



THE Living TESTAMENT

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Effectual fervent prayer

We have very recently returned home from the European Convention 2001 and it was great to meet up and have fellowship with different people from all different nations.

On such occasions, it is wonderful to share many testimonies of provision and healings with them – knowing that we are of one mind by the same Spirit: the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

As we sit and share these testimonies, we realise again and again what an awesome God we have that provides our every need. James exhorted his brethren to *'call for the elders of the Church'* to pray with them because *'the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much'* (See James 5:14-16).

EFFECTUAL means valid – so we have a right to approach God for a healing etc.

FERVENT means eager, ardent, avid –

which means we have to be prepared to pray vigorously to the Lord to obtain our need or healing.

I listened to a number of testimonies where brothers or sisters stated that they had prayer for 2-3 hours or more, determined to gain the healing and were mightily blessed and healed. Many of these healings were from diseases that doctors had said were inoperable or terminal. Others were freed from the addiction of various drugs including, alcohol and smoking, on receiving the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps many reading this letter have never experienced God's blessings, maybe you have had many and varied ideas on how you should approach God. Proverbs 23:7 says *'For as he (man) thinketh in his heart, so is he'*. Many do not have the faith to believe God's Word – scriptures like Mark 16:16-20 and Acts 2:4,38 are hard for them to believe.

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If however, we have a positive approach to God and act upon Mark 16 for example, it states *'He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved ... and these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils, they shall speak in new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover'*.

These thoughts may be very different from many of your previous ideas about God and how He works. So, whether you consider yourself to be a believer or non-believer, God says *'O taste and see that the Lord is good'* (Psalm 34:8).

Ask and allow God to work in your life too. The time will come when you can partake in effectual fervent prayer and see signs, wonders and miracles in YOUR LIFE.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF, UK.

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*'If a care is too small
to be turned into a prayer,
then it's way too small to
be made into a burden'.*

What we believe

- **WE BELIEVE** in the infallibility of the Bible.
(2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- **WE BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We believe the Gospel of His death, resurrection, and directive to repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 3:11-17, John 1:1-18).
- **WE BELIEVE** we are baptised into the Body of Christ – the Church – through the Holy Spirit, with the Biblical evidence of speaking in tongues.
(Romans 8:8-17, Ephesians 2:18-22).
- **WE BELIEVE** in the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church.
(1 Corinthians 12, 1 Corinthians 14).
- **WE BELIEVE** in prayer for the sick and healing by the power of God.
(Mark 16:18-20, James 5:13-16).
- **WE BELIEVE** the Bible identifies modern nations and gives signs of the imminent return of Jesus Christ.
(Ezekiel 38, Matthew 24).



A testimony from California, USA

I can certainly praise the Lord. I first came along to the Lord in 1993 in Adelaide, Australia after my Grandma fell asleep in the Lord. The following meeting I went along with the intention to be baptised – which I did by full immersion – I then received the Holy Spirit and quietly spoke in tongues.

Up until this point I was very much involved in the world. I would smoke cigarettes and pot, I had a foul mouth and was generally just not a very complete and happy person. So when I had the opportunity to change and saw in the Bible that I needed to, I did and the Lord healed me instantly of all these things.

Throughout my walk, I have had many ups and downs, including the time my Mum – also Spiritfilled – passed away suddenly. That was a big tribulation for me, but the Lord is so mighty in any situation. He got me through it and caused me to travel overseas to the USA, to visit the assembly there. At this point, I met my husband and moved over to the States. The Lord really blessed the whole situation and we have a wonderful marriage and a beautiful healthy child.

We have experienced many miracles of the Lord's power and healing in our lives. Emma was burnt pretty bad on her leg when she was just 4 months old and its started to blister up as she was screaming – we had prayer for her in the Spirit for a few minutes

and she stopped crying instantly and had no pain at all, through the course of the burn healing. I personally have been healed of terrible headaches and backache in which I was required to take painkillers from the time I woke up until the time I went to bed at night. The Lord healed me completely after a prayer and fast and I haven't had to take any painkillers for that since.

The Lord is a wonderful God and honours all your prayer requests, gives you the strength to carry you through and gives you endless joy through his Spirit.

I really want to thank and praise the Lord for choosing me out of the world and for saving me and loving me. I know I'll be there when He returns. Amen.

Jayne Rodriguez, Fresno RE, USA

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



'Do the work of an evangelist, make

Harry van Gelderen, Holland RF

'Be built up to overflowing – overflowing so much, that you can't help but share the Gospel'.

Pastor Bob Beverley, Canberra RF, Aus

'You can do it!'.

'It's not what we think we can or cannot do that counts – it's what God calls us to do'.

'Do you see yourself as a Christian before you see yourself as anything else?'.

Pastor Steve Gillespie, Liverpool RF, UK

'God could say, I was here before you!'.

'The past owes us nothing and we owe it nothing. What you do today determines your success'.

'When the Lord returns, you'll be literally over the moon when you get your new body'.

Jan-Pieter van Oostende, Holland RF

'Remain zealous in your preaching – don't have fear of rejection and don't be restricted by an unbelieving world'.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF, UK

'We cannot be an evangelist without the power of God and we cannot afford to have the power of God and not be an evangelist'.

Alan Butler, Bay of Plenty RF, NZ

'Do all that's necessary, then do a little more'.

Pastor Steve Murphy, Sth London RF, UK

'Evangelising – not doing it pains you more than the world ever can'.

'Conviction is not a problem unless we don't work on it, then it becomes condemnation'.

'If you don't deal with what you're hearing from the Word of God, then you cannot build or go any further until you do'.

'God has promised you forgiveness, but not your tomorrow'.

Simon Bellinger, Nth London RF, UK

'Although we may get the symptoms, Jesus Christ has conquered all our fears'.

Olda Treml, Czech RF

'If you show people how dirty the world is, it may rub off on you. Mark that which is not right and avoid it, by doing that which is good'.

Lee Finney, Exeter RF, UK

'Watch, endure and do the work!'.

Pastor Chris Kaye, Hungary RF

'Only fulfilling your ministry will fulfill you'.

'Giving is a show of love and God doesn't take credit cards'.

Ben Visser, Holland RF

'This is a full proof plan. Prove it to yourself'.

'God wants us to be healed, not once does the Bible say, I won't heal you because ...'.

'...speak the same thing, that there be no divisions among you, but that



full proof of thy ministry' – 2 Timothy 4:5

Otto Visser, Holland RF

'We are privileged enough to have God to back us up when we talk to someone'.
'If you trust in the Lord, you trust in the Lord. No more, no less'.

Martin Gladdish, Nth London RF, UK

'Today is the most important day of your life'.
'What do you mean, you can't? God doesn't make mistakes and He said you can'.
'I read nothing about the intentions of the apostles, only about their acts'.

Pastor Bert Schenk, Holland RF

'Don't be a minimum requirement person!'.
'if you know your abilities in the Lord and fail to do them, then you're not doing enough'.

Arnold Specken, Holland RF

'When God says, you can handle it – you can handle it!'.
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Martin Polhill, Nth London RF, UK

'Preaching the gospel – it's down to us. In fact, it's down to you'.
'The Lord hasn't called you just the once, He calls you each and every day'.

Paul van Winjen, Holland RF

'Keep witnessing until you get a reaction – when that happens, you know you've really witnessed to someone'.
'It's a beautiful gospel – we must fight for it'.
'The butterflies in your stomach will never go away, so make them fly in formation!'.
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Pastor Jara Prouza, Czech RF

'There is no choice. We must do the work of an evangelist'.

Alain Artus, France RF

'With the overcoming of tribulation comes blessing'.

Nigel Taylor, Hungary RF

Don't ever relax the grip on what you have'.

Dave Furniss, Nth London RF, UK

'What is the desire of your life?'
'Be excited, enthusiastic and energetic'.

Pastor Pieter Visser, Holland RF

'The world has one aim and that is to shut us up! Preach and don't hold back, because they will only make a decision when they realise they don't like what they've got'.
'The Bible says the same from cover to cover – You must be born again!'.
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'But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry'

2 Timothy 4:5.

ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind...' – 1 Corinthians 1:10

The Lord's return – just a thought

Imagine the Lord has just returned ... BOOOOM! We all see Him appear and then begin to ascend again calling us up to be with Him. Imagine the course of events here just for a minute.

First, we are horrified at the destruction and wonder what's happening, then petrified, we realise it's the Lord returning! Almost instantly, this feeling gives way to pure elation as we begin to rise up toward Jesus. As we ascend, the things of this world fall from our lives (imagine we are being lifted up in our natural body). The first thing we shed is our natural emotions – being filled with the love of the Lord, we have no need to fear.

Rising further, the possessions of this world are far from us now; house, car, investments, our worldly riches and poverty alike fall to the ground. As we ascend further still, sickness and disease is gone and is now well beneath us. The cares and concerns of this world are all gone and are behind us. Looking up, we firmly fix our eyes on the Lord as He beckons us home – pure bliss is ours. Suddenly, we change and are transformed into pure light, our natural bodies fall back to the dust of the world beneath us. We now continue on to be with our Saviour. As one, we are united, all our experiences are shared and we know the extent of each others trials and are fully aware of all victories claimed through Christ's sacrifice. Overwhelming exhilaration thrills us all, as instantly we are filled by the true fellowship we now have one with another.

Great thought? How about this – the things that stand between us now, and us then, we can remove from our lives! We have a choice, get caught up in petty rivalry and emotional turmoil over what people do and say, or pray for our

brothers and sisters and ourselves that we can all overcome. We can work like a dog for self-advancement to the detriment of our walk or knock off and get to the meetings. Spend hours perusing the financial review and re-investing or read the Bible and gain true wealth. We can dwell in our infirmities and sickness seeking sympathy, or seek the Lord and the victory of an overcomer.

The Lord is beckoning us home ... will we focus on Him and rise above all the worries of this life and live like Saints on earth? Or will we focus on this life, it's misery and disappointment and feel like a deflated balloon? The things the Lord will strip away to take us home, we can reduce ourselves! Let's all try to spend less time living this life and more time living the next, by fellowshiping openly and productively and being aware of those brethren amongst us and their needs for healing and edification.

'Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord'.

1 Corinthians 15:58.

'But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us'.

2 Corinthians 4:7.

'... and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty'.

2 Corinthians 6:17,18.

Paul Hocking, Adelaide RE, Australia.



Mark 16 and Acts compared

MARK 16:15

'And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 1:8

'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me ...'.

MARK 16:16

'He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 8:12

'But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women'.

MARK 16:17

'And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 8:7

'For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 2:4

'And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance'.

MARK 16:18

'They shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not

hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 28:3-5

'And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them upon the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand ... and he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 28:8,9

'And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed'.

MARK 16:19

'So then after the Lord had spoken unto them he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 2:34

'For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand'.

MARK 16:20

'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following'.

CROSS-REFERENCE – ACTS 5:12

'And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people...'

Lee Finney, Exeter RE, UK



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SEPTEMBER

- Sat 01 – **OUTREACH**
- Fri 07 – Prayer Eve
- Sat 08 – **PRAYER & FAST**
- Sat 15 – **FREE**
- Sun 16 – **BASICS** : Drink/Drugs etc
- Fri 21 – Prayer Eve
- Sat 22 – **PROPHECY BOARDS**
- Sun 23 – **SLIDES** : Gentile Eagles
- Sat 29 – **FREE** (YP's NLRF)
- Sun 30 – 'Ask the Pastor' Eve

OCTOBER

- Fri 05 – Prayer Eve
- Sat 06 – **OUTREACH**
- Sat 13 – **CORFE CAMP**
- Sat 20 – **DINNER EVE**
- Sun 21 – **SLIDES** : Migrations of Israel
- Fri 26 – Prayer Eve
- Sat 27 – **OUTREACH & VIDEO EVE**
- Sun 28 – **BASICS** : Relationships
- DON'T FORGET : 24-28th CZECH CAMP**

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