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Introduction

We are living in key times in the spiritual world, this stage of the Church presents challenges and proposals, because it is a stage of transition and reform. I believe that God is promoting his people to new and better levels of revelation, it is not a promotion by any merit, on the contrary, it is another example of his infinite grace, because in no way can we say that we have profiled ourselves for such a Divine benefit, on the contrary I believe that we live the benefits of the end times.

It is curious to say the benefits of the end times, when prophetically it seems that everything will get worse, but I mean that the external pressures of everything that will get bad, will generate a purification in the special and true church, a purification that not everyone will understand but it is logical that it is so. While the love of many will cool, others will be elevated to new dimensions.

Revelation is nothing more than being able to understand what our spirit already knew from communion, but had not yet reached our understanding of life. If God's will is revealed to us, we will advance in everything, if it is not revealed to us we will simply miss out on the advancement and purpose. I believe that God operates from revelation, and the risk of revelation is that many will miss out on the benefits of the obedience that must detonate.

In the same way when we take a revelation from God and determine to walk by it, it is because what was imparted to us was truly the Word of God and not an intimidating concept or a religious threat. If Christ is revealed to us, the burning love will make us follow him and if we love him more than our own life, then we will reach the consummation of our mission, because the Lord says that whoever wants to follow him, must deny himself, take up his cross and walk in obedience, he also says that whoever wants to defend his life and his rights, he can do it through free will, yet God's eternal purpose is not canceled out by anything, at most the only one who misses it is the one who decides not to be governed by an eternal determination.

The Kingdom of Heaven cannot rule the earth and creation as a whole, if it does not do so from the body of Christ and the body cannot manifest itself as such without revelation, because this is how the Father has designed it in his sole power.

Christ is the second Adam, at least in order of earthly appearance, because in reality the first man was created in the image of Christ and just as the Father commissioned the first Adam to lord and subdue the earth, he has determined it with the second. The first failed because of sin but the last Adam who is a life-giving spirit, will do what the first could not and I say he will do, because the good work that began on the Cross continues its development through the Church that is his body, the fullness of the one who fills everything.

Therefore, God is seeking with his Church to manifest his spiritual government. The problem is that the members of the body of Christ have been too preoccupied and busy in our chores. We have worked after the thoughts elaborated in our head and not through those that come from the true head, and one thing is certain, if there is no government of the head to the members of the body either by insensitivity or by reason of irresponsibility, there will also be no manifestation to the world of the glorious fullness that God proposes.

The body is not reached by goodwill, but by regeneration and life, but only revelation will bring us into its reality. Goodwill is imperfect, but revelation makes no excuses.

Many times the Lord sends His children to congregate and yet when someone does not, he simply exposes his excuse believing that he is right. How many times Does God command His people to pray, but when confronted with a brother who did not pray, He surely makes an excuse as to why He didn't do it and believes that it will be enough.

That is not a problem to live together, but to govern it is key to be able to solve it and the Kingdom is to exercise government, not to play the evangelicals, that is why this book seems fundamental to me in these times, in which we must become aware of body.

With that natural attitude, without spiritual revelation, we are the only ones harmed, because we are part of the

generation that at this time has its chance and when we act irresponsibly, we lose everything that God wants to do with us. We need to be responsible and have an attitude towards things.

The regeneration and life that brought us into the body is the expression of the most extraordinary grace we can know and the valuation of that grace are the responsible actions through which we must manifest it and that is what this book is about.

When God speaks to us a word of faith, He does it for the body, not just for us to receive individually, God desires the whole body to generate, establish, and govern. The problem is that there are too many individualities, and that's why we don't achieve things effectively. There are many who are not interested in the corporate purpose, they are only thinking about them and their life circumstances.

Unfortunately while many brethren give their lives in obedience, those who should compose the rest of the body are distracted, and that problem is delaying the last great revival, because if it is not from the body the spiritual government of the kingdom will not be manifested, that is, until we enter into obedience to the conviction that the Holy Spirit is seeking in these times through the reformation, we will not unleash the power that will fully manifest the Divine government.

We must be edified and convinced by the Spirit through the revelation of some concepts, otherwise we will not be able to function in corporate coordination, so I beg you to read this book with great tranquility and reflection.

I think that the exposition of the spiritual concepts that I raise in this book are very serious and delicate. These are concepts that I think we must mature. The church is a body, a spiritual entity, a living organism and that must matter to all of us, we must care about purpose and we must care about the destiny of the earth, because on it is established the plan of redemption.

There are things that God will not do with a few and it is not that he cannot do it, it is that he does not want to do it but through unity. With people who are truly committed to the cause, because that is the essence of a true body. When we truly unite, there is the body and where the body of Christ is, there is the anointing and where the anointing is there is freedom.

I invite you then to read this book that will surely awaken in you, a deep desire to immerse yourself in the power of the one who is His body and to function effectively in Him, for Him and for Him.

It is very likely that you at this time can assure me that you are certainly an active member of the body of Christ, but in averaging this book, you may rethink that response. For a simple reason, I believe that through reading, a shocking

revelational dimension will make sense in you, a real increase in the admission requirements to function as an effective member of the body of Christ, an extraordinary and almost desperate conviction to take the place god has assigned to you since before time.

I hope the Lord will impart to your spirit the wisdom and revelation necessary for this book to help you elevate your life to new levels of commitment and power.

I invite you to pray and of course to maintain a posture of prayer every time you resume reading this material.

*"Lord, our faith rests in the Blood
and the righteousness of Jesus Christ.*

*We hope that these pages, emerged
of the teachings of your Word and of the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, build us
and affirm our feet on the rock, for
everything else is quicksand.*

*Lord, we open our hearts and ask You
wisdom to understand, revelation to see
and fear to apply with dedication
each of these teachings in our lives.*

*Lord, may we understand
In a true dimension of change,
what it means to be members of the body of Christ
and the privilege of such an invitation,
the benefits of accepting that call
and the power that must operate in us*

*through that position and covenant.
give us also Lord, a firm conviction
of the need that the world has
regarding the manifestation of the body of Christ.*

*Thank you we give you Lord,
in the holy name of Jesus
Amen..."*



Chapter One

Recognition of the body

When children are newborns they cannot control the movement of their bodies, their movements are only reflexes. They don't have a fully developed nervous system yet. During the first few months they can clearly see objects that are about ten inches away, but only at six months is their eye ability more developed to see clearly at a greater distance. By the time they reach four months, most babies are already able to control their muscles and nervous system. They can sit with support, keep their heads raised for short periods, and roll from side to side freely. We can understand then that the time of development is necessary so that they can recognize and govern their body, without this meaning that they can govern the environment in which they inhabit. Only after a few years will they manage to govern the spoon, the tricycle and the television.

Immaturity prevents a child from being able to manage even the most insignificant things, such as candy, because if the government of their parents does not put a limit on them, they end up getting sick from excess sweets. A human being is only ready to rule when he has reached fullness, when he

can not only govern his body, but also the environments in which he develops his life.

Jesus was born as a baby, but the Christ only manifested Himself in the fullness of Jesus' body, which in Jewish culture was thirty years old. At twelve he is seen arguing with the religious, but at thirty he realized that this was not an assignment for his government. The body of Jesus was the tool for the manifestation of the Christ, but it was the government of Christ that broke the empire of darkness.

Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that the Church must mature to the fullness of a perfect male and in his letter to the Galatians he makes it clear that immaturity is an impediment to administering the inheritance, he says that while the son is a minor, he is equal to any slave in the family and depends on the people who care for and teach him, until the day his father hands him his property and makes him the owner of everything. (**Galatians 4:1-7**). So Paul is telling us "Church mature, recognize your spiritual body, let the head that is Christ rule you and when the body responds to the head, then govern the spiritual environments that contain you, thus manifesting the Kingdom that Christ established in the body of Jesus."

The biggest problem in the church today, is not recognizing his body, sin does not allow people to see Christ, but the lack of commitment does not allow us to see the body, that is, the Lord by his grace already allowed us to see Christ, that is why we converted, but disobedience and

irresponsibility do not allow us to see the body and if we cannot first recognize the body, much less will we be able to function in it in fullness.

The first thing that manifests the recognition of the body is obedience, the members of the body only accept the orders of the head, when they can be recognized. Babies usually hurt themselves with their own hands when they still do not recognize orders from their mind, but with the course of the days a recognition begins that allows them to govern their movements little by little.

Obedience is learned and learning it hurts, obedience alone hurts, because it is a renunciation of rights, but nevertheless it has its fruit to walk through it. If God commands us to do something and we do not do it we will lose our rank of authority, and then we will not be able to tell even the demons to leave, therefore, we must submit to God's rule in absolute obedience, because otherwise, we will have no government of anything in the spiritual world.

Do you know how you would diagnose the biggest problem in the church today? "A dangerous excess of individualism," so many may determine not to do what God is saying and do not even care. Today anyone decides to take some time and not congregate and does not think that he is doing something wrong. If you ask them what happens to them, they can answer: No! I'm doing well, I don't have any problems with God, I'm just taking some time, but I'm coming back! That is, they have no idea what that means, or

how much they are affecting the rest of the members, they have no revelation of the Body, in fact, a member of our body, would never act in such a way, right?

People act that way because they are not seeing the body, and the one who does not see it, is not part of it and if we are not part of the body we cannot manifest government, because a Christian cannot exercise it individually and independently just because he has believed.

It is the body that rules. That is, Christ is the one who rules and we are supposed to be the members of the body of Christ, therefore today we can seek the message of the Kingdom, but there will be no manifestation of the Kingdom until we can discern the Body.

Christ did not announce the manifestation of the Kingdom, until the body of Jesus, the carpenter's son, developed and attained fullness. We will not be able to manifest the Kingdom until we reach the fullness of the Body, as announced by the Apostle Paul. (**Ephesians 4:13**)

That is why the Word says that when we baptize, we immerse ourselves in a body and if we do not manage to see this it is because we are not of the body, and we can never exercise government even if one day and long ago, we have thrown ourselves into the water declaring a covenant. We will simply be spectators. That is, we will be saved, but we will not have government or be participants in the change in our homes, much less in the nations, because we are not

operating from the Body of the anointed one, no matter how much we seek anointing. We are simply operating from our person, our whim, our independence and that is not God's design.

We have much delegated authority from the Lord, but if we do not function together, as one body, we will be mere spectators sitting in the stalls of life, because there are things that will only work for us as active members of the body of Christ and not because of the songs we sing on Sundays in our almost glorious meetings.

Imagine Christ if in the days of his flesh, he had not obeyed the little things. Imagine that if we today command by the Word that people pray and do not pray, how can they obey greater things or even die to their desires seeking the spiritual government of a city? If we cannot obey the most essential and logical things, how can we obey what is transcendent or involves a high cost?

Jesus obeyed in everything the Father, who through the Holy Spirit led him to his will, but he was able to do so because he had a body of flesh that obeyed him in everything. The Bible relates how Jesus walked on water, how he touched many people, how he saw, spoke and listened to crowds and that was the result of a healthy body that obeyed him in everything he had to do, even when he did not have a pillow to lay his head down receiving a well-deserved rest.

The body of Jesus was not formed from the dust of the earth like that of Adam, nor was it formed taking part from Mary and part of Joseph, the body of Jesus, the son of the carpenter, was not a common body, it was the body sent from heaven for the manifestation of the Christ, the anointed one of God. Anyway God became man, so the prophet Isaiah had declared that from a virgin would be born a child named Immanuel, whose meaning is "God with us".

I don't know if you've ever thought so, but before Jesus was born in the manger, God was God and men simply men, yet with the birth of the Messiah, God became man in the incarnation. But attend well, because this did not stop there, in the resurrection the Divine design was fulfilled, because man acceded to God, that is, the incarnation introduced the divine element into human life, and the resurrection introduced the human element into the divine life.

The Lord help us to understand this clearly, because it is something that is not preached much, but I believe it is vital for the manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us see, after the incarnation it was possible to say that there was a Man on earth in whose life the divine element was present. But it was not until after the resurrection that it could be said that there was a God in heaven who had the human element. This is the meaning of the resurrection!

If we only know God as the one who can help us to pass life easier, our knowledge is very objective, because in that case, God is still God and we are still us, with problems

or without problems, with riches or without riches, but Immanuel, that is: "God in us" can only occur when the Divine person of His Holy Spirit can manifest through our lives. It is necessary, therefore, that we know the God of the resurrection, and it is only through the death of our self that He can make his way in our lives. Only after death can the power of resurrection be manifested.

I think this shows a little, at least a little, why the Church does not manifest in our day, as Paul says: "The New Man" (**Ephesians 4:24**) and it is because we have not yet been able to kill the old man who contains us. The new one must be established according to God and not according to men, in justice and in the sanctity of truth.

Christ was the best example. He learned to obey the Father. Although many may think that it was easy for Him, because He was Jesus, it was not so. The whole universe obeyed Him, until one day, already on earth, he had to learn obedience and suffered a lot to do so, if you do not believe so, read carefully **Hebrews 5:8**. In fact, things worked for him on earth because he learned to obey the Father from heaven, and a person who obeys is responsible, and when a person is responsible he can exercise government, but an irresponsible person can never exercise government, because an irresponsible person is someone who does not have the ability to respond and who does not respond when given an order, he is a disobedient.

Imagine my beloved reader, if in many cases, we cannot obey the determined start time to start a meeting, if we cannot obey a principle of God such as speaking without saying bad words. The sad thing is that we will always have an explanation as to why we don't. But we must understand that our degree of obedience will be our degree of responsibility, and our degree of responsibility will be our authority to exercise kingdom government and power.

Let us understand that God cannot lead us to higher purposes if we cannot even obey worship. If we cannot obey basic things, they cannot give us greater things. Lack of obedience is a total lack of responsibility, and let's remember that being irresponsible takes away our government, because it leaves us out of the body.

The Father ruled Christ, but Christ ruled Jesus and Jesus ruled the environments. That is, Christ could never have manifested Himself in a man named Jesus if Jesus had not denied His will. Jesus was always subject to a higher government, so demons obeyed Him. Simply because Jesus obeyed the Father, that's when He manifested the Christ.

The reason why the church cannot achieve governance of environments in a city is simple and is because the church is not obeying the Holy Spirit, who so lovingly desires to lead us to all truth and justice. That is why when a Christian does not obey, he cannot govern things as he should, because there is irresponsibility and the first thing we need is obedience.

Jesus Christ shows us the A, B, C, of government with the testimony of his own life. The power he had over creation, including demons, was for one simple reason, he was obedient. Christ, today is the Church, the church is His body. The question is: Is the whole body working in unity? Do all members of the body obey the directives of the head? At this point I want to express something that I consider extremely serious, and that is that I believe that the head has total dominion over the body, therefore all the members of the body that do not obey, are not taken as such by the Lord, I think we can count or opine that there are a certain number of members in the body of Christ, but I believe that for God it is only members who respond to the head, orthopedic limbs do not count.

If because of an amputation, a person had to wear a prosthesis, as real as it may seem, it will never be subject to the orders of the head and therefore, that person will not consider it an active part of his body, at most he will use it because aesthetically he likes it. Moreover, it may partly fulfill a function from which the rest of the body is benefited, such as support or grip, but it will never belong to the body definitively, so it is possible to give up that prosthesis or remove it at bedtime, because it will never be from the body, it has no life, it does not receive impartation from the rest of the organism, it is, but lifeless, it does not beat with the body and never will. Unfortunately I believe that there are many orthopedic Christians who do not beat with the heart of God.

If the Kingdom is about government and we are the body of Christ, we must understand that in order to rule seated with Him in heavenly places, the Spirit must first gain dominion over our lives, through our surrender and surrender. If God governs us, we can govern all that He has given us in stewardship, if God cannot govern us, we will never govern the life of a fig tree, much less the transfer of a mountain.

If God governs us, we can govern our lives in His name and for His glory, we can govern our body, our time, our relationships, our family, our economy, that is, if we cannot govern the pocket, we cannot govern a principality. That is why it is so important for the church to understand the gravity of not developing the gifts, talents, anointing, and all that the Lord in His grace has bestowed upon us.

Adversity comes when we leave the body out of irresponsibility or disobedience, because God with his grace and with his love adopted us in Christ, the problem is that with all our excuses we are left out of the body. Whenever the body needs us, we are not; every time the body gathers to pray, we are not; every time you have to collaborate on something, we are not. Then we end up showing that we are not part of the body, because with those attitudes, the body will not register us. We must understand that whatever God wants to do in this time He will do through the body of Christ.

It is because of this body design that God commands us to gather together. Sure, you may ask: If we have a

Kingdom mentality, and the Kingdom mentality is outside the temple, why does God command us to meet? But the word says that God needs to bring us together to impart us, He desires to gather His people because there He pours out blessing and eternal life. God does not anoint bodies, He always anoints heads and oil falls on the body (**Psalm 133:2**), that is why it is so important that the body come together trying to open heaven, because the head of Christ is not on earth, but in heaven and from it will come the anointing.

Notice that the Bible does not say anywhere that the Church is the head of Christ, but the body, because the head cannot be touched by the enemy. The enemy could touch the heel of the woman's seed, but he can never touch the head of Christ. And if the head of the anointed one is in heaven, we as his body must open the heavens all together, so that the anointing reaches the body and through that anointing we can operate with his mind (which for this was granted to us), functioning in the perfect will of the Father.

Where the children gather, there is the body. That is why the Lord says: "Where two or three are gathered in my name there I will be." The body is there when there is union, if we do not come together there is no body, nor will there be anointing, because the Holy Spirit is everywhere, but His goal is to unite the body and pour out His anointing on it. The problem is that those who are not from the body do not listen to it and this is a sad reality on which I call you to reflect.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus in chapter one, from verse sixteen to verse twenty-three: "*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, illuminating the eyes of your understanding, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what the super-eminent greatness of his power unto us who believe, according to the operation of the power of his strength, which operated in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavenly places, above all principality and authority and power and lordship, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come, and he subdued all things under his feet and gave him as head above all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the One who fills everything in everything.*"

There is a process between the little boy Jesus who was born in a manger, through the child who was when he manifested himself interested in the business of His Father, who grew in wisdom, who grew in obedience, and in subjection to his guardians, until he reached the Jesus who suddenly says the book of Hebrews that with deep prayers, with great cry and with many tears he prayed to the Father to deliver him from death, and that for all that he suffered, in different crises, he learned to obey and that this obedience made him the redeemer of the world.

We must understand process, we must understand that everything that happens in our life is so that we can learn obedience, everything that happens to us is the brush to be useful members of the Body. That is why facing trials and learning to overcome them are what will deposit us in the Body. Moreover, I believe that everything we have tried to evade were key elements for union with the body and everything we desire with passion, such as well-being and happiness, end up separating us from the Body.

Understand me well please, I am not saying that we should not seek well-being or happiness, I say that most Christians think that these things are the goal of the Kingdom, when in fact they are the things that must come to us as a result of seeking first the Kingdom of heaven and its justice. (**Matthew 6:33**) And what is justice, if not absolute obedience to the King of kings.

Christ teaches us that by what he suffered he learned obedience, and obedience led him to a government over every principality, over every power, over all power and lordship, and the word says that over every name that is named in this world. Today, He enjoys His rule, He has the power, thanks to His surrender, humiliation and obedience, while many Christians want to have government, authority and power, without obedience. Do you realize that if we embrace the concepts of the world we go against the hand?

The apostle Paul in the book of Philippians in chapter two, verses four through eleven wrote the following: *"No one seeks good only for himself, but for everyone. Have the same way of thinking that Jesus Christ had: Although Christ was always equal to God, He did not insist on that equality. On the contrary, he renounced that equality, and became equal to us, becoming a slave to all. As a man, he humbled himself and obeyed God unto death: he died nailed to a cross! That is why God granted him the highest privilege, and gave him the most important of all names, that before Him may kneel all who are in heaven, and those who are on earth, and those who are under the earth; that all may recognize that Jesus Christ is Lord and give glory to God the Father."*

We must understand that after such surrender and such a conquest of power, subduing everything under His feet, Christ granted that authority to the church. So we should ask ourselves, why doesn't the church have that government of power? We actually have it, only we haven't understood the process, because the process of Jesus is a process of maturity.

When Jesus was a baby he was in Mary's arms, then he was breastfed and cared for until they went to Egypt, after a few years they returned to Nazareth and lived there, but Jesus did not make the decisions, He was ruled. Already when he grew up, he escaped the parents and in the temple he talked to the teachers and doctors of the law and when they found him they asked him Why did you leave? And He answered them: *"Do they not know that in my Father's business it is*

necessary for me to be..." (Luke 2:49) The time came when Jesus broke the government of his fathers, because of a higher government, that clearly manifested that he was already reaching spiritual maturity.

Jesus at a certain age began to see His life beyond natural rule. But at the same time, He did everything that the Bible does not show because of His purpose, with efforts, with tears, with pleas and with supplications to grow up obeying the heavenly Father, because He knew that this obedience to the Father had to be total, absolute, unbreakable, because it would be what would impel Him to consummate destiny. It was obedience that led him to the cross and it is obedience that will allow us to take up our cross to follow in his footsteps, dying ourselves to fulfill our mission on earth as active members of his body.

When we obey our mind, our heart, and the simple desire of our soul, we manifest ourselves to have a life and to have a body that governs us, that of flesh and blood. On the other hand when we deny our mind and assume the thoughts of God by surrendering our hearts to the Father, when we deny our flesh and his desires, setting our eyes on his ways to do His will, then and only then do we manifest ourselves to belong to the body of Christ.



Chapter Two

Food for the body

Food is the fuel of the body, both animals and humans need food to survive and not only that, we depend on food being good for our health to be good. Therefore, we could well say that our life in the body has the quality of the food we provide to it daily. A car cannot run without fuel, nor will it do so effectively if the fuel is not of quality. Race cars run on a special fuel, they do not do it with ordinary naphtha, the fuel they use has a special octane.

Some time ago, a friend went for a walk in a utility vehicle that her father lent her. At one point during his walk he decided to load fuel, stopped at a gas station and asked to be charged with common naphtha, not knowing that the vehicle worked with oil gas, which is why, when trying to start it, it did not work. Then, they had to take it to a mechanic to disassemble part of the engine, remove the fuel tank and clean it carefully. Just by putting the wrong fuel on the vehicle, there was money expenditure and many setbacks.

Food is vital to the life of the body, so it is well worth reflecting on this matter. The body of Jesus, the carpenter's

son, was a body of flesh and through his experiences he has left us precious teachings. It is important that we turn to them, because Jesus Himself said that the Holy Spirit would remember us and teach us through those teachings. (**John 14:26**)

The first ministerial experience of Jesus was in a marriage, eating and turning water into wine, moreover, He Himself said later, that many criticized him saying that he was a cook and a wine drinker. (**Luke 7:34**). He provided many people with food and gave many teachings based on food and drink, referring to bread, wine, yeast, the fruits of plants, water, etc.

When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman, he asked her for water and she said, "Well, I'm going to give you water." Then He said to her: "If you knew the gift of God, and who is it that tells you, give me to drink; you would ask me, and I would give you living water." Then she told him about her five husbands...

Let's see that Jesus was willing to satiate the Samaritan woman, and when the disciples who had gone to get food came, they told him master eat, and He answered I do not have to eat this food, my food is to do the will of my Father. (**John 4:5-34**)

First of all we must differentiate between the body of Jesus, the carpenter's son, and the body of Christ today, which is the Church. The first was an instrument for divine

manifestation, the second too, the first was flesh, the second which is the Church also manifests itself through the flesh of men, but it is only spiritual. The flesh of the first was brought to the Cross of Calvary, the flesh of men today, must also pass through the experience of the cross, so that only the spirit may manifest the power of the resurrection.

The body of Jesus manifested the Christ and today the body of Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit to manifest the body of Christ to the world. Jesus ate and drank teaching that one day, those of us who have believed in Him should drink real drink and we should eat real food. (**John 6:55**)

This seems somewhat difficult to understand, but in reality it is very simple, one ends up being what you eat, I mean if we eat bad things we will be sick, but if we eat good things we will enjoy good health. If we want today, to manifest the body of Christ to the world we must grow to fullness, just as a child develops with good food and our food, as well as our drink must be in Christ himself.

The body of Christ drinks, the body of Christ eats, the body of Christ drinks when it satisfies people and eats when it does the will of the Father, Jesus taught his disciples at the well of Samaria. So, the body of Christ today drinks when it gives people a drink and eats when it does the will of the Father. As we give and receive, we drink and eat from Him, develop Kingdom principles, and align ourselves to exercise government.

If the body of Christ today drinks when it satisfies people and eats when it does the will of the Father, then we can diagnose the reason for the lack of development to reach fullness as Paul proposes in **Ephesians 4:13**. In reality we are not ingesting the necessary foods to develop healthily reaching fullness.

Today we talk about strength, but we show too many weaknesses, now I understand that it is because of hunger and thirst for justice. Our spirit knows of the Father's will and that is why he longs for it, as much as a hungry man desires a portion of good food. A body is strengthened when it receives good nourishment, the body of Christ in Christians is filled with strength, when it is obedient to the will of the Father.

A body can live several days without food, but it cannot live without drinking anything, so when the Church does not do the will of the Father it is still called Church even for a long time and although it surely goes unnoticed by society, it shows movements, however when a Church does nothing for anyone, when it does not satisfy any thirsty, it dies of thirst, the movements cease, it stops beating and simply society considers it dead.

Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for water because she wanted to drink but when Jesus satiated her, she was satiated. When he gave to drink, he drank and when he did the will of the Father he was fed. Today we are the body of Christ, we have to understand that doing the will of the Father

feeds us and if we satiate, we will be satiated, we drink when we give people to drink, so today, we are the source of life.

It is important that we can understand that the body of Christ today is a spiritual body and we must understand how it works, how it is nourished, how it develops and how it is programmed by the Father to manifest itself to the world. Am I meaning that the body of Christ today has not manifested itself to the world?

Let's see, the apostle Paul says that the Lord established five ministries, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, in order to perfect the saints for the work of ministry, for the edification of the body of Christ, until we all come to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Wonder: Have the saints already been perfected for the work we are to do? Have we already been built up in the unity of faith? Have we already attained the knowledge of the Son of God, this being the truth as he defined himself? Have we already attained as a body the stature and fullness necessary to manifest ourselves to the world?

With faith, I want to proclaim that our generation and the one that is emerging will be key generations to see the manifestation of the body of Christ with great fullness, because if I have to write of the present reality, I can only say with sadness, that the world has not been able to see of God,

more than we have had the ability to show and for that we are responsible.

As long as we fail to die to our desires and dare to take up the cross, we will not do the perfect will of the Father and therefore we will look like a malnourished, weakened, dismembered body and what is worse without beatings coming from the father's heart, then we can imagine that God himself says to his Church: *"Until I see the body of my Son with sufficient fullness, I cannot do what I have to do, because I do not do it with a little piece, I do it with a body, and the body is the unity, the body of my Son works under my perfect will, because for that he was anointed..."*

Peter one day received the revelation that Jesus was the Christ, that is, the anointed one. Peter's revelation was that in the body of Jesus, the carpenter's son, was the anointing. Immanuel, God with us, the Messiah. And that revelation said the Lord was the rock to cement the Church that He Himself would build. ***Today the Church needs revelation to reveal herself to the world and the world needs the revelation of a revealed Church.***

Christians today are afraid of the desert and only want to live in abundance, however when we look at where the Spirit took the body of Jesus, we will see that he led him first to the desert and we discover then, that it was in the desert, that he discovered a better way to feed.

Food is very important, so the same devil who in Eden and through a serpent tempted Eve to eat of a forbidden fruit, he was in the desert, to tell Jesus to eat from a stone turned into bread. Different times, different landscapes and the same temptation: "**Food**"

Now let's see that the reason for starting the story in an Eden and ending it in the desert is because of having accepted to eat the wrong thing. The Father gave man an Eden full of abundance, but when the Redeemer came, he had to begin his ministry in the wilderness.

Having fed on the wrong fruit came at a high cost to humanity. Jesus nevertheless came to recover what had been lost, therefore he broke the proposal of the devil through the will of the Father. The devil could not overcome him, because Jesus said I will not eat a stone, because my food is to do the will of my Father. "Man will not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes out of the mouth of God and I have come as a man into the world and I plan to eat, only the will of my Father."

If we are the body of Christ, why can't we definitively nullify the enemy's operation? Why does the devil drive us crazy with so many confrontations? Why do we have so many trials, so many struggles? The answer is that we are not yet seeing and reacting in the spirit, we still need the little bread, we need the wealth, we still need human glory, we are not understanding, that Jesus became the Christ with absolute obedience, that is why such a powerful anointing was

manifested in Him, that is why things worked for Him, because He began to live and walk in absolute obedience, because everything the Father said to Him was right and Jesus did that as a man not as a robot, He showed us that you can and left us His example.

"For for this you were called, for Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you may follow in their footsteps"

1 Peter 2:21 V.R.V.

When he went to Gethsemane, he said.: "***If I have to go I go, but Father, if you can pass this cup from me***", and the Father said if you want everyone to be satiated, you have to go drinking, because when you drink everyone will be satiated. Of course, that meant to Him, surrender and pain. Today the Church having written history does not want to drink from the cup that corresponds to her, she does not want the drink that Christ drank, because she does not want the cross, but if we do not die to ourselves we will never live in the power of the resurrection.

When we say we don't want to go through certain circumstances, the Lord asks us: "So how do I satisfy all the thirsty of this world? How can they receive my help if the church does not want to obey?" We have to understand that we can well celebrate when we are going through trials, because God is giving us to drink from the right cup, He is sustaining us as the body of Christ on earth. God is nourishing the body with attacks, difficulties,

disappointments, allowing defamations, gossip, murmurings, God is developing the body through crises, until it can reach fullness.

On one occasion I had the responsibility of giving a workshop for the EGE (School of Spiritual Government) I prepared throughout the day the teaching I was to give, pray to God that the Word would be imparted by his Spirit and I asked that many brothers could attend the workshop, not because of personal ego, but for the certainty of being ready to impart a revealed Word, however, I was saddened when very few brothers arrived to receive the teaching.

My heart was truly saddened, but in a strange way, I could almost perceive that it was a sadness in my spirit, a feeling that God Himself allowed me to experience. I think He did it so that I could feel in my heart, what He Himself was feeling in His heart, because it was not a natural thing.

In the face of that burden and sadness, I asked God: Why aren't people hungry for a good Word? The Lord surprised me with His answer, He said to me: "*My children don't want to eat the real bread, because they are full from eating crap...*" This impacted me a lot and I meditated on what I received, then I understood...

If Christ is the truth, if truth is the bread of life, and if the science of good and evil is the food of death, we can understand that just as people can nourish their spirit through a good Word, so they can sicken their souls through junk

food, which is nothing but ideas, thoughts, words, opinions and simple human wisdom.

We must be careful of what we eat naturally to have physical health and we must eat well spiritually to have spiritual health. All the chaos and darkness of the world began with a bad meal and everything will end in glory and light, with the right food.

To manifest the body in the city we need to be brushed and we need there to continue to be total unity, because without unity there is no body and without difficulties there is no maturity, but when the body unites and matures to reach the measure of the stature of a perfect man, as Christ was, then the whole world will discover that God is not only in heaven, but also on earth through his Church, which is the body of Christ.



Chapter Three

The governance of the body

Man was not created to govern men, but to govern environments, God is training us in our being with everything we need to exercise that function of government, he enables us even with trials and difficulties.

As God is a God of purpose within our being there is already all the potential we need, we must only become aware that the potential of the Church must become a power, because potential is something that has not yet been seen and power is power in action. The Church must become aware of the authority and power that the Father has given us in his sole power, that is, we know it because it is written, but we are not seeing it in the same proportion.

All of us were born with the ability to govern, but not to govern people, but to govern environments. We have to be governed by the Lord, to effectively govern our gifts, our talents, our purpose, our actions. Undoubtedly, when we do this effectively, there will be people who will follow us because they will understand that if they follow us they will be able to connect with their purpose, that is the Divine design.

There is no Christian, much less the possibility that someone seeking independence and personal government can consummate purpose in this life, because in reality there is only one purpose, that of Christ.

God's design involves a new man manifesting himself to the world. That new man is Christ and his fullness, composed of many members who in absolute subjection act on earth, under the rule of the head that is in heaven.

Of course, when we analyze this design, we can easily understand why coordination and governance are so important, because a body whose members do not obey the order of the head, will simply be an incapacitated body, deficient to fulfill a mission as important as that of manifesting the Kingdom of heaven in all the nations of the earth. That task can only be achieved with a full body in its functions, that is why God is working with us, because there are still many members with independence of life, who must assume their role and surrender to the will of the head.

"For just as the body is one, and it has many members, but all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:12 V.R.V.

When we analyze the history of humanity from the genesis or beginning, we realize that everything is a matter of government. Man was created to rule the earth under God's

rule. Eden was the designated environment for government and expansion, but in Eden was the adversary, who having been a precious cherub, became a devil for not accepting government and declaring independence. This devil founded his own kingdom and has an organized army of angels expelled from heaven who did not allow themselves to be ruled by God, that is, everything has to do with government.

Surely when I analyze this, the one who does not know God, sees with great pleasure, that of raising the flag of independence and freedom, but in reality that is a big lie, because when we have a God called truth and life, leaving His government only implies captivity and death. Today many people say they are free to do what they want, but in reality those of us who have already been there, know that this only generates people captive to their freedom. The only thing that makes us truly free is truth and truth is not an idea, it is a person called Jesus Christ.

*"You shall know the truth,
and the truth shall set you free"*
John 8:32 V.R.V.

Understanding that the best thing that can happen to us as people is to live under God's government, let's see what happens to the environments. Environments are part of our governance areas. Adam was assigned an Eden but did not exercise government over everything that was in him, because in every environment he seeks to get a serpent. That is why God has given us authority to tread snakes and

scorpions and all the strength of the enemy and says that nothing will harm us. (**Luke 10:19**). However, when they let the snake speak and accepted his subtle suggestion, they ended up expelled from their area of government, working in the fields, producing food with the sweat of their foreheads, in a rebellious, unruly land that produces thorns and thistles.

When Jesus Christ was crucified, he carried on his head, a crown of thorns, symbol of the fruits of a rebellious land, but he died with that crown and rose again with one of King, that is, the rebellion that hurt his forehead remained in Sheol and from the resurrection, a new government was raised that will be recognized by all men and by all environments.

Today we are ambassadors of that Divine government, the Kingdom of light, must manifest itself in this world full of darkness and that implies that dark environments are conquered by the power of light, over which, darkness cannot prevail, therefore, we have victory assured, however we must recognize that without the fullness of the body, there are environments that are difficult to conquer.

All environments have a spiritual reality, and that spiritual reality is what we have to govern. Sure, you may be imagining an Eden somewhere in the Middle East, but I'm talking about your home, your business, your neighborhood, your city.

When the Holy Spirit governs us, He does not do so with a sense of individuality, although He deals individually with each one of us, He will lead us to the discernment of the body to which we belong, therefore His proposal for government has nothing to do with human and personal strength, but with the spiritual strength of an unbeatable and powerful body, which is the body of Christ.

When the body to which we belong is revealed to us, the importance of being ruled by the head is revealed to us, the power and anointing that pretends to flow through us is revealed to us and of course, it is revealed to us that darkness cannot affect us, that if we are in the body of Christ, we have authority, power to rule, that's what Kingdom life is all about.

Christ in the original is written ***Masha*** which means anointed, because the anointing is first poured out on the head and then descends into the body, if we are not part of the body, we are only external visitors, then let us not ask for the anointing to flow in us.

Unfortunately today this desire for anointing is so dismissed, that some Christians being splashed by a little of the anointing already feel better and with that they conform, above they comment: How good that the meeting was, how cultured!

Jesus said: "***Not everyone who says to me: Lord, Lord, he will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.***" (Matthew 7:21) Let us

understand that entering the Kingdom is not something we should do on the day of our death, but something we must begin to live today, this is the time to enter its government. Jesus went on to say: "***Many will say to me Lord, Lord, do we not prophesy in your name and in your name cast out demons, and in your name we did many miracles? And then I will declare to you: I never met you, get away from me...***" (Matthew 7:22 and 23).

When I mention the external agents of the body, I am referring to those that use the body, even those that look like the body, but in reality they are not. The anointing of the body is not only to taste miracles or to perform miracles, that can be done by the Lord without the body. The anointing of the body is to manifest the person of Christ and Christ is much more than a healing, than a liberation or that loaves and fishes.

In Scripture we have the account of many people who approached Jesus, who felt better because they ate of the loaves and fishes, of lepers who received healing and did not even thank Him, or those who were delivered by the power of Jesus and with that it was enough for them, that is, people who received something from the anointed body, but ultimately they were not part of the anointing, they did not determine to walk with it, they only received a touch and that's it. They used the body, but they were not the body.

One woman did not even touch the body, she reached him with the mantle, another said that she was satisfied with

crumbs and another like the centurion received a healing for his servant from a distance, however, although all these stories have inspired us faith and have shown us the love of God, we must interpret "Covenant" because Jesus said clearly that He brought the children bread, not crumbs, that is, these things were only a piece of how much it brought, but well, it seems that we did not understand government, we only settled for the benefits of a touch.

In no way am I devaluing the importance of the miracles of Jesus, I am trying to explain to him that where the body is there will always be miracles, but the coming of the body has another connotation and it is Kingdom, it is government.

This I think is fundamental, because if we today, are the body of Christ, we cannot make the mistake that these people made who saw miracles, but did not understand the mission of the body. Immanuel, God with us, does not mean only: The gifts have arrived! But: Let us order ourselves, that the government has arrived! My beloved realizes, from the valley you can see Babylon, but from the mountain you can see Jerusalem.

When christians in Antioch were first called Christians, it was because they were called little Christs, or anointed ones, they were named for the similarity, activity, and power that manifested in them, as in Christ. This is like when they identify our children with us, by their image, their actions. That is why Christianity must necessarily manifest

an anointing, which has to do with the body, because it is assumed that Christian is someone who has received the anointing, that is why they were called small anointed and what is pressing, we are still called that, we must ensure that this appointment does not remain great.

Then you may be wondering: Does it mean that miracles are important in manifesting Christ? Of course, my beloved, but what most impacted the early church, were not the miracles that we admire so much, but that when they were baptized, they were manifesting to the system of the time, their renunciation.

They declared their dependence on a new government. They were declaring with their lives, now we obey a new government, we renounce this world and we declare that Jesus Christ is our King. By that statement they were fiercely tortured and killed mercilessly, that is why they were conquerors, because even at that time no one was willing to die for their king and if anyone did so he was considered a hero. Imagine entire families willing to die for their King. Understand, how could they not be called Christians? If they did the same as their King, they died showing fidelity to a higher government.

Unfortunately, many Christians today do not realize the privilege of belonging to the body of Christ, are immersed in a religion or anxious about their personal desires. Some work a lot like Martha, but they do it without direction of government, while others throw themselves comfortably like

Mary to listen to teachings, but after listening to them they do not get up to put into action what they have learned, they like the romantic teachings that promise well-being and riches coming to them, but they are not willing to advance according to the will of the Father.

The true anointing is not received by attending a service, nor by the mere touch of a pastor, the true anointing is the person of the Holy Spirit and that inescapably implies a change of government, because the Holy Spirit does not come to us to tell him what he has to do, but to establish government.

That typical expression: Touch Spirit, touch here, now touch there!, it has been perverse, because rather the Spirit of the Lord is the one who has to tell us that we must touch. This is a simple example, but unfortunately it is a reflection that evidences the pattern of behavior in Christians today.

The gospel of the Kingdom implies a change of absolute government. John the Baptist and Jesus began to preach saying: "***Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come at hand***" That word "***Repent***" is the word "*Methanóia*" which means change of mind, that is, that they declared: "*Change your mind because the government of God has come, before you allowed yourselves to be ruled by your own minds and by the influences of this system, but now I announce to you that a higher government has come, receive the revealed thoughts of God and live for them...*"

Being today active members of the body of Christ, we must understand that living under the rule of the Holy Spirit is all that the head releases on the body and that only comes with purpose, that is, what today should be called anointing is not the mere presence of the Holy Spirit to produce some miracle, but to his wonderful presence to establish government and when obedience to that government becomes effective, then the manifestations will not be lacking and will be the recovery of the Kingdom.

When Jesus walked people did not see an anointing, when Jesus did something like sleep, people did not necessarily see an anointing, the anointing was seen when the Father told him that he had to do a certain thing, because the mere fact of doing something that the Father tells us makes the power explode, even if that thing is simple, even if it is not resurrecting a dead man, because everything that comes from the Divine government impacts the universe.

Let's see that even if the Father's will was for Jesus, to give a word, people said: He doesn't speak like others speak, he speaks with authority! Sure, by analyzing things this way, we can understand the reason. It is that there was something else behind the words of Jesus, there was Divine government and when the Father rules something, that something works and produces that for which He sent it. That is why he said through Isaiah 55:11: ***"Thus shall my word be, it shall not return empty, but it shall do what I will, and it shall be prospered in that for which I sent it."***

Imagine, that the Pharisees had hours and hours of classes in the so-called chairs of Moses, so called to study his law, they were accustomed to hearing every day to great teachers, yet they looked for Jesus and went to listen to him.

Jesus was the supposed son of a carpenter and had studied only the scribes or the teachers of the law, yet when he spoke he had something different from the others. Of course, it was not his intellectual capacity, it was Immanuel manifesting himself to the world, just like us, because everything God commands us to do or say will be backed up by a Divine anointing.

On the contrary, everything we can think of doing or saying for the sake of saying will be things that will lack anointing, because God does not support with anointing everything that is born of our whim. God supports with anointing everything that is born of his will, because that is the idea of the head and when the body executes it, the Christ is manifested.

When the Bible says that the head anoints the body, what it is teaching is that everything God designs is to establish government and when the body makes that government manifest through obedience, a visible anointing becomes present, that visible anointing is the spiritual Kingdom that God proposes to us on earth, is the request he taught us to make: "***Thy Kingdom come to us and thy will be done, here on earth as in heaven***" (Matthew 6:10).

If we are going to go preach in the streets and that idea comes from the head, when we are preaching things are going to happen, because the anointing is going to support the sending. That is why the church needs to be apostolic, because an apostolic church is a sent church, and a sent church is the one that can manifest an anointing, because if God does not send us it does not have to support with anointing a decision of ours.

Some people still attack the apostolic movement and such a movement is not a novelty, but the primary design (as many acknowledge), but which never ended (as many suggest). Rather, it was relegated or postponed due to human processes that prevented the full manifestation of the Kingdom to this day. Some attack the apostolic because they do not understand it, others, because it causes them some discomfort what comes to produce a change.

I consider it a recovery and not a change, others attack the apostolic because of some who without being apostles and others attack the apostolic without knowing why. All these ideas may have a hint of truth, but the apostolic only comes to recover a mentality of Kingdom, a mentality of purpose and destiny, because knowing that we are sent with a mission only takes us out of the numbness and forces us to the movement that ultimately we must always have, because the Church should not be considered a religious institution, but a living and therefore dynamic body, which if it stops moving will show death and of course, that is not the design of the living God.

We must understand that getting into the body enables us for government, gives us authority in the spiritual world, because being connected to the body implies accepting God's will. We cannot be involved in the body, if we do not accept the government of the head, because we cannot govern if we are not governed. Only then can we speak of spiritual government, of government of environments, because from the position of evangelicals we can manage the meeting room, the schedules and the customs, but from the revelation of the body we can govern sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus Lord ours. (**Ephesians 2:6**).

When Jesus came to a place, He ruled that place, because He was under the Father's rule, everything He did or said was the Father's will. Therefore, when we are under a government that sends us, we will have authority. Jesus was an envoy, let us remember that Jesus was an apostle of the Father. (**Hebrews 3:1**); and every time He moved as an envoy to a place, surely something happened in that place, because He was an envoy, he answered to a government, and therefore he ruled.

Jesus sat at the right hand of the Father, but the Christ never ceased to be an envoy, because he has not yet completed his mission. I know, what you may be thinking, He said on the cross of Calvary: "***Consummate is***" and that is true, there is nothing to add to the complete work of the cross, but let me remind you that the body of Christ is still on earth through his beloved Church and therefore Christ remains an apostle, only now through his Church.

I think we will agree if we conclude that the Church has not finished her mission yet, so we must recover an apostolic mentality and a revelation of body to work in coordination in order to manifest the government of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

*"And he subdued everything under his feet,
and He gave Him for the head
above all things
to the church, which is his body,
the fullness of that
that fills everything in everything"*

Ephesians 1:22 and 23



Chapter Four

The mind of the body

The word of God, connects us with Jesus, gives us faith, gives us encouragement, makes us undertake things and does us good, but as a Church, we must understand that there is another dimension for the understanding of the Word, it is the dimension of the body, it is when the word is being released by the Father, through his Divine Holy Spirit, directly to the body of Christ, that is, I can make totally domestic and personal, a word coming from the Throne to activate the body, we must discern, when God speaks to us as children and when He is speaking to the body.

The apostle Peter was wrong many times to make comments or to contribute personal ideas, but that happened because with his natural mind, he did not understand spiritual things, perhaps Peter was in evidence because he was the one who exposed himself the most, but in reality, the same thing happened to everyone, they did not understand what Jesus spoke or did.

What Peter did understand was that Jesus had a word of eternal life and that statement, although somewhat unnoticed, is tremendous, because after hearing from the lips of his master

that it was necessary to eat his flesh and drink his blood, Peter concluded: "Everyone is offended and leaves, because they don't understand, but I have determined to follow Jesus, not because I am understanding it, it is because I know, in my heart I know, that only He has words of eternal life." (**John 6:68**)

See my beloved reader, that a word of eternal life does not have to be understood firsthand, it is the rank of authority one gives to whoever is speaking it that really matters. When we know that what we have heard or read is the Word of God, we cannot argue because we do not understand it, we must only embrace it with enthusiasm, because the good reception of a word from God will be the fuse that ignites the light of revelation to understand it.

The problem for many Christians today is that they do not love the revelation of the Word, they do not pursue it with passion, when in reality, revelation is the master key of the Kingdom.

Many welcome the words they can understand with their natural minds, God loves us, wants to bless us, will heal us, wants to liberate us, prosper, unlock, etc. That is, any word that is easy to understand in the superficial sphere of our mind and that also contributes to the solution of our problems is well received, but any word that demands interpretation of the body, is not always well received and this is for a simple reason, every word released to the body will demand, commitment, fastening and delivery. This is not only true for those who

listen, it also happens with those in charge of speaking the Word of God.

Peter rose full of the anointing of the Spirit at Pentecost, gave a short message, inspired by the knowledge he had, of the book of Joel and through that revealed interpretation, he made three thousand people convert and that was so, because for three years Peter heard the words of the Christ, but at a certain time, Peter himself became the body of Christ and when he passed from the individuality of Peter to the life of the body, the Word took on another dimension in him.

Peter without being of the body heard the word, but much of what he heard, he could not even understand, until Peter was of the body, then came the revealed interpretation, because Peter had always reasoned with the head of Peter, but that day something had changed, being a member of the body of Christ, he received the legal right to reason with the mind of Christ.

When we are in the body we have the ability to have the mind of Christ, outside the body we cannot have the mind of Christ we have only our own mind. That is to say this passage of first Corinthians chapter two verse sixteen which says: ***"For who knew the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct you? But we have the mind of Christ."*** It is a passage that is often misinterpreted, some think that because we are Christians and because we congregate or have a Bible we already think with the mind of Christ and in reality that does not have to do with our individuality, but with the life of the body. The mind of

Christ is for the body of Christ, just as our mind is only for our body and not for our neighbor.

That is why dying to our self suits us, because when we die to our self we begin to have the mind of Christ, we begin to think as God thinks, because we are nourished with the thoughts of the body and that gives us the ability to learn its principles, to learn with revelation.

Revelation is not given to our mind, revelation is given to the mind of Christ, in it dwells. If our mind is subject to the will of the Spirit, then the mind of Christ is going to give us a new teaching, a higher revelation every day, we are going to be able to immerse ourselves in the waters of His Word.

When we manage to surrender to the body, we will receive the thoughts of the body of Christ and our own mind will not be the protagonist, but it will receive and adopt the high thoughts of God, aborting the thoughts contained previously, carnal, human and low thoughts.

Our mind can understand theology, it can remember verses, it can remember teachings, but it cannot correctly interpret god's will from revelation, because revelation is not activated by brain capacity, but by life that is blown to the Palaba by the Spirit of the Lord, revelation is life imparted from the mind of Christ and for the body of Christ not for an individual.

When we manage to evaluate this, we can understand why so many things have not worked for us in the Church, because church is not a brick temple, it is not a small group of people who gather to pray, Church is not the result of a new religion, nor is it represented by one denomination better than by another, in reality, the Church is a living, spiritual and mystical organism, designed to move creation and the whole world, it is an anointed body that obeys and is ruled from the Throne by the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Father gave us the power to be the body of Christ, but the head was taken to the Throne, because he did not grant us the right to plan, but to receive his Divine designs, that is, the body does not tell the head what to do, at most it makes claims, but the decisions are made by the head, We as members of the body, must interpret to obey his will and interpretation, it is not intelligence, it is not knowledge, it is not capacity, interpretation is revelation, breath of life given by the Holy Spirit.

If a person is injured in an assault, with a shot in the knee, he will suffer a lot of pain, but he will not stop moving and talking, because the whole body still obeys the head and not the knee. But if the bullet is given to him in the head, the body will fall to the ground, because the government of his whole being is in the head and not in the members of the body.

We breathe and even our heart beats, because the head is continuously sending government signals, but if it stopped doing so, an artificial respirator would have to be activated,

because the body does not breathe by itself, but by the order of the head, therefore, when a person has already been diagnosed with brain death, it is only necessary to disconnect it from the ventilator, because by losing the life of the mind, you lose the functions of the members of your body.

The head makes the body work, the body does not handle the head. In the Church, this is the same. The problem is that some congregations are on ventilators and yet they don't realize that, they breathe artificially, but life is gone.

Paul spoke many times about the mysteries of the Kingdom and made it clear that maturity enables us to know them, he said: "***However, we speak wisdom among those who have reached maturity; and wisdom, not of this century, nor of the princes of this century, who perish. But we speak wisdom of God in mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages for our glory...***" (1 Corinthians 2:6 and 7)

The wisdom of God in mystery is the deep thoughts housed in the mind of Christ. They are not just any thought, they are thoughts of God's heart. The Word says that the Holy Spirit brings us from the depths of God and lets us know (**1 Corinthians 2:10**) And the deep is only imparted to the deep.

Maturity is key to operating in the mind of Christ, because maturity is reliability and that is absolutely necessary for the revelation of a mystery. We would not tell anyone a secret that we have kept deeply, we would only tell someone

intimate and reliable and those are the characteristics of those candidates for revelation.

*"One abyss calls another to the voice of your waterfalls;
All your waves and your waves have passed over me."*

Psalm 42:7



Chapter Five

Death and life of the body

Everything we do, our gifts, and our talents, when we get into the body take on a useful dimension, because the gifts are not for us, they are for the body. So our capabilities take on tremendous utility. Many times we see ourselves, look at ourselves and say: What are we for? But if we are in the right realm they will exploit our gifts, talents and abilities. The realm is the body of Christ.

Being immersed and committed to the body of Christ will allow us to function in the gifts, because the Lord takes us out of our own dominion, out of our complexes, out of our own capacity, and we begin to function in something that will bring us fulfillment, we will be amazed at what God can do with our lives, if we determine permanence in the body and subjection to the head.

The problem is that many people do not let go, to walk within the body of Christ, they are still clinging to their self, they refuse to die to the flesh either because they have a lot of virtue or because they have none. Many consider that they have

no capacity, or have great complexes, that prevents them from being active members of the body of Christ, because in the body of Christ can not enter the complexes, for a simple reason, complex are the result of the lack of faith and everything that does not come from faith, is sin, therefore, they cannot operate in the life of the body.

Generally, we have the tendency to think that shyness or complexes are not sin, but part of an innocent humility or lack of personality of which we are victims, however, the Word of the Lord, says in the second letter of Timothy, that God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power, love and self-control. (**2 Timothy 1:7**) According to the New International Version, it does not say a spirit of cowardice, but a spirit of timidity, of course, this confronts us a little, because it does not seem the same, to be shy, than to be cowardly, however as representatives of Christ, this is something serious. Therefore, in the richness of the Greek language, being shy or cowardly, are not only synonymous, but are spirits opposed to the Spirit of the Lord, who manifests for the body power, love and self-control.

Nor can pride enter, pride does not enter the body of Christ, that is, the purity of our spirit is what enters. Let me explain this well: We in the management of Christian life, we will always have a percentage of our self, we will always be fighting with our self, there will always be our ego, much or little, but it will always be. Our vanity, our fears, our complexes, will try to appear and this is not so important when it comes to us as individuals, but when we represent a body

and on top of that body is that of Christ, the thing changes totally. That is why Paul says in the word that every day we have to die because when we die we get the potential of the Lord to flow, otherwise we will always be fighting with these things.

When they arise in our spiritual life, carnal or almatic reactions, they do not disqualify us from the call to be members of the body, those things we will have to face at some point, because we are still human beings who step on this earth, when we repent and seek the grace of God, those reactions will end up being uprooted from our lives, when we reject sins and instead of hiding them, we exhibit them, humiliating ourselves before the cross, we are leaving out of the body everything evil that is in us, so, every time we manage to kill more what we are, we will be more what God wants, and what God wants is that we be effective members of the body of Christ.

There is a great risk in this purification and it is self-justification, it is when Christians who should repent before the evidence of their attitudes, choose to justify themselves, that is, to give some explanation by means of which they justify their actions or incorrect reactions. God teaches us to abhor sin and not have contemplation for it. Christ overcame sin on the cross of Calvary, so that we may banish him definitively, not so that we may justify him.

In life we can have a lot of money, we can start businesses, we can achieve goals that the world recognizes as true successes, but nevertheless we will not have true peace, if

we do not have Christ. Now as Christians we can also accomplish many things, yet we can never have satisfaction, or fullness of joy, if we are not fully immersed in the body of Christ.

When in the Bible it says that in his presence there is fullness of joy (**Psalm 16:11**), it is not saying that in coming to worship, there is such fullness, worship can do us good, but the Bible speaks of something much higher, it teaches us that immersed in the body of Christ we can reach the fullness of life and the true purpose, that is a real and sufficient reason for us to try to die to the self.

We can feel very good, very full in our congregational meetings, but that will only last us a little, until with the passing of the days the anointing dissipates and we forget the sermon, that will not give us permanent fullness, no one dies to his self for a worship meeting, but when we really consecrate ourselves, recognizing that the Christian life does not pass only through worship, but is a way of life that will permanently lead us to the work of the cross, then we will learn to die every day to what we were, to live in the power of the resurrection and then yes, inserted in the body of Christ we will live in fullness of life.

The body of Christ is not a doctrine, it is an environment, it is not a teaching, it is a flow of life, so when someone feels full in that flow, he can lose his own life for a higher life. The only formula of losing to gain or of dying to live, is that of the

Kingdom of heaven, where it is not bought or sold, it is only given and received.

I remember when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior, I had my own business and many friends. Interestingly for me, I was totally questioned. When I was waiting to be understood, many left me aside and even my family came to think I was crazy, so I put a sign in the kitchen of my business that said: "**It is not a fool who gives what he cannot retain, to gain what he cannot lose**". He had simply understood that trying to retain life was stupid because in the end he would lose it the same, therefore, it was better not to keep it, for christ's sake and the gospel, in order to receive the true life, the "Zoe" life, the life of Christ.

When someone manages to die to the self, enjoy the true life, therefore, we have today the story of many martyrs who died singing a praise and that is possible, for a simple reason, you can not kill a dead, nor can you take away eternity.

If we manage to die to the self, so that the person of Christ may manifest himself in us and for some unwanted reason, something would happen to us, we would surely have the strange feeling of being invincible, not because of our ability, but because of His life in us, which affirms us as beings more than conquerors. Every crisis that visits our life, even every whirlwind of pain that seeks to visit us, would be powerless to hurt or kill what is already dead. That is why the Lord teaches us that to live the true life we must know how to die.

In understanding this, I analyze our Christian lives today and I can discover why some things hurt us so much, verbal attacks, the behavior of false brothers, murmuring, financial scarcity, marital crises, labor problems and things that are certainly undesirable, but that should not be the cause of discouragement and definitive abandonment.

I think the problem is that we are too alive, since the body of Christ would never react like this, that is, everything that is alive in us is going to be kicking for life and everything that does not go through the death of the cross, cannot be part of the body and life of Christ.

If all our fullness of life is Him, outside of Him there is nothing for us, they will be able to kill our flesh but not what we are in Christ. When they took Jesus to the cross to kill Him, they could not kill what was already dead, because when Christ came to earth the Father had said that He had died before the foundation of the world, because that was the purpose for which He was born, the only difference between Jesus as a seed and us is that the Bible revealed the potential and what Jesus was going to do.

That he was going to be born of a virgin, that he was going to enter Jerusalem in a burrito, that he was going to make crucified, or that his beard was going to be torn off, it was already written, what God is showing us is, that just as it was written, what Christ was to live, is already written as a purpose what is going to happen with our life, then they cannot defeat

us when it is already written that we are more than victors and cannot be killed if we are already dead beforehand.

When God gives us new life, it is for our old self to die on the cross, so the word says that if we are born into Him, we will rise in Him. To die in Him and to live in Him is to experience Romans chapter 6, so I wish to close this chapter by giving you a Divine principle: "*The master key to dying and living in the power of the resurrection is humble repentance.*"

Being able to close this process and live in Christ is the highest manifestation that God could give us of his love and grace. Paul is very clear in leading us to the life of the body, he says that circumcision does not serve us, sacrifices do not serve us, but that God awaits the recognition of his wonderful grace, worshiping and exalting him, understanding the urgent need to die to our self, to rise in Him because only in Him and in His body there is fullness of life.

The concept of "dying to self" is found throughout the New Covenant. It expresses the true essence of the Christian life, in which we take up our cross and follow Christ. Dying to oneself is part of what it is like to be born again; the old man dies and the new man comes to life. (**John 3:3-7**)

Dying to the self is never described in Scripture as optional in the Christian life. It is the reality of the new birth; no one can come to Christ unless he is willing to see his old life crucified with Christ and begins to live again in obedience as members of the body of Christ.



Chapter Six

The body as food

This topic of food, I consider so important for the development of the life of the body, that it will be the only topic that I will open more than once in this book. In chapter two I mentioned food for the body, but now I would like to talk about the body as food.

When I review the experiences of Christ through the Gospels, I can conclude without fear of being wrong that talking about the body carries a high risk.

When Jesus walked the dusty streets of a village on the northwest beach of the Sea of Galilee, called Capernaum, where he had his center of operations during his ministry in Galilee, told his disciples about his body and many of them left his side, the reason was because he told them about the body. Of course, when we analyze that what he told them was that it was necessary to eat it, it is almost understandable the abandonment, right?

Jesus said to the disciples: ***My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink, he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, in me remains and I in it!*** (John 6:55 and 56) When He said that, everyone rebelled against Him, because He started talking about bread and everything was fine, but when He mentioned flesh and blood they did not understand it and decided to leave.

Then he asked his intimate twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" And it was then, that the apostle Peter answered him: Where we will go, only You have the Word of eternal life. Then they stayed with Him and tempers calmed down, but in reality, they didn't understand anything. Surely the words of Jesus provoked a great conflict, they did not understand the spiritual meaning of these words and it seems logical to me, today we have interpretation of that, but it is imagined to receive at that time a similar statement from a teacher.

If we want to know the proper relationship between God and men, we must see what He sought to convey to us through the teachings. Jesus spoke to his disciples of the need to eat his flesh and drink his blood. A high-impact teaching, therefore we would act recklessly, if having the Scriptures we did not look for references to understand what your audience did not understand at that time.

Let's see, when the Lord created Adam, he put him in front of the tree of life and told him that he could eat for free of the fruit of all the trees in the garden, but that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he should not eat, because if he did he would certainly die. It is curious that the Lord did not

speak to him of anything other than food, as something that would define the life and future of humanity.

Today we know the story and we know that Adam made the mistake of eating what he shouldn't, and he fell. It's terrible to eat what we shouldn't. Adam fell because he ate and through that he condemned the future of all mankind. I don't know if you realized this, but the world is as it is and so many millions of people will suffer eternal hell, just for one meal, that is, having the Scriptures, we must be ignorant not to realize why for God it is so important that we eat Christ, the real food.

Only God is true food; we must eat Him alone. If we eat another spiritual food, we eat what we shouldn't. We should not be surprised that all human beings without God, are intoxicated, because the food of the world is garbage, today everyone believes they know what is right and what is wrong and they eat of their own science, that is junk and sick food.

In Eden there were trees of all kinds and God blessed them saying that they were good, that they had seeds to multiply, that they were delicious to look at and good to eat, but notice that there was also the tree of life and you could also eat from it. That tree is Christ, offering itself to humanity as true food. Curiously Adam did not seek to eat from the tree of life, although God had not forbidden it, the prohibition came after sin, so yes, the Lord put an angel and a burning sword that did not allow Adam to enter the garden to eat from the tree of life.

If Adam ate from the tree of life after sinning, he would be an eternal sinner and that would be fatal to all creation. If he wanted to eat, he had to go through the sword, that is, he had to die in order to live.

That hasn't changed, Simeon prophesied a sword piercing Mary and that sword was the cross. (**Luke 2:35**), today you cannot eat of Christ, if you do not first pass through the cross, you have to die in order to live and the Word teaches us that we must believe by faith that we die in Christ to live a new life. (**Romans 6:4**)

When Adam sinned, he had to settle for eating thorns and thistles, because the field did not produce good food for him, in fact he had to work hard to earn his livelihood, having had everything by grace in Eden. Today people work hard and eat badly, but those of us who have received grace in Jesus Christ can feed ourselves correctly and for eternal life.

Let's go a little further into history and remember when Moses through the plagues tried to bring the people out of slavery in Egypt. Let's see that all those plagues were fabulous, but none of them could with the yoke of the Egyptians. Yet one day, the Lord said to them: "*Enough, now it is my turn, you stay in your houses, kill a lamb without any stain or defect, one lamb per family and with the blood of that lamb, paint the lintels of the doors and windows, then make it roasted on the fire, not boiled, but roasted and sit down to eat, you enjoy the lamb, that while you eat, I set you free.*" (**Exodus 12:4-11**) And so it was, that lamb once again, it was Christ offering Himself

to His people as true food. Food that produced freedom, healing and life, in such a way that death passing house by house, could not touch any Hebrew, moreover, all the weak were strengthened to leave the earth and all sick were healed.

Continuing a little further in the account, we will see that the Hebrews celebrated the departure from Egypt with songs and tambourines, but only until they discovered that they were in the desert and that they did not have much food. Then the Lord gave them manna from heaven to feed them. That manna fell every day and they could collect what was necessary for daily consumption, because otherwise the manna did not stand the test of time, that is, that manna was again Christ offering himself as true food to his people, teaching that from Him, we must eat every day and that what we ate yesterday, He sustained us yesterday, that today we must eat a new sustenance of his person.

When Christ gave Himself to be eaten, He had to become small. When Jesus came, the Jews were waiting for the Messiah. For them, this had to be a great man. However, when the Lord Jesus came, being born in a manger and raised as the carpenter's son, he seemed very weak and unattractive to them, but He did not care, on the contrary, so that we could eat him, he was ground on the cross, he let them break him as true food that must reach many so that many of us can be one body, his own body once again.

One day this insignificant Jesus did something spectacular. He fed five loaves and two fish to five thousand

people, not counting women or children. That is why the Jews said: "*This truly is the Prophet*", and tried to make him king. The Lord slipped away from them when He heard such a thing. The next day the Lord Jesus returned, but not making a display of greatness, but in secret, and said to them: "***I am the bread of life. I came as food. I am the bread of life; he who eats Me will live for My sake.***"

One day, a Canaanite woman approached Jesus and asked for freedom for her daughter. Jesus said no, because He had come to bring bread only for His children. This desperate woman said to him: It's true, but even the dogs eat from the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters. Jesus looked at her and admiring her faith, freed his daughter, that is, he sustained her, gave her a little piece of bread, a crumb that was nothing but his own anointing, his own life, his person.

Today many Christians have problems in their families, because they don't eat Christ. When the wife eats Christ, the husband delights in her and changes for the better, and when the husband eats Christ, it is she who enjoys him and changes. When the children eat Christ, they grow up healthy inside and out, When the parents eat the Lord, the children who are lost return home, because they realize that in the world they can only eat the locust beans of the pigs, but they will always remember that in the house of their parents, they eat well and that if they return they will be better fed than anywhere else in the world.

We need to sustain ourselves with His body and let it be our life, our food, and our everything; only then will circumstances change.

Eating His flesh, drinking His blood, eating it as the fruit of a tree, like the lamb, like manna, like the bread of life, sustaining ourselves with Him is the benefit of the children, perhaps many will settle for junk food and perhaps, others dare to a crumb, but the truth is that He has prepared true bread for His children.

*Jesus said to them: "I am the bread of life;
he who comes to me will never be hungry;
and he who believes in me will never thirst."*

John 6:35 V.R.V.

There are many brethren who hold in high esteem the bread and wine of the so-called altar when they partake of the sacrament, but in reality they have never known what it is to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ.

Many of these brothers eat and drink unworthily; Carnally they eat the bread, but they do not spiritually eat the flesh of the Redeemer. When they read that the body must be discerned, they look at the piece of bread and the glass of wine, but in reality in this covenant the body that must be discerned are the brothers, with whom we must share the act in full communion. Or are we not the body of Christ?

For many of them, the ordinance is a curse rather than a blessing. Jesus was not referring to the feast of His supper, for language would not stand up to such an interpretation. It is evident that the Jews misunderstood the Savior, and thought He was literally referring to eating His flesh. It should come as no surprise that they were content to each other because of such an expression, for, understood literally, it is horrible and disgusting to a great degree, unless we are cannibals.

However, much greater is the surprise that there are millions of people who accept such a monstrous error as a real truth, and believe in literally feeding on the body of the Lord Jesus as Catholics do at their Mass.

Let us not fall into his error, but ask that divine grace lead us to see that the words of our Lord are spirit and are life. Let us not be held in bondage by the letter that kills, but we must follow the spirit that revives. The spiritual meaning is clear enough for spiritual men, for spiritual discernment belongs to them.

The blessing of eternal life is not promised by following Christ's example, but by eating and drinking His flesh and blood, or, in other words, by incorporating Christ into us. And the promise is not for when His example or His doctrine is received, but His person, His flesh, His blood and therefore To Himself as dead for us and made a sacrifice for us.

The gospel of the Kingdom is not about those things we do, but about who we are and what we eat is what we are, not what we do.

What we eat and drink becomes our own in the most profound and extraordinary way, as we receive it within ourselves and no one can take that away from us. We can receive money and we can keep it in our pocket or in a safe deposit box, however thefts are every day, We can receive a vehicle and put an alarm or make you an insurance, however, nothing guarantees that we can retain it, we can receive a property and fence or wall it, however there are a thousand ways to lose it, but when we receive Christ by the act of eating and drinking, we have received Him in the truest and surest sense, for no one can rob us of that real possession, that real life, that inner and eternal communion.

"In the middle of the city street, and on both sides of the river, there was the tree of life, which produces twelve fruits, giving each month its fruit; and the leaves of the tree they were for the healing of the nations."

Revelation 22:2

If the trees and fruits, especially the tree of life with its leaves for the healing of the nations, will be especially a reminder to the world of what happened in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve sinned against God. Every time someone eats of the fruit of this tree, or uses the leaves for healing, they will remember this and probably retell the story. Jesus said:

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give him to eat of the tree of life,

which is in the midst of God's paradise"

Revelation 2:7



Chapter Seven

Consciousness and the body

As children of God, today we can speak of the privileges and benefits of living in the Lord, but we must also cherish the harsh exhortation that the Lord Himself makes to us to become aware of the body. Both in the congregations, and in our lives that until today we considered private and I say until today, because the revelation of the body allows us to learn, that no member is private and independent, but that from one body we all have to do with everyone.

Behind the bread and wine that we discussed in the previous chapter, there are figures and the teaching that we are going to see because Jesus said that we should gather and partake of the cup and the bread, and that we should remember Him, because this represented His body ground for us on the cross and His blood of the new covenant, but He also spoke of His body and of being able to discern it correctly. I mentioned it, but I want to develop it more deeply, let's see:

"So whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily will be blamed for the body and blood of the Lord. Therefore, let each one taste himself, and eat of the

bread, and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks unworthily, without discerning the body of the Lord, judgment eats and drinks for himself. Therefore there are many sick and weakened among you, and many sleep. Yes, then, we will examine ourselves, we will not be judged, but we will be judged, we are punished by the Lord, so that we will not be punished by the world. So, my brethren, when you gather for lunch, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, eat at home, lest you gather for judgment. I will put the other things in order when I go." 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

The Bible teaches us that in the congregation, we must break a piece of bread and share a piece each, and just as the bread comes whole to the temple, it has to go whole, but in each of the brothers, that is, even if we eat a little piece each one has to go whole in the sense of unity. The bread represents communion, that is, the common union that we all have, but Paul says that we must be careful not to partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily, that we be very careful.

Let's see what he means unworthily. In Greek the word used is *anaxios*, which means: unworthily or irreverently and means that it has no merit or disposition for something, that is, we have no merits by ourselves to participate in the supper, the merit is given to us by Christ, we have an entrance to participate in the supper but without Christ we have no merit to participate. Now, you can tell me: "It is assumed that if we are going to partake of the Supper it is because we are in Christ, but do not forget that Paul in this passage is talking about the body, identifying ourselves with the body, so the sacrament has

lost the dimension of what it really represents, and what it must mean for each of us as members of the body of Christ, and this is something extremely important.

The word Indignamente also means that it is inferior to the quality and merit of someone or that it does not correspond to their circumstances, on the other hand, irreverently means contrary to the reverence or due respect, that is, that we run the risk of participating without due respect. What happens is that disrespectful to the Lord is invisible to the eye. The apostle Paul is referring to the inner attitude of the heart. For example we may be saying right things but be thinking things that are wrong, that is unworthy.

Suppose a woman asks a man for advice and he gives it to her by speaking correctly and with a lot of respect, but in the meantime, she begins to look at her cleavage, her legs, and she begins to think about the things she would do to her, that man in sight, is talking worthily with that woman, and we can still think, the brother is very good, he gave the woman good advice, but the problem is that God can see the heart, and if that woman could see everything that man was thinking of her the least he would do would be to slap her, and not thank her.

We must understand that dignity is not the external garment, dignity is the internal posture, so when we partake of the Lord's Supper thinking about anything but what we should remember, there is unworthiness. When we approach the table with a godly face, but hide sinful patterns of behavior in our life, there is unworthiness, because neither the pastor nor the

people can see the grime that is inside the closet in his house, but God if he knows it and is not willing to let it pass, there is certainly indignity.

Paul teaches us that what is important is not what is outside, or how rich the bread is, what is important is what we think, what we feel for others, what we live outside the temple. The important thing is to remember, and bread is an element but to our spirit it contributes to the unity and communion that God wants to achieve among his children, because it is the only way to nourish the body, until reaching the unity of faith and the measure of stature, of the fullness of Christ, as the apostle teaches in Ephesians chapter four verse thirteen.

There are four consequences that are highlighted in this first Corinthian passage, first of all, it says that whoever eats this bread or drinks from this cup of the Lord will unworthily be blamed for the body of Christ and the blood of the Lord, and that seems a very harsh accusation, if we are not thinking about the right thing instead of being benefited because we partake of the bread and wine, the Bible tells us that we are guilty.

The one who is outside the body is guilty, but the one inside the body has already been reconciled, that is, doing things correctly leaves you inside the body, if we do it unworthily we are outside, then we are guilty. If we participate worthily we are in the body we are innocent, because our faults have already been paid, we are reconciled, in the body of Christ. Outside the body we are guilty, so it says secondly that we must examine ourselves, what it means, make a thorough

evaluation of ourselves, not of others, but of ourselves, to see if we can participate or not, of the supper that is holy.

The third point is that if we do not discern correctly, letting go of what can be burdensome, eating and drinking as if nothing, our own condemnation we will receive. Here we are not only guilty but we are condemned, and I do not know how it is for you, but knowing that the Father is a judge and the Son is a lawyer, legality makes me afraidly uncomfortable.

According to the dictionary of the Royal Spanish Academy, discerning means: Differentiate one thing from another. Understanding these differences here, I can only conclude that ignorance condemns us. This may hit us badly, but it is a spiritual reality. Ignorance enslaves us and that is the condemnation of those who have to be free, but end up walking with chains, that is, when a church was called to be free, an act that would have to empower us freedom can end up condemning us.

To be condemned because of ignorance is a sad thing, especially when we are children of freedom. Therefore, when many think that they do good to participate lightly in the Lord's Supper, they are acting with ignorance, because it would be better for them to refrain from doing something that in the end, can end up condemning them. If we do it with ignorance, and we are talking about spiritual ignorance, not about the culture of the learned, it is because we are not discerning what Christ did for us, what is the position he is giving us, what are the riches of his glory and which, the super-eminent greatness of

his power that operated in him and that today does it in us who are his body, that is why Paul says in Ephesians chapter one verses seventeen to nineteen, that we do not act with ignorance, that we rather ask the Lord for a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

As a church, we must become aware and know how to discern, because if we do not examine ourselves correctly and think that everything is fine hiding sin, instead of eating for blessing, we will be eating for judgment. That is why when God speaks to us, He opens the door of revelation to us and constantly seeks to give us teachings through which we must understand how dangerous ignorance is.

Of course, you should also know that teaching is also dangerous, because if we did not know something, we were ultimately victims, but when we already know it, we are only responsible.

If we are victims we are not guilty, but if we already know we must be responsible, because if we do not we end up being guilty. So teaching and revelation are good, but they produce problems. The word says that many in Corinth were sick, many were weak and many others were already sleeping, implying that they had departed. Paul is telling us that these circumstances were the result of not discerning and the result of doing things unworthily.

Let us conclude, then, that to participate in the Lord's Supper without discerning our condition, without dying to our

self, without becoming aware of the body, can cause us great weakness, can make us sick or even worse, we can leave before this life. Perhaps you have never seen it this way, with this magnitude, or with such gravity, you may think that we are taking a high risk by partaking of the sacrament. It is true, we can well say that we are doing something very dangerous. I can assure you that spiritually it is so, because being Christians is not, I go to church to feel better, being Christians is a Divine design, an invitation to be and beat as members of the body of Christ on earth, until I see the Kingdom of heaven fully manifested.

Now the big question Can you discern the body of Christ? Was Jesus talking about the little piece of bread? Or was he talking about the brethren with whom we must share the little piece of bread? For if we are what we eat, by eating bread, bread is no longer bread, but life.

Could it not be that Jesus was teaching to discern His body in the brother who consumes in communion with Him and with us his life, our life? Think dear, there are many people who honor the little piece of bread and not the brother next to them. The Lord is not waiting for us to manifest the bread, but His life in the power of the one.

The bread must be broken, but when it arrives it is one, however by breaking it inviting each brother, it seems to be divided, in reality, what the Lord tries to understand is unity and not division. That is, the bread came as one and was

broken, but the Lord wants you to be able to go to each house being one as it came.

Jesus allowed them to grind His body, but He did not do so thinking of dividing, but of reconciling all things. If we eat of Him and do not live in true unity, it is because we have not understood anything...

"For it pleased the Father that in Him dwell all fullness, and through Him to reconcile with Him all things, even those which are on earth as those which are in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And to you also, who were once strangers and enemies in your mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled you in his body of flesh, through death, to present you holy and spotless and blameless before him."

Colossians 1:19-22



Chapter Eight

Pain and the body

Being in Christ is a privilege, but it is a way of life, to which many cower and do not want to advance, because we must know that today, our brothers and sisters somewhere in the world are dying for the cause of the Kingdom. Being Christians is not an entertainment, nor a method by which we can solve our problems, it is more the Lord said that in the world we would surely suffer affliction, but He also said that we could trust, because He has overcome the world. (**John 16:33**) and all things, even bad things, will help us for good. (**Romans 8:28**)

The gospel of the Kingdom is a way of life that has nothing to do with religion, it does not work from manipulation, nor from intimidation, the gospel of the Kingdom works through revelation. That is why when someone pretends to live the Kingdom in another way he is a robber, who enters through the window and not through the door called Jesus Christ, he is someone who does not seek to be a member of the body, but to use the body and that in the end will cause him losses. In addition, if instead of getting into

the body properly, with all responsibility, you are playing the visitor, you will benefit like the parasites, which without being from the body feed on it, but will not be able to withstand the crisis, because only the members of the body receive the true ministering of life.

We must know that once we claim to be of Christ and begin to live by that declaration, the kingdom of darkness will turn against our life, because to be members of the body of Christ, we must establish a renunciation of darkness. But the biggest problem does not come in that renunciation, because we are entering a higher Kingdom, which overcame and humiliated the other, but it comes on those who seek a renunciation of the old life and do not get definitively into the body.

Those who stand outside using the body without asserting themselves, are an easy target for the enemy. Staying on the body without being active members of the body is the worst thing they can do and unfortunately that is what many do today.

It is preferable that the undecided remain in darkness and remain who they are until full conviction and not that they determine to remain in a medium that does not exist. The undecided, try to outwit the devil but without getting into the body and that has a high cost, that is, they pretend not to be of the devil, but they also do not understand what it means to be of Christ, because although they deceive themselves by calling themselves Christians, they do not have the coverage of the

body, nor the life of the body, nor the benefits of the body, they only live on what flows from the body, being also visibly exposed to the attacks of the enemy.

Many of the so-called Christians who act in this way are those who fluctuate by congregating seasonally and when the gospel does not work as they expect, they end up definitively separated or criticizing the truth because of its results.

Imagine in the natural sense, two gangs that fight in the street, one of its members determines to move from one gang to the other, betraying the rest, that young man must always remain inside the gang surrounded by his companions, because the day he walks alone somewhere the old gang destroys him. It is impossible for anyone to get out of something that holds him captive, without suffering some counterattack.

In worship we can shout and sing that we have the devil stepped under our feet, but that better we do it from inside the body because if we are outside we will end up as victims of a good beating and it will not be because God does not want to protect us, but because of our foolishness. Because the kingdom of darkness is a reality, that is why you cannot play the gospel, we are of light or we are of darkness, and if we want to be free, we must assume that true freedom is in the body of Christ, the rest is an evangelical façade.

If someone wants to fight for his life he will lose it, but if someone loses his life he will save it, God is not calling us to solve all our problems by making our lives easy as many

pretend, but he is calling us to be part of a spiritual dimension of power and blessing, which is not silver or gold, it is the body of Christ on earth.

There is a higher dimension of life. When we get into the body it is impossible to be weak, sick, or even die is impossible. Surely before this statement you may be thinking: "I know Christians who have suffered weaknesses, I know others who are sick, and I still know some who died," but let me explain this to you spiritually. In Christ, as active members of his body, we can live in his strength, the apostle Paul said: "When I am weak, I am strong, because in my weakness, the power of God is manifested," of course, that says it and works from the body.

When a Christian is sick he must believe that by faith in the wounds that this body suffered one day he will receive healing, because all the diseases were healed and all the pains were removed on the cross of Calvary and I say they were because that happened more than two thousand years ago. On the other hand, when a Christian dies he is actually clothing the mortal with immortality and the corruptible with incorruptibility, because Christians do not die, only the flesh is returning to dust and we to eternal life.

It is one thing that we have to go through adversity because we are reckless, and another thing is that we must live a situation of adversity because that situation kills us or our self, because that even if we do not like it, will do us good.

That is what we should call a process, of course nobody likes processes, but they are necessary and do us good. We do not want to live the crisis but if we did not suffer some crises we would not receive revelations. That is to say, the only way for Paul to remain of the body without exalting himself, was to have something that would bring him down to earth and that is why it was his sting, the idea was never to cause him pain, pain was the consequence.

For example, the body has no silver problems, we have it, it is our heart, but it happens that if any of us God gave us all the money we need, we would get out of the body, God needs our self to die. Sometimes God allows some things not to be solved in our life quickly, because it is not convenient for us to solve them now, that is, the process, is always for our cause, not for his, He has and wants the best for us.

Perhaps we would like to make a list of the things we need or desire, but when we give it to the Lord, He will surely answer us that we are not yet ready to receive everything we ask of Him, He needs to deal with us, because looking for Him even in pain, we will find things.

For God our life is more important than our well-being and perhaps we associate well-being with good life, but God does not see things that way, he will always give priority to purpose, to what truly does us good, beyond well-being.

In pain we have an effective search, because we die ourselves, our person may not be well but our spirit is not wrong, and our self will kick until it stops doing so.

We must understand that pains and adversities do not come to take us out of the body but to get us into the body. When we are suffering anguish or pain, our heart turns to God, we begin to pray, and I am not talking about the formal prayer we know, we may not even feel like speaking, but if I am sure that we will pray from within and seek God until we find Him, because He is waiting for us to reveal Himself to our life.

God wants to deal with our character, with our ego and if we are willing for him to do so and want all the surpluses to leave our life, then the trials will come, because it is the trials that produce the brushing of our personality. We must enter into a process of God, in His potter's circle and we must rely on His mercy and kindness to guard us from extremes and to bring us out of trials at the right time.

My beloved brother, if God ever told you, that a ministry awaits you, that you have a call to serve him in your life, he told you from the dimension of the body, there are no such things outside the body, so our resistance to the subjection or to the trials that life proposes to us, will be the denial of dying to the self and that, it prevents us from entering the fullness of the body.

If, on the other hand, we accept the Divine designs, if we trust that God is always there, even in the most difficult trials

and that they suit us even if we do not understand them, then we will be evidencing the death that connects us to the life of the body, because to live in the power of the resurrection, we must first know how to die.

God needs to process us according to the function we will have within the body, and if we resist His dealings, we will not be able to exercise our function effectively, but if we want to be active members in the body, it is necessary for God to get us into His polishing process, until we can function in the dimension He desires.

If we observe a butterfly carefully, we will see that it flies from flower to flower, feeds and lives only for it, but if we observe a bee, we will discover that it lives and works for the hive, does not live only for it but thinks in function of the hive, that is, they die for the hive and live corporately, but the butterfly, on the contrary, works for her and lives for her, she is beautiful, but does not share any common interest with anyone, notice that she is not even born in a hive, but in a cocoon and according to these parameters of behavior, we can conclude that there are many butterfly Christians, who do not work for the body, they only think about them. On the contrary, to work corporately is to get into God's purpose, even if you have to suffer or die for others.

We do not want anything to happen to us, that nothing hurts us, but to die to the self and remove what hinders our purpose of life is a painful process, of course, we do not like that because that is the nature of the human being, we want to

evade pain, but that is not the nature of Christ. If we thought that it was not so, that being a Christian would free us from all pain, we were wrong and instead of the church we should attend a self-help group.

God is not concerned about our mood, He cares about our life mission, so it is possible that in life we go through pain and still benefit.

Christ said: "Father, even if going to the cross hurts me, don't pass this cup from me, I'm willing to take it." The question would be: Are we willing to die to be part of the body of Christ?

Being a church according to God's design is difficult, it takes a whole process. When a prophet comes to church and brings us a word we cry under the anointing but we do not know all that we will cry later, when the process begins to reach the fulfillment of the word received. That hurts! The truth is that I do not know why the brothers celebrate so much when they receive a Word, some calls are so challenging that it is better to start crying and not celebrating. He imagines what Matthew or Simon or Saul would have done if they were told the end of their calls.

We were all born with a potential programmed by the Lord, as well as, every call of God, makes necessary the emergence of that potential, the problem is that for that potential to come to light it is necessary to break us.

Jesus was born as a normal baby but had to, take out the potential that was in him and go through a difficult process. Since he learned that he would be the Christ until he became the Christ dying on the cross, he had to go through a long process of pain and difficulty, to the point that Hebrews five say, that in the days of his flesh, he prayed a lot, with great cry and tears to the one who could deliver him from death and that for what he suffered he learned obedience, for the necessary fullness was not obtained at fifteen, nor at twenty, but at the age of thirty, only then did he begin his effective ministry.

What has happened to us in life has not been alien to the will of God, everything has been necessary to develop our potential and thus we can function in the body. Polishing is good because there are different members in the body, and it is a privilege to be a member of the body of Christ, but depending on the place we occupy it will be the polishing. God's lathe hurts, but it is good, because it is necessary to be useful to the body of Christ.

"And that the greatness of revelations might not exalt me excessively, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan who would slap me, that he might not exalt me greatly; in respect of which three times I have begged the Lord to remove it from me. And he told me: Basste my grace; for my power is perfected in weakness. Therefore, I will willingly boast rather in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore, out of love for Christ, I rejoice in weaknesses, in affronts, in needs, in persecutions, in anguish; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:7-10



Chapter Nine

Love in the body

The apostle Paul says in the book of Ephesians, chapter three verses fourteen to twenty-one the following: *"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that he may give you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man by his Spirit; that Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts, so that, rooted and grounded in love, you may be fully capable of understanding with all the saints what the width, length, depth and height are, and of knowing the love of Christ, which exceeds all knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

And to the One who is powerful to do all things much more abundantly than we ask or understand, according to the power that acts in us, to Him be glory in the church in Christ Jesus for all ages, for ever and ever. Amen." And the apostle John says in his first epistle in chapter four verse eight that: *"God is love"*

What I am going to declare to you now seems difficult to understand, but meditate well, through these passages and you will see that: "No human being on this earth will ever be able to know the love of Christ in all its fullness, the only way to achieve it is from the body" Can I explain?

We see in love what God did for us, first of all his love to save us, forgiving all our sins, that undoubtedly moves us all, because the first thing that comes to us when understanding salvation, is the sacrifice of the cross.

Surely each of us has a very special testimony about the work the Lord did for our lives to save us, that is evidence of God's love and each of us can testify about it. Some of the testimonies of salvation are more impactful than others, moreover, some are really fantastic, but that understanding of love will always be individual.

If we lived alone on an island and God revealed Himself to our life for salvation, we would have personal witness and a clear display of God's love, however, when we are immersed in the body we can see God's love in what the Lord has done for each of the brothers, both in those of the congregation, as in any brother who as a member of the body of Christ can testify of the Father's love.

When we have reference in many brothers, we begin to open the panorama, and we can see that God is not good, he is immensely good. When we get into the body, the dimension we have about God's love begins to grow in us.

In the body, we begin to understand the width, length, height, and depth of His love. What the Lord did for one of us is just a little piece of His manifest love, but when we see the body, things change, the picture is different. Then, we can say, without fear of being mistaken, that we all need each other as members of the body, because only by being together can we reach fullness and also understand all the benefits of His eternal love.

God is light and light needs where to reflect to be light. The moon for example, is not light, nor does it have its own light, it is only a satellite, which we see from the earth for a single reason, the sun illuminates it. Look dear reader, when the sun does not illuminate it completely it seems to us from the earth, that it is missing a piece, whether it is a waning moon or a growing moon, it gives us the feeling that a part does not exist and the truth is that if it is, only that it is growing or disappearing according to the light that shows it.

In reality, the only thing that happens is that it is not illuminated and therefore not seen. We are just like the moon, we shine with borrowed light, but God is like the sun, he needs to reflect himself through something and that is what his creation is for, the reflection of his glory.

When it comes to love, we can say that God shows His love in that while we are still sinners, Christ died for us. (**Romans 5:8**) that is, God needs us to show His love and be glorified through it. Only one of us, it is only like a brief line

of the moon dimly illuminated, it takes the full moon to truly amaze us, that is, it takes the whole body to reflect the true light of love that flows from the Lord.

The only way to see the real dimension of God's love is to see it from the body of Christ, because the love and hand of God can be seen in the brothers and sisters who are with us. Our life is clinging to Him and we must rest in Him, He is our peace and we must live with body consciousness, understand that it is not alien to the body the treatment that God has with us individually, because every crisis that visits our life, is to purify His body and show His love through us and that is a privilege.

Some brothers only see God's love when things go well for them, when they receive good news, when a business is running for them or when they are in good health, but in reality God's love can also be seen in the darkest night of our lives, indeed, that night may be the most glorious opportunity we have to manifest his presence and his love.

Read one of the most popular verses in the Bible carefully and find out that: "***For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.***" (John 3:16) Look closely my beloved reader, this verse that we always highlight to talk about salvation, in reality, is only about showing love, the love of a holy God who could give what he loves most for love, because love hurts, love is suffered and God first demonstrated it through his own Son.



Chapter Ten

Service in the body

It is important that the true value of belonging to the body of Christ, living, assuming and consuming the riches of the body, and understanding that outside the body there is no true life be revealed in our lives.

In the church perhaps not so much has been taught about the importance of being within the body, and perhaps it was thought that by coming to worship on Sundays, we are all part of the body of Christ, because figuratively we are all the people of God, but being the body of Christ is a higher calling, God is calling us to that depth of life, and this should leave us standing in the face of a powerful revelation: There are many things that do not work for Christians, and there are many things that do not occur in congregations, simply because they are things given only to the body of Christ and not to external agents.

Then the question would be: If the body is accessed by regeneration of life and not by self-will, can we ask someone to be an active member of the body? The answer is No, definitely No, being a member of the body of Christ is a matter of grace, not personal choice. However, what I am

asking again and again, with the authority of pastor and teacher, is that those who have received this grace react to the Lord's prompting.

There are times when one wakes up in the morning having slept in a bad position and by cutting off the circulation of one arm, we can feel it asleep, without reaction, almost as if it were someone else's arm, it is a strange and ugly sensation. We must wait for a while, that the circulation does its job and the arm reacts again to the orders of our brain.

So too, there are members of the body of Christ who are asleep and do not react to the Lord's call, remain outside His will, do not move, as if the conjunctures did not provide life. I'm massaging those members of the body to make them react.

How can this happen? Well, the body of Christ, is formed by the reborn, that is, by all of us who have been born again accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, but in turn, it can only react to the spiritual body of Christ, the part of us composed of the spiritual, only the reborn of us is the sensory connection to the body of Christ, only the new man will manifest the new man.

But it is also clear that we cannot take off our nature, and to say good our spirit is part of the body of Christ, but the rest of our being has nothing to do with it, this is not so.



The Word teaches us that we must take our whole being captive to obedience to Christ, that is, that as long as we are on this earth we will continue to have this body of flesh, with all its desires and our soul, with all its emotional ups and downs. It's who we are and we can't disassociate ourselves from that, it's just a matter of governance.

Our whole being must be subject to the rule of the Holy Spirit, because both our soul and our carnal body can be instruments or tools useful to the body of Christ, as long as they allow themselves to be governed. In fact, we would have no legality in this land, if we were not earth through our body, that is why the dead do not preach, because they no longer have a body.

The Lord's call is to align ourselves with His Holy Spirit and for our whole being, spirit, soul and body, to react coordinately to God's will.

"May the God of peace keep you completely dedicated to his service. May he keep them in obedience until our Lord Jesus Christ returns, that your whole being, spirit, soul and body be found blameless before God."

1 Thessalonians 5:23 BVL

If our flesh is revealed against the government of God, we cannot live in true life, in true substance, that is why Paul speaks in chapter seven and eight of Romans, that he who cares only with the flesh will reap corruption, but he who is



concerned with living in the spirit will receive life and peace, that is, the only peace and the only true life will manifest in us, when we are totally involved in the body.

To live in the spirit is not to become mystical strangers, who do not even know how to watch a movie, who cannot go shopping so as not to contaminate themselves, who live locked up or who do not even know how to talk to strange people, it is not about that, to live in the spirit is to live in the pure essence of what we really are, spiritual beings.

We are spirit therefore everything we do during the day is spiritual, even sin has a spiritual connotation, totally negative, but spiritual. We can't get rid of ourselves based on what we do. We can be watching a movie, a football game, going to the movies, going out to dinner and not stopping being spiritual at any time. Although the activity we are doing is not something that we consider spiritual at that time, we cannot stop being what we are, spiritual beings and in perfect communion with Him.

Our being is composed of three parts spirit soul and body, but in any case we are one person, just like the Lord, who is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, yet he is one, that is why we call him the Triune God. We cannot detach from who we are, except in natural death, where our body will be detached from us to return to the dust and God will give us a glorified body. But as long as we are on this earth we have to understand that it is our spirit that has the potential of Christ's life, not our soul, not our flesh. The Holy Spirit

has come to dwell our spirit to quicken us with eternal life and to lead us to all truth and all righteousness.

We can live that glorious life in the body of Christ, but we must understand that our flesh and soul are not the essence, which does not imply that they will be outside the purpose, but that they are useful and necessary tools or instruments, because it is with all our being that we are to praise the Lord.

I give you an example: If our spirit has something to say, our carnal mouth will be in charge of emitting the necessary sounds, and our soul that is our intellect, is the one that will take care of finding the right words, for which, the body and the soul, are activated according to the spirit that in turn is, under the government of the Holy Spirit of God.

I am a preacher of the Word and on some occasions my vocal cords have been affected, I have even had to let them rest, because I have been left without a voice. In such a case, my spirit was willing to continue ministering but physically unable to do so, making it clear how important my body is to serving the Lord.

There are times when my spirit is aligned with the Lord and my flesh is in perfect health, but nevertheless some personal or family crisis, have disturbed my soul or I have suffered enormous anguish, however I must overcome and leave aside all asthmatic feeling to serve God effectively, that

is not easy and also evidences the importance of a good harmony in my whole being.

*"Now my soul is troubled; And what will I say?
Father, save me from this hour?
But for this I have come to this hour"*

John 12:27

We must coordinate our whole being to effectively serve the Lord, there are times when we must deny some desires of the flesh, and there are times when we must deny feelings of our soul, but we must always obey the Spirit who imparts to our spirit His will.

We must take care of our flesh to have health, we must cultivate our intellect and our emotions to have freedom in our soul and we must invest our maximum effort in the development and maturity of the spiritual life, because it will be from there that we will be managing the service to the body of Christ.

For example: The spirit does not receive within us a wisdom from God, with words in Spanish, as our soul can interpret it, we receive a thought that is revealed to our spirit from God, but then we must find the words, with our soul, with our mind, with our intellect.

The ability we have to find the words will make us eloquent people or not, but that is in our soul, if we were people who do not study or do not know how to speak well,



we will have our limitations to transmit a message, even if that message is totally spiritual, because our soul is responsible for providing the resources to our body to be able to speak.

Our flesh, on the other hand, must be like a worker who works surrendered under the orders of the spirit, so that we can act as spiritual and not as carnal. Therefore as an active part, the flesh must also be put into discipline, but cared for, because it is a useful instrument to manifest the Kingdom, at least until total redemption.

If we were able to develop our intellect by studying, it will be noticed when speaking, and if we could not do so, we will be limited instruments, because of what our soul knows, or does not know, on the other hand if our flesh were sick or there would be a lack of a member in us, that would limit us to be able to express the truth of God. We must realize that both our soul and our body are important tools, that whether they are right or not, they will help or prevent us from effectively fulfilling our mission as members of the body of Christ.

I express this so that we bear in mind that our training and care is very important, but I must also clarify so that I do not misinterpret myself, that when I speak of limitation "I do it in the sphere of simple expression", because the body of Christ is spiritual and must manifest itself spiritually.

In fact we may be facing a man or woman without any study or with some physical disability, but if the anointing is upon his life he can do wonders and consummate his purpose as an effective member of the body of Christ. My only intention is that we become aware of the privilege of being members of the body of Christ and if it is within our means we can prepare ourselves, for a full and excellent development both physically and intellectually, because that will also honor our Lord.

Now then: The ability that a preacher must have is to transmit an idea that in its spirit is already clear, but that can only be expressed, if he manages to find the right words to say it. Therefore and to be effective, if you are a preacher, I recommend that you put all your intellect, emotions and will, as well as your health and vigor of your flesh at the foot of the cross of Christ, so that despite having worked in the development of your being, it will never depend on yourself, nor of his ability, but after studying and exercising in everything, act by putting him under the Lordship of the King.

This seems like a contradiction, but it is not, I recommend you work hard and with discipline to improve your whole being, both physically and intellectually, take care of the tools and improve them every day, but then have the humility to present them to the Lord as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God, because that will be your best rational worship. (**Romans 12:1**)

If we use our body for sin, none of us will be able to contribute to the body, on the contrary, we will remain outside the body and will not serve as effective members, nor as tools, nor as instruments, nor as anything, we will not serve the corporate purpose. That is why it is necessary to die to our flesh and live in the spirit.

Paul said miserable of me who will deliver me from this body of death, because he wanted to do things but was often impeded by his own incapacity. Then he gave thanks to God, because he understood from revelation that only the Lord could do the Lord's work.

Many times our flesh will want to go after sin, it will not want us to read the Bible, to pray, to fast, or it will try to lead us to do other things that may not be bad, but that distract us from our purpose. Our soul on the other hand is our will, our emotions and our intellectual capacity, among other things. Then it is very likely that at certain times we think badly, or pride, vanity, envy, strife, quarrel, and all these things that are common in human beings and that start from our soul, from our self, therefore, all these things if we do not kill them, or by eradicating from us, they will prevent us from functioning as effective members in the body of Christ.

If, instead of being sensitive to what the mind of Christ says, we heed what our carnal and human head is proposing, we will not be able to serve God.

Our spirit is the one that understands revelation, therefore, we must seek a spiritual order, that is, there must be an alignment. And we must take this into account in our prayers. We must see to it that our flesh is under the government of our soul, that our soul is under the government of our spirit, and that our spirit is under the rule of the Holy Spirit, that will generate in us authority, government, and manifest power.

If we truly desire to serve God, we will be led by the conviction of the Holy Spirit to do His will, the problem is that when the Holy Spirit cannot govern our spirit, because we resist. Our soul will begin to scream loudly, and if our flesh does not want to serve God, it will go after the cries of the soul, and when we want to agree, we do not do what we want, but what we should not, but it is not a matter of ill will, simply that our soul does not understand spiritual principles. Our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak and if we do not have a life of searching and prayer, it will be impossible for us to serve God.

The flesh is not satiated with sinning and goes after comfort, if it were for it I would not pray, I would not read the Bible, I would not go to worship either. And our soul on the other hand can think a thousand things, such as: I'm wasting my time, what am I doing here? I have so many things to do and I'm here, will this be true? It is very likely my beloved reader, that we draw a lot of conclusions, but when we manage to put our body in function of the government of the soul, and our soul, in function of the



government of the spirit, our spirit will know that we are right, no doubt the revelation will fall to our understanding and we will be effective for the body.

The problem is that in the eagerness to serve God we have designed activities, to increase God's work, relatively good activities, things born of good will, but we must recognize that we have not been effective with those things, because we have not been able to grasp God's will. And doing what we determine doesn't work. It would be very sad if the members of our body decided independence, any kind of mission would be impossible and God is trying to make us function in coordination as the body of Christ to consummate the mission of definitively manifesting the Kingdom of heaven on earth to the praise and glory of the Almighty Father.

"For in the way that in one body we have many members, but not all members have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and all members of one another."

Romans 12:4 and 5

If we fail to grasp what God is telling us, we will cease to be useful instruments for God, let alone do things that please Him. We must understand that working for the Lord and confronting darkness are not things we can do independently, they are things we must do from the body, so people who have had the best will to go preach alone somewhere, without having communion with anyone, or

people who have tried to liberate demon-possessed without subjection to anyone, they are people who have great problems, because only from the body can we function with an effective service, we can cast out a demon if we belong to the body, because outside the body the demon will tell us: "*I know Christ but I don't know who you are...*"

Only in the body will we have the direction and cover necessary to go to the right places and we will know when to impose a hand or when to rebuke a demon, we will know exactly where God is sending us to let go of a word, or when God is telling us not to do those things.

Know my beloved reader that if we determine when and how we are going to rebuke a demon without this being an order from God, we are going to lay hands but God will not support our actions, because it is a disobedience. By this I do not mean that it would not work, the devil may come out, but we must remember that the Word exhorts us to have obedience and subjection, in addition to the word says that we do not impose our hands lightly, therefore the important thing is not if the devil comes out, but if we were obedient to the Lord.

If you don't agree with me so much, I remind you of the passage in which Jesus told of certain men who would say: "*Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name we performed many miracles?*" (Matthew 7:22) But these

would be men to whom the Lord would say: "***I never met you, get away from me, evildoers...***"

Grasping god's will, being sensitive to His command, makes us responsible for a total commitment, and that commitment cannot be fulfilled from ineffectiveness, but from love and absolute dedication, That is why God calls us to be striving in prayer, in surrender, in search and demands the intention of immersing ourselves in the body.

This may even sound challenging for our lives, but let me tell you that today what is most lacking in the Kingdom are workers, because not everyone who tells you: "Lord, Lord," they are willing to serve Him.

"Striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in the same hope of your vocation."

Ephesians 4:3 and 4

If we know that we are committed to God, and we know that we are praying, that we are not in sin, if we are trying to listen to the spirit, or we are trying to do all things right, we have to assume that we are in the body, we walk by faith and not by doubts, and if at any time the doubt arises it is because we are not walking in faith, but if we are doing things right, there can be no doubt, because doubt also leaves us out of the body, because only by faith is life received from the body.



Let us serve God with a clear conscience, in full unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us seek our place and function in the body, which God has determined. Today I see many people wanting to be what God did not say they are, seeking appointments, opening churches, proclaiming themselves in a gift that has not been bestowed upon them, trying to function in an anointing that has not been given to them. Beloved, that will not be a blessing to anyone, let us act with reverent fear before the Lord, let us do what He determines and only that, let us not try to help Him, let us only have the humility to obey His will and in that way He will be glorified and we will be rewarded.



Chapter Eleven

Experiences in the body

Everything that happens to us if we are living in the dimension of obedience and subjection to the body, is not by chance but is by a causality, that is, every time Christ moved in the body of Jesus, everything that happened to him had a motive behind him, he was not as if saying where I can go, but every time he went to a place, it was already determined from the will of the Father, and you may well wonder: So why didn't he do so well in some places? And it is because from the Father's perspective there is a purpose for everything and that purpose itself, is much higher than momentary well-being, that is, not everything that comes from the will of the Father has to be cute, but surely it is the best, and although we cannot fully understand it, God is good and just, there is no darkness in Him, all His thoughts are perfect and we must accept them.

If, at the moment when Jesus, being in Gethsemane, asking for the cup of sorrow to pass from Him, had been heard and pleased by the Father, he had never accomplished His purpose, He would not be the Savior of the world, nor the King of kings. That means that there would be no human beings with the opportunity to enjoy salvation but that we

would all without exception suffer eternal damnation. How good that despite the bitter drink of the Son, the Father loved us and his Son enough, not to be carried away by the momentary feeling, but by his plan and his eternal purpose, which since then, benefits us all. To us for receiving his grace and to Christ for being exalted to the highest for all eternity.

When Saul of Tarsus was chasing the Christians, the Lord came to the crossing, from heaven surrounded him with a great radiance, like lightning and Saul fell to the ground. At that moment a voice said to him: Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me? Who are you, Lord? Saul asked. I am Jesus answered the voice. It's me you're chasing. (**Acts 9:3-8**) Saul could have said; "*I don't persecute you, I'm persecuting Christians...*" However, it is evident that Christians are the body of Christ.

From then on Saul became the apostle Paul, a member of the body of Christ and having been a man of renown and social prestige, linked to power and with great authority, he became a servant of the Lord and went from persecutor to persecuted, however he made it clear that it was worth having everything for garbage to win him. (**Philippians 3:8**) No doubt his experiences changed and anyone would say for the worse, however we know that Paul considered himself "*More than victor...*" (**Romans 8:37**)

When he was introduced into the body of Christ by the grace of the Lord, he suffered a sting in his flesh, an emissary of Satan beat him from time to time, he was stoned and left

as dead, he was abandoned by his people, persecuted for his faith and imprisoned so many times, that most of his letters were written in prison. He was sent to Rome as his most difficult mission, he was first imprisoned, then whipped, put on a ship and suffered a shipwreck, hunger, cold and pain. When they were shipwrecked he reached the coast of Malta, was bitten by a viper and saved, once in Rome, he was able to establish a work, but in the end they ended up cutting off his head. Experiences that not everyone would be willing to go through.

This is curious, because we all admire Paul very much and would like to be like him in revelation, even if it is possible to visit the third heaven, but no one would want in their right mind to go through the processes he went through as a servant member of the body of Christ.

Actually it seems that things have changed and according to contemporary concepts, God would have to send us to Europe with a passage in business class and if we do not sin, nothing should go wrong and we would think that if something happens to us, it would be evidence that God did not send us. Yet I believe in Paul's firm evidence.

Everything that happened, both to him and to us today, are not things that obey chance, but causality, because even if we do not see Him or do not understand God, He is doing something, everything has to do with the purpose and His eternal plan. When we live in his will, coincidences do not exist.

It is easy to discern when a Christian lives many adversities because of his disobedience, there is not much analysis about it. "***He who will be fenced will bite the snake***" (Ecclesiastes 10:8)

The truth is that everything has a cause living with the Lord, we can be doing His perfect will and it is possible that everything will come against us, and that is, because advancing in the light, there will always be confrontation with darkness, but we can be sure that in Christ we are more than conquerors.

When the friends Daniel went to the fiery furnace, God was with them, Nebuchadnezzar said he saw four figures in the furnace, and they were three, but it was necessary for them to enter the furnace. Notice that firstly, the Lord was with them, and secondly, when they came out of the oven, they had no smell of burning, because by choosing to live faithfully, we will always obtain victory, even in the most difficult trials. But it is well worth noting, that anyway they entered the oven. That is, fidelity does not free you from the test, but it does enable you to approve it.

Today there are Christians in the world who are suffering persecution, but none of that is by chance but everything happens for the cause of the Kingdom. We have to define that the devil can destroy us if we are outside the body, he is the prince of this world and will do everything in his power so that the Kingdom of light is not manifested,

however, he is more than a loser, Christ has already overcome him on the cross of Calvary and if we remain in the Lord, in his body, nothing, absolutely nothing the enemy intends to do can destroy us.

Then you may wonder: How can it persecute and even cause deaths among Christians? Let me tell you that none of this is a victory for him, Christians do not die, we have eternal life and we cannot lose with the sufferings lived, because we are more than conquerors in Christ. You will say: Yes, but we suffer! I would say yes, but nevertheless in the body even martyrdom is a gift. I am convinced that it is the gift of a few to die for the Lord, a true privilege eternally rewarded.

Question: Can spiritual hosts of evil attack us for doing God's will? Yes, but they cannot destroy us, because they will not prevail against the body of Christ, they will only do what God allows them, because no weapon forged will prevail against Him, because the devil has no authority, he has already been defeated, he is an eternal loser before Christ, and we in the Lord, are more than overcomers.

*"For ye have died, and your life
it is hidden with Christ in God."*

Colossians 3:3

The mistake of many is to face darkness individually and not understand that the armor of Ephesians 6 is the armor of a body. We must live in Him, move in Him, and be in Him. (**Acts 17:28**)

"Beloved, do not be surprised by the fire of the trial that has befallen you, as if something strange were happening to you, but rejoice in that you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ, so that also in the revelation of his glory you may rejoice with great joy. If you are reviled by the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. Certainly, on their part, he is blasphemed, but for you he is glorified. So none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or for meddling in others, but if anyone suffers as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but glorify God for it." 1Pedro 4:12 to 16

First I want to clarify that this passage is from the New Testament and I know that for many the clarification is a no-brainer, however I clarify it because the dispensation of grace will not always free us from pain. In this passage we see that if the enemy attacks us, he attacks Christ, but we also see that for our sake he will be glorified. If instead of defending ourselves or countering with carelessness, we manage to be balanced people to act spiritually, we will glorify God with our lives.

Many times we ask why what happens to us happens to us? Why do we have to suffer certain circumstances? Well, in reality our hand does not have to understand what our mind thinks, and if it leads to the fire it will have to endure it, if it leads to the ice it will have to endure it, if it leads it to the open air it will have to endure it, if it leads to being locked up it will have to endure it, the truth is that our hand can never

get rid of the head, even if it does not understand the order it gives.

Can you imagine, the hand of a carpenter asking at the head, why it makes you take so many risks with the hammer or the saw? Can you imagine a mechanic's hand asking why they dirty it with grease continuously? Can you imagine the claims of the body of an Eskimo for the cold, of an African for the heat or of an athlete for exercise? When we are members of a body, maybe there are things that we cannot understand, but if the head decides to put its hand in the fire or in the ice water, for something it will be and even if we do not understand it, there will always be a logical reason, because God is faithful and knows what is best.

"For it is time for judgment to begin in the house of God, and if it first begins with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? And: If the righteous by difficulty are saved, where will the wicked and sinner appear? So that those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to the faithful Creator, and do good.

1Pedro 4:17 to 19

When God speaks of judgment he does not speak of chastisement, judgment is justice for God. In Argentina there is a judicial system, which can work well on some occasions, but we have also seen that sometimes it can work very badly and give rise to injustices, however the judgments of God are always justice.

I give you an example: Imagine that you occupy a person to do a job at home, imagine that person cuts off a finger doing a task that you did not entrust to him, imagine that that angry person determines to make a labor demand, blaming him for his misfortune. Maybe that demand is unfair, because you are not guilty of your incompetence and much less for cutting yourself by doing what you do not command you to do, however before the lawsuit you depend on the ruling of justice and that means that you can benefit or you can be harmed in a great way, everything depends, because natural justice can be wrong, but that does not happen with Divine justice, God is a just and totally legal judge.

So what does it mean for God to first make judgment about His house? Let me explain: It is absolutely right that all that is good about us belongs to the body of Christ, but it is also totally necessary that everything that does not serve in us be torn from the body. It is right that we enter into a process, to polish everything that does not serve in us, it is right that the Lord does so.

Salvation is a gift, but it is necessary to enter into a process to get to where God wants us in the body. And I clarified the thing about justice, because surely our criterion of polishing can differ greatly from the just criterion of God, that is, perhaps according to our opinion we are just and we are barbaric, but according to god's just judgment, we must still get rid of some things through the hard process of life and that is not easy for us to understand, that is why we appeal continuously.

However, I must tell you from personal experience, that we can well rest in the Lord and totally trust that everything that happens to us living in his will, is the right thing or rather: "***Just the best***", so we must have peace and know that no matter what happens to us, we are more than victors (**Romans 8:37**), that we are hidden in Him (**Colossians 3:3**), that we are the apple of his eye (**Psalm 17:8**), that we are in the palm of your hand (**Isaiah 49:16**), which has counted to our hair (**Matthew 10:30**), who knows our lying down and our lifting and even the word before it comes out of our mouth (**Psalm 139**), that He has everything under control and that He will be with us every day until the end of the world (**Matthew 28:20**), because in Him we live, we move and we are...



Chapter Twelve

Functions in the body

"For just as the body is one, and has many members, but all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all given to drink of the same Spirit. In addition, the body is not a single member, but many. If you say the foot: Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body, why will it not be of the body? And if I say the ear: Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, why will it not be of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would the ear be? If everything were heard, where would the smell be? But now God has placed each of them' limbs in the body, as He willed. Because if everyone were one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but the body is one. Not even the eye can say at hand: I don't need you, nor do I need your head to toe: I have no need of you. Rather the members of the body who seem weaker are the most necessary, and those of the body who seem less worthy to us, we dress more worthily, and those in us who are less decorous, are treated with more decorum. For those in us

who are more decorous have no need, but God ordained the body, giving more abundant honor to the one who lacked it. So that there is no disagreement in the body, but that the members all care about each other. So if a member suffers, all members grieve with him, and if one member receives honor, all members rejoice with him. You, then, are the body of Christ, and each one is a member in particular. And god put some in the church, first apostles, then prophets, the third teachers, then those who perform miracles, then those who heal, those who help, those who administer, those who have the gift of tongues. Are they all apostles? Are they all prophets? All teachers? Do they all perform miracles? Do you all have gifts of healing? Do they all speak languages? Do they all interpret? Seek, then, the best gifts. But I show you an even more excellent path. **1Cornintians 12:12 to 31**

Paul says that we are many members, but one body, he is not referring to water baptism as much as the baptism of the Spirit. "**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...**" Paul is writing here of the common "immersion" that all believers have in the Holy Spirit and in Jesus, a common "immersion" that brings them into a body.

Paul teaches about a great diversity in the members of the body of Christ, both in appearance and function, yet each member has a common root, a common DNA, a common genetics.

"But to all who received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave them power to be made children of God;



*which are not begotten of blood, nor of the will of flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God."*

John 1:12 and 13

Paul taught the Corinthians that the dividing lines created by them were strictly artificial. Jews, Greeks, slaves, free, it didn't matter anymore, because they were all one body.

On the other hand it says: "***Because I am not I am not...***" Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body? Because I am not ear I am not of the body? What does the word mean by that? We can ask it even another way: Because I don't have the call to be a pastor, I'm not of the body? Why don't I sing, I'm not from the body?

There are many people who disqualify themselves for not having active or visible certain gifts or talents and think that they are not of the body because they are not skilled to exercise some service in the meeting room. If they do not know how to speak eloquently, if they do not know how to sing or if they do not know how to play a musical instrument, they already think that they are not of the body. However, the body is not made up only of members active in the worship service. The body of Christ is not manifested through meetings, but through the actions of life.

As in the natural body we must understand that in the body of Christ, there are members who are present and although they are not visible to all, they are useful and

necessary. When it comes to exercising the function of looking, our ear is not important, and at the time of smelling our eye is not important, but that is not why they are still necessary, each one has its function in its own way and in its time. Each one has a function in the body of Christ, the one who disqualifies himself by leaving himself out because he believes that with that attitude he exercises an act of humility, in reality he is being disobedient and rebellious.

We must also understand that life is not in the member of the body, life is in the body itself, a separate member of the body ends up dying, if we cut off a hand and leave it lying it rots. Nothing will bring us fulfillment without the life of the body.

We also read in that passage from Corinthians that says: "*As I am I do not need*" And in such a case, it is no longer about humility, it is about pride. When someone thinks that he can be independent of others, because he has a lot of capacity, in reality, he is a proud one who will end up killing, because life is not independence, nor self-sufficiency, but dependence on the body. We all need each other, because all of us who have believed are members of the same body, the body of Christ.

Then we can conclude that both pride and false humility leave us out of the functions of the body of Christ, because these are two things that God cannot admit in those who should not beat their own lives. Pride or false humility is a visible manifestation that we are still alive to our self and

the apostle Paul was very clear in an exemplary concept: "***With Christ I am crucified together and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me; and what I now live in the flesh, I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.***" (Galatians 2:20)

If we are full of fears, fears, anxieties, complexes, God says: "When you die to all that, you will be of the body." If we tell God what happens is that I have a great capacity, God will tell us: "When you die to that you will be of the body." Everything that for us is a limitation God is going to remove it from the middle, because it is not we who bring life to the body, it is the body that gives life to us.

Paul says: "***If the whole body were an eye, where would the ear be?***" Diversity in the body of Jesus Christ is not only acceptable, but essential. The body cannot work properly if they are all hands, or if they are all eyes. The body must have different parts and gifts, or it will not work together effectively as a body.

But why is the foot foot and the hand is hand? Simple, because the Designer wanted to do it that way. So, the hand cannot be "proud" of being a hand, and the foot cannot be "ashamed" of being a foot. Each one is fulfilling the will of the Creator and we see great wisdom in his design, because everyone has something; but no one has it all.

It is sad when you compete over who is more anointed or idolize some ministries for their gifts as if they were the

ones who were generating power. And what's worse, many of them show themselves as if what they have from God they really got on merit.

"Because who distinguishes you? Or what do you have? that you have not received? And if you received it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it?"

1 Corinthians 4:7

Paul makes it clear that the members of the body who seem weaker may be the most necessary. Often, we consider a part of our body unnecessary or of little importance, however this changes when we get hurt or suffer an ailment, it is then that we realize how important it is!

The hand or eye may seem to be more important, and may have more "glamour" in its position, but they are no more necessary or important than other parts of the body. Seen from God's perspective, there is never any reason for disagreement in the body. The "pride" of the "honorable" member is marked, as well as the "shame" of the "least worthy" member.

"Let the members all care about each other..." Paul's theological point about the nature of the body of Jesus Christ has now come to very practical application. The Christians of Corinth should care about each other, because they are all part of the same body. Therefore, the unity proposed by Paul is not that we should all be equal, unity is a church that is sensitive and committed to all, particularly to those most in

need. Unity is manifested in a church that knows how to build non-violent relationships, therefore, it lives from the way God has treated us in Christ.

In the Lord's church no one is left over, no one is to be treated as a burden or as a useless member. In Christ we are all needed, simply because we are children loved by God. No one should think that a member who departs has no significance. We could imagine if waking up in the morning an arm or a leg was detached from our body, it would be terrifying.

The teaching of the body that Paul uses to tell us about the church guides the path that must be traveled to manifest the Kingdom. We must be absolutely critical of sectarianism that ultimately affects the central intention of the gospel message, this intention is to be an integrative, communal and participatory Church.

There are things that can only be felt from the corporate experience, we may not have lived a terminal illness, but some went through that trauma, we may not have suffered abandonment, abuse, rejection or addiction but surely other members have gone through that experience. We may not have lived the experience of misery, loss or perversion, but others were there. We may not know very well of great pains, but perhaps others were there, and God needs to show his love through everyone, because with a single member it is not enough to manifest the mercy and grace of our Lord, for that the fullness of a body is needed.

On the other hand, God never reveals everything to a single person, even if we are teachers in the word we will need the revelation that God will give to other ministers to learn as well. It is important that we understand this to reach fulfillment, some are so convinced that they know everything, that they only end up being undeveloped and useless members to the corporate purpose. We must learn, listen, read, and instruct ourselves in every way we can, nourishing our lives with the wealth coming from various ministries in order to advance to our life mission.

Says Romans 12:2: "***Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your understanding so that you may see what god's good will is, pleasing and perfect.***" The Lord expresses through Paul, the need to understand His will, because we must all obey one body, not we must be wise in our own opinion because we must know that each one has a function, and we all have different gifts, and we all have a diversity of talents, we all need each other to serve the body and no one has the exclusivity of thought, because that right was left to his head.

We all need each other and have different gifts, such as serving, teaching, exhorting, even expressing mercy, because not all gifts are manifested in the five ministries. We can all teach without needing to be teachers, we can all prophesy at some point and not have the ministry or office of prophet, we can all evangelize by delivering the Word even without being platform evangelists, we can all shepherd our

loved ones and we are all sent with purpose, because if we have the Holy Spirit we have all the nuances covered for every need.

I believe that seeking the revelation of the body, we must reread the Scriptures again and again, for the Lord calls us to a life of self-denial but truly wonderful, the greatest privilege that a human being can have on this earth, is to be members of the body of Christ, so that the very life of God may flow through our lives, being able to manifest to the world with power. Without that revelation we can become complaining and capricious, seeking only personal well-being, without understanding purpose and without understanding destiny, so I believe it is time to long for revelation and change to manifest the Kingdom of heaven to all the earth through the fullness of the body of Christ.

Revelation enables us to understand His mind and find a sense of eternal purpose. We must know that only in that way will we be touching eternity, I repeat, I believe it is the greatest privilege that a human being can have on this earth. We have to learn to see it with revelation, then we will even rejoice, in our difficulty, because we know what is the reason for our suffering and our function in the revealed body of Christ.

With Christ is the true peace of a Christian, recognizing the body is a matter of life and peace (**Romans 8:6**). That is why God speaks to us of specific functions and how we can find our place.

Finally, if you do not know what place it should occupy in the body, remember that the Holy Spirit is the one who guides all truth and righteousness. (**John 16:13**), there are also prepared ministers, who will help you to find that prophetic place, in the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son. (**Ephesians 4:11-13**).



Chapter Thirteen

The Kingdom and the Body

In God's designs, it was never to establish a new religion, but to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, so I would like to briefly expose the way in which Kingdom and body merge to consummate purpose.

First we must understand, when we speak of Kingdom, we speak of government and the Lord desires to manifest that government through Christ, that is why the new man, as the apostle Paul says, must manifest himself in fullness, this is his body that is the Church.

God, in his infinite mercy, created man in his image and likeness, giving him authority to lord and subdue creation, carved out a garden full of abundance for him and told him to extend it to fill the earth, yet man could not rule, by the simple fact of not having allowed himself to be governed and without being subject to authority, no one has government authority.

In the face of such a failure man was expelled from Eden and therefore lost purpose, built cities and designed new forms of human government, but could not represent

God. Today the world is as it is, because man pretends to rule in his own way, without allowing himself to be governed by the Lord, that is why it was necessary for Christ through his work to recover what Adam lost and deliver it to the Church to consummate the mission.

Today things have not changed, when God designs something, he will find a way, beyond time, to realize it. The body of Christ is the new man growing to fullness, to manifest himself to the world in spiritual, unnatural government, for the purpose of filling the earth with the glory of God's power.

Most Christians have lost the sense of government and only think in terms of a congregation that meets on Sundays to sing, listen to a sermon, and ask the Saint to do better, but that is not God's plan. This mediocrity marks and explains the lack of revelation regarding the body of Christ. When the Church speaks of the body of Christ, it is interpreted in a romantic and sentimental way, but God is not thinking like that, the Lord does and thinks for the purpose of government and conquest.

The world has not been able to see of God, more than the Church has had the ability to show, some only display posters, others large events or numerous groups of people, others seek to conquer the current systems of government by doing state policy and although none of these things are definitely wrong, I believe that none of that is Divine foundation.

The Lord is thinking of manifesting His Kingdom and His Kingdom is not earthly democracy, the Kingdom of Heaven is spiritual government, because His Kingdom is not of this world and must be manifested by people reborn in the spirit who, from communion and revelation, correctly interpret God and obey Him with all their hearts.

The body of Christ is fundamental, because if the members do not obey the head they will never be able to rule and those who obey, are not and will never be the religious, but those who manage to correctly interpret the will of God, putting it into action. Religious practice liturgies, the children of the Kingdom manifest life.

Jesus interpreted the will of the Father and put it into action, so He left us teaching and made us members of His body so that we can realize the primary plan aborted by Adam, redeemed by Him and entrusted to us until the time of the end.

Some know a lot about theology but have no revelation of purpose, their lives do not change, nor do they understand the importance of their position in Christ. We must understand that the things that Christ lived, the things that He spoke, the things that He did, are the examples that teach us of how the church has to be, we must break the mentality of individualism, because otherwise, that will leave us out of the body.

Although we manifest a church of hundreds, or even thousands of people, the body of Christ is composed only of the reborn, of those who are understanding through the communion and revelation of the Holy Spirit and who are putting into action the Divine will, working as a team, in harmony and in love, until the Kingdom is fully manifested throughout the earth.

As I explained earlier and now I repeat, there are some people who are only visitors to the church, visitors from some congregation, even from several, they are fluctuating who feel comfortable enjoying the anointing, but they do not exercise any function, they are like sinners who felt good eating with Jesus, but were not part of those who served him or remained without condition, they are like the lepers who tried to get to where Jesus was, but they only did it to receive healing and not to follow him, not even to thank him, they are like those who received loaves and fishes to satisfy their hunger, but before the Roman authority, they ended up shouting: Crucify him! Crucify him!

These are not little brothers who understand purpose, they are not seeing the Christ, they sit at the supper, eat the bread and feel blessed, but they are not part of the body, there is a big difference between the body of Christ revealed and the people sitting at a table trying to be served and not that this is wrong, please, that is not what I try to express, it is always pleasant to receive people, I am only referring to the revealed body.

The Lord qualified himself as a friend of sinners, so it is very good that beautiful people visit us in meetings, so there are also people who qualify themselves as friends of the church and that is very good, the problem is to identify if they are from the body, if they try to immerse themselves in Him, or instead of dwelling they determine only to visit His presence.

These people live as they want, but when they are thirsty, they seek to be satiated, when they feel like hearing a Word of faith, they return to worship, when they feel bad about some situation, they return to be heard. Being close to the body of Christ makes them feel good, but soon after, as soon as they are filled with light and vigor, they leave without acquiring any commitment. These so-called brethren make God contribute to their desires, but they are not willing to contribute to God's desires.

Some of them even get baptized and party, invite people and eat crumb sandwiches, but they have no idea what they are doing, there is no revelation of what it means to declare in covenant: "*I leave the world and follow Christ...*" They do not realize that to live in the power of the resurrection you have to be willing to die and death is not celebrated with a feast, because dying hurts, but it is necessary, because only in this way, can the true life of the Kingdom be manifested.

Christ died on the cross, but he also rose again and today he proposes us to die to our self to be resurrected in

Him. Some evangelize by making a call to live, but the gospel of the Kingdom has a primary call that is to die, that is why many people cannot consolidate themselves as effective members of the body of Christ, they were simply preached badly, they were told of life without mentioning death and the Lord does not want to improve our lives, but to give us a new life for which it is necessary that we first accept to die to the old nature.

The gospel of the Kingdom is not that God changes our old life, but that He gives us a new one that must mature and develop to fullness.

Jesus said He came to give us life and life in abundance, (**John 10:10**), that word life in the original Greek, is the word "**Zoe**" which means his life, not ours, that is to say that he came to give us his life and his life in abundance. That changes things a lot, God never promised us to improve our life, but to give us a new one and that is why He speaks to us of the need to be born again. My beloved reader realizes, Jesus taught Nicodemus that if you are not born again, you cannot see or enter the Kingdom. (**John 3:3-5**), that is why most meeting attendees do not see the Kingdom, let alone die to manifest it through the revealed body.

If we cannot renounce our life, we cannot be part of the life of the body of Christ. But if we die to ourselves because we believe in Him, faith will catapult us and the Holy Spirit will lead us to death every day, because our self does not give

up easily, but repentance and humility will kill our self so that His life manifests itself in our mortal body.

In such a case, it will no longer be us, but Christ in us, the hope of glory. And as we merge into Him, as members of His body we will not go where we want to go, but we will go where the head wants. The body of Christ is always anointed from heaven, because the anointing falls on the head, then on the beard, and then on the whole body as it fell on Aaron. (**Psalm 133:2**), because that is the anointing of the priesthood given to a church, when the head is anointed, the body is anointed, and there are people who confuse the anointing, because they think that anointing is what splashes them in a cult when they are touching the body.

When Ananias and Sapphira lied in the figure with which they had sold their house, the two fell dead. (**Acts 5:1-11**), because it is one thing to lie in an evangelical congregation and quite another to lie to the body of Christ, the question you should ask yourself is: Why don't liars fall dead today? And the answer is simple: Because the anointing is not as it should be, pure and powerful, just because many people do not see the body and dilute and consume it without revelation.

Sadly in the church today, many areas have moved orthopedically, ingenious systems of work, systems of igle-growth, strategies of conquest, marketing, marketing and projections, that is, we seek to make the church work as a company, and we think that if we advertise people will come,

that if we organize ourselves in a certain way we will be effective, but Jesus didn't need to advertise and still, he had to get on a boat to get away from the coast because of the number of people who followed him, and that was because there was an anointing manifesting on his life. He did not organize his proceeding, but spent time in prayer listening to the Father, who told him where and that was what made him truly effective.

Wherever the anointing is, people will go alone, when we try to get people to come to the church, we invite them with all kinds of offers, we tell them that all their problems will be solved, that they will stop suffering, that the sick will be healed, that families will be changed, that the captives will be released, that they will get money, work and love, then we end up proclaiming things that Jesus never offered, moreover, the Word says that Jesus never cried out in the streets, nor did he go around announcing himself. (**Isaiah 42:2**), however the crowds followed.

Although we meet in a field secretly, people will find us, if there is anointing they will find us, the problem is that the anointing has to be manifested by a body, Not a person but a body and although today we can see wonderful personal ministries, they are only part of what God wants to show. When a ministry of miracles or power is raised, Christians themselves end up idolizing such a person and organize mega events to go see him or to receive his anointing. I have no problem with that, but that's not God's plan. When we understand the body, the anointing that descends from the

head will flow with power over all and we will see a revival like never seen before.

Children will bring the gospel to schools, young people to college, employees to their fields of work, employers to their companies, professionals to their people, politicians to the government of towns, cities, and nations. They will simply speak and the word will be powerful, accompanied by signs, miracles and wonders, they will not be worried about everyone coming to church, but they will bring the Church to the ends of the earth.

We must see God's design in a spiritual way, the body of Christ is spiritual and the Kingdom is not of this world, it is spiritual, if we manage to understand that, we will be immortal and invincible, I will explain it to you so that you do not think badly of me. When I say immortal, it is because only the spirit understands eternal life and when I say invincible it is because even if they criticize us, even if they throw stones at us or burn us in a bonfire, no one will be able to touch our spirit, we are more than overcomers, nor could death retain the Christ and on the third day he rose again with a glorified body, today we are prophetically on the third day of God, we are in the third millennium and God said that for Him one day was like a thousand years. On the third day he created trees with fruit, on the third day he raised him, the darkness was moved and even the dead rose from the graves, so it will be to move in these times, if the power of the one in the body of Christ is revealed to us.

**"Seeing Christ we are free from sin,
but by seeing the Body we are free from individualism."**

Watchman Nee



Chapter Fourteen

The joints and the body

*"Following the truth in love, let us grow in everything
in him who is the head, that is, Christ,
of whom the whole body, well concerted and united among
themselves by all the conjunctures that help each other,
according to the activity of each member, receives its
growth to be built in love"*

Ephesians 4:15 and 16

The word conjuncture according to the DRAE comes from Latin *junctus* verbal form of *jungere*, concerning *jugum* (yoke), join in yoke. It consists of which is with, and *iunctura* which is union, to unite with.

In the exposition of the members of the body assimilating them to the members of the Church, and to each one of us, we will see that the meaning of conjuncture is a reflection of what life in the Body of Christ is to be, it is the way of being united. If we expose each of the brothers as members of a body, it is necessary that we are united and the conjunctures are that union, that is why it is so important that we understand how they work.

Jesus did not establish strong bonds only between Him and His disciples. He also related the disciples to each other. Several times Jesus sent the disciples two by two. They also went out without the Master. They certainly had to develop a deep relationship with each other. The Holy Spirit worked on them, while they were together in this relationship, through prayer, counsel, patience, forgiveness, and the different characteristics and personalities of each one.

When human beings interact within the framework of a community or group, they establish human relationships. These links are usually based on hierarchy and are developed through communication. Every human relationship necessarily involves at least two individuals and from interactions, people can develop and improve their personality because the Word teaches that "***Iron with iron sharpens, and man with his neighbor is sharpened***" (Proverbs 27:17)

When you rub one piece of iron against another, you shape it and sharpen it. Similarly, people help each other improve with their conversations, criticisms, suggestions, and ideas. The image of a butcher sharpening the knife with a steel bar is a good example of how a strong metal serves to enhance an instrument.

That relationship between Jesus and his disciples was a relationship of discipleship, something vertical. This other specific relationship was horizontal, which we here call companionship. In discipleship, someone more mature

watches over someone newer. In fellowship there is a mutual responsibility to build up one another, in addition to facing together all the tasks that Jesus entrusted to us.

"and not holding on to the Head, by virtue of whom the whole body, nourishing and uniting by the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth that God gives"

Colossians 2:19

The example of Jesus and his disciples is clear, but it is necessary that we look at the conjunctures from the perspective of the new Covenant. I know very well that our Bibles show from Matthew 1:1 the beginning of what we call the New Testament, however we must not ignore that the new Covenant begins on the Cross.

The birth of Jesus brought the Eternal Christ, but his death on the Cross was the consummation of the triumph. The disciples of the Lord, walked with Him for three years and saw Him do and say all His wonders, yet they were not regenerated men, for that reason they walked alongside the body of Jesus, but they had not yet been introduced into the body of Christ.

After death and resurrection, life was imparted to them and they went from relationship to communion. The new covenant is not based on the good relationship of the brethren, but on the communion of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (**Ephesians 4:3**)

This is key to be able to understand, because many times I hear phrases like: "Christ is not religion, Christ is a relationship of life" or the typical question: How is your relationship with God? Sure, this concept sounds better than religion loaded with dead works, yet it's not Biblical. The new covenant speaks to us of communion, not relationship. Let's look at the differences:

Relation: Treatment or connection between two or more persons or entities.

Communion: True and deep union between two or more people.

The relationship is superficial and primary, but the communion is deep, progressive and infinite. Communion with God is the next level after the relationship. The relationship came as a consequence of having accepted Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior, but communion comes as a result of being introduced into the body.

This is also the case with the brothers, if we join a group of people to participate in a meeting or a common activity we are relating to them, however if we become *the same body, the same Spirit, the same hope, the same Lord, the same faith, the same baptism and the same God and Father of all, who is above all, and by all, and in all.* (**Ephesians 4:4-6**) Then we no longer have a relationship but a communion, deep and true.

If the conjunctures are what unite us and that union is not superficial but deep and spiritual, we must assume that all our works born of the Spirit are the effective conjunctures and that on the contrary, when there are almatic or carnal works, we not only fall into relationships, but into conflicts.

"You are still carnal; for having among you jealousy, strife, and dissension, are you not carnal, and do you walk as men?"

1 Corinthians 3:3

Paul told the Corinthians that they were like immature and still carnal children, because they related conflictively, so he called them to maturity and commitment, because spiritual maturity generates spiritual works and that is where conflicts die, giving way to the conjunctures of life.

The joints of the human body are the most important junctions between the ends of the bones. What they do is allow a movement to be created between the bones. So we can move freely and constantly with our body. The bones collide with the joints, which are covered with a little hard and flexible tissue called articular cartilage. What it allows is that the movement of the bones can be done without any problem, helping them not to rub directly.

When the joints suffer premature wear, they cause a lot of pain, the bones pink each other and make it impossible for the body, the normal development of its actions. In the spiritual it happens exactly the same, when the conjunctures

wear out, when they lose their spirituality, generate roses, conflicts, lawsuits and cause a lot of pain, preventing the normal development of corporate actions.

For this reason, we must ensure that our actions bring true unity to the body and not painful divisions as many cause. We must be people of peace, spiritual people, who with our actions, add life to the body through new members and be providers of anointing and life to all those who are with us.

"But I pray not only for these, but also for those who are to believe in me by their word, that all may be one; like you, O Father, in me, and I in you, may they also be one in us; so that the world may believe that you sent me The glory you gave me, I have given you, so that be one, just as we are one. I in them, and you in me, so that they are perfect in unity,"

John 17:20 and 23

Finally, if this teaching of conjunctures is revealed to us, we must not only seek its application in the Church, but also in our families. The family is like the church in the house. We have to order our mind and adjust our heart to understand this and live according to this truth. Our daily works must produce union, they must avoid painful roses, they must allow and produce family advancement.

The evil deeds of the members of a family, not only hurt, but stop the functioning of it, the church is like a family and a family is like the church, if Christ is not revealed to us in all its dimension we will live in individualism and failure, however the revelation of being part of His life itself, It will propel us to the fullness of life that God proposes.

"He subdued all things under the feet of Christ, and he gave Christ himself to the church as the head of everything. For the church is the body of Christ, the fullness of Christ, who is the one who brings all things to their fullness."

Ephesians 1:22 and 23 DHH



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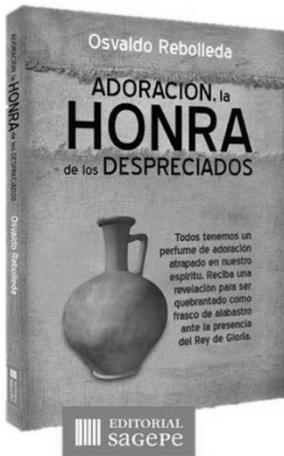
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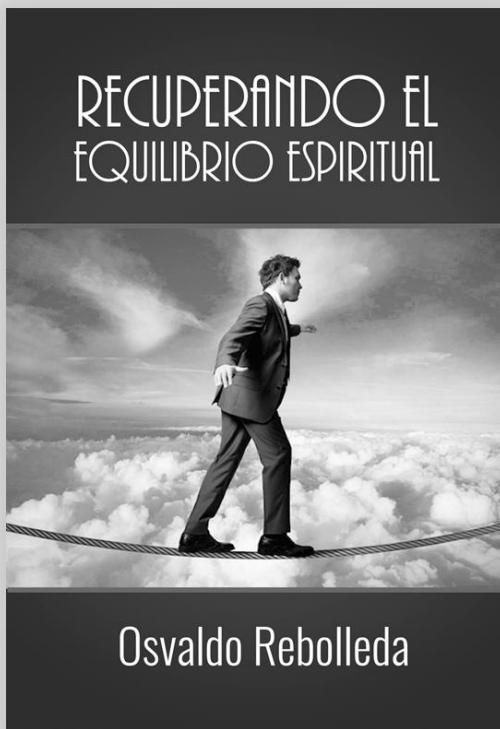


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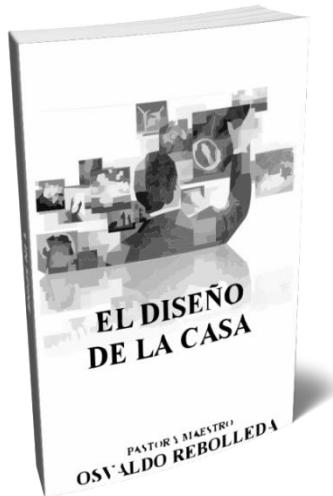


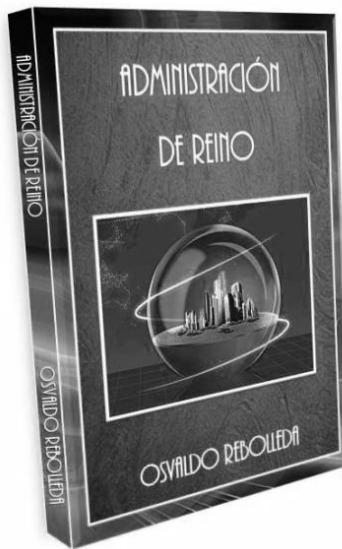
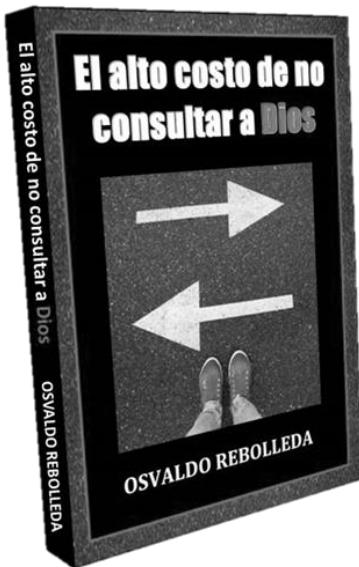
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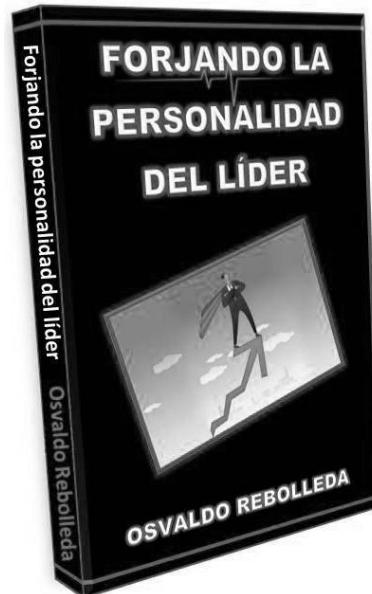
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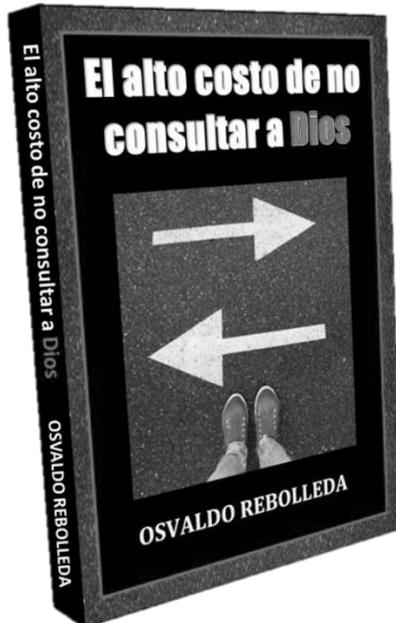


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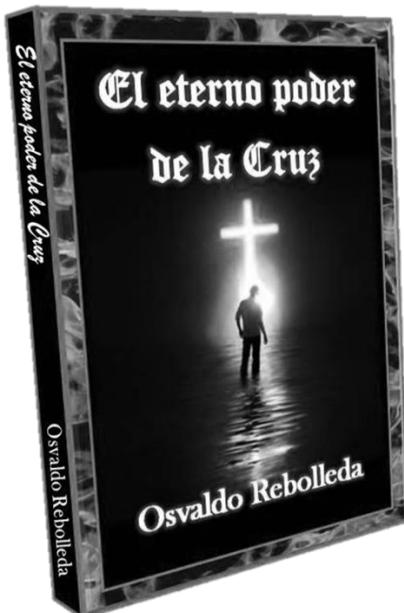
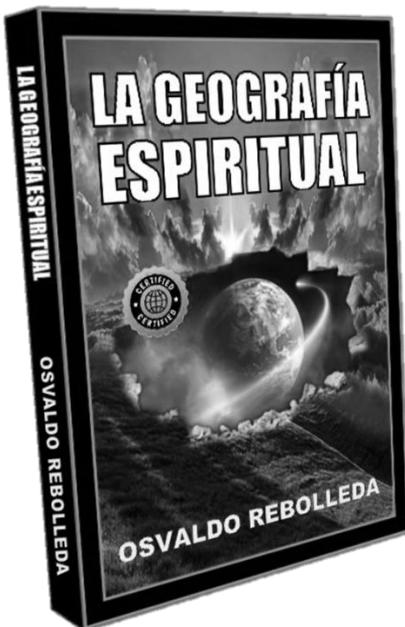


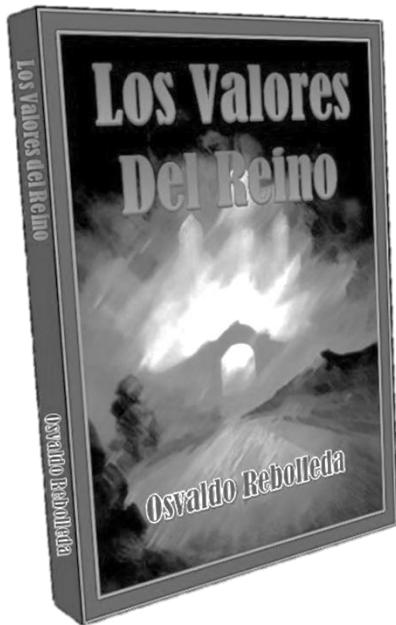
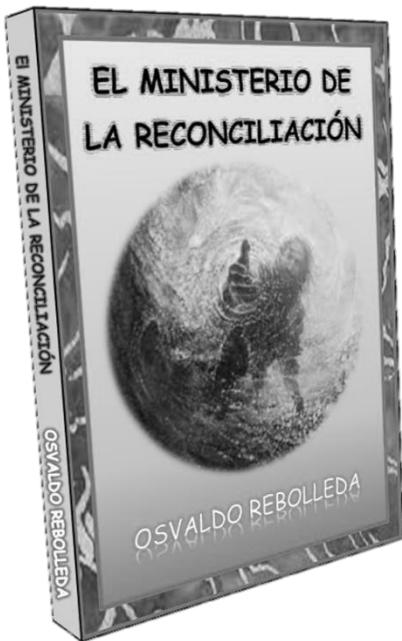
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