

THE TORN VEIL

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The veil within the Tabernacle of Moses separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.

31 "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim. 32 You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver. 33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy. 34 You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy (Exodus 26:31-34 NKJV)

*2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and **behind the second veil**, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail (Hebrews 9:2-5 NKJV)*

The veil is a separation between two distinct and different locations. It is a separation between two positions.

The position beyond the veil was a privileged position reserved only for the High Priest who would go in once a year to make atonement for himself, his household and the nation.

16 So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17 There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 And he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. 19 Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel (Leviticus 16:16-19 NKJV)

When Jesus was on the cross He cried out to the Father and the veil was torn in the temple

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" 47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" 48

Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. 49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

*51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised
(Matthew 27:46-52 NKJV)*

The distinction between two positions was abolished when Jesus died on the cross. Now there is only one location. That location is Christ. We are in Him and He is in us. Our existence is from Him alone.

This veil is torn in Christ's flesh

*19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water
(Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV)*

Christ's flesh was torn through His wounds.

Scourged

*26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified
(Matthew 27:26 NKJV)*

Crown of thorns

*1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe
(John 19:1-2 NKJV)*

Crucified (Nails into his hands and feet)

*35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:
"They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots."
(Matthew 27:35 NKJV)*

*25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."
So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe
(John 20:25 NKJV)*

Pierced in His side

*34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out
(John 19:34 NKJV)*

These wounds are symbolic of how we enter boldly through the veil

TAKE UP THE YOKE

Jesus was scourged on His back and carried the cross on His shoulder.

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light
(Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV)

The yoke Jesus had was the joining to the Father

30 I and the Father are one.
(John 10:30 ASV)

We can enter into the Holiest of All because we become one with the Father.

CROWN OF THORNS

Jesus had a crown of thorns placed on His head. We must now put on the mind of Christ

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross
(Philippians 2:5-8 NKJV)

We can enter boldly because we have the mind of Christ. Our mind must be renewed as a sound mind to overcome fear and doubt.

CRUCIFIED HANDS

Jesus laid hands on the sick and they recovered. Hands are the works of Him in us.

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover
(Mark 16:17-18 NKJV)

We know we have entered when we demonstrate and manifest the power of God in the laying on of hands

CRUCIFIED FEET

These feet are the feet of the sent ones that deliver the good news

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"
(Romans 10:15 NKJV)

To enter boldly we must share the good news and walk in peace with all men

PIERCED SIDE

Eve was created from the rib from Adam's side. The church was born out of the pierced side of Jesus. This is symbol of who we walk with covenantally. We must have

relationships that walk with us side by side. We must reflect covenant by the way we treat relationships.

When we walk in covenantal relationships we can enter boldly into the presence of the Lord.

Jesus in His flesh had abolished the old and gave us a new and living way. This new way is a way to the Father.

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(John 14:6 NKJV)

The way into the Most Holy place was separated by a veil. Moses's face that shone with the glory of God was covered with a veil. In Christ's flesh we have unveiled faces.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)

The wall of separation is torn in Christ's flesh and we can draw near to Our Father

The tearing of veil during the crucifixion of Jesus has significant meaning for us as sons of God.

EXPRESSION OF SORROW

In eastern culture sorrow is expressed by the tearing of clothes and wearing of sackcloth and ashes.

When Joseph was sent into slavery both Firstborn and the Father tore their clothes

29 Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes

(Genesis 37:29 NKJV)

33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days

(Genesis 37:33-34 NKJV)

The outward temple responded by the tearing of the veil a symbol of great sorrow when Jesus who is the true temple yielded His spirit.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

(Revelation 21:22 NKJV)

4 Surely He has borne our griefs

And carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and afflicted.

(Isaiah 53:4 NKJV)

The tearing of the veil is end of our sorrows and griefs. The veil was lifted from Jacob's eye the day he saw his son Joseph. His mourning turned to dancing.

SEPARATION

There was a separation of the people from drawing near to God under the law. At Mount Sinai no one could come near

12 You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

(Exodus 19:12 NKJV)

Now that the veil is torn we can draw near to Him. We can boldly enter His presence.

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God

(Hebrews 7:18-19 NKJV)

There was a separation between Jews and Gentiles. The Gentiles were relegated to the outer court and could not enter further into the temple. Christ in His flesh has torn down the wall of separation.

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father

(Ephesians 2:11-18 NKJV)

Divisions are carnal which is a veil that separates in the flesh

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (NKJV)

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

It is not wrong to say one is of Paul and one is of Apollos but it is wrong when we do not come together because we are divided by spiritual fathers or networks.

Sin separates us from drawing near to God. Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death. When the veil was torn His blood has cleansed me from all unrighteousness and washed my sin. Sin brings a guilt conscience that causes us to drift from God. Sin is removed in Christ.

*8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double- minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up
(James 4:8-10 NKJV)*

*Trials & tribulations separate us from God
Romans 8:35-39 (NKJV)*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sin is in us and this keeps us separated from God

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

*21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good
(Romans 7:18-21 NKJV)*

Christ became sin for us

*21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him
(2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)*

How do we cleanse our way so that we can come through the new and living way?

9 How can a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed according to Your word.

10 With my whole heart I have sought You;

Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,

That I might not sin against You

(Psalms 119:9-11 NKJV)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us

(1 John 1:9-10 NKJV)

*25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish
(Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV)*

When the veil is torn we have boldness to enter in. This boldness requires us to:

LOOK INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE

Looking in is to look at the Ark of the Covenant which was placed beyond the veil.

Exodus 25:16-22 (NKJV)

And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

This looking is to search out the hidden secrets and mysteries of God. These is to look at that which angels desire to to look on. This is the search for the deep things in God. That which has been veiled and hidden is now revealed when we look into it. We must look at the Ark and what it is made of and what it contains.

To look is to READ, HEAR, MEDITATE AND UNDERSTAND

When we look at the Ark we see that it is made of Achaia wood which is an incorruptible wood. This speaks to us of Christ the incorruptible seed.

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

The ark was made of one piece of gold which speaks of the oneness of God and the oneness of His body.

John 10:30 (NKJV)

I and My Father are one."

Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

The gold speaks of the divine nature. Jesus is the Son of God. We are sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:26 (NKJV)

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

There are two cherubim's on the Ark which symbolize two that are in covenant. This could be a husband and wife, two brothers, a Father and Son, two apostles etc. They are standing face to face, eye to eye, hand to hand and feet to feet.

They can reason face to face, work with each other and walk with each other.

The box contained the bowl of manna, Aaron's rod and two tablets of stone. This is the word which contains grace that gives us authority to function. The relationship of the two cherubim's has a foundation in the word. Relationships must be built on the box.

The cherubims looked at the mercy seat. They were looking down. This is to function with humility and brokenness. They were looking at the blood sprinkled on the mercy seat and reminds us of the mercy of God in allowing His sons blood to be shed so that we can have eternal life.

Looking into the Holy Place requires boldness as it gives you understanding of what is required.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

As kings in Christ we search out the secret things

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)

*It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJVStrong's)

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God:but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

God does not hide from Abraham what He is doing

Genesis 18:17-18 (NKJV)

And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

We are Abraham's seed in Christ

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV)

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

To just look is to be in between. This is a position of uncertainty or being double minded. The in between position is a position of chaos.

Genesis 12:8-10 (NKJV)

And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. 9 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South. 10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Famine is the reward for building altars in between. When Fathers build inaccurately there will be famine. This is a famine of the word of The Lord, of the presence of The Lord, of the power of God.

Abram built between Bethel - House of God and Ai - Heap of ruins

You cannot try to building using two different spiritual locations. One is the House of God the other is a place of ruins, disorder, chaos. Such disorder and chaos brings famine, strife and contention and will lead to separation.

Genesis 13:2-7 (NKJV)

Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5 Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. 6 Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

- Gehazi reflected that he was in a place of in between when he accepted the gifts of Namaan
- Judas showed he was in between when he betrayed Jesus
- Miriam and Aaron showed they were in between when they rebelled against Moses
- Peter showed he was in between when he denied Jesus.

We must shift to the place of accuracy in order to experience all that Holiest has for us. We must not look but enter.

ENTER WITH BOLDNESS

While we look into and search out the secret things of God it is not enough. It is not enough to have the description and the knowledge but is better to apply the knowledge. We migrate from having boldness to look into the deep things and study the deep things but we must enter.

We enter His gates and come into His courts but we must enter boldly into His divine presence.

Our feet must stand within the gate

Psalms 122:1-2 (NKJV)

*1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."*

*2 Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

We must shift from lameness like the man outside the gate called beautiful to walking, leaping and praising God. This happens when we enter in. We must shift from the knowledge of covenant and enter into covenant whole heartedly. We must begin to experience this divine nature and the oneness of the Body.

To enter into the Most Holy Place there were two requirements the priest had to fulfill. He had to take a coal from the altar. The altar of incense was a symbol of prayers. We

can make prayers from different positions - from the outer court where Gentiles stand and prayer from the inner court where Jews stand but prayer from the Holiest of All is when Jews and Gentiles stand together because the veil is torn. This is the corporate prayer of the church. When such prayer is made from the place of oneness, Peter is released from prison. This is the prayer that God hears immediately.

The priest would enter according to the law

Leviticus 16:3-5 (NKJV)

“Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place:with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. 4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. 5 And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

Leviticus 16:14-16 (NKJV)

He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. 16 So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Aaron as a High Priest would offer a sin offering and a burnt offering for himself, his household and the nation of Israel. The offering was for personal, generational and national cleansing.

Jesus has come not to offer bulls and rams but His life according to the will of the Father.

Hebrews 10:4-10 (NKJV)

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,

But a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin

You had no pleasure.

7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—

In the volume of the book it is written of Me—

To do Your will, O God. ”

8 Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

God did not desire or take pleasure in the offerings of bulls and rams but in the Son who fulfills the will of the Father.

Therefore Jesus prayed in the garden:

Matthew 26:39 (NKJV)

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, " O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 26:42-44 (NKJV)

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, " O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Jesus prayed the same prayer three times because He knew it was the will of the Father that His body become the living sacrifice. He would become the new and living way to the Father.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, " I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

This most Holy Place is the everlasting love of Our Father. Jesus taught his disciples to prayer "Our Father"

When the priest would enter passed the veil he took coals from the altar with incense. This is the prayer of the saints.

How can we enter?

Romans 12:1 (NKJV)

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

I must present my body as living sacrifice so that I can enter through this new and living way and have a new life in Christ. This life is everlasting, eternal, kingdom life which is the "Zoe" life of God.

1. Do not be conformed to this world

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 John 2:15-16 (NKJV)

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

GREEK: Conform

g4964. συσχηματίζω *syschematizo*; from 4862 and a derivative of 4976; to fashion alike, i. e. conform to the same pattern (figuratively):— conform to, fashion self according to. AV (2)- conform to 1, fashion (one's) self according to 1;

to conform one's self (i. e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern, (fashion one's self according to)

2. Don't think highly of yourself

Romans 12:3-8 (NKJV)

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

We must identify or discern the gifts and functions within the Body of Christ and submit ourselves with self control.

3. True love

Romans 12:9-10 (NKJV)

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Our love must not have a false pretense but must come from pure motives. Honor, respect and give preference to one another

4. Be prompt, have zeal and serve

Romans 12:11 (NKJV)

not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Zeal of The Lord must consume us to serve The Lord with speed or diligence. Be on time, serve with excellence.

5. Remain an overcomer

Romans 12:12 (NKJV)

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

We show that we are living sacrifices when we still hope when there is no hope and we wait patiently in our tribulation by calling in prayer to God.

6. Be a distributor

Romans 12:13 (NKJV)

distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Charity begins at home. Within the household of faith we must be distributors. We must also be hospitable.

7. Be a blessing

Romans 12:14 (NKJV)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

In Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. We must always choose to bless and not curse. What a man sows he will reap. Keep sowing blessings and that's what we will reap. Pronounce benedictions over others.

8. Celebrate and mourn

Romans 12:15 (NKJV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

We must celebrate the victories of others and mourn the loss that some endure. This shows that we can identify with joy and pain of the brethren.

9. Do not have double standards

Romans 12:16 (NKJV)

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

We must treat people equally

10. Live in peace and not in vengeance

Romans 12:17-21 (NKJV)

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 5:38-42 (NKJV)

38 " You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. ' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Do not walk in vengeance but in peace with all men. We are not people who retaliate and resist.

11. Be subject to governing authorities

Romans 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

12. Pay what is due

Romans 13:6-7 (NKJV)

For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due:taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

All forms of tax must be paid

Customs on goods must be paid

Fear for authority

Honor those who labor in word and doctrine

13. Royal law of love

Romans 13:8-10 (NKJV)

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

James 2:8 (NKJV)

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

This is a kingdom love

14. Walk in light

Romans 13:12 (NKJV)

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

We are light and our defense is light. We overcome darkness by being light

15. Kingdom behavior

Romans 13:13 (NKJV)

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

Ephesians 5:15 (NKJV)

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16. Put on Christ

Romans 13:14 (NKJV)

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

We must put on the LORD JESUS CHRIST. This is His Lordship, His humanity and His eternal nature as Christ.

When we offer ourselves as living sacrifices we enter boldly into the Love of the Father and we experience His glory and His presence. We are not meant just to be gatekeepers but to partake of the holy things and enter the Holiest of All. We are in that place but cannot function from it because we have not torn the veil of our flesh.

WE MUST DISPENSE THE GRACE WE RECEIVE IN THE HOLIEST OF ALL

While we enter with boldness when the priest came out he would bless the people.

Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)

22 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

24 "The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace." '

27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

- Moses became a deliverer after the burning bush experience
- Jacob reconciled with Esau after wrestling with God
- Joseph governed Egypt after receiving divine dreams
- Daniel functioned with wisdom after having divine dreams
- David receive strategies for war when he encountered the presence of The Lord
- Saul became Paul after his divine encounter and became a minister to the Gentiles
- Peter spoke to the Gentiles after a divine encounter on the roof
- Stephen forgave when He saw the Son of man standing on the right hand of God
- Jesus ministered to a demoniac after coming down from the mount of transfiguration

Entering into His presence is for personal, transgenerational and national transformation.