrors the Divine Nature of God's compassion, unconditional love, and goodwill towards all people in a heartbeat over a Christian labeled person whose lifestyle advocates results that are insults to God while embraced by certain religious circles as holy as long as it benefits them. I would rather be with the unlabeled, unlettered, unchurched, non-dogmatic people who consistently *experience* and *express* the eternal Nature of God because of their Spirit/spirit communication, rather than remain with people who instigate separation, superiority, colonialism, and dehumanization in the name of God. Apparently, God is tired of hypocritical religious song and dance displayed by wolves in sheep's clothing and has chosen to move beyond the religious constraints, doctrines, dogmas and self-vested interest of some organized religious institutions with non-religious revelations of Himself. Direct communication between the Spirit of God and human spirits, regardless of religious affiliation, is one of the modern ways God is saving, healing, and restoring His people without the permission or approval of religion.

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think/ How would you share with Believers how God's Salvational methods for transforming lives are not limited to theological dogmas of any religious institution?

People OF God's Nature are the vessels in our modern day through whom God will continue to heal humanity. Labels, no matter how historical or self-righteous they are, can no longer demand our worship of them. God is speaking to the non-religious, non-churched, and anti-labeled people of the land. Believers, who are OF the Nature of God, are encouraged to listen to what the Spirit OF God is saying and behaviorally expressing through the



unchurched, even if they never believe church attendance is necessary. Listen before speaking. We might learn something from God through the Spiritual But Not Religious because the bible said that God is in and through everything (Ephesians 4:6). Nothing is impossible for God from God's point of view.

*BELIEVERS ARE A DIVINE SOLUTIONS ON EARTH*

Just remember that God is expressing Himself as wholeness and wellbeing through people who embody His Divine Nature as His solution for the ills of humanity. The people OF God's Nature are changing this world and sustaining health and wholeness globally. They may have different languages, dialects, names for the infinite Nature of Jesus the Christ, but their meaning and understanding of Christ as the highest expression of the Nature of God might be consistent with God's own declaration of His Identity and Nature. I reiterate, Believers, be quick to lovingly accommodate and not critically judge. **The people, who possess the Nature of God**, are the true global Collective of Jesus Christ in our world today, and the Kingdom impact of God's Divine Nature is nothing short of awesome!

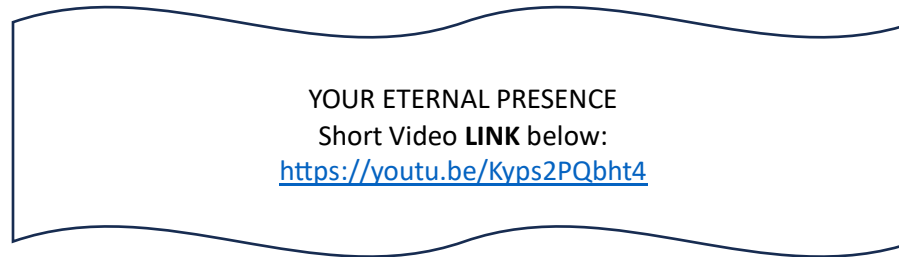
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**ETERNAL LIVING NOW SCRIPTURAL VOCABULARY:**

Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17	Indicates direct Spirit to (human) spirit connection and communication as a global move of God in the last days.
2 Corinthians 12:2-4	To be absent from the body (death) is to be present with the Lord in our present Now, and not just traditionally after the resurrection of the dead.
John 21:25	Our present Bible does not contain all of the sacred writings about God. (Remain open to what the Spirit of God reveals to your spirit)

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**CHAPTER ONE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:**

- TASK: Explain your understanding of the following with your Discussion Partner:
  - Explain why NDEs (Near Death Experiences) may possibly be testifying about afterlife experiences with the Christ in our Bible (sometimes under a different name).
  - Explain why no denomination or religious institution can control how, when, or why the Spirit of God may globally transform lives with Salvation that originates from God, and not man.
  - Explain why Spirit to (human) spirit connection/communication may in some ways be superior to relationship with God based upon just dogmatic interpretations of the Scriptures.

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