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The life destined for Heaven

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INTRODUCTION

Christianity being a walk of faith is truly a worthy cause as it is a religion which is unique in nature as it has a lively hope beyond this life on the earth (1 Peter 1:1-5). Although it comes with a myriad of challenges in this life but all that cannot be comparable to the eternal benefits it comes with in the end (Romans 8:14-25, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Acts 14:19-22, 2 Timothy 2:9-12; 3:10-12).

Now this walk of faith in the Spirit requires a life of holiness which is its standard for entry into heaven God's dwelling place so as to live with him eternally. The Scripture has a lot of encouragements for the believer in this walk to soldier on unto the end and receive his or her reward that awaits him or her in heaven.

The Spirit prompted me yet again to come up with a book on this worthy cause for Christians to ponder on and to soldier on to their awaited glory at rapture. This book is must read material, for all believers in Christ Jesus.

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Part 1

The New birth

In this part I am going to touch on the need for salvation prior to living a holy life. From the outset let me make it clear that it is impossible for one to live a holy life outside Christianity. It is because outside Christ one can do nothing that pleases God. Let me frankly tell you that after man fell in the Garden of Eden, he needed some help from somewhere so as to be able to live right once again and that help could come only from one source and that is, his Creator of course.

It is only in Christ Jesus that one is entitled to receive that help. The help is the Holy Spirit from God the Father who is in heaven (John 7:37-39) and Jesus Christ told his disciples (his followers) that fact (John 14:25-28; 15:1-5; 16:7-16).

After the resurrection from the dead Jesus Christ again told his disciples the same promise to send them another helper (the Holy Spirit) as he was about to leave them

and go back to his Father (Acts 1:6-11) and so the disciples went and waited and for sure at the right time they received the promised help (Acts 1:12-2:4). Now they not only received the Holy Spirit but were filled to capacity each one of them so that they were enabled to speak with other tongues which was not their mother tongue.

Now before I go further on the subject let us see something on this new birth (salvation) and how it comes about.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men, and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of

Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:36-42

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to

everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:14-16

BRETHREN, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,

That the man which doeth, those things shall live by them.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart,

Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:1-13

For God, so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth

in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

All the above scriptures do tell us that salvation comes as a result of hearing the gospel of Christ which is the good news to mankind and by believing with a repentant heart and being baptized (by immersion in water) one is saved (receives the new birth) as explained in the gospel according to saint John (John 3:1-8). Let us now briefly look at the role of the Holy Spirit in a Christian.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:1-9

From the above scripture it is clear that it was necessary for Jesus Christ to come and to save mankind and that by only the Holy Spirit one is enabled to live a holy life pleasing God. Going by the scriptures the Holy Spirit is

central and mandatory for living a holy life. The Holy Spirit is that one that makes one to be holy and not mere flesh which is weak. But the Holy Spirit is God's power for holy living and for serving the Lord.

Part 2

God's commandment

In this part I am going to dwell on holy living which is a commandment from God for his children beginning with the people of Israel who are Jews and now by extension Christians who have been born of God's spirit (the Holy Spirit) (John 1:6-13). Now straight away let us look at some of the scriptures on the same.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel,
Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or
of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that
giveth any seed unto Molech; he shall surely
be put to death: the people of the land shall
stone him with stones.

And I will set my face against that man, and
will cut him off from among his people;
because he hath given his seed unto Molech,
to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my
holy name.

And if the people of the land do any ways
hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth
of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

Then I will set my face against that man, and
against his family, and will cut him off, and
all that go a whoring after him, to commit
whoredom with Molech, from among their
people.

And the soul that turneth after such as have
familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a
whoring after them, I will even set my face
against that soul, and will cut him off from
among his people.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy: for
I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:1-7

Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth
from day to day his salvation.

Declare his glory among the heathen; his
marvellous works among all nations.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of people are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:23-29

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of goats.

When ye come to appear before me, who hath required all this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and

Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your new moons and appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well; seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:11-17

Some Christians have substituted the holiness required by God by their offerings which are material things (temporal and external) (2 Corinthians 4:18) but God is more interested in the state of the heart which is internally and is also eternal in nature (1 Samuel 16:6-7). As

he has all he needs as he told the children of Israel. He is interested in holiness and righteousness that comes from obedience and is therefore just before Him. We need to understand that material things cannot put us in a right standing with God and that God cannot lower his standard of holiness with anything else so he is not going to accept anything less from us.

Now Elizabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zechariah, after the name of his father.

And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea.

And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy
prophets, which have been since the world
began:
That we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant;
The oath which he sware to our father
Abraham,
That he would grant unto us, that we being
delivered out of the hand of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all
the days of our life.

Luke 1:57-75

In order for one to be holy one requires to be
saved and to receive the Holy Spirit which
God gives to those he has saved.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield
yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye

are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 6:16-22

Once one is saved and receives the Holy Spirit one becomes the temple of God for his spirit to dwell in and therefore calls for holy living.

FURTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and please God, so ye would abound more and more.

For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

That every one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness,
but unto holiness.

He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not
man, but God, who have also given unto us
his Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

The Holy Spirit is for living a holy life which
leads to one's sanctification.

In like manner also, that women adorn
themselves in modest apparel, with shame-
facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair,
or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

But (which becometh women professing
godliness) with good works.

1 Timothy 2:8-10

The dressing of a Christian matters a lot to
God so modest dressing is required from all
believers in Christ Jesus. Some have said that
God is interested only with the heart and not
the body which is half - truth as he is equally
concerned with our one's conduct in that body
and which can be seen by others.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation
hath appeared to all men,
Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and
worldly lusts, we should live soberly,
righteously, and godly, in this present world;
Looking for that blessed hope, and the
glorious appearing of the great God and our
Saviour Jesus Christ:

Who gave himself for us, that he might
redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto
himself a peculiar people, zealous of good
works.

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke
with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Titus 2:11-15

Now there is no clearer way than that on
God's commandment on holy living.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be
sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is
to be brought unto you at the revelation of
Jesus Christ;

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

1 Peter 1:13-17

It is holiness and holiness.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not wanting that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:8-14

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do things that ye would.

But ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

Now that is a golden advice to Christians on how to live holy life. Let us look at a similar advice.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

But ye have not so learned Christ:

If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24

There is need to put off the old man and to put on the new man so that one can be renewed in the mind.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

One needs to renew one's mind through the Spirit being transformed so as to be able to know what is good, acceptable and perfect in God's sight. If not one can easily be conformed to the world. Great care is necessary for Christians in this life. One need to say no to things and not accepting everything that comes one's way blindly without thoroughly questioning and having the word of God as one's yardstick of course. We can see from those scriptures that God surely has commanded all his children to live a holy life and in righteousness. May the Lord help us to heed and be found with him at his appearing up in the clouds and to take us home.

Part 3

Why holiness?

In this part I am going to dwell on the reasons why God is stressing so much on the need for his children to live a holy life. In doing so, I may not dwell on all the reasons but I am going to present the fundamental ones for that matter as follows hereunder.

a) The holiness of God

God who is the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein is a holy God as we are going to see from the Scripture.

HEAR this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

Amos 4:1-2

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also
the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted
up, and his train filled the temple;

Above it stood the Seraphim: each one had six
wings; with twain he covered his face, and
with twain he covered his feet, and with twain
he did fly.

**And one cried to another, and said, Holy,
holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole
earth is full of his glory.**

Isaiah 6:1-3

O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto
God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a
great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us, and the
nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us, the
Excellency of Jacob who he loved. Selah

God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with
the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises
unto our King, sing praises.

**For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye
praises with understanding.**

**God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth
upon the throne of his holiness.**

Psalm 47:1-8

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast
lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to
rejoice over me.

I LORD, my God, I cried unto thee, and thou
hast healed me.

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from
the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I
should not go down to the pit.

**Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,
and give thanks at the remembrance of his
holiness.**

Psalm 30:1-4

And Hannah prayed, and said,

My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:1-2

THE LORD reigneth: let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

The King's strength also loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity, thou executes judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Psalms 99:1-5

**Art thou not from everlasting O LORD my
God, mine Holy One?**

We shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained
them for judgement: and, O mighty God, thou
hast established for correction.

Habakkuk 1:12

Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in
their own land, they defiled it by their own
way and by their doings: their way was before
me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

Wherefore I poured my fury upon the land,
and for their idols wherewith they had
polluted it:

And I scattered them among the heathen, and
they were dispersed through the countries:
according to their way and according to their
doings I judged them.

And when they entered unto the heathen,
whither they went they profaned my holy
name, when they said to them, These are the
people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of
his land.

But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

Ezekiel 36:17-22

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

Psalms 89:34-37

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and

for their officers: and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.

And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the

Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;
and I delivered them into your hand.

And I sent the hornet before you, which drove
them out from before you, even the two kings
of the Amorites: but not with thy sword, nor
with thy bow.

And I have given you a land for which ye did
not labour, and cities which ye built not, and
ye dwell in them, of the vineyards and olive
yards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him
in sincerity and in truth: and put away the
gods which your fathers served on the other
side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye
the LORD.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the
LORD, choose you this day whom ye will
serve; whether the gods which your fathers
served that were on the other side of the flood,
or the gods of the Am'-o-rites, in whose land
ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will
serve the LORD.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Am'-o-rites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

And Joshua said unto the people, ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

Joshua 24:1-19

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime but thou
hearest not; and in the night season, and
am not silent
But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest
the praises of Israel.**

Psalm 22:1-3

**For thus saith the high and lofty One that
inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I
dwell in the high and holy place, with him
also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to
revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive
the heart of the contrite ones**

Isaiah 57:15

BUT now thus saith the LORD that created
thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O
Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I
have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.
When thou passest through the waters, I will
be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall
not overflow thee: when thou walkest through

the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Isaiah 43:1-3

Now go, write it before them in a table, and note in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever.

That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and

trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

Isaiah 30:8-13

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

Then they said, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the

lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

And take the art of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-she-mesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-she-mite, and stood there, where there

was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon, for Gathone, for Ekron one; And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of the fenced cities, and the country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God?

And to whom shall he go up from us?

And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

1 Samuel 6:1-21

Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy

One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

Isaiah 29:22-23

THEREFORE, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say,

Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Behold, I am against thee O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel.

And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezekiel 39:1-7

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The work of his hands are verity and judgement; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Psalm 111:4-9

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto all the congregation of the
children of Israel, and say unto them, **Ye shall
be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.**

Leviticus 19:1-2

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door was
opened in heaven and the first voice which I
heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with
me; which said, Come up hither, and I will
show thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and,
behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one
sat on the throne.

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper
and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow
round about the throne, in sight like unto an
emerald.

And round about the throne were four and
twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four
and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white

raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

And out of the throne proceeded lightings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:1-8

b) The holiness of God's dwelling

Because God the Creator of the universe is holy, so is his dwelling place as well as we are going to see from the Scriptures.

And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem, kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day, by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord.

And Hezekieah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten

thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

2 Chronicles 30:21-27

When thou hast made an end of tithing of all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away aught thereof for any unclean use, nor given aught thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 26:12-15

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink,
that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest
mayest look on their nakedness!

Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink
thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered:
the cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be
turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall
be on thy glory.

For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee,
and the spoil of beasts, which made them
afraid, because of men's blood, and for the
violence of the land, of the city, and of all that
dwell therein.

What profiteth the graven image that the
maker thereof hath graven it; the molten
image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of
his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake;
to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach!

Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

**But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all
the earth keep silence before him.**

Habakkuk 2:15-20

IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to
my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make
ready their arrow upon the string, that they
may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the
righteous do?

**The LORD is in his holy temple, the
LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes
behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.**

Psalms 11:1-4

And before the throne there was a sea of glass
like unto crystal: and in the midst of the
throne, and round about the throne, were four
beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the
second beast like a calf, and the third beast
had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was
like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:6-8

c) The holiness of heaven

Heaven the dwelling place of God is holy and that is the destination of all Christians who shall maintain holiness in their lives and therefore holiness becomes mandatory in Christianity.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Therefore sprang there even one and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:8-16

The fact that God has made that country and city make it to be holy as it is his dwelling place. I very, very much quite agree with the sentiments of those men and women of faith as this world is full of misery and challenges and corruption and the bad list seems to be unending as I have not even mentioned the many injustices many for that country and city that have to undergo. As for me I yearn to be there as is perfect in all ways as a perfect being is the ruler - God the Almighty himself, the Holy One of Israel. God the Father and God the Son gave the promise which is sure.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake

which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high, and have twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth, the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:1-27

From the above description of heaven, it is quite clear that the place is a holy place and it is said that only the saints are to be there and that anything which is unclean of can bring defilement of any sort cannot enter into it. Let us see the next scripture.

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:8-14

Now that the place is that way what need a Christian do in this life? Read on.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be

called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:1-3

Now there is work to be done which is to purify oneself on a daily basis so that when the Lord Jesus Christ appears to take his holy Church one is found with holiness. Now what is it that can make one to be holy? Let us see.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open for us.

But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:1-13

What we get from that scripture are two vital things: a lamp and oil. The wise virgins in that they had both their lamps as well as oil. Now the fact that they were virgins implies they were saved and therefore were all brides (the Church of Christ) who had been washed by the blood of the Lamb of God who happens to be the bridegroom, Jesus Christ and they had the capability to give light as Jesus said he is the light of the world (John 8:12: and that his followers too were expected to give light (Matthew 5:14-16). So the ten virgins had lamps (salvation) but they needed oil (the Holy Spirit) to continue giving light. The wise virgins were ready and entered in with the bridegroom. The Holy Spirit is essential for preparing into entry into heaven and cannot be shared as we have seen. Flesh and blood cannot make it there in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50).

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

For we in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up in life.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

The fact that heaven is not made by human hands but God's make it a really holy place as God himself is holy.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,

according to the working whereby he is able
to even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

And we know that all things work together for
good to them that love God, to them who are
called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also
predestinate to be conformed to the image of
his Son, that he might be the firstborn among
many brethren.

**Moreover whom he did predestinate, them
he also called: and whom he called, them
he also justified: and whom he justified,
them he also glorified.**

Romans 8:28-30

Heaven being God's dwelling place is also
home to his Son Jesus Christ and is the same
place we are going to be after we have been
glorified and so it is a holy indeed!

For ye are not come unto the mount that
might be touched, and that burned with fire,

nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

And the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

(For they could not endure that which was commanded.

And if so much a great touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24

The heavenly Jerusalem is a holy city just as the scripture has described it elsewhere and is the home of the righteous – the holy saints.

Part 4

Safeguards

In this part I am going to dwell mainly on those things one need to be keen on in not doing or in doing as safeguards in holy living and which if are adhered to can lead to the state of remaining in holiness before God who is quite holy (eternally holy). I now take this opportunity to bring to you the safeguards in a nutshell.

a) Separation

A separated life is necessary in the walk of faith as a safeguard against defilement.

WHEN the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

And when the Lord the God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them:

Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6

For further reading read the book of 1 Kings
11:1-11

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the
counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the
way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the
scornful.

Psalm 1:1

Be ye not unequally yoked together with
unbelievers: for what fellowship hath
righteousness with unrighteousness? and what
communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Be'-li-al?
or what part hath he that believeth with an
infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God
with idols? for ye are the temple of the living
God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them,
and walk in them; and they shall be my
people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

HAVING therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

b) Avoidance of evil communications

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

For further reading read the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:7-16).

c) Stopping to entertain the old man

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

But ye have not so learned Christ;

If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24

c) Abstaining from whoredom

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods:

And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

And the LORD said unto Moses,
Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun,

that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye everyone his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

Numbers 25:1-9

Whoredom is a deadly sin and quite deadly. It brings spiritual death in that the Spirit of God literally departs away. It is so serious as it is done in one's body and brings real big destruction. You can read the scriptures (1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 3:16-17).

c) Staying away from Idolatry

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us. For as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

And Aaron said unto them, Break off the gold earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.

And they rose up on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings: and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These

be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 32:1-8

God is a holy and a jealous God and has commanded that we should not have another god before him to bow to or to serve. You can read further these scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:1-9 and 1 John 5:19-20.

d) Avoiding drunkenness

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:15-18

The taking of alcohol adversely affects one's spirituality as well as the body and corrupts the mind such that one cannot make sound decisions. Christians are encouraged to be

filled with the Holy Spirit and nothing else and which the scripture describe as excess: In part one of this book I touched on the Holy Spirit as central in a Christians' life and is the only one that make it possible to live a holy life. By taking alcohol a Christian does the unimaginable-corrupting and defiling the one that helps him or her and therefore be rendered virtually helpless which is a sad and awkward situation indeed. Get to know that the Holy Spirit gives a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). Now imagine if one takes alcohol which is corruption and pollution to the body!

No wonder God through his angels instructed the mother of Samson and the father of John the Baptist to be wary on the issue on wine or strong drink as both the children were to be Nazarites and be filled with the Holy Spirit from their mother's womb (Judges 13:1-14, Luke 1:5-15). Wine or strong drink would have adversely affected the work of the Holy Spirit in them and yet they all were

commissioned to accomplish things for God. The issue of wine could be also the reason why God devoured Nadab and Abihu for offering strange fire before him as most likely were intoxicated with wine taken and did foolishly before a holy God (Leviticus 10:1-10) and as we know God is a consuming fire and for sure consumed the two with fire (Deuteronomy 4:23-24) as judgement for their transgression. We should never forget that our God is a mighty and terrible and God is not a joker so we must always be sober in life abstaining from all sin (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

e) The need for a penitent life.

And he said, A certain man had two sons:

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey

into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him,

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father

saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus Christ while on earth taught people in parables and the above scripture is one of them. Christians are God's children and are in the family of God but at times a Christian may go astray by falling in sin.

Such a one need to come to his or her senses by self examination and know his or her condition in the faith and to come down (humble oneself) and with a remorseful and

sincere heart repent (make confession of sin) to God and get forgiveness and cleansing once again so as to continue being holy. God is very ready to do that as we see that father in the scripture. The Holy Spirit may have no business sticking on to an impenitent Christian who easily can graduate to a habitual sinner. For more on repentance you can go for my book 'A Christian and A Repentant life.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:1

A word of caution: We however must be careful on sinning wilfully as there is no remedy, same to blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 10: 26-31, Matthew 12: 31-32). Again on repentance – through it we are restored back to God and holiness (the best robe – Luke 15:21-22) and that is how one purifies oneself (John 3:1-3).

- f) **Unwarranted sports:** Avoid Karate, Tae Kwon do, Yoga.
- g) **Unwarranted visits:** Avoid going to Discos, cinema theatres, bars, circus, brothels.
- h) **Unwarranted reading:** Avoid reading on: pornography, crime, fiction, fables
- i) **Unwarranted viewing:** Avoid viewing on T.V sets or Video - pornography, crime, jesters, or going watching bulls fighting.

- j) **Unwarranted audience:** Avoid listening to false ministers, secular music, immoral and seductive talk or discussion, or fables.

Part 5

The benefits thereof

In this last part I am going to dwell majorly on the benefit of living a holy life as a Christian and that God has actually facilitated it all by providing his Spirit to Christians and hence the need to work daily to accomplish the intended purpose of God by Christians who are his children.

a) The enabler

As I said above, here is a scripture to support God's facilitation for holy living by Christians.

SIMON Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-8

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

Yes, we have the Holy Spirit to help us live a holy life but we have work to do on our part being corporative and allowing him to take control in our lives. He is the power for Christian living. Without him there is no Christianity and no holiness.

Now let me come to the benefits properly explained in the Scripture.

b) Our eternity

If we live holy life as Christians it is not in vain but have eternal dividends.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not me

only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Apostle Paul was quite confident of what awaits him in heaven after the Lord will have taken him there at rapture of the holy Church of Christ. Our work as Christians is twofold - living holy and serving the Lord.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:1-5

Brethren heaven awaits us, let us live to be raptured into it. Now the unfolding is the description of our inheritance in detail.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said, unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me,

saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east three gates; on the north three gates, on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

AND he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

And I John saw these things, and heard them.
And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to
worship before the feet of the angel which
shewed me these things.

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for
I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren
the prophets, and of them which keep the
sayings of this book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of
the prophecy of this book: for the time is at
hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and
he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and
he that is righteous, let him be righteous still:
and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my rewards
is with me, to give every man according as his
work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the
end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments,
that they may have right to the tree of life, and
may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 21:1-22:14

Let us strive to be among those that enter the gates into the holy city, the New Jerusalem, In Jesus' name. Amen.

Notes to the reader

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A Christian and Holy living

The benchmark for eternity in heaven (Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:13-17).

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