

# The Christian Confession:

# How to obtain all Redemptive Blessings

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Edited by Paul S Fermor M.Th. 69 Mill Hill, Deal, Kent. CT14 9EW www.dealpentecostal.co.uk Many people fail to receive what they pray for because of the lack of understanding about confession. In Hebrews 3:1, Christianity is called a "**confession**." Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus<sup>ASV</sup>.

#### What Confession Means

In the Greek language "Confession" is ὁμόλογος homologos literally same (homo) word (logos) meaning of one mind; to speak the same, to agree. Thus "Confession" is to "say the same thing."

# It means, to believe and say what God says about our sins, our sicknesses, and everything else included in our redemption.

Confession is an affirmation of a Bible truth that we have embraced. Confession is simply believing with our heart and repeating with our lips God's own declaration of what we are and have in Christ.

In 1Peter 2:24, the Holy Spirit says: "by his wounds you have been healed." We are to believe and say the same thing. When our affirmation is the Word of God, He watches over it to make it good (Jeremiah 1:12).

# Confession is faith's way of expressing itself.

"The High Priest of Our Confession" In Hebrews 3:1 we are commanded to "consider Christ Jesus the Apostle and High Priest of our confession." As our High Priest Jesus acts in our behalf according to what we confess, when it is in accordance with God's Word.

Paul tells us that he preached "The Word of Faith," that "if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" [For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation<sup>NKJV</sup>] (Rom.10:9-10).

### The Relation of Confession to Manifestation

Notice that the confession — saying the same thing that God says — is by faith, that is, believing and confessing before experiencing the result. The confession comes first, and then Jesus our High Priest responds with the New Birth. It is not salvation unto confession, but confession unto salvation — confession before possession.

There is no such thing as salvation without confession.

Faith is acting upon God's Word; and this always puts God to work fulfilling His promise.

#### What are we to Confess?

Few Christians today have recognized the place confession holds in God's plan for our appropriation of His blessings. Whenever the word "confession" is used, many instinctively think of confessing sin, weakness, and failure. This is only the negative side of this great question. Our negative confession of sin was only to open the way for the positive confession "*Unto salvation*" — of a whole life-time of believing with our heart and saying with our lips everything God says to us in His promises.

Confessing unto salvation in its initial form, and then in each of its successive forms. First in the form of the new birth, then in the form of every blessing promised us in the Word of God. The Christian is to act on every phase of his salvation that he knows about. We are to believe with the heart and confess with our mouth to the extent of "The Word of Faith" which Paul preached. He preached "all the will (counsel) of God." (Acts 20:26). He preached "the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Eph.3:8). He said that he "kept back nothing that was profitable (or helpful)" unto them. (Acts 20:20)

All that Jesus did in His substitutionary work is the private property of the individual for whom He did it. So throughout our Christian life God wants us to believe with our heart and say with our lips all He says that we are in Christ. We are not to ignore or neglect our legal standing in Christ, for it is the basis for the acts of faith which puts God to work fulfilling His Word to us. We are to confess or whisper to our own heart, "In Him I am complete" or "given fullness" (Col.2:10) When we know that God in His Word says, "I am the Lord that heals you" (Ex.15:26) we are to believe it and confess it with our lips, and then Christ will act as our High Priest and make it good.

We are to confess that Calvary was our "Emancipation Proclamation" from everything outside the will of God, and act accordingly. We are to confess that our sicknesses were laid on Christ, and that we are redeemed from the curse of disease. "Let him that is weak say, I am strong" (2Cor.12:10).

#### Our confession includes:

The whole of Scripture truth; All that Christ's sacrifice provided. All that Christ's High Priesthood covers; The whole of God's revealed will.

## We are to confess that our redemption is complete.

Satan's dominion is ended, for Calvary has freed us. Like the slaves of the south, we are to believe that we are free on the basis of our Emancipation Proclamation, never on the basis of our feelings, or on the evidences of our senses.

Remission is the wiping out of everything connected with the old life. We are a "new creation." The old things have passed away, and all things are become new. (2Cor.5:17)

Of course we are not to say to others that our healing is manifested before it is. God does not say that. But you can say to those who ask you, "I am standing on the Word of God".

## **Wrong Confession**

We never rise above our confession. A negative confession will lower us to the level of that confession. It is what we confess with our lips that really controls us. Our confession imprisons us if it is negative, it sets us free if it is positive. Many tell of their failings and their lack of faith. Invariably they go to the level of their confession. Confessing lack of faith increases doubt. Every time you confess doubts and fears, you confess your faith in Satan and deny the ability and grace of God. When you confess doubt, you are imprisoned by your own words: "you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth" (Proverbs 6:2). When we doubt God's Word it is because we believe something that is contrary to that Word. Wrong confession shuts the Father out and lets satan in.

We are to refuse to have anything to do with wrong confession. When we realize that we will never rise above our confession, we are getting to the place where God can use us.

Disease gains the ascendancy when you confess the testimony of your senses. Feelings and appearances have no place in the realm of faith. Confessing disease is like signing for a package that the Express Company has delivered. Satan then has the receipt from you showing that you have accepted it. Don't accept anything that Satan brings. "Give no place to the devil." (Eph.4:27) "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God" (I Peter 4:11). In Ephesians 4: 29, we are commanded to speak only "what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." We are not to testify for the adversary. We are to act faith, speak faith, and think faith.

A spiritual law that few recognize is that our confession rules us. It is what we confess with our lips that really dominates our inner being. Make your lips do their duty. Refuse to allow them to destroy the effectiveness of God's Word in your case.

Some confess with their lips but deny in their heart. They say, "Yes, the Word is true," but in their heart they say, "It is not true in my case." The confession of your lips has no value as long as your heart repudiates it.

## The Right Mental Attitude

In Philippians 4:8 the Holy Spirit says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things".

The Holy Spirit says in Proverbs 23:7 "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" NKJV.

In 2Corinthians 10:4-6, the Holy Spirit says, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete." We are to "demolish arguments (cast down reasonings<sup>KJV</sup>)" and give the Word of God its place in our minds and on our lips. We are to have "the mind of Christ" (1Cor.2:16).

Jesus remembers when He bore our sicknesses, and the Holy Spirit commands, "Forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases" (Ps.103:2-3).

God's spiritual and physical transformations are to come to us "by the renewing of our minds . . . present your bodies [the home or laboratory of the five senses] a living sacrifice . . . and be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will "(Romans 12: 1).

# "Demolish Arguments"

In 2Corinthians 10:3-5, the Holy Spirit tells us that "We do not war as the world does (according to the flesh<sup>KJV</sup>) [or senses]: for the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds".

What are the strongholds? "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God [or Word of God], and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ'.

Faith is not based upon sense-governed reason, nor upon things men can see, unless the thing they see is the Word of God. Faith deals with facts. The Word of God has no speculations, no theories, just declarations of facts. The Word is a present tense living Voice from heaven. We can act on the Word as we would if God had just spoken to us. The Word is the Father speaking - it is a part of Himself.

Sense-governed reason is a stronghold which we must pull down if we are to be men and women of faith. The battle of faith is with the sense-governed reasonings of the un-renewed mind. Sense-knowledge is faith's worst enemy, because it will not give the Word of God first place. It admires the Word but does not practice it. It is a battle, and a difficult one, to give sense-knowledge a second place and the Word of God first place. In "the fight of faith" there is but one weapon, the sword of the Spirit – the Word of God. Reason must give place to the Word. Faith leads us where sense-governed reason cannot walk. Self-governed reason has never been a mountain climber.

Reason would have conquered had Abraham listened to it. But he believed God in the face of all the evidences of sense-knowledge. Our whole struggle in the faith-life is to take the Word of God instead of the word of man, and that we act upon it independent of any evidence that the eyes can see, or the ears can hear, or the body can feel.

Your fear to act upon the Word is unbelief gaining the ascendency. When faith gets reason's place, Satan is defeated. Abraham could consider his body as good as dead without its weakening his faith (Romans 4:19). Reason must give place to the Word. We are to think God's thoughts instead of man's thoughts, so we will be inspired by the Word of God rather than by the word of man.

Ephesians 6:4-18 gives a picture of our spiritual warfare. **Faith's armour is truth - righteousness - peace - faith, and the Word.** You cannot see or feel or hear or smell or taste righteousness or any of the things in our armour. The Christian confession has not one physical thing in it.

In Galatians 5:16-18 God says, "Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature [senses]. For the sinful nature [senses] desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature [senses]. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law".

# "Hold Fast your Confession"

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess [let us hold fast our confession<sup>KJV</sup>]" (Hebrews 4:14), the confession of our faith in the redemptive work that God wrought in Christ.

I am to hold fast to the absolute integrity of the Bible.

I am to hold fast to the confession of the work of Christ in all its phases.

I am to hold fast to the confession that "God is the strength of my life". (Ps.27:1)

I am to hold fast to the confession that "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows," and that "the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Is.53:4-5)

# God says this, and we are to believe and say the same thing.

We are to know what our rights are as revealed by the Word, and then hold fast to our confession of them.

When you know that Christ "took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows," hold fast to your confession of it.

When you read, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world," (1Jn.4:4) hold fast to this confession.

We are to hold fast our confession of what Christ has done for us, in order that it may be done in us. We are to hold fast to the confession of our redemption from Satan's dominion.

We are to hold fast to our confession in the face of all contrary evidence.

God declares that "by his wounds we are healed." I am to confess what God says about my sickness, and hold fast to this confession. I am to recognize the absolute truthfulness of these words in advance of any visible change. I am to act on these words and thank God for the fact that He laid my sicknesses on Christ, the same as He did my sins.

Healing is always in response to faith's testimony. Some fail when things get difficult because they lose their confession. Disease, like sin, is defeated by our confession of the Word. Make your lips do their duty; fill them with the Word. Make them say what God says about your situation. Don't allow them to say anything to the contrary.

Believing God's Word with our heart implies our having "put off the old man" (Col.3:9) with his habit of judging by the evidence of the senses. Faith regards all contrary symptoms as "worthless idols (lying vanities<sup>KJV</sup>)" as Jonah did, and puts the Word in the place of the senses.

Our only problem is to keep in harmony with God's Word and not allow the senses to usurp the place of the Word.

We cease to live with doubting Thomas who says, "Unless *I see*... *I will not believe*." We are to prove Christ's Words, "*Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believe*" (Jn.20:24-29). The Word is lifeless until faith is breathed into it by your lips. Then it becomes a supernatural force. **Make your lips harmonize with the Word of God.** 

# Jesus' High Priestly Office

Jesus' High priestly ministry meets our every need from the moment of our new birth until we enter heaven.

Why are we to hold fast our confession?

**Because Christ** is the *High Priest of our Confession* (Hebrews 4:14).

Because Christ is a "great High Priest" (Heb.2:17).

Because Christ is a "merciful High Priest" (Heb.2:17).

Because Christ is able to "sympathize with our weaknesses" (Heb.4:15).

Because Christ "always lives to intercede for us" (Heb.7:25)

He is always ready to give us "grace to help us in our time of need" (Heb.4:16).

# Our Success is Assured Because Jesus is "the High Priest of our Confession."

When you confess that "by His wounds I am healed" and hold on to your confession, no disease can stand before you. Just thank the Father and praise Him whenever a need confronts you that is covered by redemption, and it is yours. Faith is thanking God from the heart for healing that has not been manifested but that we are as sure of as if it were manifested.

The confession of your lips that has grown out of faith in your heart will absolutely defeat the adversary in every combat. Christ's Words broke the power of demons and healed the sick. The Word will heal you if you continually confess it. God will make your body obey your confession of His Word; for "no Word of God is void of power" (Luke 1:37).

If I dare say that Psalm 34:10 is true, "those who seek the Lord lack no good thing" and stand by my confession, God will make good all I have confessed. Nothing will establish you and build your faith as quickly as confession.

Confess it in your heart first.

Confess it out loud in your room.

Say it over and over again.

Say it until your spirit and your words agree.

Say it until your whole being swings into harmony and into line with the Word of God.

Christ's Words are filled with Himself, and as we act on them, they fill us with Christ. We are to obey as we would obey Jesus if He stood visibly in our presence.

## Confessing Christ as Lord

When coming to God for salvation in its initial form, and then in every other form afterwards, our confession of and surrender to Christ's Lordship is required. In Colossians 2:6, the Holy Spirit says, "just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him" "For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living" (Romans 14:9). Appropriating faith for the fulfilment of any promise implies our surrender to Christ's Lordship.

It is while we are surrendered to Him as Lord over our lives that He is ready:

To heal us;

To baptize us with the Spirit;

To give us "zoe" — God's own Life in abundance;

To be within us a fountain springing up unto everlasting Life;

To make our legal standing our experience;

To manifest His Person in the form of every blessing promised;

To be Himself our strength, our portion, our all;

To give us the unlimited use of His Name;

To enable us to cast out demons in His Name;

To anoint us for preaching;

To enable us to lay our hands on the sick for their recovery, etc.

Your success and usefulness in the world is going to be measured by your confession and by the tenacity with which you "hold fast" that confession under all circumstances.

God can be no bigger in you or to you than you confess Him to be. In the face of every need, confess that the Lord is your Shepherd and that you do not want.

### THE CHRISTIAN CONFESSION

The greatest of all secrets of getting God's promises fulfilled, is to confess — to say what God says to us in each of His promises.

While Jesus was being tempted, He defeated Satan by saying, "It is written" and then by repeating His Father's Words. You can defeat Satan in the same way. When you persistently confess, or repeat God's Word, to Satan, as did Jesus, Satan must depart (Matthew 4:3-10).

Satan stands utterly helpless before the Word of God when it is "in our heart and on our lips" because then God is always watching "over His Word to see that my word is fulfilled [perform it<sup>KJV</sup>]" (Jeremiah 1:12).

When Satan finds that we have discovered the secret of using God's Word against him, his defeat is certain, and he knows it. However, he does not want us to know it.

Romans 10:8-10 shows us that "The Word of Faith" — The Promise of God — is to be in our mouth and in our heart before the promise is fulfilled to us. Then it is that Christ, "the High Priest of our Confession," manifests His faithfulness by fulfilling the promise. This establishes the fact that a promise of God in our heart and mouth is our Confession.

"CONFESSION (saying what God says in each of His promises) is made UNTO salvation" — salvation in the form of every blessing for which we have "The Word of Faith".

It is while we are still sick or in pain that we are to get "The Word of Faith" (I am the Lord that heals you" or "With His wounds I am healed," etc.) "into our mouth and into our heart".

The appointed way to get rid of sin, sickness and pain, is first to get "The Word of Faith" (or what God says) into our heart and on our lips. This is faith, and this is Confession.

We are to keep on believing and saying, "With His wounds I am healed," as long as we believe Jesus is "The faithful High Priest of our CONFESSION".

It is not telling a lie to say what God says about your body.

For instance, to quote, "With His wounds I am healed," while you still feel pain. You are to say what God says to get rid of the pain. To quote God's Word is not saying that you do not feel pain, but you are simply ignoring the pain you feel and confessing the Word of God to get rid of the pain. Keep on believing and repeating "The Word of Faith" until you are well. Then you can testify that the pain is gone.

The fact that Jesus "is the High Priest of your Confession" is proof that the Confession must come first. This is one of the most important messages regarding a life of health for soul or body that can be declared to you. You will treasure these truths for years, and will find that this secret of correct confession will assist you in obtaining and retaining the fulfilment of any Bible promise that you may find needful.

It is our Confession which causes "the High Priest of our Confession" to grant us what we believe with our heart. Believingly speaking God's Word regarding any promise He has made, is confessing it. We are always safe when we are confessing the truth. It then becomes the truth that sets us free. When you are sick you can boldly confess, "With His wounds I am healed" (I Peter 2:24) and God will always cause you to become what you confess. In Romans 10:6-8 the Holy Spirit says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or "Who will descend into the deep?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:"

You do not have to ascend into heaven to be with Christ, for He is in His Word. He is not separated from His Word when it is "in your mouth and in your heart." He is "The Word." His Word in your mouth and in your heart is His Personal presence officiating in the work of redemption — fulfilling His Word.

God's way for our appropriation of salvation in all its various forms is to get His Word into our mouth and into our heart. In this way the Word always becomes "the power of God for the salvation [in the form of any promise fulfilled] to EVERY ONE who believes." (Rom.1:16) Then He always watches "to see that my word is fulfilled" (Jeremiah 1:12).

God's Word in our mouth and in our heart is equivalent to His VOICE, and excludes all reason for doubt. It is then that the "seed" is in "good ground" where it ALWAYS brings forth fruit. There can never be failure when we thus get into harmony with God's Word. It is in this way that we prove Christ's Words to be "Spirit and Life," as He says they are. "I am the Lord that heals you," "in your mouth and in your heart" will do away with "all sickness".

When Mary said unto the angel Gabriel, "Be it unto me according to your Word," (Luke 1:38) that was "The Word of Faith" in her heart and in her mouth, and it turned the Words of the angel into creative power and gave the world a Saviour. All your blessings have been the result of "The Word of Faith" in your heart.

God's Word in our heart and in our lips is as effective as when God said, "Let there be light," and as when "the worlds were framed by the Word of God." Mary said, "Be it unto me according to your Word," (Luke 1:38) with faith, in the face of the humanly impossible. This was "calling the things that be not as though they were," as Abraham had done.

Every promise is God speaking to us, so instead of neglecting them, let us say with Mary, of each promise, "Be it unto me according to your Word." We will thus prove that "No Word of God is void of power" (Luke 1:37).

## The Right Attitude

The right attitude toward any Divine promise will always bring about its fulfilment.

All that Moses had to do was to get the dying Israelites into the right attitude toward God's Word to them. The result was mass healing (Numbers 21:9).

The right attitude brought healing to "every one" of the sick brought into the streets of Jerusalem (Acts 5:15-16). The right attitude toward the Redemptive Name, **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**,

brought mass healing to all the sick in the entire nation of Israel (Psalm 105:37).

The right attitude healed the souls of 3,000 sinners on the day of Pentecost – all at the same time (Acts 2:41).

The right attitude toward the Word of God can save or heal a million people – all at the same time.

Mass healing for both soul and body is what God has provided and what the Holy Spirit accomplished through an enlightened and Spirit-filled Church.

The wrong attitude made it impossible for Jesus Himself to work any miracles in Nazareth (Mark 6:5).

The right attitude toward any Divine promise or redemptive declaration is to have "the Word of faith. . . in your mouth and in your heart" (Romans 10:8).

The right attitude switches you into the divine current from God's power house, which is always in operation. Every radio is dumb until it is connected with the electric current.

A promise of God in our heart and on our lips always becomes "the power of God unto salvation," in the form of each promise fulfilled.

Every blessing promised in the Bible is included in our salvation. Christianity is a series of divine promises fulfilled. We can all get the rest of God's promises fulfilled in the same way we got the first one fulfilled.

### How You can start Your Healing Now

It is not after but before your healing of soul or body begins that "The Word of Faith," to be effective in your case, must be "in your mouth and in your heart".

God begins and continues our salvation, from the time of our new birth until we are full grown, by responding to "The Word of Faith" which He finds in our heart and on our lips.

The Psalmist says, "All His work is done in faithfulness" (to His promises). The sure way to put God to work is to believe and say what He says to you in His Word.

Since Jesus "tasted death for every man," the Redemptive Name, **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**, translated, "I am the Lord that heals you" is God speaking to you personally. Therefore reverence for, courtesy to, and confidence in Him require that you answer back to Him, "Yes, Lord; You are now healing me".

It is your privilege and duty to believe and say what you know God is saying to you in His promises.

God is always, **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**. That is, He is the Healer all the time, night and day. He is at this moment healing every one who has His Word in their heart and on their lips. You can put Him to work on your case at once, by simply believing and steadfastly affirming with your lips what He is saying to you in His Word.

God takes every problem which is covered by a Divine promise as soon as it is definitely "committed unto Him." Jesus said, "whoever comes to me [for any blessing promised], I will never drive away [never cast out]". (Jn.6:37)

God's promises always become effective on our case, when we believe them and steadfastly affirm them with our lips.

And "NOW" is always "the accepted time" (2Cor.6:2)— the time that God accepts.

## Accept God's Present Tense

When God speaks to us through His Word in the present tense, we have no right to change His statement into the future tense.

Coming to Him "today" for the healing of either soul or body, while not expecting the healing to begin until sometime in the future, is the sin of unbelief. It is changing God's declaration from the present to the future tense.

You will thus tie God's hands and delay your healing by putting hope in the place of faith. **Hope is future, faith is now**.

God's present tense declarations are not to hope, but to faith. His promises are called "The Word of Faith;" and they are all prescribed for our heart and our lips as soon as we know what they are.

We are not regenerated or healed by hope, but by faith, which is always "NOW." It is wrong to procrastinate to the future what we should do today.

God is waiting for you to "gladly receive the Word" (Mk.4:16) as a present tense fact in your case, just as you did in the matter of forgiveness. Nothing else is believing God in the Bible sense.

All the sick in an entire nation, by taking the right attitude, made God's declaration, "I am the Lord that heals you" a present tense fact. "There was not a feeble person among their tribes" (Psalm 105:37).

"The Word of Faith" in our heart and on our lips, is "seed" planted "in good ground," where it always produces.

By His Redemptive Names, God is speaking to us continually; therefore, until your healing is complete, continue the affirmation, "You are healing me now".

Jesus lays down the condition, "If My words remain [continue] in you." (Jn.15:7) His Words here are the equivalent of the command in Hebrews 4:14, "hold firmly to the faith we profess [your confession]." The Holy Spirit also, in Proverbs 4:21-22, says to those needing healing, "Do not let [God's Words] out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body".

After definitely committing the matter of your healing to God, you are not to accept any thought or utter any words contrary to your affirmation of what God is saying unto you by His Redemptive name, **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**. God has been waiting for this to be your attitude toward Him as your Healer.

### Have Your Own Faith Life

The sinner, who is spiritually dead, must believe "unto righteousness" — the healing of the soul — the new birth — the greatest miracle.

Christians expect sinners so do their own believing for this greater miracle. Then why should Christians, who are spiritually alive through their own faith, depend on someone else to do their believing for the lesser miracle – the healing of the body? Why should not Christians, who are spiritually alive, have as much faith for the healing of their body, as sinners must have for the healing of their soul?

Moses required each person to do their own looking at the type of Calvary. It was look or die.

God wants us to appropriate every other phase of our salvation, in the same way we appropriated the first phase.

After we have gotten the first promise fulfilled, which gave us God's Life, why shouldn't it be still easier, after being made spiritually alive, to get God's other promises fulfilled?

If, to get rid of sin, sinners must believe and say what God says, why shouldn't Christians believe and say what God says, to get rid of sickness?

No Christian should go through life depending upon the faith of others. In Hebrews. 6:11-12 we are told that "EVERY ONE" should "show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience [steadfastness] inherit what has been promised.

In Romans 4:12 the Holy Spirit speaks of Christians as those "who also walk in the footsteps of the faith of our father Abraham."

All Christians should learn to treat the promises which God has made to them, in the same way that Abraham treated God's promise to him. And we are told in Hebrews 6:15 (Moffat's translation), that it was "by steadfast faith Abraham obtained what he had been promised".

The Holy Spirit speaks of God's promises as "exceeding great and precious" (2Pet.1:4). And they were made for your heart and lips, as well as for those whom you ask to pray for you.

By inspiring the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit has worded your affirmations for you.

Learning how to use God's promises is a much greater blessing than your healing. Living and walking in the Light of the Word is the most beautiful and thrilling experience known. And nothing is impossible when we give the Word the same place we would give Christ if He were physically in our presence. In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Jesus said: "...teaching them [all converts] to obey everything I have commanded you". It is the purpose of God that every babe in Christ shall go on to

spiritual manhood. Jesus said, "anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these" (Jn.14:12). He also declared that believers could cast out devils, and lay hands on the sick for their

recovery.

By practicing the important truth discussed in this instruction, you will find yourself ever going forward in the glorious program of God for your Christian life.

