

THE GREAT DIVIDE THE SURE MERCIES OF DAVID 5**18/9/16**

*Despite all the multitudes and diverse cultures in this world, there are only two types of people that summarise all humanity. There are those that are spiritually alive and those that are spiritually dead. Spiritual life comes by the anointing of the Holy Spirit (through the death and resurrection of Christ) and the maintenance of that life has been established on the mercies of David. However, when the maintenance is lacking, troubles and despair will also create a great divide. The mercy that David established for all of us; has one key requirement that most people overlook. **PSA 51:12** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. **13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.** Verse 13 reveals the basis of David's agreement with God. Those who walk in the spirit must also be servants and administrators of God's word... not just hearers, but doers. Being a hearer only is unhealthy.*

*This is the obvious question that God directs to all his saints... **ROM 10:14** 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? It isn't enough to know the gospel and its promises, it has to be our life.*

*Paul offered the church some clear and simple directions on this topic. **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. First, there is a clear definition between being spiritually alive and dead. **10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **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** (maintain spiritual purity in) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. Natural needs, resources and objectives. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall **die**: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall **live**.*

*A spiritual lifestyle that overcomes this world requires spiritual priorities and actions... not religious beliefs. **14** For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God (the doers of the word James 1:22), they are the sons of God. **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. We have been given spiritual ability to serve God and do his will... we have also been given a management system which is both easy and foolproof for all who apply it. **16** The Spirit itself beareth **witness** with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Our lives are built on signs and deeds.*

***ROM 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free** from the law of **sin and death**. The law of the spirit of life is strictly related to spiritual living and actions... not just spiritual agreement, or by fellowshiping in the 'right' church. The lifeguard trains to save lives, his training is not his job. Saving lives and working in partnership with fellow guards is his duty... the same as us.*

*Without living **Spiritually active lives**, we become part of this worlds failings... **2TIM 3:1** This know also, that in the last days **perilous times shall come** (they are here and getting worse). **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; *This is the church's problem also.**

*Our promotion of God's benefits also builds the faith to live and maintain our calling. **MAT 11:29** Take my yoke upon you (linked to the purposes of the gospel), and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **30** For my yoke is **easy**, and my burden is **light**. Struggling with our spiritual status, is not from God or from the spirit... it's from the world or from spiritually unfruitful choices.*

***Pride is the great divider of those that are spirit filled.** **PRO 13:12** Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.* Much of our negativity arises because we are too proud to accept the Lord's promises. The most deceitful type of pride may result because forgiveness seems too easy, or we feel we are too 'unworthy' to receive blessings or forgiveness. This is not of God! The solution is simply to believe God and his simplicity, ignore our doubts and fears and get on with our servitude... eat the fruit of life.*

*We are surrounded by likeminded and caring people, in the presence of God. **1PET 3:8** Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: *This is the least we can do.* **&12** For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. **HEB 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to **help** in time of need. Walk in the spirit as Jesus and David provided!*