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THE MISSING INGREDIENT

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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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Across the land today we who seek after the Lord are hearing terms like, body ministry, new order, divine order and plural ministry.

Many ministers and saints have seen that for eighteen hundred years God's people have been in captivity to the Babylonish world system, and to a Babylonish church mother, that has birthed her children in captivity. And is so filled with Babylon herself that she has filled her children with its customs and traditions. They are coming up out of Babylon, leaving their church organizations and forming themselves into groups, some small, some large, all over the country. They desire to be free; they want only the headship of the Spirit of Christ. Some come together in what is not divine order, but no order. They allow anyone who wants, to jump up and try to minister the Holy Hidden Manna of God's Word to do so. Others have a clearer vision, and see that the five golden bars on the side of the Tabernacle Moses pitched, which held the boards of the Tabernacle together and made it one Tabernacle, one dwelling place of God and not just a lot of individual boards, are a type of the five Spirit ministries, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers that Jesus has set in His Body through which He might lead it.

They see that these are supposed to come forth by the Spirit and operate in each local body, but they are at a loss as to how the Spirit can bring them forth. They see a vision of a local body with a plural ministry. No longer a one man rule, but a number of elders, (pastors) and prophets, teachers and evangelists, guided and brought forth by an apostolic ministry, with no one head over anyone else, but the Spirit of Jesus within the body, the only Head. Submitting themselves one to another and in so doing submitting themselves to Christ. But we observe that though many have been preaching this vision for years, they have never seen it produced, and manifestly operating in the people they minister to.

This is because there has been one ingredient missing - the

Message of **Death to Self**. Obviously there can never be on the local level or in the universal body of Christ, a group of people small or large who can come together having lived all their lives as individuals, and become one corporate body with one head, the Spirit of Christ in that body, until each member has died to his individualism and his desire for personal identity. Until each has learned to submit themselves one to another and in so doing submit themselves to Christ.

I have heard ministers enthrall God's people by preaching to them that they were going to be manifested Sons of God individually. That they were going to put on their golden wings and soar as eagle saints into God's high places as individual eagles. And yet I know that the glory cloud of God did not fill Moses' Tabernacle until it had been reared up as one Tabernacle, with every board and bar having ceased to be an individual board or bar, but just a part of one Tabernacle, one dwelling place of God. And the Shekinah Glory of God did not fill Solomon's Temple, until every stone had ceased to be an individual stone and had been set in its place, and become just a part of one Temple, one dwelling place of God. I cannot believe that the glory of Christ, which is the glory of God, is going to be manifested in any sons, until we have become one in the one Son. Until we have ceased to be individual lively stones, as lively as we may be in the Spirit, and having found our place as a stone in the great Temple that He is building as His dwelling place here on earth, through the Spirit.

It is for this reason that we send out this message on the missing ingredient which is **death-to-self**.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

The book of Genesis is called Genesis because the word Genesis means beginnings. Therefore it is called Genesis because it contains the beginnings of all God's purposes for His creation. It also contains the endings of all God's purposes. But the endings cannot be seen in the letter

statements, but only when one sees behind the letter statements and sees the Spirit of the Word not the letter.

Just as the grain of corn contains in itself its endings, both the corn stalk and the full fruited ear, yet they cannot be seen by the naked eye. They can only be seen by faith and in the invisible. So is Genesis, God's purpose in the letter, and though the endings are there, in type and shadow, we can only see them by the Spirit of God.

Thus we have in God's statement in Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image," not the end of God's purpose but of the beginning of His purpose. Our orthodox teachers have taught us all our lives that this Scripture was fulfilled when God made the old Adam man in the Genesis creation, and that we are already made in the image of God. Some such as the Christian Scientist, Unity and the Hindus, who wish to deny the blood of Jesus and the need for His atonement, say since man is already made in the image of God he needs no repentance, no atonement, no blood of Jesus. They say he only needs to start where he is, and the image of God in him will unfold unto the fulfillment of its destiny. But this is not truth. When God said in Genesis, "Let us make man in our image," He was not talking of something He would do completely in the old Adam creation, but He was stating His eternal purpose. That through His redemptive plan in Christ over a period of seven thousand years, or seven millenniums, He would bring a many membered man to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. That the nature of Christ, which is the nature of God, would be in him in fulness and he would then be in the image of God.

It is very easy to prove from the Scripture that Adam, or the old Adam man, was not made in the image of God. For God spoke through James in the book of James, and made it very clear that God in His image cannot be tempted to sin. Saying, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted to sin, neither tempteth he any man." Here in the Word of God it is made very clear that God in His image cannot be tempted to sin. Yet it is very clear that Adam when he was created could be tempted to sin and was tempted, and did fall. Also it is very clear that you

and I can still be tempted and still are tempted, and sometimes are overcome by temptation.

This is all the proof that we need that none of us are yet in the image of God. And that God's Word, "Let us make man in our image," was a statement of His purpose to bring forth a new creation man through Christ that would be brought to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. **In** order that the nature of Christ, which is the nature of God, will be dwelling in Him in fulness, and man will then be in the image of God.

The reason our so called orthodox teachers have taught us that we were already made in the image of God, is because they have no understanding of God's way of creating things; of producing that ultimate body that He intends to produce. But every grain of corn that was ever planted in the ground and died, out of that dying came forth a new life. First came the corn stalk and then the full fruited ear, the ultimate body God intended to produce, proclaims that God's way of creating that ultimate life and body that He intends to produce, is to first plant a seed. It then dies and out of that dying comes forth the life and body God intended to produce in the first place. Not only the grain of corn, but everything in the earth that has life, every kernel of wheat, every acorn that is planted in the ground and dies, out of that dying comes a giant oak tree. Every fruit tree that started as a seed that died, every animal that is planted in its mother's womb as a seed, in the womb that seed dies and the body that comes forth is a different body than the seed that was planted.

Every human being that is planted in his mother's womb as a seed and that seed there in the darkness of the womb dies, the body that comes forth is a different body. All proclaim that God's great creative principle is the grain of corn principal, the cross principle. God's way of creating that which He purposes to create is to first plant a seed and let it die, and then out of that dying come forth the life and body He intended to produce in the beginning.

This is what Jesus came into the world to reveal to us. He

was continually teaching it, saying, except a grain of corn fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. The grain of corn would always abide as one single grain of corn, and never be able to release the potential that is in it for bringing forth a cornstalk and full fruited ear, except it fall into the ground and die. When it is dropped in the ground and the original seed dies, out of that dying comes the cornstalk and full fruited ear.

Jesus also sought to teach us God's life principle, the cross principle, saying, he that will save his life shall lose it, but he that will lose his life shall save it.

The cross is not just a tree that hung on the hill of Golgotha nineteen hundred years ago. The cross is the symbol of God's great creative life principle, that all life attains to higher life by dying to the life that it has, to lift up the life that is beneath it, and in so doing attains to higher life itself.

Around 1850 a young Baptist woman named Marietta Davis received a third heaven experience like unto Paul's. To her relatives it appeared for a time she had died. But her spirit was taken into the heavenlies and an angel conducted her through, and she was shown some things and sent back to testify of them. As the angel was conducting her through the heavenly places, she came upon a group of celestial beings going about their creative activity. Suddenly a visible manifestation of a golden cross appeared in their midst. The angel said, Marietta, all heaven reveres the cross, because it is the symbol of God's great creative life principle.

Jesus could have only died on a cross. The Father would not have allowed him to die any other way. Because He has to visibly and symbolically set before the whole world the great cross principle. The principle that all life attains to higher life by dying to the life it has, to lift up the life that is beneath it, and in doing so attains to higher life itself.

A few years ago God gave me an illustration which shows that all life manifest this truth. Let us start with a blade of grass, which is one of the lower forms of life in the earth. It comes into existence as a result of rain falling upon

the earth and freshening the earth. Then the seed that is in the earth springs forth as a blade of grass. Now it may be a very beautiful blade of grass, but it is still a very low and limited form of life. It is anchored to the earth in just one place and cannot move about, from place to place, and enjoy God's great creation. It can never grow more than a few inches tall, and therefore can never rise very high above the earth or see very far across the earth. If it gets any water it must wait until it rains where it is, for it cannot move about and find its own water.

But thank God the Lord has provided a way for the blade of grass to attain to a higher form of life. For one day the cow comes wandering through the pasture, and reaches down and plucks up the blade of grass, chews it up and swallows it. In dying to the life it has, the blade of grass attains to a higher form of life as it becomes part of the life of the cow. Now it is no longer so limited, no longer anchored to one place. In the life of the cow it can move about all over the pasture. It does not have to wait for it to rain where it is in order to be refreshed, but can move from waterhole to waterhole. Its vision is no longer limited to a few feet away, but in the cow it can move from one end of the great pasture to another. It can gaze out over the fence and see miles of God's good earth. But still the life of the cow is a limited form of life also. For it is fenced in the pasture and is limited in how far it can go, and see, God's great creation. It cannot travel about from state to state as you and I can, seeing the beauty of God's earth. It cannot get in an airplane as I often do and ascend up to 12,000 feet above the earth and see God's great creation. It stands only about four feet high and that's about as high as it ever gets. But thank God, God has made a way for the cow to attain to a higher life. For one day the farmer comes through the pasture and he kills the cow and eats it. In dying to the life it has the cow and the blade of grass are absorbed up into the life of the farmer. Now both are no longer limited to the pasture. In the farmer they can travel all over God's good earth and see and enjoy much of it. The farmer is no longer limited to the earth or anchored to it, but like I, can climb in-

to an airplane to great heights and look over God's creation. The cow is no longer limited to the life of an animal that lives by its instincts, but takes part in the life of an intelligent, thinking, being that has free choice. But still, though few people realize it, the life of the farmer is a limited form of life in so many ways. He is still limited by sickness suffering and death. Compared to the highest form of life that God has provided for His creation, the farmer is still much limited. For God has provided a much higher form of life for His creation.

The Apostle Paul, who was caught up into the third heaven and saw these things which he said could not be spoken of yet, for the people of the world were not able to bear them, said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." Paul also in Ephesians 3: 8-10 gives us a glimpse into the life that is much higher than that of the farmer or any other old Adam man. He says, I am made a minister to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery of Christ, to the intent that God might make known through the Church the manifold wisdom of God, even unto the revelation of the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

According to Webster's Dictionary, a palatium is a kingdom and a principality is a kingdom ruled over by a prince. Paul says the wisdom of God in His creation is manifold. That there are realms of life far above the farmer life, or human life of this plane of existence that we know. God intends through His Church to make known the manifold wisdom of God, even unto the revelation of the realms of life in these principalities, or kingdoms, in the heavenly places or the invisible realms.

So there is a life far above the life of the farmer on the human plane of existence. Thank God He has made a way for the farmer to attain to higher life too. For one day Jesus comes along and He eats up the farmer. And in losing the life that he has, the farmer is absorbed up into the life of



Jesus. Yes, that is exactly what Jesus is doing. He is eating us up, for the Bible says when we accept Him, the old man is crucified and we have a new birth, and after that new birth we are in Him. We have been birthed into Him, absorbed into Him, and as we grow up into Him our old life flees away and we come forth in Him, until we are fully in Him, or eaten up by Him.

Now let us bring this illustration down to our level, and apply it so each one of us can understand it. Just as the blade of grass comes forth when it rains on the earth, so when the rain of God's Spirit falls on our earth, and we are born again, the life of Christ comes forth in us and we spring forth as a blade of grass. Though we may have had a soul shaking new birth experience, and be a very beautiful blade of grass, testifying to our experience, blessing our spiritual parents that led us to Christ, we are still but a babe in Christ and as far as the life of God is concerned a very limited form of life.

When I was first saved, and three months later called to preach, as a young Baptist preacher I thought I was about the most beautiful blade of grass God had in His pasture. I was on fire for God, testifying to my experience everywhere, blessing my spiritual parents. Still I was but a blade of grass anchored to the earth, and yet very earthy in my spiritual experience. I did not believe in the Baptism of the Spirit or the gifts of the Spirit, or any of the subsequent provisions of God in Christ that should follow our new birth as we grow up into Him.

Therefore I was very limited, I could never grow more than a few inches above the earth and my earthy Christian experience. If it didn't rain where I was I didn't get any water to refresh me, for I was told by my Baptist leaders if it didn't rain on Baptist it didn't rain anywhere.

I could not grow tall in the Spirit and look out over this new creation I had been birthed into, and rise up high and explore it all. I was anchored to one spot, and to Baptist Doctrine, and limited as to my life in Christ. But thank God He made a way for this Baptist blade of grass to attain to higher life. For one day the cow came along in my life and

ate me up. Now I am not being facetious when I say this but very scriptural. For you see in the Scripture every offering that was offered as a sacrifice to God was taken from among the cattle whether ox, heifer, sheep, or goat, they were all called cattle. And every cow or ox that was offered was only a type of us in the New Testament age, offering our self as a sacrifice to God, as Paul says in Romans, present your bodies a living sacrifice.

As a young Baptist blade of grass, I was not willing to be eaten up in the cow, and freely offer myself in sacrifice to God, and die to the life I had, that I might attain to higher life. I began by the Spirit, as I studied the scriptures, to see the truth concerning the Baptism of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. I found that they were real and really were for today contrary to what Baptist taught. But at the same time I saw that to enter into this higher form of life in Him I was going to have to die to the life I had attained to as a Baptist preacher. I had to offer myself as a sacrifice in the cow, or the offering.

I had a fine church, the respect of my denomination, good salary, was winning souls, and my reputation was growing. I loved that blade of grass life I had attained to in Him. I saw if I was going to receive the Baptism of the Spirit, and preach those truths, I would lose my church, my salary, the respect of my denomination and all those things I had labored to attain to. But the vision of a higher life in Him was so precious to me I just let the cow eat me up, and laid myself on the altar of sacrifice, died to it all, went on and received the Baptism of the Spirit and moved up into the life of the cow.

To my great joy I discovered I was no longer as limited in my life in Him. No longer anchored to only earthy experiences in Christ, of reading the letter of the Word, hearing the robed choir sing. My pastures had been broadened, I could move into greener pastures and feed off the truths of the gifts of the Spirit and divine healing.

Just as the cow is much taller than the blade of grass and can see a lot further, so I grew much taller in the Spirit, and could see a lot further in this New Creation Life in the Spirit

that I had been birthed into.

For a while I rejoiced in the new life I had entered into. As I moved from waterhole to waterhole and drank of the waters of God's Spirit and explored my new pastures, eating truth after truth I was content. But after a time I knew there must be a higher form of life in Him.

Then one day the farmer came along and I was eaten up by the farmer. Now the farmer is he whom God calls to labor in His world, watch over His wheat and reap His harvest. Until now I had just been roaming the pasture of the new life in the Spirit, and drinking the waters of the Spirit, and eating the food (truths). But God showed me His great harvest fields and asked me to go forth to tend them and the farmer ate me up. I began moving across the world sowing seeds of His Word and reaping harvest.

It was a blessed time, having a great ministry as I won souls, sometimes healed the sick, sometimes cast out devils. But still it was a limited form of life. I began to see that neither I nor the people I ministered to, were experiencing the fulness of His life that the Scriptures promised us, but only a limited form of it.

But again God had made a way for me to attain to higher life in Him. One day Jesus came along and I was eaten up in Him, absorbed up into Him. I do not mean absorbed into Him as He sits in the heavenlies, but absorbed into His body that His Spirit dwells in here in the earth. I received from Him the revelation of the Body of Christ. The revelation that He has called out member by member and filled with His Spirit, here in the earth, a many membered body. The revelation that He is bringing forth in that body five Spirit ministries and nine Spirit gifts through which He the Head, through His Spirit, can lead His body to perfection or full growth in Him. I saw that I must lose my individuality and individual ministry, and just let Him lead me into my place in that body. I must die to the life I had as an individual farmer or ministry, and begin living in and unto His body. I saw that life in His body, in which every member lives no longer unto themselves but unto Him, and the body is the

highest form of life in God's universe. Submitting themselves one to another and in so doing submitting themselves to Christ. It is this life that those who are in Him in the heavenlies live in.

But the missing ingredient that is necessary to bring forth that kind of Body of Christ in the earth both on the local and world wide level, is the cross principle, the grain of corn principle - the death of the cross. Each individual must be willing to die to his individuality and let the Spirit of the Lord lead him to his place and ministry in the Body of Christ.

Thus when God said in Genesis 1: 26 "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness," He was talking about His seven millennial redemptive plan in Christ in which He is bringing forth His new creation man.

There the old Adam creation man brought forth in the Genesis creation was not the true creation He purposed to bring forth in the earth, but only the seed creation man that was to be planted in this earth and die. Out of that dying comes forth the new creation man, the life and body that God intended to bring forth in the first place.

Since it is true, the Genesis creation in its every aspect was only a type of the new creation. And since the seven days in which God brought forth the Genesis creation, and Genesis creation man, was but a type of the seven one thousand year days in God's redemptive plan in Christ, in which God is bringing forth His many membered new creation man, let us explain how this is so.

During the first four days of the Genesis creation, God spent them preparing the environment for the old creation man. Dividing the firmaments, bringing forth light, etc. Then in the fifth day He brought forth life, animal life and fowls' of the air and fish. Then in the sixth day He brought forth the old creation man, and in the seventh day He rested. When the Bible says He rested, it does not mean, as our Adventist brethren seem to think, that He was physically tired and rested, for He does not exist in a physical form neither does He get physically tired. In the Hebrew what is translated

rested, simply denotes a ceasing from His works. Why? Because He was finished.

This type is being fulfilled perfectly in the seven one thousand year days in which God is bringing forth His new creation man. During the first four one thousand year days, God spent them preparing the environment for His new creation, by bringing forth partial light through Moses and the children of Israel, and through the types and shadows He set forth through them.

Then in the fifth day, the fifth thousand year, He brought forth life. Jesus came and the Bible says, "In Him was life and that life was the light of men." There was no life of God in the world until Jesus came. That life that came into the world with Him has been working ever since and bringing forth a many membered body. Now in the sixth millennium which will close at the end of this century, just as the old creation man appeared in the sixth day, it is time for the new creation man to appear.

That is why a message is coming forth, let us go on to perfection, or the manifestation of the Sons of God. It is time for the new creation man to appear. Then we will enter into the seventh millennium, the seventh day, the millennium of the reign of Christ. And God will rest, we will rest, all will rest, for it will be finished.

According to this sure and certain type and prophecy there is not much time God's people have left to get down to business. According to the eastern calendar we have only about fifteen or twenty more years to the end of this century which is, the end of this millennium, in which God is going to finish His work. He is going to bring forth His new creation man and we all are going to enter into our rest. Our scholars know that our western calendar is at least fifteen years behind, and the eastern calendar is more correct. It reveals that we are only fifteen or twenty years from the end of this century which is the end of this sixth millennium.

Thus we see that the old Adam creation was only God's seed creation. And the old Adam man, which we all were

before our new birth, was only God's seed man. Only God's grain of corn that He dropped into the earth to die and out of that dying come forth the full fruited ear, the new creation man, manifesting all the fruits of the Spirit of God.

The first great truth we need to learn in the cross principle, is the grain of corn does not kill itself. It just submits itself to the elements in the ground around it, which God has placed there to see that it dies. Across the land today we hear ministries that have at last seen that we must **die to self** completely, that His life might come forth in us. But then they begin preaching to the people, crucify your flesh. This can only lead to frustration because no one can crucify their flesh. No one can kill themselves. Jesus did not crucify Himself. He just submitted Himself in full surrender to the Spirit of the Father, as He led Him out day by day in His ministry, in the great battle for redemption and the world and the devil and His brethren crucified Him. He was killed by the elements in the earth around Him.

Even so you and I cannot crucify ourselves. God has no plan for us to crucify ourselves. Like Jesus our pattern Son, His plan is for us to submit ourselves to His Spirit, as He leads us day by day in our part and ministry in the great battle for redemption. And the world and the devil and our brethren will see that we get crucified.

Many precious saints across the land today are rejoicing in the revelation that the hour of the perfecting of the saints is approaching, that the manifestation of the Sons of God is at hand. But too many have false ideas as to how it shall come forth. Dear ones we cannot pray our way through to this in the closet. Prayer in the closet can give us the strength we need to go forth in our ministry against the elements around us, and submit to their crucifixion, but alone it will not take us through. Neither, as some preachers would like people to think, can it be given to us by the laying on of hands. Neither is it going to be attained as an experience poured out on us by God in some great instantaneous outpouring of the future. We are going to walk it out day by day as Jesus did, fulfilling our ministry in the great battle for

redemption, and as we do, the world, the devil and our brethren will see that we get crucified. As being reviled we revile not again, as being persecuted we persecute not in return, but let it kill this old man completely that the new creation man might come forth in us in fulness.

Secondly, the grain of corn when it's placed in the ground doesn't try to squirm or wriggle out of the crushing of the elements in the ground around it, as some of us do. The grain of corn submits itself willing to the purpose of God for it, knowing that it must die before the new life that is in it can come forth. It seems that all God's children, because they have no revelation of God's purpose, would like for God to take the devil and all his demons completely out of the world, also all the lost people who come against them daily as they seek to survive in this world. They would like for God to remove far from their Christian brethren who often hurt their feelings and come against them wounding their flesh.

They fail to realize if God did so, there would be no elements in the ground around them to crucify this old flesh man, and help him to die so that the Holy seed of Christ that has been birthed in them, might come forth in His fulness. And since they are too weak to overcome their flesh man themselves, they would have to live with him, on and on as rotten as he is. If God only desired to get rid of Satan and his demons He could have crushed them all long ago. But then there would have been no elements in the ground around us to kill this old flesh man that the Holy seed in us may come forth in fulness.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He did not wriggle or cry out for God to deliver Him. Though His crucifiers mocked, saying "If he be the Son of God let him come down from the cross, let him save himself." They failed to realize He was saving Himself. He was fulfilling the great cross principle He Himself taught. He that will lose His life shall save it. Nay, He neither squirmed or wriggled. He just looked up to the Father and submitted Himself to the great plan of the Father for Him saying, "Into thy hands, into

thy hands." Even so the grain of corn doesn't try to wriggle its way out of the hole it is dropped in. When the hole is covered up and the earth comes in over it, shutting out the light of the sun and slowly begins crushing the life out, it just lays there submitting itself to God's great plan for it. And as it does, a new life begins to rise up with it and burst forth pushing back the earth that covers it, and burst forth into the light of the sun again. When it comes forth the body that is raised up is not the same body that was planted, but a new body. A beautiful green cornstalk.

Even so we, when trial or tribulation sweeps in upon us, even if it be sickness, and the pain begins to tear us so that the elements in the earth are covering us up, so that darkness is sweeping over us and the light of the sun, (Jesus) begins slipping away, and it seems the very life is being crushed out of us. Then if instead of struggling and squirming, or rushing to the hospital and doctor, if we will just be still and look up to the Father, submitting ourselves to His great plan for us and saying in faith "Into thy hands." Then suddenly that new life, the Holy seed that is within us begin to rise up within us in faith, bursting forth out of the darkness casting off every fear, every pain. The sickness will be healed, the problem will fade away, the situation will be dealt with by God. We will burst forth into the light of the true Sun, Jesus. But the person that burst forth will not be the same person that went down under the trial. Nay, through the trial, a new person shall emerge into the light of the Sun. One who has grown through tribulation and through the testing of their faith.

The old Apostle Paul had the revelation of the cross principle by which we attain to life. He said, "I glory in tribulation. Knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience more hope (or faith)." What Paul really said is, when trouble comes my way I just get shouting happy about it. How many Christians do you know like that? Not very many. Not even very many preachers. Because most are so immature in their Christianity that they don't have the revelation of the cross principle as Paul did. Paul knew the old flesh man that for so long had depended on his political position, with the rulers



of his day for power, that had impatiently lunged forward destroying Christians right and left, had to die. He knew that man who could patiently wait in faith for God to move, had to come forth.

Therefore he said, "I glory in tribulation knowing that it worketh."

Paul knew that it worked in him the patience that was necessary to wait in faith for God to deliver from the tribulation. Then when he has patiently waited for the deliverance, the deliverance comes. Thus patience works experience, for he has had the experience of seeing God deliver. And then experience worketh hope (or faith). For when he has the experience of seeing God deliver, this works in him more faith to face the next battle or tribulation that Satan sets before him.

Thus when we let this wheel roll, it makes everything the devil throws at us, just a stepping stone to ultimately crush the serpents head. Stop crying dear ones for the Lord to take all the demons out of the world. Stop praying for Him to remove the people of the world around you out of your way. Stop praying for Him to straighten brother so and so out, that he won't speak that word that hurts your fleshy feelings.

They are but the elements God leaves in the ground around you, to kill your old Adam seed creation man that the new creation man might come forth in you. Then God will straighten brother so and so out by using you, in redemptive love, to show him the truth. Then God will deal with the demons, and the world, through you.

When God's people get the revelation of the grain of corn principle Paul saw, once again you'll see Christians that glory in tribulation. They will know that it is working in them that death of the old man that shall bring forth the new man. We're teaching everywhere, that we're looking forward to the day when Christians no longer call us on the phone groaning, I'm sick, please pray for me. But call us with a shout of joy saying, "Praise the Lord brother Sam I'm sick. Here's another chance to grow another step in faith. Please

stand with me as I patiently believe God to deliver, and let tribulation work patience, and patience experience, and experience more faith as I overcome in Him." Thank God there are some who are doing so. And surprisingly enough, one can get the healing far quicker with the shout of joy, than they can with the groan of despair.

The grain of corn does not cry, or squirm, or try to get out of the hole, but just lays there submitting itself to the Father's purpose. As the body that was planted in the ground is crushed, the new life burst forth through all the earth that covers it, out into the light of the sun. But the body that comes forth is not the grain of corn body that was planted, but a beautiful new cornstalk body. No longer lifeless and unable to move, but with life in it that can grow and increase every day, and the ability to move back and forth in the wind.

As the cornstalk stretches out its arms toward the sun, absorbing its light, it is blown back and forth, and begins to grow up. Have you ever noticed how fragile a cornstalk blade is, so thin and tender. That is so the wind can blow it back and forth, this way and that, so it may grow tall and strong. Even so we, dear friends, when we first come to Christ, we are, the Bible tells us, dead in trespasses and sins. Like the grain of corn, which has a potential for life in it; but when laid on the table cannot move, if left there for weeks. Even so we, before we come to Christ have a potential for the life of Christ in us. We are dead in trespasses and sins, but when we finally are so crushed by the elements in this world around us, that we stop fighting to get on top of this world, and surrender to the Lord, the new life comes forth in us. Then we burst out from under the darkness of this world, and are born again into the glorious light of the true Sun, Jesus, even as the cornstalk, a new creature that is able to begin to move in the life of God.

Like the cornstalk, we begin to stretch out our arms and absorb His light, and the wind of God's Spirit begins to blow us back and forth, and we begin growing up into Him. The very word for the Holy Spirit in the original New Testament,

was the Greek word 'Pneuma', which means air or wind. Just as the wind blows the cornstalk back and forth as it grows, so we grow as the Holy Pneuma of God blows us this way and that, receiving a truth here and a truth there, we are growing up into Him.

Let me plead with you dear friends. Be a fragile cornstalk blade that you may be easily blown by the wind of God. Don't be an old stiff cornstalk, stuck in your doctrinal rut and church situation. Be fragile and yielded that the wind of God might blow you here and there, and which ever way you need to blow, that you may get the truth that can grow you up into Him. Above all don't fall for the accursed doctrine that binds so many cornstalks in God's Church today. That is, that you can get all you need in your particular church or denomination for your salvation, without ever going to anyone else or anyone else ever coming to you. Truth.

Long ago in the supper room Jesus broke bread, and gave it to the twelve apostles, and said, take eat this is my body. That bread was a type of the spiritual bread, the Word of God, that we must eat to grow up into Him. Jesus didn't give the whole loaf to anyone of the apostles. Nay, rather He distributed it among them each a piece, so that only when they put all their pieces together, would they have the whole loaf. Even so today, Jesus is not going to give all the spiritual bread, which is His body, to anyone church or denomination, or ministry. Nay, He is going to distribute to us each a piece. That in the end we are going to be forced to come together, and humble ourselves before one another, and put all our pieces together, before anyone will have the whole loaf that will produce our full salvation.

Therefore as the cornstalk, that has come forth from the grain of corn, is blown back and forth by the wind and absorbs the light of sun, it begins to grow up. But what is it growing up for, only to get ready for another dying. The cornstalk body is not the ultimate body that God intended to produce, from the grain of corn, the full fruited is. The cornstalk body is only an intermediate body. There must be another dying before the ultimate body, the full fruited ear,

comes forth. So the young cornstalk is blown by the wind, and absorbs the light of the sun. Each day it grows taller and taller, all the time getting prepared for another dying. Then one day, a little golden brown spot appears on the lovely green cornstalk, and the dying has begun. Each day it dies a little, but as it does, the full fruited ear begins to come forth. Until finally when the cornstalk is fully dead, the full fruited ear is then ready for harvest.

Even so, when we go through our first dying to the world, and are born again, this is not the ultimate life or body God intends to bring forth. Like the cornstalk, it is only an intermediate nature. For there are three natures available to us in God's plan for us. The first is the seed corn, or old Adam nature, which we have before we are born again. Ephesians tells us, in this nature we are dead in trespasses and sins. Just as the grain of corn can't move about, but must lie on the table till someone moves it, so we cannot move in the life of God.

The second nature is the seed of Abraham nature, the nature of a man who has been born of the Spirit, and can still be tempted to sin, but now has power to overcome the temptation. This is the nature that Jesus had, when He was here in the flesh. The old traditional teaching, handed to us by the so called orthodox church, that when Jesus was on earth, He had the full nature of God, is not truth. Even in the Baptist Seminary they taught me what is known as the doctrine of the Kenosis, taken from the Scripture in Philippians, which says that when Jesus was in heaven, being in the form of God He counted it not a thing to be grasped, or held on to, but emptied Himself of the God nature. And the book of Hebrews says, when He came down here he didn't even take on Him the nature of angels, which is a higher nature, but He took on Him the seed of Abraham, the nature of a man of faith, as Abraham was. He was born of the Spirit and He had a nature that could be tempted to sin, but with power to overcome that temptation, and He did overcome every step of the way, as our pattern Son, to show us that we also could overcome. Then having overcome even death, as He went through the cross, He

took on again the very nature of God, that He emptied Himself of, when He came down here. It is this nature that He promises us in Rev. 3: 12, that him that overcometh I will write upon him my new name (nature).

Therefore the born again nature, that we now have, is the intermediate nature. The same nature Jesus had when He was here. A nature that can be tempted to sin, but now has power to overcome the temptation. Before we were saved we had a nature that not only could be tempted to sin, but with no power to resist the temptation. Therefore we were continually overcome by sin. But when we came to Christ and were born again, we went through one dying to the world as we turned from it, and accepted Jesus as our Saviour. Now like the cornstalk we are absorbing the light of the sun (Jesus) and being moved by the wind of His Spirit. We are growing up in Him daily, even as Jesus, the Bible tells us, grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. But He was only growing up to get ready for a dying.

At the age of 30 He went forth in a manifested Son ministry, which daily led Him down to the death of the cross, through which He took on the new name, or nature He now has. Even so, we are growing in favor and stature with God and man, that when we reach that spiritual age of 30, we might go forth in a manifested Son ministry. That will lead to a daily dying as we take our stand against the antichrist system in the world. But just as the cornstalk, in daily dying brings forth the full fruited ear, so do we. As the old man daily dies, the new creation man in us will be daily coming to fruition. When the old man is fully dead, the new creation man will be fully fruited, and ready for God's harvesting. When Jesus was born of the Spirit and began growing up, every revelation, every anointing, every experience He had with His Father, was only leading to that day when He would go forth, in a ministry that would lead Him to lay down His life for His brethren, and die the death of the cross. But on the other side of that death was a new nature, a new life, free forever from temptation to sin.

Even so we, from the day we were born of the Spirit, and began growing up in Him, every revelation, every anointing, was only to prepare us for a day when we shall go forth in a ministry, that shall daily lead us to the death of the cross. But on the other side of that dying shall be the full fruited ear, the ultimate life and nature God intended to produce out of the old creation seed corn man. The new name, the new nature Jesus was talking about when He said, "To him that overcometh I will write upon him my new name." We close this article with one last truth. Every corn farmer knows that one cornstalk in a field by itself can never produce a full fruited ear. Only if it is set in a body of other cornstalks where there can be the necessary cross pollination can it bring forth its fruits.

Even so, no Christian as an individual can ever bring forth his fruits alone. Only when he discovers the missing ingredient and is willing to lose his individuality, and let the Spirit of God place him in a body where there can be a cross pollination, between him and the other cornstalk in that body, can he ever become a full fruited Son of God.

He's building a body, in the earth today

He's building a body, and it's not of clay

A spiritual body, for the glory of God

He's building a body, in the earth today

Find your place in that body in the earth today,  
Get into God's order and learn to obey.  
The **death to self message** will show you the way,  
Get into that body in the earth today.

We're singing a new song in the earth today  
We're singing a new son, and it's not for pay  
It's Christ in His body, its Jesus the Head  
It's on to perfection, it's raising the dead

AMEN.