**The Tabernacle School Of Ministry – Certificate Program**

# Assignment 2: Developing A Relationship With GOD (4 Credits)

1. **GOD’s Love Is Revealed In Jesus Christ**

* In John 3:16 Jesus Christ declares: < For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. > NKJV
* 1 John 4:9-10 reads: < 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. > NKJV
* Romans 5:6-8 reads: < 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. > NASB

1. **The Father Reveals The Son To My Heart In A Living Witness**

* Ephesians 1:17-19a reads: < 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. > NASB
* 1 John 5:9b-10a reads: < ... for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God ***has*** **the witness** ***in himself*** ... > NKJV

1. **The Witness In Me Is The Witness Of The Cross. The Witness Of The Cross Expresses The Actuality Of GOD’s Love Into Me**

* 1 John 5:7-8 reads: < 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. > NKJV
* John 19:30, 34 explains the Witness of the Cross as Spirit, Water and Blood: < 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His **spirit**. ... 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood** and **water** came out. > NKJV

1. **This Witness In Spirit, Water And Blood Is The Faithful And True Witness Of GOD Actualized In My Heart**

* The Lord Jesus Christ describes His Witness as: < ... **The Amen**, ***the*** **faithful and true Witness**, the Beginning of the creation of God > NASB

1. **Spirit, Water And Blood Is The Witness Of Jesus Christ. This Faithful And True Witness In Me Is Developed By The Holy Spirit**

* In John 16:13-15, the Lord Jesus explains: < 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, **for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you**. 15 "**All things that the Father has are Mine**; therefore I said that **He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you**. > NASB

1. **Spirit, Water And Blood Is The Witness Of GOD’s Love In Me. In This Witness Of The Cross I Develop Relationship With GOD**

* In 1 John 5:20 we are told in no uncertain terms: < 20 And we know that the Son of God has come [by Witness opened in us], and has given us understanding [through the Witness in us] so that we may know Him who is true [by the Witness Faithful and True alive in us]; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ [by the Witness of the Son we are alive to GOD]. This is the true God and eternal life [and so, now we can **live** and **function** in GOD by His Witness actualized]. > NASB

1. **The Witness Of The Cross Enables Me To Be On-Line With GOD**

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1. **In This Witness I Am In The Spirit [Of GOD]. In This Witness I Function By The Holy Spirit, In Christ Jesus. Amen!**

* Romans 8:1-2 explains this reality: < 1 T*here* is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. > NKJV

1. **This Witness Is The Heartbeat Of The Fulfillment Of The Law And The Prophets. This Witness Is The Witness Of Jesus Christ Actualized That Makes Us Functioning Members Of His Body**

* Romans 8:1-2 explains this reality of the Law and the Prophets: < 1 T*here* is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. > NKJV
* **In Matthew 5:17-18 the Lord Jesus declares the heartbeat of His mission: <** 17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. > NKJV
* **Philippians 4:13 gives true meaning to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets: <** 13 I can **do all things through Christ** who strengthens me. > NKJV

1. **The Witness In Me Is Perfected And Completed As My Heart Is Circumcised. My Circumcised Heart Is Part Of The Fulfillment Of The Law And The Prophets**

* Deuteronomy 30:6 points to the fulfillment of the Law And The Prophets: < 6 "Moreover **the LORD your God will circumcise your heart** and the heart of your descendants, **to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul**, so that you may live. > NASB
* In Matthew 22:36-40 the Lord declares what stands as the basis of the Law and the Prophets: < 36 "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "***'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*** 38 This is *the* first and great commandment. 39 And *the* second *is* like it: ***'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*** 40 **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets**." > NKJV
* Romans 2:29 proclaims the circumcision of our heart by the Holy Spirit: < 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; **and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. > NASB
* Colossians 2:11 describes how the Law is brought to fulfillment as our hearts are circumcised in the Testimony of Jesus: < 10 and in Him [in Jesus Christ, in the actualization of His Testimony] **you have been made complete**, and He is the head over all rule and authority; 11 and **in Him you were also circumcised** with a circumcision made without hands, **in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ** [Christ was circumcised and given the Name Jesus and His Name is opened to us as our hearts are circumcised through His Testimony being worked into us by the Holy Spirit] > NASB
* As Revelation 3:14b describes the Testimony of Jesus as: **< The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God. >** NASB
* **Tutor’s Note:** We learn by hearing the Word of GOD and understanding it. We learn by hearing the Word of GOD and accepting it. We learn by holding the Word in a good and honest heart and, by bearing fruit by putting the Word of GOD into practice in our thoughts, words, deeds and relationships. **The Word revealed comes to life in us in the Witness**. **The Witness is the result of our learning process in GOD**. Hence we relate to GOD by Word revealed in a Witness within us.