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Built on a firm foundation

People often say that a building that has endured hundreds of years and is still in a good state of repair, is due to good solid foundations. Well, one building that has endured the test of time – not of hundreds of years – but nearly two thousand, is the Spiritfilled Church of God. The foundation spoken of in scripture is Jesus Christ. The Spiritfilled individual becomes a lively stone, a building block, on that rock solid foundation, which is the Church of God.

'...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own'
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

'...ye are the temple of the Living God, as God hath said I will dwell in them and walk in them and I will be their God and they shall be my people' (2 Corinthians 6:16). *'Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands'* (Acts 7:48). As we have seen above, God dwells within people which He has created and filled with His Holy Spirit.

'In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord' (Ephesians 2:21-22). This is the reason

we are encouraged to *'Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is'* (Hebrews 10:25) and to *'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling'* (Philippians 2:12). To 'work out' means to finish or accomplish. You are God's building, therefore beware how you build (See 1 Corinthians 3:9-15).

Jesus Christ Himself is the chief corner stone and our great example. We need to talk as He talked, to walk as He walked and be as strong as, growing more like Him everyday. A tall order one might think in this day and age, but Jesus Christ said He is coming back for the overcomer (See Revelation 21:7). This means we must remain a 'brick' in the wall of the house of God, fitly joined and not just a hearer of the word, but a doer of the word also (See James 1:22-25). *'Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing'* (See Luke 12:37-43). It is not enough to be filled with the Spirit and just wait until the Lord returns. Be involved, be a partaker, be a builder, contributing to the Lord's Church daily.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF.

Ireland Camp 2001 Report

The camp theme was 'The Promised Land' and great fellowship was had by all, in the way of many talks, items and testimonies. Many Saints attended the camp from The Revival Fellowship's in Czech, Holland, UK and of course, from Ireland itself.

Here are a few thoughts from the speakers :

1 Peter 1:3-5. We have a lively hope.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF.

Genesis 12:1-4. Abraham did what was required of him by God. We too are required to reflect what the Lord has given us, to the outside world.

John Green, Ireland RF.

Steve Major (Ireland RF) shared a thought about us having a ticket to enter into the promised land (Repent, be baptised, filled with the Holy Spirit and walking on with God) and compared it with a parking ticket he once had which got screwed up in his pocket. The parking ticket machine said it was not recognisable – the parking attendant said he hadn't looked after it, we need to look after our own ticket – working out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

Noah pleased God, yet the people mocked him, but he endured. Imagine us living in the world, going to work and building an ark everyday for 100 years. God gave the

people of that day all those years to repent but nobody did. Only Noah and his family were saved. Have all the armour and have all the strength.

Thomas Tremlovi, Czech RF.

Genesis 13:14-17. God promised the land to Abraham forever, but land will not last forever, it will burn up, but we have a greater promise – eternal life.

Pastor Joe Frondigoun, Ireland RF.

Walk by faith and you'll see the blessings – don't make excuses not to do the work of the Lord. We don't live for the day, we live for eternity.

We have a double lens, we look through our natural eye and through our spiritual eye – so our vision is very clear.

Arend, Holland RF.

People give us all sorts of directions to get to the promised land – don't trust in man – trust in God for the correct directions. Deuteronomy 34:4-5. Moses represents the Old Testament Law and by the law nobody enters into the Kingdom of God. We are going in because Jesus is taking us in (John 10:7-9).

Dennis Murphy, South London RF.

Report by Nicky Welch, Exeter RF.



A testimony from Queensland, Aus.

I first heard the Word of God when I was a teenager. At the time I was very happy with my 'hippy and drug' lifestyle and was not looking for any changes.

I had recently returned home, after being away for a few months and was invited out by some friends, who unbeknown to me had also joined the local Revival group. To see the change of attitude in these people was refreshing, it was obvious from their behaviour that something very real had happened to them, as they no longer used drugs, smoked or swore.

They explained that God had given them the Holy Spirit. I was told that one day the Lord Jesus Christ would return for His saved. This really surprised me and at that time I instantly judged myself unworthy to stand before the Lord at his return and knew I was not one of the 'saved'. This humbled me, causing me to sincerely desire the Spirit of God and his ways. I wanted to be saved!

Shortly after, I was baptised by full immersion and was filled with the Spirit of God, speaking in an unknown tongue. This 'evidence' of the Holy Spirit has become my most treasured possession.

In recent years many situations have happened in my life, namely the death of my father, my brother, my sister-in-law and finally my father-in-law and many other things

besides. All of which have been very difficult and I know that without the ability to pray in the Spirit, I would never have achieved the ability to completely rest and trust in God, allowing him to take over where I had no strength. His Spirit gives me the 'peace that passes all understanding'.

I also have suffered a very debilitating health problem for a 12 month period, having extreme body and joint pains and headaches which would last for over six weeks continuously and also was diagnosed as having a cyst in my brain the size of a plum.

However, I have now been completely healed of all pain and headaches and I am very happy to testify that above all, the peace and power of God reigns and that great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Sandi Grills, Bundaberg RE, Australia.

Testimony :

1 a declaration of truth or fact. **2** *Law* evidence given by a witness, esp. in court under oath. **3** evidence proving or supporting something.

From the Collins Concise Dictionary

'We are just ordinary people with an extraordinary experience'

Put on the whole armour of God

'Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God' Ephesians 6:11-17.

When we stand on God's positive Word, we are not allowing room for doubt to creep into our thinking to undermine His power in our lives. Rather than confessing, or giving in to difficulty, we must confess God's Word instead – no matter what the circumstances. When we confess something, we are saying the same thing as, or are in complete harmony and acknowledge with what we believe (Study Romans 10:9).

Here are a list of 12 situations Spirit-filled people must never give into. We have been given the armour to withstand the fiery darts of doubt – let's use it.

MY 'NEVER AGAIN' LIST

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS 'I CAN'T'

'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me' Philippians 4:13.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO LACK

'But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus' Philippians 4:19.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO FEAR

'For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind' 2 Timothy 1:7.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS DOUBT AND LACK OF FAITH

'...God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith' Romans 12:3.

'Look that your heart and mouth accord, and I shall ensure you ye shall have



that ye may be able to stand

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO WEAKNESS

'...the Lord is the strength of my life...'
Psalm 27:1.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO BEING NEGATIVE

*'...because greater is He than is in you,
than he that is in the world'* 1 John 4:4.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO DEFEAT

*'Now thanks be unto God, which always
causeth us to triumph in Christ...'*
2 Corinthians 2:14.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS A LACK OF WISDOM

*'But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of
God is made unto us wisdom...'*
1 Corinthians 1:30.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO SICKNESS

'...and with His stripes we are healed'
Isaiah 53:5.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS WORRIES AND FRUSTRATIONS

*'Casting all your care upon Him; for He
careth for you'* 1 Peter 5:7.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO BONDAGE

*'Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty'*
2 Corinthians 3:17.

NEVER AGAIN WILL I CONFESS TO CONDEMNATION

*'There is now no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not
after the flesh, but after the Spirit'*
Romans 8:1.

*'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of His might'.
Ephesians 6:11-17.*

*'Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for
us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise
with the same mind: for he that hath
suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
That he no longer should live the rest of his
time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to
the will of God'
1Peter 4:1,2.*

more worship than ever ye had' – Attributed to King Arthur and his knights.

Truly the light is sweet

We can see even since the very beginning, light was an integral part of God's manifestation. In fact, He said *'Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good...'* (Genesis 1:3,4). This is of course no mistake, for without that light in the beginning to see, none could have appreciated the very creation itself.

In the New Testament, Christ too spoke of the light. He said *'I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life'* (John 8:12). In the image of His Father, He too would bring light to all mankind. A light that was so strong that the darkness would have no bearing upon it. A light that would give direction to those who were lost. A light that would be seen through good works which gave the Father all the glory.

He would also impart this light to those who would be His disciples. He would do this by filling them with the Holy Ghost (Ephesians 1:13), which then caused *'The eyes of your understanding to be enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of His calling...'* (Ephesians 1:18). The light therefore, is the essential ingredient to seeing the plan and purpose of God. *'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of a man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things,*

yea, the deep things of God' (1 Corinthians 2:9,10). Without the Holy Ghost, we cannot begin to comprehend things which are spiritual. So too, without the light in the beginning man could not see the creation nor could he have had the opportunity to understand that Christ was the Messiah.

The light is given that we may see, yet we must show it forth in the world so that it may be seen. *'Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven'* (Matthew 5:14-16). Your testimony is a powerful tool, use it to bring souls to the Lord – like a flame that attracts a moth – bear witness of the light. If this is our constant focus, we too shall have the light that is so necessary to continue to walk by. A light which will make our way even clearer as the Lord's return approaches. *'But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day'* (Proverbs 4:18).

'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path' (Psalm 119:105).

Lee Finney, Exeter RE.



The meditations of our hearts

Elijah the Prophet

Now Elijah was a prophet of God
He listened to what God had said,
Tell the folk there'll be no rain,
Till the people turn to me again.
They're worshipping Baal and that's not right,
So tell those folk it's sin in my sight,
Warn them the rain will stop,
There won't be a drip or a drop.

Elijah did what the Lord God said,
The King got mad and demanded his head.
God told Elijah to go hide away,
You'll live quite safe for many a day.
By the brook Cherith, near the Jordan stream,
Now trust me said God, it isn't a dream.
Water from the stream will taste so good,
And I'll send my ravens to bring you food.

Now Elijah did what God had said,
So the ravens brought him meat and bread.
Morning and evening the ravens came,
Every day without fail they brought the same.
God kept Elijah fed this way,
Even though no rain for many a day.
The skies were blue and the days were hot,
The stream shrank till there wasn't a drop.

Now Elijah knew that God was good,
He'd given him drink, and given him food.
The rains failed as God had said they would,
So no more water, but still a little food.
Yet he trusted God to keep him alive,
Through one year or three or five.
He knew that God would see him through,
And tell him next just what to do,
Because he trusted wholly in his God,
DO YOU?

Elaine Glyn-Jones, North London RF.

Have you seen your sunset,
Fade beneath a rain cloud?
Have you ever chased your dreams away?
Did you ever think that,
Life was just a highway?
A never-ending road of lonely days.

There are times we cry, and reach up to the sky,
For the strength we need to hold our head up high.

All you have to do,
Is reach out to the Lord.
Give Him your troubles,
He's promised in His word,
That He will guide and keep you,
For all eternity.
Just trust in His promise,
And his mercies you shall see.

Have you seen a sunrise,
Promising you daylight,
When all you need is shelter from the storm?
Have you ever felt that,
Love was just an island?
You can't survive on love all on your own.

There are times we cry, and reach up to the sky,
For the strength we need to hold our head up high.

All you need to do,
Is hand it over to the Lord.
He will heal your soul,
He's promised in His word,
That He is the true king,
He will take away your strife.
And He will be the greatest friend,
That you could have in this life.

Kim Waldron, Exeter RF.



Forsake not the Fellowship

JULY

- Sun 01 – Ask the Pastor
Sat 07 – **FREE**
Fri 13 – Prayer Eve
Sat 14 – **OUTREACH & BEACH BBQ**
Sat 21 – **ALTON TOWERS (NLR)**
Sun 22 – BASICS : Witnessing
Fri 27 – Prayer Eve
Sat 28 – **OUTREACH**
Sun 29 – SLIDES : Daniel's 70 Weeks

AUGUST

- Sat 04 – **FREE**
Sat 11 – **HOLLAND SUMMER CAMP**
Sat 18 – **HOLLAND SUMMER CAMP**
Sun 19 – SLIDES : The Stars
Fri 24 – Prayer Eve
Sat 25 – **OUTREACH**
Sun 26 – BASICS : Prayer & Fasting

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