

G-12 MANUAL
DECEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2016
AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
1 Cor 15:34
2 Cor 3:7

1. INTRODUCTION

1 Cor 15:34 (GNT)

Paul said to the church in Corinth:

- Come back to your right way of thinking.
- You are not thinking right, so you are sinning.
- The reason you are committing sin is you are not thinking right.
- When you start thinking right, you will stop sinning.
- The way to stop sinning is to start thinking right.
 - **2 Cor 3:7-11**

Paul was saying to the church in Corinth:

- The Ten Commandments and all the laws are glorious.
- They all have their glory.
- But their glory is going away.
- Their glory is not a glory that remains.
- There is a coming glory that excels their glory.
 - **Hag 2:9**

- In this country, we have the largest Christian and secular gatherings than anywhere else in the world.
- We have the largest churches and the biggest buildings.
- God has used our men and women of God to touch nations of the world
- Our churches are planted all over the world.
- The above notwithstanding, you must never think that God has come to an end of what he wants to do.

- **Ish 42:9**

- **Ish 43:19**

- What you have seen so far is nothing compared to what he is about to do.
- And you are the instrument that God will use.
- You are the coming generation.

Discussion 1

- i. *What is the benefit of thinking right?*
- ii. *What happens to the glory of the Ten Commandments?*
- iii. *Mention some things that God has helped the church in Nigeria to accomplish so far.*

2. ARISE AND SHINE

Ish 60:1-3

Eph 5:14

- We must rise as the new generation.
- In spite of all that the church is doing today, we are not impacting our nation.
- The corruption level is heavy.
- Our roads are not done.
- Our youths are wasting away in unemployment.
- Crime and violence abounds in the land.
- The reason is because the church is sick.
 - **Mat 5:13**
 - **Mark 9:50**
- If we must rise as the new generation, the present church must be healed.
 - **2 Chron 7:14**
- Whenever God wants to do anything in any place, he uses the church because we are his voice.
- We are the authorised agents of God with divine credentials.
 - **Mat 16:18-20**
- The whole church must be mobilised.
 - **Eph 4:11-16**
- It's not just about the pulpit.
- It is not just about the fivefold ministry.
- Jesus said the signs shall follow all who believe.
 - **Mat 16:17**
- Everyone should have signs following him.
- Whoever you are in the church, you should be the hand and feet of Jesus.
- If somebody is sick in the market, you should be able to lay hands on him and he will get well.
- You don't have to wait until you bring him to church service.
- Everyone has to be anointed.

Discussion 2

- i. *Who is God depending upon today to execute his purpose and design in our world?*
- ii. *Why is the church not impacting our world today?*
- iii. *What do you understand by "the fivefold ministry"?*
- iv. *Who apart from the fivefold ministry is God willing to use in impacting our world?*

3. THE CHURCH MUST BE HEALED.

Mark 5:25-29

- The woman with the issue of blood was continually bleeding.
- She had been in that condition for twelve years.
- She had been trying to manage it with her napkin but it wasn't working.
- She has spent everything she had and was in debt until she came to Jesus.
- This woman is a type of the church who is trying to cover her sin with her napkin.
- The woman had to break many Levitical laws in order to get to Jesus.
 - **Mark 5:27**
- She broke the law and she was healed.
 - **Mark 5:29**
- Until the church is healed of self righteousness, we cannot raise the next generation.
 - **Philip 3:9**
 - **Ro 1:17**
 - **Rom 3:21-22;**
- The church today is confused.
- Today we preach the law, tomorrow we preach grace and sometimes we mix the two and put everyone in trouble.
- The truth is if the law was to judge every one of us, we will all go to hell because sin is sin.
 - **PSM 130:3**
 - **James 2:10-11**
 - **Gal 3:10**
- Don't classify sin.
- Sin is not only fornication, adultery or murder.
- If you are angry with your brother, you have sinned.
- When you are upset with your wife you have already committed sin and the wages of sin is death.
 - **Rom 6:23**

Discussion 3

- i. *What did the woman with the issue of blood do to get to Jesus?*
- ii. *What happened when she got to Jesus?*
- iii. *What does the church need to be healed of?*
- iv. *What is the cause of the confusion in the church today?*
- v. *Why is it wrong to classify sin?*
- vi. *Why is it important that grace came?*

4. GRACE AND TRUTH CAME

John 1:16-17

- The law was given.
- You can be given something from a distance.

- You can be given money from afar off and it is possible there is no connection between you and the giver.
- You can send money to someone you don't even know.
- You can receive gift from someone who doesn't even identify with you.
- But unlike the law, grace and truth came because grace wants to identify with you.
- Grace and truth go together, if there is no grace, it is not the truth.
- I can't help you if I can't identify with where you are.
 - **Heb 4:15-16**
 - **Heb 2:18**

Discussion 4

- i. *Why is it important that grace came?*

5. IT IS IMAGE FIRST

Gen 1:26

- Adam ran from God, the very God with whom he had a robust relationship.
- The devil convinced him to struggle and do something to become what God already made him.
 - **Gen 3:4-5**
 - **Mat 4:3**
- Functioning under the law is an attempt to become what God already made you.
- Man was made in the image of God, which is his nature or his life and then in his likeness, which is his function.
 - **Gen 1:26**
- God's approach is; be like me before you function like me.
- But what we are doing is we want to first function like God then struggle to be like him, this is twisted.
- It is image first before function.
- God hates religion.
- He hates self righteousness.
 - **Luke 18:10-14**
- God cursed the fig tree because he hates self righteousness.
 - **Mark 11:13-14**
- Fig leaves are the attempts of Adam to cover his nakedness and leaves cannot cover you.
 - **Gen 3:7**
- So in Jesus' teaching of faith in Mark 11, he said if you want to function in faith, you must curse self righteousness in your life.
- Until you deal with self righteousness, and know that what you need is the righteousness of Christ, you will never function like a man in God's class in this world.
 - **Philip 3:9-10**

Discussion 5

- i. *What does the image of God stand for?*
- ii. *What does the likeness of God stand for?*
- iii. *Which one comes first, image or likeness? Explain your answer.*
- iv. *What does functioning under the law attempt to achieve?*
- v. *What does fig tree represent in the life of the believer?*
- vi. *What is the consequence of not dealing with self righteousness in the life of the believer?*

6. YOU WERE MADE RIGHTEOUS

▪ 2 Cor 5:21

- You have been made righteous.
- God made you righteous in Christ.
- Does it mean everyone should be saying I am righteous? Yes.
- Jesus never did anything to become sin; he was made sin because he took on your own sin.
- He was made sin, he was not a sinner.
- Jesus was not a sinner, he is not a sinner, and will never be a sinner, he was made sin.

▪ Heb 4:15

▪ 1Peter 2:22

▪ 1John 3:5

- If he was made a sinner, why then will you not be made the righteousness of God.
 - Rom 5:18-19
- If you reject that, you are simply saying what Jesus did is not complete.
- But the sacrifice of Jesus was perfect and complete once and for all, never to be repeated again.

▪ Heb 10:11-12,14

Discussion 6

- i. *What did Jesus do to become sin?*
- ii. *What must you do to become righteous?*
- iii. *For how long is the sacrifice of Jesus applicable?*

7. JESUS SACRIFICE IS STRONGER.

Heb 9:11-14

- Elijah offered a sacrifice that is significant.
- When judgement of God came on the sacrifice, everything about the sacrifice was consumed, the stone, the wood, the water, the altar.

▪ 1 Kings 18:38

- Everything was consumed because in the Old Testament, the judgement is stronger than the sacrifice.

- But in the New Testament, the sacrifice is stronger than the judgement.
 - **Heb 8:10-12**
- When Jesus hung on the cross, all your sin, all you will ever commit in life was put on him, your sickness, your judgement, your disease, your pain.
 - **Ish 53:4**
 - **Heb 9:28**
 - **1 Peter 2:24**
- God exhausted his anger on him and when the cloud settled, our sacrifice was still standing and he said “it is finished”
 - **John 19:30**
- You need understanding.
 - **Hosea 4:6**
 - **Ish 5:13**
 - **Prov 11:9**

Discussion 7

- Why was everything consumed in the sacrifice of Elijah?*
- Why is the sacrifice stronger than the judgement in the New Testament?*
- Give one scripture that assures you that you are righteous.*

8. STOP CONFESSING SIN

Rom 10:5-10

- You are not a sinner, you've been made righteous.
 - **Rom 5:19**
- The reason there is no power in the church is we are sin conscious.
- Everyone is saying I'm a sinner.
- Sometimes we are in church and it's time for worship and the worship leader will say search your heart to see if there is sin in you.
- Of course, if you search your heart there will be sin and the enemy will argue with you that you are a sinner.
- So what do you do?
- You don't use your behaviour to judge the word.
- You use the word of God to judge your behaviour, and then your behaviour will be line up with the word.
 - **2 Cor 3:18**
- The word is always constant but our behaviour fluctuates.
- You must first accept what Jesus did and say that's who I am.
- Our journey as Christians starts from the throne.
- We have been quickened, raised and made to sit with Christ.
 - **Eph 2:5-6**
- You must function from your sitting position.

- As long as sin keeps on consuming your thoughts, you will never be strong in the Lord.
 - **Prov 23:7**
 - **Mat 12:35**

Discussion 8

- i. *Give one scripture that assures you that you are righteous.*
- ii. *What is the consequence of sin consciousness?*
- iii. *What should you do to overcome sin consciousness?*
- iv. *What do you understand by the statement “function from your sitting position”*

9. THE PRIEST EXAMINES THE LAMB NOT THE SINNER

Lev 4:27-31

Lev 16:32-34

- In the Old Testament, the sinner goes to the high priest with his lamb.
- The reason the sinner goes to the high priest is because he is a sinner and his sin has to be atoned for.

▪ **Lev 4:31b**

- The high priest at this point is not examining the sinner, he examines the lamb.
- He doesn't examine the sinner because he is already a sinner.
- If he examines the sinner he will kill the sinner immediately.
- So he examines the lamb and sees how clean it is.
- Then he says the sinner should put his hand on the animal.
- When the sinner does that, there is an impartation, all his sins go into the animal and all the innocence of the animal comes upon the sinner.
- Then he makes the sinner kill the animal.
- As the high priest burns the sacrifice, it becomes a sweet smelling aroma before God.

▪ **Lev 4:31a**

- So the sinner's sacrifice becomes his acceptance and he walks away with what he never had before which is righteousness.
- So for the next one year, he is covered.

▪ **Heb 9:6-7**

- If the animal sacrifice can cleanse me for a period, how much more the holy blood of Christ.

▪ **Heb 9:13-14**

▪ **Rom 5:11**

Discussion 9

- i. *Why does the sinner go to the high priest in the Old Testament?*
- ii. *Why does the high priest examine the lamb and not the sinner?*
- iii. *What happens when the sinner puts his hand on the lamb?*

iv. *What happens when the sinner's sacrifice is accepted?*

10. PREACH IT TO THE WORLD

John 16:8

- The problem of the church is that the message that is meant for the world, we preach to the church.
- The Church are not sinners.
- The Church has been made righteous.
 - **1 Cor 1:30**
- You are not going to be holy, you are holy.
 - **1 Peter 2:9**
- It is not about you, it is about what Jesus did.
 - **2 Tim 1:9**
 - **Tit 3:4-5**
- The church must be told the good news of what Jesus did for them.
- Stop beating them with sin consciousness.
- They already know they are sinners, they know they are fornicators; they know they have missed it, they make mistakes, and they struggle.
- Sin plus sin is equal to sin, it will never produce righteousness.
 - **Rom 3:20**
- Jacob lifted up the poplar tree before the animals to show them what they should be, and they produced what was shown them.
 - **Gen 30:37-39**
- All you need is for someone to show you what God has made you and but you will produce what is showed you because the just shall live by faith.
 - **Rom 1:16-17**
- The gospel is over the top good news, too good to be believed.
- It is too good to be believed that God is no longer imputing sin on the believer because he has imputed it upon Jesus.
 - **2 Cor 5:19**
 - **Rom 4:7-8**
- The gospel is the power of God to all who believe.
- Read the bible and believe it and you will become it.
- Yes you have to work out your salvation with fear and trembling but it is God who works in you to will and to do so.
 - **Philip 2:12-13**

Discussion 10

- i. *Who is the message of sin meant for?*
- ii. *Why is the message of sin not meant for the church?*
- iii. *What does the preaching of sin produce?*

iv. How are you supposed to produce righteousness?

11. IT'S AN INSIDE JOB

Mat 23:26

- The job of righteousness starts from the inside.
 - **Mat 12:35**
- When you start from the outside, you get it backward.
- If you see what God has made you and you accept it, it will affect your lifestyle.
- You can never overcome sin by preaching sin.
- The righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel of Christ.
 - **Rom 1:16-17**
- Don't stand before God based on your own righteousness.
 - **Gal 2:16**
 - **Philip 3:9**
- Don't parade your amount of your fasting and your giving or anything you did.
 - **Luke 18:10-14**
- Don't take credit for the work that Christ did.
 - **Eph 2:8-9**
 - **1 Cor 1:29-30**
 - **2 Tim 1:9**
- If I have to do it why did he have to come?
 - **Rom 11:6**
- You've been struggling all this years to live right, are you living right.
- If grace does not reach out to you, he will kill you because the law condemns and kills.
 - **Rom 8:1-2**
- The law was not given to you to be kept.
- It was given to expose you, that you are a sinner.
 - **Rom 3:20**
 - **Rom 7:7**
- God did that so that you will know you need a saviour.
 - **Gal 3:24-25**
 - **Rom 10:4**

Discussion 11

- i. Where does the job of righteousness start?*
- ii. How can you overcome sin?*
- iii. Why was the law given?*

12. IT IS NO LICENCE TO SIN.

Rom 6:1-2, 15

- The message of grace doesn't lead people to sin.

- One person who perverts the message of grace should not stop the preaching of the truth.
- It is not all of us that are under the law.
- The law was sent to the Jews, we were gentiles while the church is neither Jews nor gentiles but a new creation.
 - **2 Cor 5:17**
 - **Gal 6:15**
- It's the law that makes you know sin.
- No one took notice of sin before the law.
- What makes us take notice of sin is the law.
 - **Rom 5:12**
- The law made nothing perfect.
 - **Heb 7:18-19**
- The strength of sin is the law.
 - **1 Cor 15:56**
- If it is the law that brings about the knowledge of sin and the strength of sin is the law, then to deal with sin, simply take away the law.
 - **Col 2:14-15**
- The laws that were against you Jesus took away and nailed them to the cross.
- Now the devil has no power to accuse you with the law.
 - **Rom 8:1-2**

Discussion 12

- i. As an unbeliever you were gentile but as believer what are you?*
- ii. How do you render sin powerless?*

13. GOD SEES YOU IN CHRIST.

2 Cor 5:17

- From the day you received Jesus, God began to see you in Christ not in yourself.
- If he decides to see you in yourself, he will see problem, but now he sees you through the eye of Christ.
- He now sees you through the perfection, obedience, righteousness and victory of Christ.
- As Christ is so are you.
 - **1 John 4:7**
- If he is not a sinner so you can't say you are a sinner.
- That doesn't mean you don't make mistakes or you don't have struggles.
- When you understand how it works, you use your place, to deal with your behaviour.
- If you don't understand your place, you can never deal with your behaviour.
- When God looks at you, he does not see sin in you.
 - **Num 23:21**
- Though you may have sinned but he will not put it to your account.

- **Rom 4:7-8**

- Righteousness has been made available to you as a gift and you already have it.
 - **Rom 5:17**
- You don't want to accept it because when you look at what God said and at your behaviour you say it can't be true.
- But you have said "let the weak say I am strong" and "let the poor say I am rich"
- You can also say "let the sinner say I am righteous".
 - **Rom 10:10**
- Faith comes by hearing, so the more you say it, the more you believe it.
- One day your belief will be more real to you than your behaviour and you will remove the cigarette and throw it away because you know that righteous people don't smoke cigarette.
- You are the beloved of God.
 - **Eph 1:5-6**
- Don't wake up in the morning confessing sin.
- Wake up in the morning expecting good things to happen to you.
- Understand you have been discharged, acquitted, your case is closed and there is no appeal.

Discussion 13

- i. *As a believer, how does God see you?*
- ii. *Why is it wrong for you to say you are a sinner?*
- iii. *Explain the term "you use your place, to deal with your behaviour".*
- iv. *Why do believers find it difficult to accept the fact that righteousness has been made available to them as a gift?*
- v. *What happens when you keep confessing your righteousness?*