

# LED BY THE SPIRIT

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Class 4 – By This Ye Shall Know  
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## SUMMARY – CLASS 3

- Believers are created for good works that God prepared in advance for us to do
  - He works with us through the Spirit to provide us with the necessary faith-developing experiences to prepare us
  - The Word is a key part of the preparation, shaping our minds to both desire to do the work and the strength of mind to fulfil it
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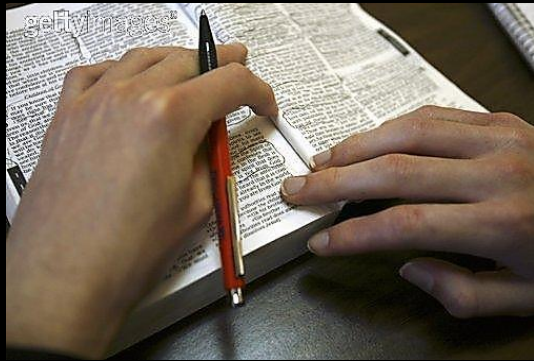
# BY THIS YE SHALL KNOW

- The role of the Scriptures in the life of a believer
- God dwelling with us
- The manifestation of the Spirit in our lives

# SOMETIMES WE LACK A NATURAL TALENT



# BUT IN THE TRUTH, IS IT HUMILITY OR LACK OF FAITH?



“I’m not good at Bible study”



I’m not a good speaker or teacher”



I’m not good at preaching to my friends”

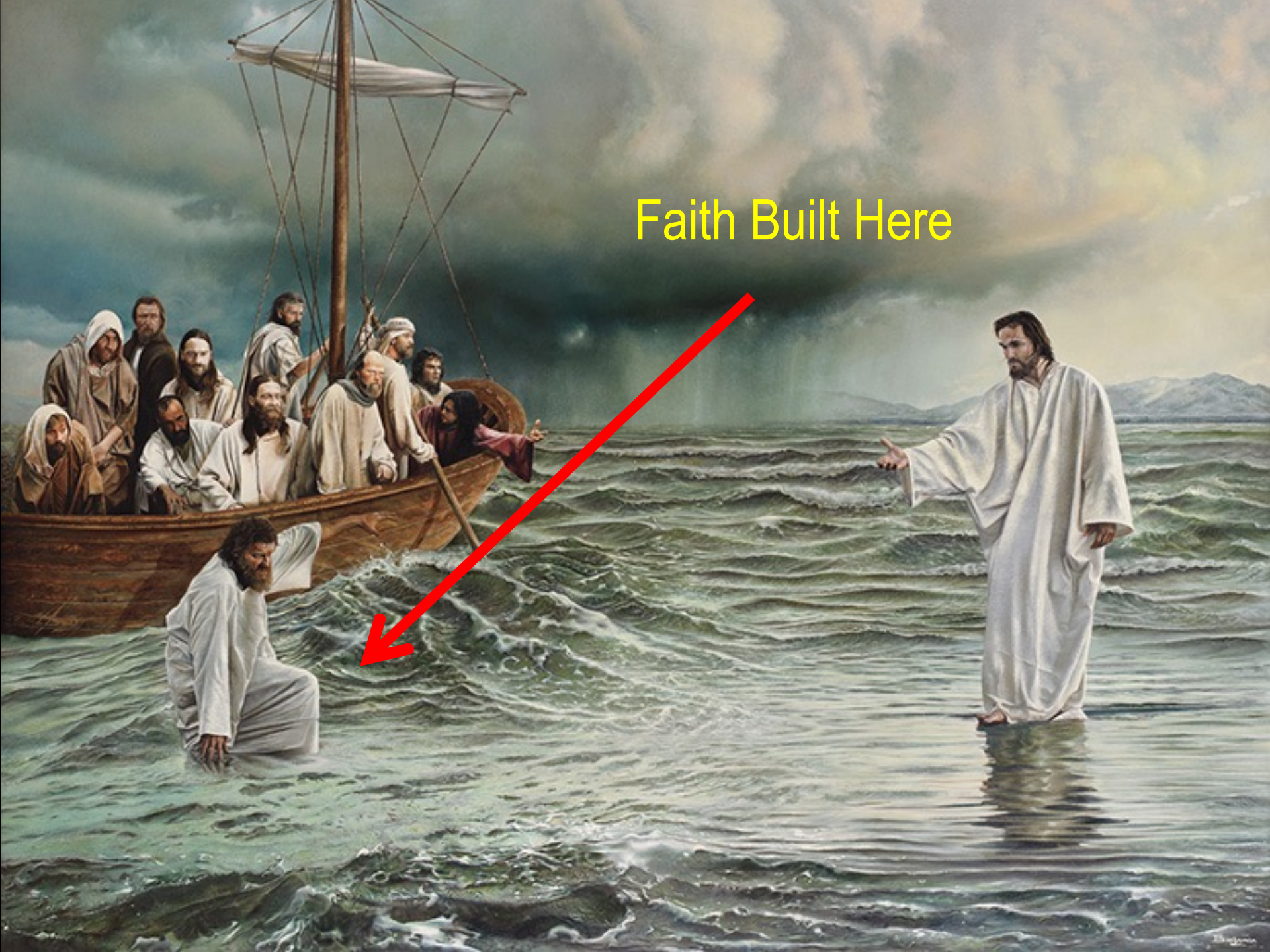
# REMEMBER, WE ARE ROOTED IN CHRIST IN LOVE

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.” (NASB)

1 John 4:18

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Faith Built Here



# THE ROLE OF THE SCRIPTURES

# SCRIPTURE PREPARES US

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Timothy 3:14-17

NASB – “equipped for every good work” YLT – “fitted” JBP – “fit him fully for all branches of his work”

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

- “reproof” – **elegmos** – a proving, a test, or evidence
- “correction” – **epanorthesis** – restoration to an upright or right state
- “instruction” – **paideia** – training (Eph. 6:4 – “nurture”)
- “furnished” - **exartizo** – to finish out, equip fully

What is the purpose of this training and knowledge? That we might be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

# ENGRAFTED/IMPLANTED WORD

“For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the **engrafted** word, which is able to save your souls.”

James 1:20-21

“For the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the **implanted** word, which is able to save your souls.” RSV

## “ENGRAFTED” “IMPLANTED” WORD

- This is the only place this verb occurs in Scripture
- It is NOT “grafted in” as in Romans 11:24 (wild olive tree grafted unto good)
- It represents internal growth – within the person
- The Word grows in us and is able to “save our souls”

## HEBREWS 4:12

“For the word of God is quick (zao – to live, be alive), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”

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# CORRESPONDENCE WITH EVANGELICAL FRIEND

“One cannot “know” God from a book, and the book just helps one to conjure up images and ideas in their mind and then try to live those ideas from their mind. This is not living the way man was designed to live. God cannot be achieved. Religion wants to pave a way to God like a course. If you just follow the path, you will reach God. I do not think this is possible. God is not a course, a certification program. The immeasurable, the Creator, can only be found by knowing oneself, otherwise anyone could achieve a place where this Creator would dwell with them. The Almighty is incomprehensible, immeasurable, the creator of all that is seen and unseen, so how could anyone claim to know this Almighty Creator from reading a book, or listening to a preacher or priest? Living what the Bible says is still living to an idea and this is living in one’s mind tainted by their own experiences, conditioning, education and culture. This is contradictory to being renewed from within one’s mind, being born again, from being still so one can know God. One cannot be born from knowledge, this is silly to think so. Man fell for knowledge and all are born subject to this sin, so how does one think by more knowledge they can achieve the incomprehensible?”

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# HIS FUNDAMENTAL MESSAGE

- First of all, as in many false teachings, there are certain elements of truth
  - We do not know the path that lies ahead and we can not “figure out” His plan for us
  - The truth is not a course or a certificate
  - It is important to know our own selves – to empty or replace our way of thinking with God’s thinking
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# BUT...

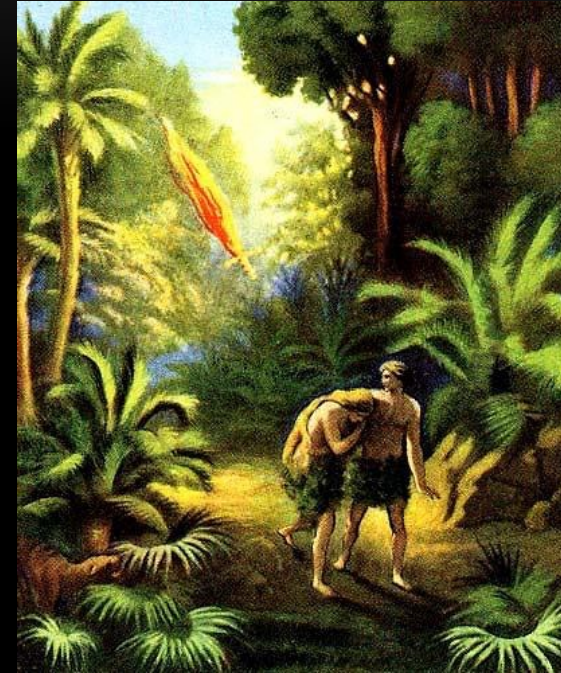
- He fundamentally misses the purpose of the Word (2 Timothy 3:15-17)
  - He misses that the purpose of the Spirit in the lives of believers is to help us to think differently, which leads us to holy behavior
  - Characters in Scripture, not the least of which was the Lord Jesus Christ, used Scripture to “discern” by comparing spiritual things to spiritual – it was what led to righteous decision making and eschewing sin
  - God has never wanted robotic faith that is driven by His control without our conscious thought and belief
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# MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

# THE “DIVORCE”

“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he **drove out** the man; and he placed at the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Genesis 3:22-24



“drove out” is Hebrew – *garash* – used in the Bible for “divorce.” (CP Deut. 24:1) Man was to leave the presence of God in the garden. Cherubims would guard the way to the Tree of Life.

## EXODUS 26:31

“And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made.”



# VEIL RENT

“And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.”

Mark 15:37-38



## BROUGHT INTO THE HOLIEST

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having a high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

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# DWELLING WITH GOD

- A central purpose of our Lord's sacrifice was to bring believers into the Most Holy
- We, who would never have been able to come into even the Holy Place, are now brought into the Most Holy by the removal of the veil of separation
- Just as the altar of incense is included in Hebrews 9 as being in the Most Holy only on the Day of Atonement, our prayers rise God in the Most Holy – the very presence of God.
- The Lord's sacrifice was to enable the Sons of God to once again be a habitation for which God could dwell

# MANIFEST – “TO EXHIBIT, DISCLOSE”

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, **and will manifest myself to him**. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, **how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us**, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**”

John 14:18-23

# A “SIMPLE” LITMUS TEST - LOVE

“For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”

1 John 3:11

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and **knoweth** God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8

“No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God **dwelleth** in us, and his love is perfected in us.”

1 John 4:12

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## MANIFEST IN LOVE FOR BROTHER

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”

1 John 4:20-21

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# LOVE AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**”

John 13:35

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# GOD DWELLS WITH THOSE WHO LOVE

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that **dwelleth** in love **dwelleth** in God, and God in him.”

1 John 4:16

**dwelleth** – “meno” – a verb - to stay in a given place, state, relation; abide; continue; dwell. Compare this Greek word to “mone” (a noun) used in John 14:1 “In my Father’s house are many mansions...” This is from same root, but describes the residence, the abode or mansion.

# JOHN'S EXCLUSIVE USE OF "MENO"

- "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood **dwelleth** in me, and I in him." John 6:56
- Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that **dwelleth** in me, he doeth the works." John 14:10
- Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he **dwelleth** with you, and shall be in you.: John 14:17
- But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how **dwelleth** the love of God in him?" 1 John 3:17
- And he that keepeth his commandments **dwelleth** in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 John 3:24
- No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God **dwelleth** in us, and his love is perfected in us." 1 John 4:12
- Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God **dwelleth** in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that **dwelleth** in love **dwelleth** in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:15-16
- The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which **dwelleth** in us, and shall be with us for ever." 2 John 1:1-2

# JOHN'S USE OF "MENO"

- Eating the body and blood of Jesus
- The Spirit of Truth
- The love of God doesn't dwell in those who withhold kindness and mercy
- Keeping commandments is a reassurance to us that he dwells with us
- God's love is "perfected" in us
- Confessing that Jesus is the Son of God
- The truth which dwells in us

# WHAT'S INVOLVED IN DWELLING IN US?

- Our knowledge
  - Our application of that knowledge
  - Our fellowship with our Lord and the Father
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# GOD'S POSITION ABOUT HIS SPIRIT

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, **The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy**? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

James 4:4-8

RSV/ESV – “...He yearns jealously over the spirit which he has made to dwell in us.”

NIV – “Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?”

# “LUSTETH TO ENVY”

- “**lusteth**” – epipotheo – to dote upon, intensely crave possession, to desire, long after
- “For I **long** to see you...” Romans 1:11
- “**earnestly desiring** to be clothed upon” 2 Cor. 5:2
- “...how greatly I **long after you** all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.”  
Philippians 1:8
- Regarding Ephaphroditus, “...for he **longed after you all**, and was full of heaviness...” Philippians 2:25
- “As newborn babes, **desire** the sincere milk of the word...” 1 Peter 2:2

## GALATIANS 5:16-18, 24-25

“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 the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

# EVIDENCE!

And hereby **we do know that we know him**, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 2:3-5

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GOD IS NOT AN EMOTIONLESS BYSTANDER – THAT WOULD NOT MAKE HIM A GOD OF LOVE!

- God cares about us as His children
- He wants the Spirit to grow in us and in our thinking
- He is grieved when we act in ways inconsistent with a spiritual mind

# PERHAPS WE MAY TEND TO OVERTHINK THINGS!

Despite our shortcomings...

- If we love God
- If we love our brother
- If we abstain from fleshly lusts and keep His commandments

We can have confidence that He is with us! The manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is our promissory note – our engagement ring!

# GOD'S ULTIMATE DWELLING WITH MAN

“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.”

Revelation 21:1-4

## CLASS 5

# *A Community Led by the Spirit*