

VICTORY FAITH CENTRE STATEMENT ON THE WORD AND SPIRIT MOVEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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THE WORD AND SPIRIT BASIS

The Word and the Spirit are two witnesses on the Earth today, which establish one matter. What before was two (i.e. two witnesses) should now become as one (i.e. the established truth), as Deuteronomy 19:15b states, “at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.” And in the New Testament another witness, “But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” (Matthew 18:16).

The Word means the Scripture, which is the Holy Bible. This is to be exalted and to be praised (see Psalm 56:10). “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.” (Psalm 138:2). The words of God are the Christian’s necessary food (see Job 23:12) and are vital for spiritual life (see Matthew 4:4). The Lord Jesus Christ, who also has the title of the Word (see John 1:1), makes it clear that His words are not to be neglected, changed or in any way trampled underfoot. “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

The Spirit means the Holy Ghost and His domain. This is Who should be leading us. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14). We should in every way live, walk and move by Him. “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25). The Spirit is always right “*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16).

Christ, called the Word made flesh, is truth (see John 14:6). The Word is truth (see John 17:17) and the Spirit is truth (see 1 John 5:6). God’s words are words of truth and the Spirit is the Spirit of truth, which is clearly evident by both Scripture and what the Holy Ghost says today. The Authorized Version (the King James Bible) is fully true, and the Holy Ghost infilling and leading in the faith-filled full Gospel is true.

Also, what must be evident to Word and Spirit churches is that the same Gospel preached by Jesus (see Mark 1:14, 15), and so the same Word, must be fully available right to the end of the world. “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14). “In whom [Christ] ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13). The fact that salvation comes from the preaching of the Gospel is clearly stated in many Scriptures, such as 1 Corinthians 15:1, 2. The end time Church must have a single Word to present to the world. This is a great indictment on the multitudinous modern versions which are supposedly from God. The Word and Spirit movement demands that this trend be reversed and that the Church be restored, indeed strengthened and cleansed, for the Gospel task ahead.

THE SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON GOD’S END TIME PLAN

Smith Wigglesworth was a King James Bible-using Faith Pentecostal. A word of prophecy recorded in a biography stated, “A week before his death, Wigglesworth prophesied again ... This time, he foretold a second move of the Spirit. The first move would bring the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit; the second would bring a revival of emphasis on the Word of God. He said, ‘When these two moves of the Spirit combine, we shall see the greatest move the Church of Jesus Christ has ever seen.’” (Stormont, George, 1989, Smith Wigglesworth, Harrison House, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA, page 123.)

The Word and Spirit movement is growing as the churches worldwide realise the importance of preparation and seeding of the Word, in line with the Spirit, for the end time harvest of people coming into the Kingdom

of God. The interest of all Biblical Christians should be in one true unity of doctrine, based on one Word by one Spirit. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10).

The Bible prophesies about the last days cleansing of the Church, such as that the sanctuary is to be cleansed (see Daniel 8:14), and that lukewarm compromisers are to be spewed out of the Body of Christ (see Revelation 3:14–22).

Jesus is coming back for a clean Church. The compromised and filthy carnal Christians (those who act, speak and think like the world), must be cleansed or ejected. It is through the Word of God that cleansing is to be achieved. "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:3). "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:26, 27). And again, "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:21, 22). The work of the Word is to cleanse the Church and the work of the Spirit is to build the Church, so the work of the Word and Spirit must be together, and this is what this movement believes, as a fulfilment of the holiness tradition.

Passages throughout the Bible indicate that knowledge is gained from hearkening to God's Word. The Scripture indicates that things can be known and found out (see Proverbs 1:6) and that hidden things can be known (see Luke 8:17). Again, the work of the Spirit is to bring knowledge, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13), and so we can know all things (see 1 John 2:20).

On this basis, having the fullness of the Word, that is the Pure Cambridge Edition, perfect interpretation and full understanding is directly connected to the Word and Spirit movement. The aim of a believer should be full doctrine, and proper and clear leading of the Spirit, so that instead of having destroyed foundations (see Psalm 11:3), the people of God come into the opposite of the following Scripture. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hosea 4:6).

The Church is coming into a Restitution of what unity, blessing and knowledge has previously been robbed from it. The Word and Spirit way is part of the Church Restitution, restoring years of division, lack and ignorance among the Christian brethren. "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed." (Joel 2:25, 26). The Word and Spirit doctrine is essential for entering into the present time supper provided by God.

And so "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:15).

This must also be entirely linked with the promises of a spiritual outpouring given in Joel and preached by Peter in Acts. This has been expected by many believers, and promoted by all kinds of Anglo-Protestant groups from the past. In Acts 3:24 it states, "Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." The angel in Revelation 10:7 also showed, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRUTH

The devil has lied to many and said the Church Restitution is not possible. The spirit of error, working through Modern Infidelity, has said that the aims of the Word and Spirit view are impossible. But believers have the greater One in them (see 1 John 4:4) and overcome the world (1 John 5:4). God has established the "royal

priesthood” (see 1 Peter 2:9) in the Earth to “reign in life” (see Romans 5:17) and “to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5b). The world has not yet seen the royal priesthood of Christian believers in great victory across the Earth, preaching the Gospel with signs following (see Mark 16:15-20), yet this is the will of God for His people.

In this spiritual war and progress of truth, the Word and Spirit movement is the spiritual mechanism that can and will effectively address the enemy of Christ, the spirit of antichrist, which is the enemy of the Word and of the Spirit. It may be likened to a superweapon, prepared of God for the latter days. In Daniel 11:32–35 there are believers who are effective witnesses and preachers in the time of the final Eastern Antichrist.

“But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are” (1 Corinthians 1:27, 28).

Whatever enemy ideology, however strong Modern Infidelity seems, it cannot stand against the advancement of truth. “All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.” (Isaiah 18:3). This then is the strange work of God, his strange act (see Isaiah 28:21).

CONCLUSION

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