**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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 ***Exploits Through The Filling Of The Holy Spirit (Part1) study 4***

 **TEXT**: Exodus 31:1-6, Act1:32-34

**MEMORY VERSE**: 2 *Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable and noble [use] and some for menial and ignoble [use].*

 Whenever the firmament is filled with cloud laden with water, rain is sure to come upon the earth! 1King 18:44-45. The Holy Spirit is the source and resource of the saints:

*i. He has the repository of all power, riches and wisdom.*

*ii. He has the mandate and plan for the redemption of the world and is willing to work through the available and surrendered human vessels!*

*iii. He connects, purge, fill and refill each vessel he chooses with grace, gift, and power according to His own will, choice and preference.*

**Understanding The Filling Principles and Process By The Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 KJV**

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. [21] If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work". God does not distribute or invest his grace anyhow! It is always base on the principle of grace, cooperation,obedience and fruitfulness down the line in the journey of exploits and glorification. The investment of grace is for divine profit.

**1. God does not discriminate against anyone. He will equip, allot and designate base on His knowledge of individual, plan, preference and expected outcome, but in diverse manners! 1Corinthians 12:6,7.** Everyone in God’s kingdom who walks worthy in the Lord, is a vessel unto honour! The great house which is refered to in 2Timothy 2:20 above, is not a reference to the Church but to a typical earthly home setting. Every sinner outside God's kingdom is a dishonourable vessel due to the tainting of sin. The blood of Jesus and faith in Him are prerequisites for a turnaround from shameful living to glorious one.

**2. The content of a vessel determines it's identity, worth, power and relevance! Colossians 2:27 says: " Christ in you is the hope of glory". Exploits in believers life is determined by the knowledge and power of Christ within!**

*i. David knew the power and possibilities of Christ resident within. He went ahead to slay Goliath!*

*ii. Namaan's maid knew the power resident in God of Elijah, her declaration by faith brought about her Master's cleansing from leprosy!*

 Daniel said: "They shall do exploits that know the Lord their God". Daniel 11:32. Who or what indwells you determines your relevance and exploits as Christ witness.

**3. Grace, anointing and power obey the law of fluidity(ie, free flowing):**

*i. Filling is possible by movement from higher to lower potential.*

 *Hence humility and lowliness answers to the flow of power in Christ.*

*ii. The conduit of power must be resistance free!*

 Hence purity from sin, holy living and obedience to God's leading count so much to be filled and refilled with divine power for exploits. Therefore, as abiding holy believer, you are positioned and sitted above with Christ. His grace and power will flow through you to effect God's counsels on earth. Luke 4:18.

**4. Maintaining your connection to the divine filling is your wisdom as followers of Christ! This is possible by faith, knowledge and persistence! 1Corinthians15:58. You need to:**

 *i. Fight sin ii. Fight Satan's Wiles,*

*iii. Fight flesh IV. Fight pride. 1John 2:26.*

**5. You don’t own the divine virtue/substance. It belongs to God! God has chosen you to be a channel to flow through. This understanding should equip you with a sense of responsibility: 1Corinthians 15:10.**

*i. You must not fail God.*

*ii. You must not disappoint His purpose.*

*iii. You must not fail those for whom you are anointed to help.*

**6. Don’t lightly esteem the grace upon your life. You can’t determine the extent to which God will work through you or affect humanity as His vessel! Romans 11:33-36.**

**Note:**

 Ruth seemingly little decision of faith to follow God through Naomi, was the reason for the birth of David! It simply means: In that decision, she killed Goliath, the coronated future kings like: David, Solomon etc., for Israel. She equally gave Jesus Christ to the world! When you connect with God to be filled as channels, you can’t tell the extent of His working through you.

**7. There is great joy in being chosen , filled and used of God as a vessel of honour. 1Timothy 1:11-17.**

*i. The filling by the Holy Spirit is refreshing.*

*ii. Seeing God working through you is edifying.*

*iii. Those who are blessed by God through you will bless you and glorify God on your behalf.*

 Decide to be a honourable, filled and useful vessel from today.

***Prayers:***

+ *Lord, prepare me as a living and holy vessel.*

*+ Lord, fill me with your grace, fire and power to set sinners and oppressed free.*

*+ Lord, let my life count for you in this world to your glory. Amen.*

**HYMN: FILL MY CUP,LORD**

1. Like the woman at the well I was seeking

For things that could not satisfy;

And then I heard my Saviour speaking:

‘Draw from My well that never shall run dry’

*Fill my cup, Lord, - I lift it up, Lord!*

*Come and quench this thirsting of my soul*

*Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more*

*Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

1. There are millions in this world who are craving

The pleasure earthly things afford

But none can match the wondrous treasure

That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

1. So, my brother, if the things this world gave you

Leave hunger that won’t pass away;

My blessed Lord will come and save you,

If you kneel to Him and humbly pray;