WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

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A Change of Heart

I. Storms, Earthquakes and Great Turbulence

Acts 2:17–21 (NIV®)

17 In the last days, God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and
women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven
above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved."

A. False Gospel, False Prophet, False Church

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NIV®)

1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of
money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving,
slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 **having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing
to do with them.**

B. Life in the Spirit vs the Sinful Nature

Galatians 5:16–26 (NIV®)

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature
desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict
with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under
law. 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and
witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy;
drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that **those who live like this will not inherit
the kingdom of God**. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ
Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in
step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 6:14 (NIV®)

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to
me, and I to the world.

C. Not a New Problem

2 Corinthians 11:3–4 (NIV®)

3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow
be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes to you and
preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one
you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

Galatians 1:6–7 (NIV®)

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and
are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are
throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

Revelation 3:14–20 (NIV®)

14"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' **But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.** 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. 19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

II. Spiritual Forces Shape History

Isaiah 4:4–6 (NIV®)

4The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by **a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire**. 5 Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy. 6 It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Isaiah 19:12–15 (NIV®)

12Where are your wise men now? Let them show you and make known what the Lord Almighty has planned against Egypt. 13 The officials of Zoan have become fools, the leaders of Memphis are deceived; the cornerstones of her peoples have led Egypt astray. 14 **The Lord has poured into them a spirit of dizziness**; they make Egypt stagger in all that she does, as a drunkard staggers around in his vomit. 15 There is nothing Egypt can do— head or tail, palm branch or reed.

Isaiah 61:1–4 (NIV®)

1The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of **a spirit of despair**. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Prayer Psalm 51:7–13 (NIV®)

7Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Amen

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