

In 2012, the Spirit of God placed a burden in my heart to write this book and I did and I kept it neatly on my laptop folded away from public scrutiny until this opportunity came to publish the book as a PDF, five years later. I thank God that he has placed this in your hand; it's not by coincidence or accident, its divine. I pray that the Spirit of God will speak to your heart as He did mine.

The church is the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the Church. This analogy seems simple and obvious, but is it obvious as it obviously seems? In all simplicity, we have never seen a cow giving birth to a dog or a dog giving birth to a hippopotamus. Elephant never lay eggs for hatching chicken. It would be very strange! This strangeness even if it happens, if it ever does, is a turn away from nature and its natural principles! That is why even in church, whatever practice, idioms, values, and doctrines that are not Christ-like are nothing but babbling's of man even if they are disguised in 'church buildings' by 'shepherds'.

The church has been appointed for a special calling to prepare people for the kingdom of God through Christ Jesus. Anything beyond and outside is "*value addition*". For the scripture teaches clearly "*Seek yee first the kingdom of God and everything else will be added unto thee*" Anything else is value addition! Period! So what is God's kingdom? Christ came to establish his kingdom—Kingdom of Heaven in our hearts so that we can be made holy through him for Eternal life.

The greatest assignment of the church as commissioned by Christ in Mathew 28:19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...* This commission is clear, teach Disciples of Christ, prepare Saints for heaven and Christ ambassadors among others. This means the *greatest product and service the church is selling is Christ- his word- his doctrine- his faith- his kingdom- his resurrection and -his truth*. In John 14:6, Jesus saith ..., *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" Now this is a plain statement, true and fundamental to the Church. Jesus is the vine and the church is the branch. The branches cannot dictate to the vine but the vine is pleased with the diligent and pure branches that produce fruits.

Now if Christ is the head of the church, then the question; *is the church preparing saints for his kingdom?* Ok, I can see you are developing a questioning mind, read on. I pray that the Holy Spirit opens your ears to understand and reveal to you the meaning of the book and the prophetic voice to the church. It will rebuke and heal the wounds. It will make you angry; angry enough to wake up from your slumber and arise to do something. It will provoke you to make Christ visible to the world so that the world can be saved. The bible says "*my people perish because they lack knowledge and understanding...*" Church, don't be judged by this book rather be edified by it by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At the turn of events, we need a hi-tech- microscope to see Jesus in the church! The church which is meant to serve the sheep is openly raping the sheep. Churches have become motivating pulpits, business, and self-proclaimed altars. The church is becoming a cosmetic

centre with some becoming money milking machines with the goddess of hell laughing all the way as many join the destructive and dooms path. Christians are increasingly becoming motivated 'fools', they are taught man made principles of well-being, life skills and we are seeing the message of the **Cross** becoming rare and rarer in church. The love of God extending his hand to sinners so that they can get everlasting life is increasingly becoming absent. The greatest mission of Jesus GOD coming to become a 'Man' was to release himself to us so that through him we may have eternal life, reconciled to the father forever. Eternal life is through Christ who is the way, the truth and Life. But we can only be in his way, if we walk in his righteousness and holiness. "So be you holy because our Lord is Holy" says Paul to the church. Our Lord Jesus taught us what eternal life is, in John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Salvation is a free gift attained by accepting Jesus Christ as one's Lord and saviour; this is the start of the Journey. We need the sword of the truth in this journey. We need total obedience and submission, crucifying the flesh to the will of God. *Salvation is a process; it's not a one day event. Its work, you must work through the daily struggles to overcome the lusts of the flesh towards a Christ-centred life. We must carry our cross and follow Jesus. The evil one has made us believe that one can be 'saved' and still walk in canal.* One can walk with Christ and still be a lost child just like Jude Iscariot was. The Israelites walked with the ark of the Lord, day and night but many perished in the desert. The church could talk about Christ as a sugar coated pain killer but Christ expects more than that from the church. Christ is the bread of life, the root and offspring of David, he is the living water that the world can't give. The rest of the things the world can give, even before Jesus came to earth, bread was available because he had already created it and so was water but whoever ate of this bread was damned to eternal condemnation even those who ate manna from heaven. It's only through eating the bread of heaven through total obedience to Christ as the church walks the walk of salvation that we are assured of everlasting eternity.

Christ expects a church that honours his Father, his Word, and the Holy Spirit. In the later days, like we are in, the church is in danger of being engulfed in serving the goddess Jezebel without knowing and others knowingly. That is why the bells must be rang again and again, Christ will not take a church that has blemish or is spotted. He needs a spotless church to present to his 'Holy Father' and for himself.

The church must support Christians walk the narrow path to heaven and leave the broad route of destruction. The church should encourage its members to walk the path that leads to eternal life. How? By teaching people to obey and live within the word of the Lord; to be truthful and surrender their lives completely to Christ; to die in the flesh and live in the spirit; to internalise the pain of Christ at the cross and accept to be transformed completely and absolutely. Paul says be ye transformed...by the renewing of your mind...

Luke: 13:22-27 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them; strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door,

and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

There is no mystery in this book; there is no expert work, it's just a plain book so that you can understand. It is not written in concealed metaphors and prose, it's just plain message to the church, the ministers, to you the servant of the Lord, to you the body of Christ and me the believer in the Son of the Living God as I struggle through this journey to eternity.

Arise church, take your mantle and walk the way of the cross. Arise church and let the world feel your presence. Arise church and let the spirit of the Lord roam through your altars of worship. Arise children of God as we journey into the destiny of eternity. Arise church and let the Light of Christ shine so brightly to engulf the works of the evil one. Amen