

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

The testimonies that men give in church services today on Sundays are they really the kind of testimony that the Bible repeatedly talked about concerning the New Testament saints of God? Do we have such as example of the testimonies of Christ that the early church brethren used to declare when they gather together in the name of Jesus in fellowship? Are they things that unbelievers can also declare as testimonies in their lives?

The testimonies of the early Church brethrens did not really fall always on escaping one travail, affliction, calamity, or the other, but rather they testified of the grace of God that availed unto them in undergoing persecutions, tribulations or sufferings for Christ's sake and the gospel. They testify of souls repenting due to the preaching of the true gospel that is by the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. They gloried in their infirmities for the gospel sake. Their testimonies were not concerning material acquisitions as "blessings" or the riches and favour from men that they have gotten by being in Christ above others and the likes as we have it today. **Lk 12:15-21; Lk 16:15; 2 Cor 6:3-10; 2 Cor 11:23-31**

The testimonies of today revolve around worldly gains as blessings that one has as a child of God and walking in the so called "authority" of who you are in Christ Jesus. But is that so? Is our testimonies geared towards things of eternal value or temporal value?

In this literature, we will be considering a topic that is not much treated as such if at all in the Church as a business organization (CAO) by their Ministers of the People (MOPs), but without which you deceive yourself that you are a Christian if you are not rooted in as it were, which topic is "The Testimony of Jesus Christ". Christians are meant to be bearers of the testimony of Christ to the whole world. The question is, whether the testimony that you witness about falls under the classification of the testimony of Jesus or that of another sort of testimony.

For one to answer that question correctly, you have to know exactly what the testimony of Jesus is all about, and that is what we are set to bring out here as much as possible. Your calling ought to be reflected in the testimony that you bear as it were.

CONCERNING TESTIMONY

Testimony has to do with witnessing or declaring unto others about what you have seen, heard, partaken of, experienced or was told you that is true. A testimony results from an event or occurrence that took place in your life, the life of another or that has to do with God's will in this instance.

Lk 21:7-19 (Vr.12) But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. **Vr.13** And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

We are focused on the testimony that is acceptable to God and which He purposes to give glory and honour to Himself and His Son, not those that give glory to another. Testimonies that are based on one operating in faith of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, rather than in fear, are the ones that please God. The Lord will not share His glory with any man, those that glory in the flesh.

The men of old had testimonies that pleased God because they were based on the ardent exercising of faith in their lives according to the word of God and the Law of Moses for them in the time of the Old covenant era. We today refer to them in the Bible as heroes of faith, but even with all those wonderful and inspiring testimonies they could not obtain the promise or the better resurrection that is only possible by the faith in the testimony of Jesus.

Heb 11:1-40 (Vr.4) By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. **Vr.5** By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. **Vr.32** And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: **Vr.33** Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **Vr.34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. **Vr.35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: **Vr.36** And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: **Vr.37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; **Vr.38** (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **Vr.39** And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: **Vr.40** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Every prophet or servant of God bears one testimony or the other as he is given by God to. They are witnesses unto men of what they have seen or heard from God as it were. **2 Pet 1:16-21**

There is a specific unchangeable testimony that bears witness of the defeat of Satan, sin and death by Christ in the life of the redeemed of the Lord for all times, and that is the testimony of Jesus (TOJ). **Jn 12:31; Jn 16:11; Jn 1:29; Hebr 2:14-15**

Majority of testimonies that men give in church services today are not wholly connected to the testimony of Jesus, though they are geared at encouraging brethren. Such are rather focused mainly on the overcoming of worldly situations and circumstances that befall all men alike, but does not have to do with the eternal judgment of Satan, nor victory over sin and death at the cross in the life of the testifier as it were. It usually has to do more with the witness of the goodness and kindness of the Lord that He shows to both believers and unbelievers alike in the world.

Mtt 5: 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Rom 2: 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

The TOJ is for the benefit of those that take up their cross daily, following and serving Christ in the gospel. The TOJ confirmed in the life of a true believer in Christ guarantees him life eternal at the end, but not the testimony of overcoming the issues of life or having advantage in the world, of which unbelievers are partakers of too, which tend to long life and prosperity in this world at best. **Jn 16:33; I Jn 5:4-13; Jn 14:30; Lk 9:22-25**

Which kind of testimony do you bear always as a kingdom child?

THE SCRIPTURES OF THE LAW AND PROPHETS TESTIFY OF JESUS

The Scriptures of the Law that came by Moses and the Scriptures of the Prophets that God sent through the fathers and the prophets starting from the beginning of the world, all made known the end from the beginning concerning the finished works of God. In their witnessing they bore a lot of testimony concerning the Son of God, the Messiah. They prophetically testified of his birth, suffering, death and resurrection at his first advent. They also revealed unto us concerning his second coming and the end even as God spoke through the prophets and fathers of old. **Heb 1:1-2; Mtt 26:24; Hebr 10:7; Jn 1:17; Hebr 4:3**

Jn 5: 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. **Vr.45** Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. **Vr.46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

Acts 3:19-26 (Vr.20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **Vr.21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **Vr.22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. **Vr.23** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. **Vr.24** Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Mtt 1:18-25 (Vr.21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Vr.22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Vr.23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Mtt 2:1-10 (Vr.4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. **Vr.5** And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, **Vr.6** And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Lk 24: 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **Vr.26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **Vr.27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. **Vr.44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **Vr.45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **Vr.46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Actually, the fulfilled prophecies in the O.T. scriptures stand today as grounds of assurance of faith for us, on which those things which are to come, or which were to be spoken after, we hope for with confidence. **Hebr 11:1**

Hebr 3: 5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant [*Why?*], for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

Rom 5: 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

2 Tim 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God [*that is, writings of the O.T. that were known as Scriptures which were read to the people on the Sabbath days in the synagogues*], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness [*Why?*]:
Vr.17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

The fulfilled Scriptures stand as testimonies of God's faithfulness and goodness unto those that believe and trust in Him even till today.

THE SON CAME TO BEAR TESTIMONY OF THE FATHER ON EARTH

God the Father sent Jesus Christ into the world in the last days as His only begotten Son to testify of what he had seen and heard of God as our heavenly Father, not as the prophets of old did who were of the earth. Christ came down from heaven to give us understanding of who the Father is to us, the only true God and the redemption He had in stock for mankind through the Son. He came as a true and faithful witness of the Father and he told us all that the Father had spoken to him to testify about. **Hebr 1:1-2; Rev 3:14; Ps 19:7-11; Jn 7:16-19**

Jn 18: 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Jn 8: 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. **Vr.28** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. **Vr.46** Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **Vr.47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Jn 15: 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Jn 3: 31-36 (Vr.31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. **Vr.32** And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. **Vr.33** He that hath received

his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. **Vr.34** For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

Jn 17: 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **Vr.4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **Vr.6** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **Vr.7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **Vr.8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

I Jn 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Christ came and witnessed the truth concerning the one true God, our heavenly Father and to show us the way to Him, which is through His only begotten Son. **Jn 14:1,6**

Lk 10: 21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. **Vr.22** All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

WHAT IS THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST?

It is quite unfortunate that many that call themselves believers under the CAO tutelage are without spiritual knowledge and understanding of what the testimony of Jesus entails exactly and cannot declare it without ambiguity. Many cannot distinguish between the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, even as they cannot distinguish between the Scriptures and the gospel of Jesus, nor between the glorified Christ and unglorified Christ, etc. The Testimony of Jesus (TOJ) is a critical component of the gospel and doctrine of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Acts 1:1-3; Jn 20:30-31; Jn 2:22**

The Testimony of Jesus is the witnessing of the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Ghost. Without you having this testimony confirmed in you by the Lord, and bearing this witness continually you cannot be said to be a born again believer in Christ. It is those that have received the Spirit of witness within them in baptism and who are led by this

Spirit of truth that makes known this revealed mystery to all and sundry, and not those that have not received of the Spirit, but who walk after the flesh. **Rom 8:1-14**

Acts 1:20-26 (Vr.22) Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Acts 4:31-33 (Vr.33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

I Cor 15: 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **Vr.4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Rev 19: 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Testimony of Jesus is a witness of the judgment of the prince of this world in his defeat, the redemption of man from the captive of sin, and the victory over death by the resurrection from the dead as accomplished in Christ Jesus. By belief in this testimony and bearing it, the believer is assured of resurrection unto life on the last day and the resurrection to damnation for those in unbelief that toe the path of Satan in unrighteousness. **Jn 12:31-33; Jn 16:7-11; Jn 1:29; Jn 5:24,27-29; Hebr 2:14-15**

Acts 17: 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Vr.31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

The Testimony of Jesus also contains prophetic declarations of things to come and eternal judgment as taught by the Spirit of truth. Those that bear this testimony have revelations and understandings of the mysteries of the kingdom of God and the world to come as it were. **I Cor 2:12-13**

Jn 16: 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **Vr.13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

JESUS DECLARED THIS TESTIMONY PROPHETICALLY AT FIRST

The Son of man as the unglorified Christ prophetically declared this testimony during his earthly ministry before it happened, and what shall be the outcome for those that believe it thenceforth. A prophetic declaration becomes a testimony only after it comes to pass as it was prophesized. But while the testimony was yet a prophecy, the spiritual understanding of the mystery thereof was hidden from those that heard it. **I Cor 2:4-8; Mk 14:55-59; Jn 12:32-34**

Jn 2:18-22 (Vr.19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. **Vr.21** But he spake of the temple of his body. **Vr.22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Jn 3:14-16 (Vr.14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **Vr.15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jn 8: 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Mk 8: 31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **Vr.32** And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

Lk 9:43-45 (Vr.44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. **Vr.45** But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

Jn 16: 4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

The TOJ is not concerning the unglorified Son of man, Jesus, per se but the resurrected Christ; he that was glorified as the Son of God to the right hand of His majesty by his resurrection from the dead.

CHRIST ESTABLISHED THIS TESTIMONY AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

When the prophecy that the Son of man had declared came to pass, as the Son of God he personally witnessed of this testimony of his resurrection to chosen witnesses amongst his disciples over a forty day period after he rose from the dead. Without which his apostles would not have believed the gospel of his resurrection. Belief in the TOJ is required first and foremost for one to wholeheartedly believe the whole of the gospel of Jesus Christ as true.

The testimony of Jesus (TOJ) has to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the implication of that for eternal salvation for all those that truly believe. It is a testimony that angels even in heaven bear and testify on earth to men and the Apostles were given the Holy Spirit in order to bear also. This testimony is borne both in heaven and on earth in order to tell you of its great importance and significance concerning the salvation of mankind.

I Jn 5: 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **Vr.7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. **Vr.8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

It was angels that first bore this testimony when the women came to the tomb after three days, looking for the body of Christ. It was the very first time this testimony was declared on earth unto mankind by heaven as true or a reality, and no longer as a prophecy.

Mk 16:1-20 (Vr.1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. **Vr.5** And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. **Vr.6** And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. **Vr.7** But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Consequently the risen Christ declared it unto his own apostles at the appointed place of their meeting and he baptized them with that Spirit of witness.

Mk 16:14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

Lk 24: 36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **Vr.37** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they

had seen a spirit. **Vr.38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **Vr.45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **Vr.46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Vr.47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Jn 20: 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **Vr.20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. **Vr.25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. **Vr.26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. **Vr.27** Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. **Vr.28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **Vr.29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Acts 1: 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **Vr.2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **Vr.3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

THE HOLY GHOST WAS SENT TO TESTIFY OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

The Holy Ghost was specifically sent to the earth by the Father through the Son in order to bear testimony of the Son of God, the resurrected Christ unto the whole world for the salvation of all those that believe. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of witness that testifies of the risen, glorified Christ through all those that are called, chosen and baptized by Christ with the Spirit. He ministers to the spirit, soul, mind and hearts of all those that believe. **Hebr 3:7-8; Jn 1:11-13; Acts 2:32-33; I Jn 5:6-8**

Jn 7:37-39 (Vr.38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **Vr.39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jn 15: 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: **Vr.27** And ye also shall bear witness [*after ye have received of the Spirit in baptism*], because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 5:29-32 (Vr.30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. **Vr.31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **Vr.32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Such persons are said to be born again of the Spirit and are commissioned to bear this testimony in spirit and in truth to other men. Such believers are empowered with the gifts of the Spirit as the Lord willeth in order to bear testimony by the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. **Acts 2:1-41; I Cor 2:1-5; Jn 3:3-8; Jn 1:11-13**

Lk 24: 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. **Vr.49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Jn 20: 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. **Vr.22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: **Vr.23** Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Mtt 3: 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Acts 1:1-9 (Vr. 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, "which," saith he, "ye have heard of me. **Vr.5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. **Vr.8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4 (Vr.2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **Vr.3** And there appeared unto them cloven

tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **Vr.4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The gifts of the Spirit are given to those that Christ chooses and commissions to preach this testimony boldly to the world and for the manifestation of the power of his resurrection over the powers of the enemy as it were. Devils are made subject through Jesus' name, all manner of diverse healings are wrought, the dead are raised and the gospel is preached to the poor. **Lk 7:22; Lk 10:17-20; Mtt 28:18-20**

Mk 16: 14-20 (Vr.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **Vr.16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Vr.17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **Vr.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. **Vr.19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **Vr.20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

I Cor 1: 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; **Vr.5** That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; **Vr.6** Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: **Vr.7** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Acts 4: 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. **Vr.33** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

The testimony of Jesus is the word of truth that is borne by those that are given the Spirit of truth and are led thereby. It loses its power in the mouth of those that walk after the flesh, who fulfill the lusts thereof continually. You have to be divinely empowered with the Spirit before the TOJ can be truly witnessed by you in spirit and in truth to unbelievers. **Jn 1:11-13; Acts 5:30-32; Jn 7:39**

OUR HEVEANLY FATHER BORE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

The Father testified or witnessed that He sent Christ into the world as the Saviour of the world. How? by raising him up from the dead on the third day, without which our faith and testimony in preaching would have been in vain; by this Christ was glorified and made the author of our faith and of eternal salvation for all those that believe on his name and obey God through him. The Father affirmed and declared the testimony of Jesus too. **Gal 1:1; Eph 1:19-20; Colo 2:12; Hebr 5:5-9; Hebr 12:1-2**

Jn 5:36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. **Vr.37** And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Jn 8:18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. **Vr.28** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself;

Acts 17: 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Vr.31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

I Cor 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **Vr.15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

Rom 10:8-10 (Vr.9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

I Pet 1:18-21 (Vr.21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

The Father bore record of His Son, that is, the risen Christ, through whom they that believe have eternal life as it were.

I Jn 5: 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. **Vr.10** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the [*Spirit of*] witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. **Vr.11** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST BORE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

The apostles of Christ were faithful in bearing the testimony of Jesus everywhere they went, even though they encountered great resistance from the enemies of the cross. Peter, as a chief amongst the apostles, kick started this witnessing, starting from Jerusalem on the Pentecost day, after they were endued with power from on high. He declared the TOJ with all boldness and power from thence forward.

Subsequently so did all the other disciples wherever they went throughout all the regions of the world then – Philip, Stephen, Apollos, Barnabas, Silas, Paul, etc.

Acts 2: 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **Vr.23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **Vr.24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. **Vr.32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **Vr.33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Acts 3:12-18 (Vr.13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. **Vr.14** But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; **Vr.15** And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. **Vr.16** And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 4: 1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, **Vr.2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **Vr.19** But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. **Vr.20** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. **Vr.31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. **Vr.33** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 5:29-32 (Vr.30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. **Vr.31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give

repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **Vr.32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Many of the apostles and disciples of Christ were persecuted, afflicted and killed because of this testimony of Jesus that they held, refusing to renounce it against all odds unto death.

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS WAS TAKEN TO THE GENTILES

Peter the apostle declared that he was the first to really preach the gospel to the Gentiles by the leading of the Spirit, starting with the conversion of Cornelius of Caesarea, with his household and near friends. **Acts 10:23-29; Acts 15:6-7**

Acts 10:1-48 (Vr.38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **Vr.39** And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: **Vr.40** Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; **Vr.41** Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. **Vr.42** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. **Vr.43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Paul and Barnabas were specifically selected and separated from the rest of the brethren to take the testimony of Jesus to farther lands and to the Gentiles especially. **Acts 13:1-5**

Acts 13: 26-52 (Vr.28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. **Vr.29** And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. **Vr.30** But God raised him from the dead: **Vr.31** And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. **Vr.38** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Vr.39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. **Vr.44** And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. **Vr.45** But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. **Vr.46** Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. **Vr.47** For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of

the earth. **Vr.48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. **Vr.49** And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

Acts 28: 16-31 (Vr.28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. **Vr.29** And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. **Vr.30** And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, **Vr.31** Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

WHY THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS?

What is so important about the TOJ that one needs to believe it and bear witness of it always? It is the power of God unto salvation to those that believe. **Jn 3:14-16; Acts 4:11-12; Acts 2:21; Rom 10:8-13**

Acts 2: 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **Vr.37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **Vr.38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **Vr.39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. **Vr.40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. **Vr.41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 4: 1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, **Vr.2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **Vr.4** Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

I Cor 1: 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. **Vr.18** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. **Vr.23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **Vr.24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

By the testimony of the risen Christ, in his name healings, miracles, signs and wonders are wrought to the glory of God. **Acts 3:1-16; Acts 8:4-13**

Acts 4: 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, **Vr.10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **Vr.11** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Vr.12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The testimony of Jesus that is found in our mouth and that we speak by the unction of the Holy Spirit is a continuous reminder to Satan of his defeat, judgment, and the declaration of Christ's victory over all the enemies of our soul. By it is made manifest the power of God and His Christ upon the saints, by which we overcome sin, Satan and the fear of death that had hitherto held men bound therein.

Jn 16: 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **Vr.8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **Vr.9** Of sin, because they believe not on me; **Vr.10** Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; **Vr.11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Rev 12:7-12 (Vr.9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Vr.10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **Vr.11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Jn 1: 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

The Testimony of Jesus is the testimony of when the prince of this world (Satan) was cast out from heaven down to the earth, and Jesus Christ was exalted into heaven from the earth and made a Prince and Saviour for mankind's redemption. Unfortunately, many are ignorant of this truth and therefore bear not the TOJ in their hearts, minds and lips unto the shame of the Devil.

Jn 12:30-33 (Vr.31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out [*When?*]. **Vr.32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. **Vr.33** This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Lk 10:17-20 (Vr.18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Acts 5:30-32 (Vr.30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. **Vr.31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Phil 3: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; **Vr.11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Christ came into the world to fulfill the commandment of God that He required for the redemption of mankind from sin and death, by which the New Testament was to be established and commenced thereafter, without which no man could be saved eternally. **Jn 10:15-18; Lk 22:19-20**

By the declaration of the TOJ in Spirit and in truth, the power of the resurrection is made available to overcome the power of death that holds men captive to sin as it were. Unclean spirits are cast out by its declaration, the sick and afflicted are healed; the truth that setteth the ignorant free is made known thereby. By it the saints resist the devil and expose his wiles of falsehood by which he keeps men bound in darkness. **I Pet 5:8-9; 2 Cor 10:3-6**

Eph 1:17-22 (Vr.17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **Vr.19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **Vr.20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 6:10-20 (Vr.10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Vr.11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Vr.12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **Vr.13** 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. **Vr.14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **Vr.15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace [*the TOJ*]; **Vr.16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **Vr.17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Unfortunately, many are kept ignorant and unfocused on this truth by the another gospel that the CAO preach and they go about seeking to confront death-seeking enemies with death, devils with “Holy Ghost fire” or “die by fire” prayers, etc. to no avail. Some declare the TOJ at times but paying lips service to it and for gain, without having the requisite Spirit, power and understanding within them for it to be effective. **Colo 2:9-15; Acts 16:16-19; Acts 8:7-13,17-23**

Acts 19: 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. **Vr.14** And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. **Vr.15** And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? **Vr.16** And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Mk 9:38-40 (Vr.38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us [*he beareth not the TOJ*].

OPPOSITION TO THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

The enemy of our soul, Satan and his cohorts both as men and unclean spirits, are incensed with those that bear the testimony of Jesus and that keep the word of God as it were. Why? Because it is the testimony of Christ’s glorification and Satan’s defeat, fall and judgment in heaven; with it the saints resist the devil in his lies and deception. **I Pet 5:8-10; Eph 6:10-20**

So for this cause, Satan goeth about seeking to silence those that declare it and to cause others to be ignorant of this testimony and the power inherent in witnessing it. **Acts 18:24-28; Acts 19:1-12**

I Cor 15: 12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? **Vr.13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **Vr.14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **Vr.17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **Vr.18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Acts 4: 1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, **Vr.2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **Vr.8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, **Vr.9** If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; **Vr.10** Be it known

unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 17: 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, **Vr.3** Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. **Vr.4** And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. **Vr.5** But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. **Vr.10** And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. **Vr.11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. **Vr.12** Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. **Vr.13** But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. **Vr.14** And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. **Vr.30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Vr.31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **Vr.32** And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. **Vr.33** So Paul departed from among them. **Vr.34** Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **Vr.8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **Vr.9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Vr.10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **Vr.12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. **Vr.11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony [*the TOJ*]; and they loved not their lives unto the death. **Vr.13** And when the

dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. **Vr.17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 1: 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: **Vr.2** Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. **Vr.9** I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos [*kept bound as a prisoner*], for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 6: 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony [TOJ] which they held: **Vr.10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? **Vr.11** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Rev 20: 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

It is actually those in whom the testimony of Jesus is confirmed and who bear witness of the resurrection of Christ in the gospel that Satan and his cohorts are against, not principally those of the CAO that are ignorant of its efficacy against him. Such ones of the CAO are but distractions as it were. They enemy keeps them blinded to this truth and occupied pursuing deceitful worldly riches through the prosperity gospel. By which they are deceived to believe that they are exercising dominion and reigning in this present evil world. This is a wile of the devil that many so called believers have fallen for. **Mtt 13:22; Mtt 6:24,30-32; Mk 8:36-37**

Satan is not engaged in fighting the Pharisees and scribes of our times, the CAO MOPs, because they are producing children of hell for his kingdom, while claiming to be ministers of righteousness. Such are hailed, embraced and loved by the world and the children therein. **2 Cor 11:13-15; Mtt 23:13-15; I Jn 4:5-6; Jn 15:19**

CONFIRMATION OF THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST IN YOU

For you to be a true born again believer, the testimony of Jesus must be confirmed in you. How? You must have the Spirit witnessing with your spirit made manifest on the outside by your bearing true witness of Jesus. Also you must have received of the gift(s) of the Spirit by which you operating in the high calling of Christ in the gospel and bearing the fruit of the Spirit in your life for the world to see. It is such that overcome the world. **Acts 15:32; I Jn 4:4; I Jn 5:3-5; 2 Tim 2:19; Eph 1:12-14**

I Cor 1: 2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: **Vr.4** I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; **Vr.5** That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; **Vr.6** Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: **Vr.7** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.8** Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Vr.9** God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mk 16:15-20 (Vr.20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Rom 8: 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **Vr.11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **Vr.17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Those in whom the testimony of Christ is confirmed shall suffer rejection, affliction, persecution and tribulation because of the word of God and this testimony that they bear in the world. The example that Christ set for us they shall experience bearing their own cross daily and following him. It is does who bear the cross that preaches the cross of Christ, the testimony of Jesus in the gospel, not does who do not. Such others preach the prosperity gospel instead and claim that they cannot suffer, declaring that Christ had suffered it all for them at the cross which they have left behind and now moved on to glory and reigning in the world – the another gospel.

Jam 5:10-11; Acts 14:22

I Pet 2:19-25 (Vr.19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. **Vr.20** For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. **Vr.21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Vr.22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **Vr.23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

2 Tim 3:10-12 (Vr.12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Gal 6: 17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

CONCLUSION

The testimony of Jesus (TOJ) is the witness concerning the risen Christ. It forms the basis for the faith and hope of the true believer in Christ Jesus. By bearing its witness in spirit and in truth, true believers are able to overcome the devil and the world spiritually even as Christ did. **Jn 16:33; Eph 6:10-18; 2 Cor 10:3-6; I Jn 4:4**

The CAO adherents copiously quote **Rev 12:11** always whenever they want to give “testimony” in their church services- testimonies of carnal things/happenings, being ignorant of what that bible passage means by “the word of their testimony”. Satan is not overcome by such testimonies that they bear, which are no different from that which unbelievers partake of too in the world, but rather is even glorified as they magnify their worldliness, carnal mindedness and fear of death. CAO believers use testimonies in their churches and in evangelism to advertise themselves, their “fathers in the Lord”, and their organization/denomination. It is a show off time, carnal in nature hardly of spiritual exploits –“testimony time overcomers time” deceiving themselves as it were. Satan is not overcome by worldly acquisitions and exploits but by the TOJ exploits instead. **Jn 12:24-25; Ps 118:17; Acts 4:21-35; Acts 15:2-4,26; Lk 10:17-21**

The TOJ is held by those that have been delivered from the fear of death by reason of their hope in the resurrection as it were. By the TOJ we declare that death is swallowed up in victory. Those that hold not truly the TOJ but mouth it only at best, are always seeking in error to overcome death with death, evil with evil, curses with curses, railings with railings, fire for fire, etc. But those that truly hold the TOJ overcome death by the power of the resurrection, evil with good, curses with blessings, fire with water, sin with the blood, Satan with the cross, hatred with love in Christ Jesus. **Mtt 5:43-47; Rom 12:12-21; I Pet 3:8-12**

Christ through his death in the flesh and resurrection from the dead commissioned his apostles, being made first witnesses of his resurrection, to declare this testimony concerning him to all the ends of the world, by which those that believe shall be saved. The first man, Adam, brought about death, while the last Adam brought about the resurrection from the dead for all that shall believe in God through him. **Rom 5:12-21**

I Cor 15:20-23 (Vr.21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **Vr.22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Jn 11:20-27 (Vr.23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.**Vr.24** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. **Vr.25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: **Vr.26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Unfortunately, the CAO MOPs and their adherents that are supposed to be New Testament ministers and saints ignorantly run to the Old Testament always from where they derive their testimonies meant to overcome the Devil. They use the ministrations of sin and death against the wiles of the enemy to no avail. They still cling tenacious unto the testimonies of the Law and prophets which is after the flesh, rather than the testimony of Jesus which is after the Spirit by which the enemy is overcome. Those that walk after the Spirit hold the TOJ. **2 Cor 3:6-18**

The Father sent the Son and the Son sent the Holy Ghost. The Father sent the Son to bear witness of Him, while the Son sent the Spirit of truth and we his disciples to bear witness of Christ as well. Everyone is testifying of one thing or the other, knowingly or unknowingly. Whose witness and what kind of testimony do you bear continually in the world today? We are they that bear the testimony of Jesus and declare things that are to come in these last days according to the word of God and the wisdom that the Spirit of truth teacheth therein. **Rev 19:10; Jn 16:13-15; Mtt 16:13-16**

May the testimony of Jesus be found within you and in your mouth till that day of Christ. Amen.

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