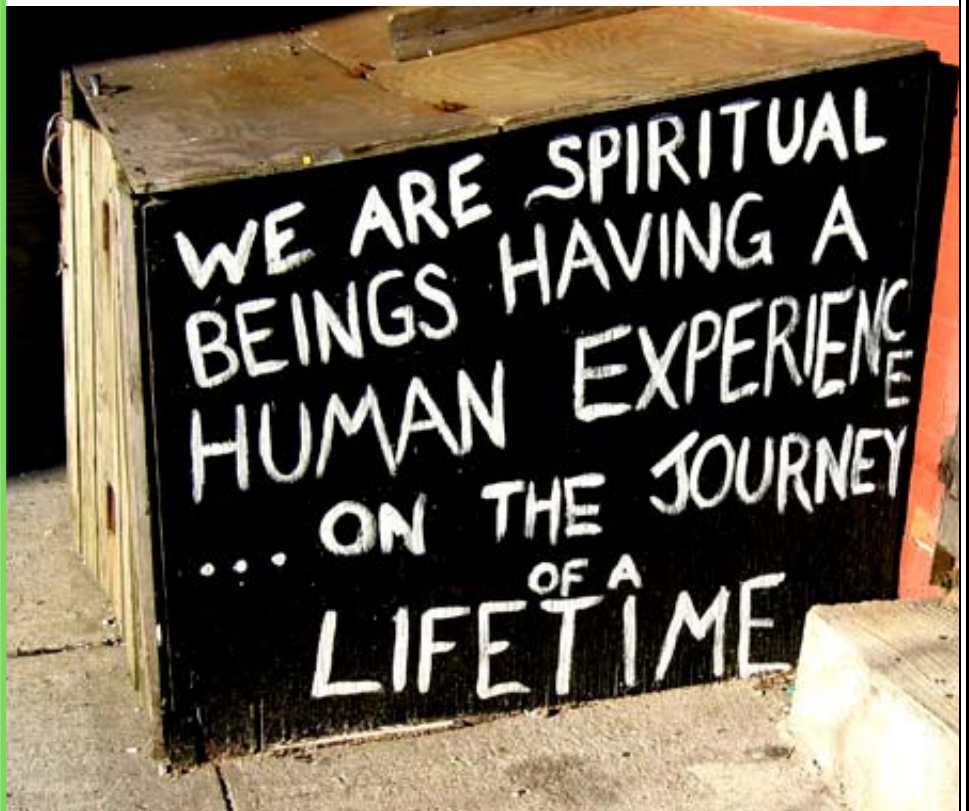


# We R spiritual

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Dear friends,

Who am I? Have you ever asked yourself this question? We are spiritual beings having a human experience .... on the journey of a lifetime. We are spirit, have a soul and live in a body. *Man is a spirit being after the nature and essence of his source, Father God; he lives in a body, which is his earth suit that allows him to relate to the physical environment; and he possesses a soul, which is his intellect, will, and emotional faculties.* We have the privilege to built God's Kingdom in the republic of South Africa and His Kingdom is a spiritual Kingdom. Discover who you really are, your spiritual position and abilities in a spiritual Kingdom to serve this beautiful Rainbow Nation.

## 1. Our spiritual center.

God, Who is Spirit, created people in His own image to reign as spiritual beings with Him. *And God said, Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life - the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock, wild animals and small animals. So God created people in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:26-27).* God, Who is Spirit, designed the spirit of human beings as an instrument to receive His instructions. When we pray the answer comes from God through our spirits. We communicate spirit to spirit. Our soul is deeply connected with our spirit and we can understand in our soul (mind) what has entered through our spirit. The soul is psyche and the spirit is pneuma in the Greek. When we die, our spirit and soul are preserved and we will spend eternity in either heaven or hell. The body returns to the earth.

God is a triune being (God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit) and as His creation, we are also a triune being (spirit, soul, and body). We nourish our body with food, we nourish our soul with learning, and we nourish our spirit with prayer. If there is lacking in any of these areas, then we are off kilter. God is a spirit and we are made in His creation, so we are a spirit, who has a soul, and lives in a body.

Due to the fall of Adam the centre of our believing, **our spiritual center, has been transferred (degraded) from our spirit to our soul.**

Our soul is absolutely not mend to be the place to take spiritual decisions. The soul has to believe and act in accordance with our spirit. Our spirit is the source of our believing, faith and strength. It's through our spirit that we have communion and fellowship with God. So, **our spiritual center has to be replaced (upgraded / restored) from our soul to our spirit.**

## 2. The old (spiritual) creature.

*Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander (mighty prince) of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger, just like everyone else (Ephesians 2:1-3).* The positive side of these verses is the first word "Once". Be aware that "dead" means spiritual dead. Apparently our old spiritual creature was ruled by the commander from the unseen (spiritual) world and Satan is using our heart as an entrance! Our heart is the first place which is spoiled by Satan and the perversion of love is his biggest weapon. We have to face all of this, acknowledge and make our decision to bring this to the past (once) again in our personal life by obeying God, for *he (Satan) is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.*

## 3. The bridge to the new (spiritual) creature and its benefits.

*But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, <sup>5</sup> that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with*





*Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms - all because we are one (united) with Christ Jesus.* <sup>10</sup> *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago (Ephesians 2:4-6,10).*

First we have to understand the depths of being saved:

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me....  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.**

Again be aware this is all about spiritual death and new spiritual life.

Have a look with me at the benefits:

- the old (spiritual) creature has become past (*"once you were dead"*) and *He gave us (spiritual) life for He raised us from the (spiritual) dead along with Christ;*
- *we are seated with him in the heavenly realms - all because we are one (united) with Christ Jesus!* Are you still with me? You want to make a powerful impact for South Africa as a Christian? You want to built His spiritual Kingdom here on earth in South Africa? **You ARE seated with Him in the heavenly realms here on earth in the Republic of South Africa!** Who is the king? It's Jesus. What is He doing? **He reigns!** What are we doing? **We rule with Him,** for *we are seated with him in the heavenly realms!* **You R spiritual and one (united) with Him!** Wow, this "bridge" story is working, you are back in Genesis 1: God created people in His own image to reign as spiritual beings with Him, Who is Spirit.
- *we are one (united) with Christ Jesus.* Have you ever realised the impact of being one with Christ? He wants to marry you to become one with you in heart and mind. *We have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16b), for in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body (Colossians 2:9).* Powerful hey! Your position in the spiritual world (Kingdom)!
- *we are God's masterpiece.* What is a masterpiece mend for? *They will be masters over all life (Genesis 1).* To reign with Him.
- *....so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* "....so" means as a result of His mercy, the mighty cross of Christ. We "can do" implicates, we are able and it is our **choice**. This phrase reminds me another verse in the scriptures: *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9).* It is all in stock and waiting for your choice to be unpacked and accepted.
- *For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph (will reign in live) over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).*

## We Are a 3-Part Whole



## 4. The new (spiritual) creature and their centres.

The new spiritual creature is still a 3-part whole and holy. *Now may the God of peace make you **holy in every way**, and may your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again (1 Thessalonians 5:23).*

The **spirit** of newborn creatures is one (united) with Gods Spirit and they are communicating with God from their spirit (their new spiritual centre), not from their soul (old spiritual centre). They became spiritual alive, one mind with Him and having real fellowship with God again.

**The soul** is the immaterial part of man as we think of a person. It is the person without the body. As a result the **soul** of a newborn and spiritual alive creature is able to be restored too. The soul is now driven and inspired by the spirit and not by the body (flesh) anymore. The **mind** (a part of the soul) is also be able to be renewed and changed as written: *but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think (Romans 12:2)*. The **emotions** (a part of the soul) are characterized now by life, joy and peace and not by fear and confusion anymore (*But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace (Romans 8:6b)*). Our **will** is now in accordance with His will and controlled by the Holy Spirit and will produce: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22)*.

**The spirit** is the part of man that can know God because the spirit of man is directly of God. *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12)*. This says that "the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." As such, it is our spirit that is made alive when we are saved and is directly led by God's Spirit. *The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16)*. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 is a key passage in understanding the working of God's Spirit through our spirit. *We have received "the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Corinthians 2:12)*. The natural man (the lost man) *"received not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14)*. The things of God's Spirit are spiritually discerned. That is, they can only be understood by a spirit that has been brought to life by the quickening of God's Spirit through regeneration. Our spirit is our direct connection with God. God leads us and teaches us through the spirit.

The new spiritual **heart** has been transformed as written: *And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart.* <sup>27</sup> *And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will obey my laws and do whatever I command (Ezekiel 36:26-27)*. The transformation starts with the heart and results in *new and right desires, a new spirit and a new, obedient heart*. Our heart is now ready to manifest our ultimate weapon to conquer our enemy: **Love!** *The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and sincere faith (1 Timothy 1:5)*. Our spiritual heart is the entrance for our believing, our thoughts and impulses. So be careful to *guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life (Proverbs 4:23)*. And finally my dear brothers and sisters *anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart (John 7:38)*. Your new spiritual heart of love becomes the key of making impact in serving South Africa for **rivers of living water will flow from your heart!** You became a water transfer station of the water *flowing from the throne (Temple or Tabernacle) of God and of the Lamb .... and the leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations (Revelation 22:1-2)*. Your leaves are used for medicine to heal the nations, the Republic of South Africa.

The **body** of a spiritual alive creature is also be able to be restored. *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? (Romans 12:1)*. Your body became a temple of God: *Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*. Come with me a bit deeper in these verses concerning our bodies:

- We have to give our bodies to God as an offer and sacrifice. Our body doesn't belong to ourselves.
- Our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Is your house clean? Is their place for the Holy Spirit?
- We must honour God with our body!

Do you want to make a powerful impact and serve South Africa as a Christian? You are free to make the right choice. *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature (the old spiritual creature). Instead, **use your freedom to serve one another in love** (Galatians 5:13).*

### 5. How to feed and maintain the new spiritual creature?

*For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between **soul** and **spirit**, between **joint and marrow** (body). It exposes our innermost **thoughts** (mind) and desires of the **heart** (Hebrews 4:12). The Word of God is not simply a collection of words from God, a vehicle for communicating ideas; it is living, life-changing, full of power and dynamic as it works in us. It is the most comprehensive food and source and affecting all our human centres (all five centres in one verse!).*

I say it again: Do you want to make a powerful impact and serve South Africa as a Christian? **Your words** were found, and I ate them (Jeremiah 15:16). Eat His Word as your daily food! ..*But have treasured **his word** in my heart (Job 23:12b)*. His Word, your biggest treasure!

### 6. Where is your spiritual centre?

Let me give you an example where Peter is receiving a revelation in his spirit while working it out in his soul and mind: <sup>21</sup> *From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.* <sup>22</sup> *But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"* <sup>23</sup> *Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's" (Matthew 16:20-23).*

So, our believing should come from our soul who is connected with **our spirit, our spiritual centre where we receive our instructions from God.**

### 7. Look with spiritual eyes.

These words are from the hand of apostle les D.Grause "Your prophetic word for today":

You stand as one in the middle of a bridge over a river, and there are two ways you may go. On the one side of the river is lush countryside, green and full of growth. On the other side is dry land and barrenness. Which route should you take? Do your eyes not make the choice obvious? Surely the ground that is lush and fertile is the obvious choice to make. Surely that is the way you should go. But is that the way that will lead to the fulfilment of My promises to you? Not necessarily. My child you have not yet learned to see through the eyes of your spirit. You are looking only with natural eyes. And what may seem good to the naked eye could lead to disaster and failure. Therefore, instead of going by what you see, you must learn to hear the voice of My Spirit within. You must sense the tugging in your heart that comes from My voice deep inside you. For I will never lead you astray. The barren land might not look very inviting, but it could lead to far greater treasures and blessings than the way which seems so lush and pleasant. For the ground that looks lush from a distance might contain thorns and thistles, and hidden pitfalls that you cannot see. And the way of barrenness might contain hidden treasures that you cannot see from afar. So stop says the Lord, and listen to My still small voice within you, as the Prophet Elijah did. For he thought that I was in the mighty signs that

were before his eyes. But I was not in them. I was only there in the still small voice. And in that still small voice, he received the directions that he needed to break free and rise up. Be not hasty in your decisions, but learn to wait and move only when you hear My voice. Learn to see with spiritual eyes and not the natural. Then you will always make the right choices, and you will always walk in My blessing says the Lord.

## 8. Our spiritual environment / places.

The scripture is very clear concerning our spiritual environment and places. Please allow me to guide you through these spiritual places and be amazed. You are in the midst of them!

### 8.1 Our spiritual environment / places - Satan.

- Where was **Satan** and his demons (angels) before Jesus took the victory in the first century, the O.T. period? He was **travelling between the earth and heaven**: <sup>7</sup> *And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and from on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it (Job 1: 7).*
- Where was (and is) **Satan and his demons** after Jesus took the victory in the first century, the N.T. period? *" How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are **cut down to the ground (earth)**, .... (Isaiah 14: 12).* See also Ezekiel 28:15, Revelation 12:4, 7-9. To be more specific: *and **he cast him into the bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. (Revelation 20:3).* Satan fallen from heaven, into the bottomless pit after Jesus took the victory in the first century. And he will be there during the whole period of the spiritual Kingdom (whole NT) here on earth (thousand years): *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6).* *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment (2 Peter 2:4).* The word "hell" here is not the eternal lake of fire but the Hades. This curse will be eliminated at the very end into the eternal lake of fire. In the meantime in the bottomless pit his companions are gazing at him saying: *' Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup> Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?' (Isaiah 14: 15-17).*

### 8.2 Our spiritual environment / places - Humans.

- Where were **all those who died (in Christ and without Christ)** before Jesus took the victory during His first coming, the O.T. period? They all were in the "**Hades**" or Abyss. All those in the Hades were kept there as prisoners. The Hades had two sides as described in Luke 16: <sup>23</sup> *And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'* <sup>25</sup> *But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'* (Luke 16:23-26).
- Where are **all those who died in Christ and were waiting for Jesus on the good side of the Hades**, before Jesus first coming? Jesus had the keys of the Hades: *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades (Revelation 1: 18).* As written here, Jesus was dead and came alive at Calvary and used the keys of the Hades to release His ones and brought them into the **heavenly places**: *and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6).* They still have to wait for Jesus second coming to receive a new body at the very end,

the 100% maturity of the Kingdom. Revelation 20:4 is giving the rest of the information: *And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4). The Saints are living in and reigning from the heavenly places, together with Christ.* Of course **also those who died in Christ in the whole NT period** as written: *You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to **the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect** (Hebrews 12:23).*

- Where were (are) **those who didn't bow for King Jesus?** They had **two options:** Jesus went into the Hades during His first coming as written: <sup>18</sup> *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,* <sup>19</sup> *by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison (Hades),* <sup>20</sup> *who formerly were disobedient, when once the divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water (1 Peter 3:18-20) and* <sup>7</sup> *But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.* <sup>8</sup> *Therefore He says: " **When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive (out of the Hades), and gave gifts to men.**"* <sup>9</sup> *(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?* <sup>10</sup> *He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:7-10) and* <sup>8</sup> *You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, **even from the rebellious**, that the LORD God might dwell there (Psalm 68:18).* So, the first option: Jesus went at Calvary into the Hades, preached there to those who formerly were disobedient, gave / received gifts to / from them (*grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift*, which is amazing grace), which means that **He led captives out of the Hades along with Him when He ascended on high.** The second option is for **those who didn't accepted the first option.** Well, **they had to stay in the Hades.** For what reason? Their master, Satan, wasn't able to set them free as written: *' Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,* <sup>17</sup> *Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'* (Isaiah 15:15-17). Now Revelation 20:5 is coming alive were is written: <sup>5</sup> *But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.* Satan joint them at that moment and they gaze at Satan saying: *' Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,* <sup>17</sup> *Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'* (Isaiah 15:15-17). They have to stay in the Hades until Jesus second coming and they will be judged fairly, which is also applicable for those who died without Christ in the whole NT period.
- Where are **those who are in Christ and still alive yet, having an earthly body, you who are reading this?** Well, their (your) body is on earth. And their (your) spirit and soul? **We are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (the angels)** (Ephesians 2:18-22). We are the People of God, **already seated "with Him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus", to reign with Christ in His spiritual Kingdom here on earth, now (Ephesians 2:6). You are **travelling between the earth and heaven** which is an in- and outgoing through the gates of the spiritual Kingdom **to bring glory to God** (Revelation 21:22-27). Next phrase is explaining your current situation also: *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,* <sup>23</sup> *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,* <sup>24</sup> *to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24).* More information about this in our study "The Kingdom". There is another (dark) side, also in the lives of those who are saved. Depending on the maturity of the spiritual Kingdom you entered, here on earth, **parts of your soul are hold in**



**captivity** in dark spiritual places, for *your sinful desires are waging war against your very soul (1 Peter 2:11): **Bring my soul out of prison**, that I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me.*" (Psalm 142:7) and *"For **you will not leave my soul among the dead (Hades, Greek) or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.**"<sup>28</sup> You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence (Acts 2:27-28)".* (see also the book "Regions of captivity" of Ana Méndez Ferrell).

### 8.3 Our spiritual environment / places – Heaven & Dark spiritual places.

- Were is heaven? Since Jesus took the victory at Calvary, two thousand years ago *heaven and earth are reconciled (Colossians 1:20). The Kingdom of God is spiritual and not of this world (John 18:36). The kingdom of God has come upon us with Jesus first coming (Matthew 12:28). Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,*<sup>10</sup> *that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him (Ephesians 1:9-10).* So, it is actually **heaven on earth!**
- Were are the dark spiritual places? This is perfectly described in the book "Regions of captivity" of Ana Méndez Ferrell. **The second heaven:** We see Satan and his demons operating in the air as "prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2). **Region of darkness:** He who has the power of darkness (Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 6:12). **Empire of death (Sheol or Hades), lesser places:** Emperor of death (Hebrews 2:15) and the angel of the Abyss (Revelation 9:11). **These are the regions of captivity, the lower places under the earth.**



### 8.4 Our spiritual environment / places – conclusion.

Are you still with me? Your spiritual part is in the same place as all the Saints, together with Christ and the angels. This place, the heavenly places is on earth, it is Heaven on earth. Billions of human souls and spirits are in the Hades, under the earth, and parts of your soul (of those who are in Christ) are probably in captivity in those regions of captivity under the earth. To make it even more complicated: you are surrounded by millions or billions demon spirits in the dark spiritual realm here on earth. Well, knowing this I am really happy that the enemy has been defeated and that, **thanks to Jesus, we have authority over all powers of darkness** as written: <sup>18</sup> "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!"<sup>19</sup> Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.<sup>20</sup> But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven." (Luke 10:18-20). "Snakes and scorpions" must be seen as demon spirits in the dark spiritual world. Last but not least: don't forget the angels! We are surrounded by billions of angels who are eager to support us: *Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14).*

### 9. Heavenly (spiritual) places are real.

Heavenly places are real. They are glorious dwellings of infinite revelation. It is the will of God that we enter them, that we be established there, and that we govern with Him from the heavens, while we live here on earth (Ana Méndez Ferrell).

We believe in Deliverance Ministry that demonstrates the power of God with fruit that remains. "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8). You can have the power to conquer over the Darkness by knowing who you really are in Christ.

We also believe that we should be determined to accept Jesus in our lives, to live a holy life and ready to forgive others, as written in Luke 1:74-75: **...that we, being delivered**



from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

### 10. My hearts desire!!

Likewise, just as there are heavenly places, there are also places or regions of darkness. Both are continually active upon the land of the living. We don't have to be dead for heaven to manifest itself in our lives or for our life to become a living hell. The mission of our Lord was to unite heaven and earth again, in bringing the Kingdom of God. The goal was to make everything that belongs to the heavenly kingdom to be established in the natural world (Ephesians 1:9-10). We are never free from this conflict as written: *These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict (Galatians 5:17).*

**All of us**, Christians and non Christians, are more or less in captivity. Depending on the maturity of Gods (spiritual) Kingdom, the Heavenly places you entered, already here on earth, **parts of your soul (your spiritual part) are hold in captivity** in dark spiritual places (Hades): *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me.* (Psalm 142:7). *How long will you torment my soul, and break me in pieces with words? (Job 19:2). Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, Yes, my soul and my body! (Psalm 31:9). Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, and his life to the executioners (Job 33:22). To bring back his soul from the Pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of life (Job 33:30). Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls (1 Peter 2:11).*

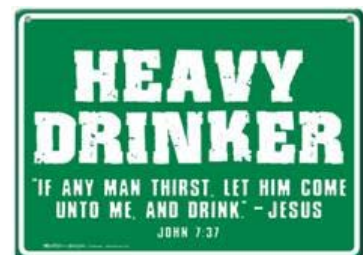
Do you know the work out (symptoms) of this captivity in your life, the work out of the dark spiritual realm and its power into this physical world, your life? **The gifts of Satan:** fear, brokenness, loneliness, sadness, restlessness, violence, apathy, uselessness, rejection, depression, war in your mind, doubt, gossip, crime, insecurity, unrest, you don't experience Gods presence, hostility, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, ignorance, frustration, division, envy, abuse, drunkenness, etc.



**We want to see you happily alive before you leave this earth!**

Outside of salvation, which is by grace, everything else has a price tag that must be paid. Work on that! Jesus is more than your Saviour, He is also your Deliverer and your King!

Allow me to explain God's will for you, **for now!** Is anyone thirsty? *Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free!* Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and **let your soul delight** itself in abundance. **You will enjoy** the finest food. **Come to me** with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. Because I, the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, have **made you glorious**. You **will live in joy and peace**. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring **great honour to the LORD's name**; they will be an everlasting sign of **his power and love.** (Isaiah 55). In that day you will sing: **"I will praise you, O LORD!** You were angry with me, but not any more. Now you comfort me. See, God has come to save me. **I will trust in him and not be afraid.** The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; **he has given me victory.**" With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! In that wonderful day you will sing: **"Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done.** Let them know how mighty he is! Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world. Let all the people of



*Jerusalem shout his praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel **who lives among you.**" (Isaiah 12).*

**Let your soul be converted and restored:** David, a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14), was fully aware of the position of his soul and the need for his soul to be nursed: *To You, O LORD, I lift up my **soul** (Psalm 25:1). Our **soul** waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield (Psalm 33:20). The law (the scripture) of the LORD is perfect, **converting** the **soul** (Psalm 19:7). He **restores** my **soul**; He leads me in the paths of righteousness **for His name's sake** (Psalm 23:3). Keep my **soul**, and **deliver me**; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You (Psalm 25:20). For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:10-11). But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your **souls** (1 Peter 2:25). Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your **souls** (Matthew 11:29). And Mary said: My **soul** magnifies the Lord (Luke 1:46). Apparently we have to work on our souls, not only for our salvation, but to **stay free and grow into maturity of the Kingdom.***

**Be victorious! Get free! Taste the maturity of God's (spiritual) Kingdom, already here on earth!** *"You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons (Hades) (Isaiah 42)". "Through you I am saying to the prisoners of darkness, 'Come out, into the light!' I am giving you your freedom! (Isaiah 49)". You know why? ...that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might **serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness** before Him **all our days** (Luke 1:74-75).*

#### **11. From the inside to the outside.**

*He has identified us as his own by placing **the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment** that guarantees everything he has promised us (2 Corinthians 1:22). Once you have accepted Jesus as your Savior in your life, the Holy Spirit will be placed in you. Many times we pray "give me more of Your Spirit", however in my opinion this is not correct. The Holy Spirit is in its fullness planted inside of us, the same as is written: *We have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16), and in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body (Colossians 2:9-10).* We just have to work from the inside to the outside, in other words: The Holy Spirit, which is inside of us, should become in line with our spirit and from this inside power of the Holy Spirit (our core) our soul and body has to be transferred step by step, in order to manifest Gods power and love, through us to the world. **Work from your inside (the Holy Spirit) to the outside!***

#### **12. Final word.**

My dear friends, we had a look at the spiritual (unseen) part of our human being and the work out on our physical (seen) part. Lets work from the inside (unseen) to the outside (seen). Just a small part of our human being is physical. **Work on your spiritual part!** This is also true for the world we're living in. An unseen (or supernatural) world influences the world that we see, live, and breath much more than most people would want to admit. **The unseen (spiritual) world controls what we do see (our physical world) and it is a virtual reality!**

Serve your beautiful rainbow nation by building His **spiritual Kingdom**. Let the rivers of living water flow from your spiritual heart.

*Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again (1 Thessalonians 5:23).*

Make His spiritual (unseen) Kingdom visible in your world today, all through *Jesus Christ, the visible image of the invisible God!* (Colossians 1:15).

Yours in His service,  
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