

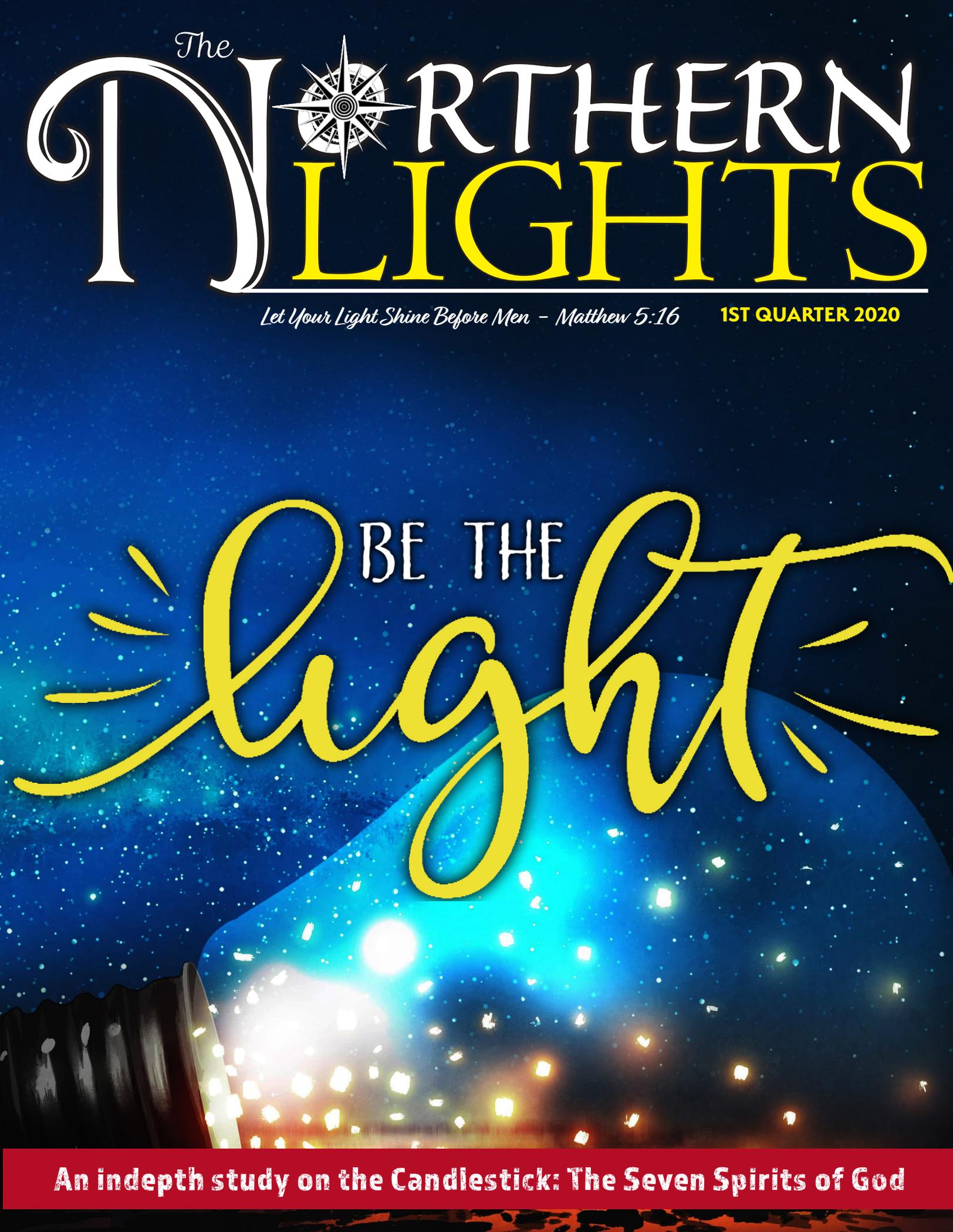
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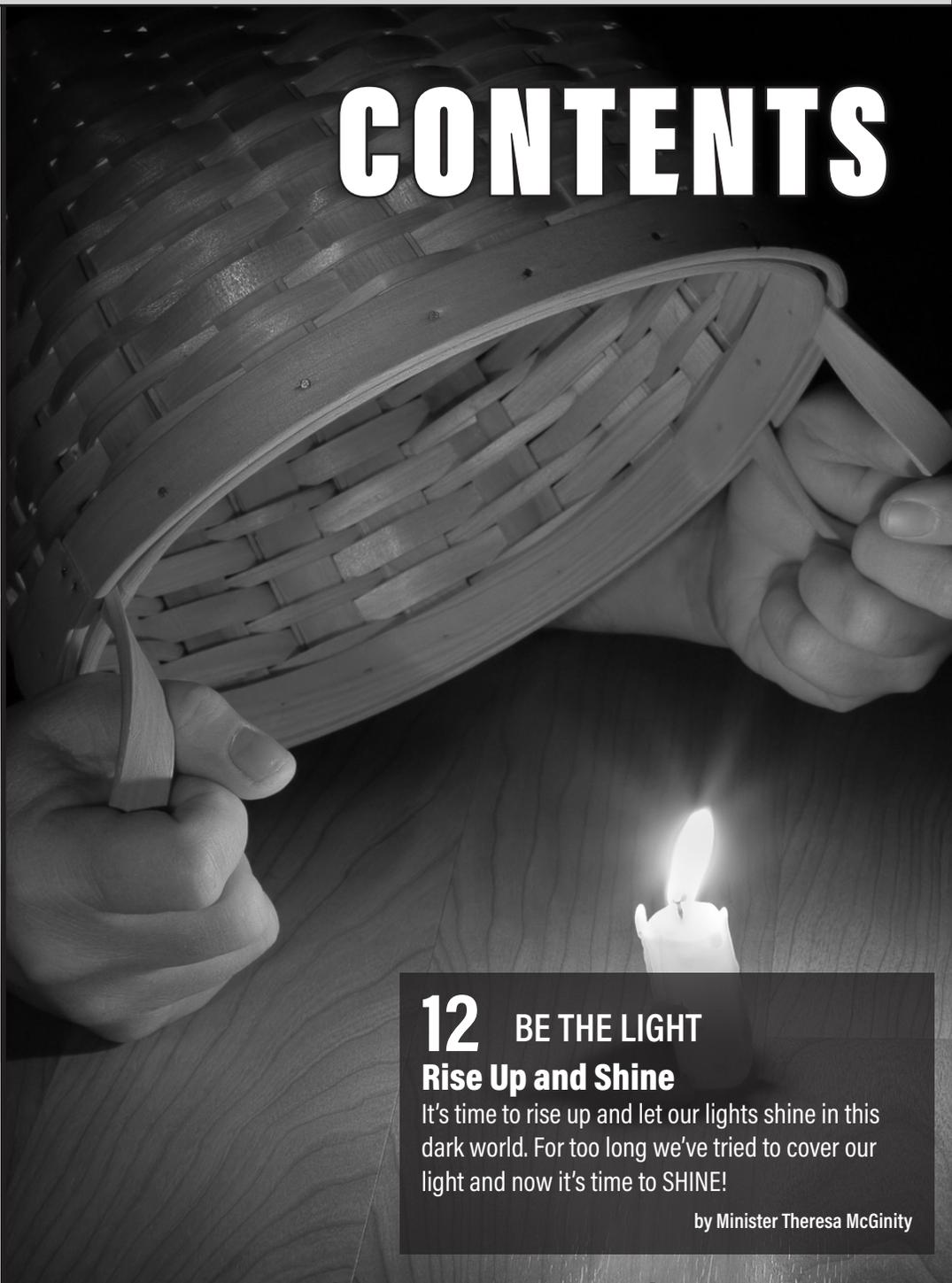


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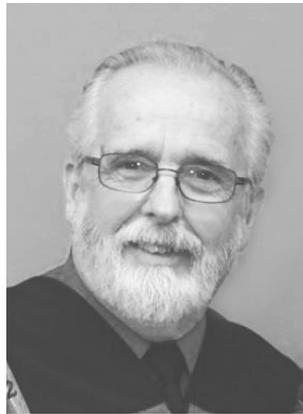
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Praise God for another quarter of The Northern Lights. I believe that we have an interesting magazine for you this quarter. First we are featuring the pastors writing on the actions of the Spirit, each one sharing about the seven distinct channels of the Spirits operation giving us all better insight on the subject of how He works through us.



We also have a special treat, a sermon written by Bishop Grady R. Kent that was given to me by Brother Henry and Sister Helen Miller out of their archives. Thank you!

So I invite you to relax and enjoy this exceptional publication this quarter.

In Christ's service,
Bishop H. David Lam, Editor in Chief



Welcome to the first issue of The Northern Lights of the new year.

I want to extend a thank you to each of the Pastors who took the time to enlighten us a little on what the seven spirits of the candlestick represent.

We are called to be the light of the world, yet we sometimes seem too comfortable sitting in the dark. It's time for us to rise up and be the light that God has called us to be, allow the spirit to be channeled through us and shine brightly into this dark world for all to see. It is only with His light shining through us that we can reach the lost. Isn't that what we are called to do?

I pray that you are enlightened as to what the candlestick represents and as an added bonus we have a sermon by the man who God used to bring us closer to the light, Bishop Grady Kent. Thank you to Brother Henry and Sister Helen Miller! A good portion of the current church membership were not alive during Bishop Kent's ministry and it will be a blessing to hear the words from the man himself.

God Bless!
Minister Theresa McGinity, Editor

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A More Perfect MINISTRY

SERMON BY BISHOP GRADY KENT, UNEDITED

A New Testament Ministry is a Perfect Ministry! It is often referred to when speaking of the ministry of the Priesthood to be a more excellent ministry which, of course, means better and more perfectly. It is a more highly honored Ministry, and the achievement of its work is more glorious than any ever achieved on the face, of the earth by any group of the previous types of Ministry and it is established upon better promises.

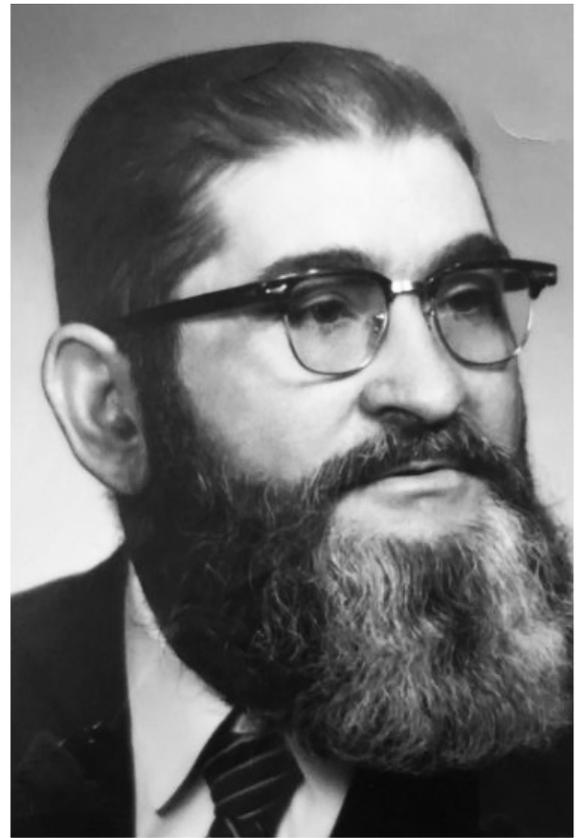
Let me call your attention to the words of the writer of the book of Hebrews to establish what I mean, "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." (Hebrews 8:6-7) The ministry of the Priesthood was only a shadow of the second ministry which is the New Testament Ministry. No person, I believe, would dare dispute the fact of Jesus setting up this more excellent ministry. And let us bear in mind, that it is necessary that this same ministry is to exist until there has been a Church made spotless without blemish. This is to be the achievement of this more excellent ministry. Scripture verses pointing out this achievement of this New Testament Ministry is found in Ephesians 5:26-27, and I quote, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Of course, I would not use these two verses above to establish this achievement without using the scripture written by the Apostle Paul, that this is the work of this more perfect Ministry and let me quote, "For the perfecting

of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-13)

Now keep in mind that when Jesus set up His New Testament Ministry, they were named different from the Old Testament Priesthood, for the New Testament ministry unlike the Old Testament ministry received gifts but the Priesthood offered gifts. It is for this reason that the writer states in Hebrews 8:3-4, "For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts: according to the law:" In this explanation we find Christ to be a High Priest and it is for this reason that He entered the place of the Most Holy. He is the one who gives the gifts to the New Testament Ministry, making Him a High Priest. The writer also said that if He were on earth He would "not be a Priest", while on earth He was an Apostle, He had gifts given Him by the Father.

When He sat down at the right hand of the Father, He became our High Priest to give gifts unto men. It is necessary that you keep in mind that Jesus was the Gifts in all phases of the Ministry, including the gift for Salvation from the Father, the Great High Priest. When Jesus established His ministry for the New Testament Church and the Kingdom of God, He did not give them gifts while on earth, He appointed them and named them Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, which are referred to by the Apostle Paul in his writing found in Ephesians 4:8 and 11,



"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he became our high priest, and gave gifts unto men." (11) 'And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;" Now notice in this scripture that they never received the gifts of those principles until Jesus ascended upon high and became our High Priest. They only bore the titles and worked under the jurisdiction of His words. Perhaps to confirm this further with another scripture from the Psalmist David, which is the substance of Paul's statement found in Ephesians the 4th chapter, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them." (Psalms 68:18) In this prophesy, notice that these gifts were to be used for the rebellious. Paul translated this to mean "for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry".

Many organizations, since the days of the Early Church, including the later part of the early Church before A.D. 325, has been frightened to the extent they feared to come out with the Perfect Ministry. Perhaps it is because of the lack of knowledge in understanding the "gifts" of the Ministry. It has been the common belief of all Churches that there could not be any more Apostles, for Jesus had ascended on High, but it was this ascending on high that made it possible for many more to become Apostles by

being worthy to obtain this great and notable gift of an Apostle. It is not necessary for one to have seen Jesus in person to be an Apostle or Prophet, for if he received either one of these gifts it makes him an Apostle or Prophet. It is from this source of the more Perfect Ministry that the Early Church had Prophets such as Paul, Barnabas and others that I will not attempt to name. Outside of the Twelve, the New Testament bears out that there were other Apostles and that they had not been appointed but received the gift of an Apostle.

I would like to give a quotation of a notable leader who perhaps, like many others, was unable to come to the knowledge of this Perfect Ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, with the degrees of Deacon and Bishop and their ordination but yet saw dimly that someday it would have to be, let me quote, "We have acknowledged the pastors and teachers, etc., but we have failed to acknowledge the apostles. The reason has probably been because of erroneous statements of tradition, and probably because of prejudice incited by the innumerable failures of those who have called themselves apostles. We have about come to the conclusion that there will be no apostles in the latter days, but in spite of the numerous failures and prejudices that may exist, this office is in the Bible. And although we may be short in understanding, yet the time has come that we must be filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom and come to the full acknowledgement of the truth, for we cannot harmonize the scriptures without taking all, and we can never have a complete church until we acknowledge and have a complete gospel ministry."

Now this above quotation is about the strongest that I have been able to find of any man venturing back to the day of a Perfect Ministry. However, commentators have vaguely recognized the possibility of an Apostleship, it is an evident feat that the ministry of the New Testament is not complete without Apostles and Prophets being added to the Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. Perhaps another quotation of this leader, who almost broke thru to this Perfect Ministry, will throw a little more light on the subject and I quote, "Beneath the folds of that Book, (Bible) somewhere, is the perfect plan for setting forth and ordaining ministers, and if it is not found and put into practice God will let us make a shipwreck, and will raise up others that He can trust with His business."

In this sermon, I would like to break over in sounding the trumpet that this shipwreck happened over and

over, but in the year of 1957, we broke thru this barrier and came upon the Perfect Ministry, and its ordination!

Another periscopic look into this perfect ministry in the same year is that, in the Apostleship lies the Highest Authority and yet Jesus made the Chief Apostle to be the Highest Ruler over His House including this Highest Ministry, the Apostleship.

This notable leader, A.J. Tomlinson, of the early latter end of the Church, who peaked in on this perfect ministry, made another bold statement as follows, "The apostles is the highest order of ministers outlined in the Bible, and although we are not yet able to use them, we must keep low before God and point in that direction."

Like all organizations, they have substituted. Some a General Assembly, some committees, and Presbyteries formed in the order of boards. But the New Testament points out clearly that the power was invested in the Apostleship of the New Testament Ministry. Many organizations have used a majority vote to substitute for this Perfect Ministry, all of these, certainly, have made



shipwrecks. Catholics have substituted Cardinals for this office and went into Catholicism, The secret of the whole ministry lies within the simple order of receiving gifts. Just receiving a Gift!

I would like to use a scripture pointing out to you that the New Testament Church in its ministry had gifted Prophets found in the 13th chapter of Acts, the first verse, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul!" To further point out these New Testament prophets in the Perfect Ministry let us use the Acts of the Apostles chapter 21, versos 10 & 11 where the Prophet Agabus who lived at Jerusalem came to Ceserea prophesying of Paul being bound at Jerusalem. Not only did these Prophets prophesy of the spiritual welfare but prophesied oven of draughts throughout the land.

Many organizations have even accepted the evangelists, pastors and teachers from the viewpoint of just using ministers for these positions of work, when all the time they were just as much gifts separately as an Apostle or a Prophet.

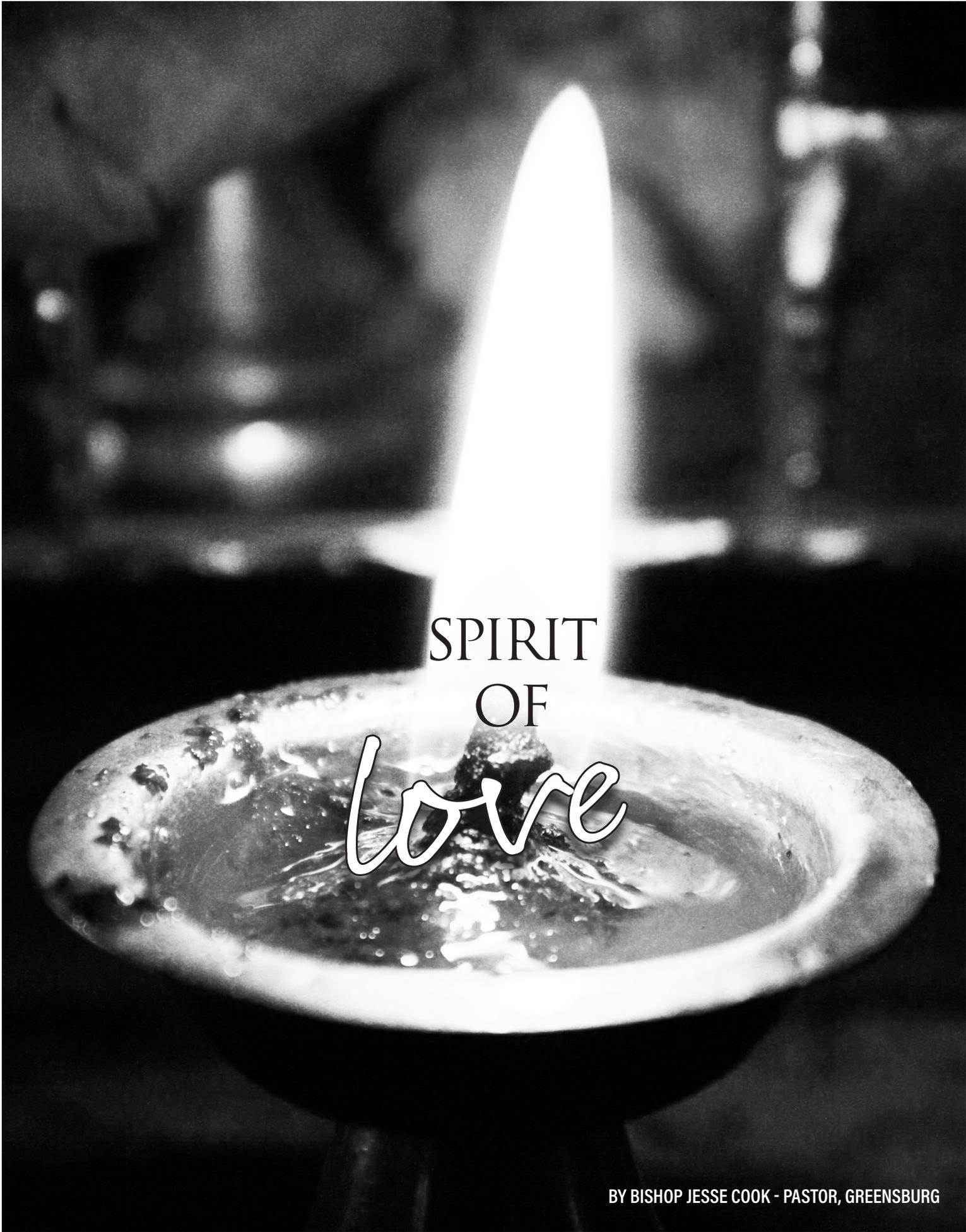
Paul points out again that this system of the Perfect Ministry of receiving the gifts of the five ministries is for the edifying of the Body of Christ. And it is necessary that this ministry be existing to bring about a Holy and Perfect Church as referred to in Ephesians, chapter 2, versos 20-22, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

In this sermon I would like to stress a little further, points, in regard to the ordination of this Ministry. There are two degrees of this Ministry which qualifies either of these five gifted ministers to hold offices. They are the office of a Deacon and office of a Bishop. The old theory, like the apostleship that a Deacon was just a local member of a Church qualified to assist the Pastor is contrary to the scriptures and no such local office exists under this title, The Deacon is a degree of the Ministry, I would like to further point out that an Apostle could not hold an office without the degree of a Bishop. Scriptures supporting this is found in Acts 1:20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms, let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take," The degree of a Deacon which either of the five ministers can receive also qualified them to hold certain offices of the ministry in the Church. If one will analyze the writing of Paul to Timothy he can well see that I have rightly - divided the scriptures regarding the Bishop and Deacon.

A relationship to the ministry which one might refer to as an assistant to the five gifts of the ministry is a woman Prophetess, Another assistant is local Elders in the local churches which replaces the old theory of a Deacon, for Paul told Timothy to ordain them in every city. This type of Elder could not be preachers, I think this is what James referred to when he said, "as there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church."

I would like to climax this subject by using the scriptural facts that point out that all five of these gifted ministers, including local Elders, are to be ordained by the laying on of the hands by the Presbytery. The scripture bears out that

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SPIRIT
OF

love

BY BISHOP JESSE COOK - PASTOR, GREENSBURG

BE THE HE RT

A four letter word. A word that people say without the slightest insight as to what it means. LOVE. How powerful it is when it is understood and when love is implemented in the correct manner. You see, the world likes to get stuck on a different four letter word. In today's society we see it run rampant all across the news channels - all you see is Hate, Hate, Hate. This person hates that person, this group hates that group, this country hates that country. It seems as if hate is openly promoted, and it is an easy way to get some attention in this great big world that lives for and thrives on the attention and the amount of "likes" you get.

We all desire to be loved and to love. Then why are there so many different viewpoints on love. To even have a chance of understanding this we have to accept that there first has to be a perfect form of Love, and that the desire for that (feeling) love and the shortcoming of humanity, has forced man to dilute the quality, and genuineness of the (feeling) love.

We long for true love. We sing songs about it, write poems, make movies. All of this done for our quest to know what love is and how to find it. This within itself is part of the problem. We take the songs we hear, and poems we read, and the movies we see and form our own perspective of love. True love cannot be based off of the tainted perspective of man.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1
1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

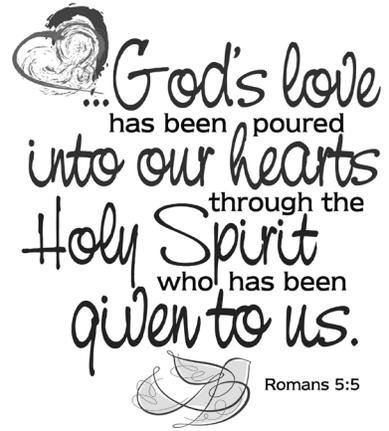
1 JOHN 4:9
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Love in its truest (perfect) form is the LOVE OF GOD. We long for what God has freely given to us, but we complicate the situation because of our tainted

understanding of love. God's love is an unconditional love. What we fail to understand is that He desires us to love Him unconditionally also. For us to accomplish this, it means we are to walk in His commands.

JOHN 14:15
15 If you love me, obey my commandments.

Some people think that because God's love is unconditional we don't have to change and He will except us just the way we are. This is contrary to the word of God. His word tells us " IF we truly love Him we will obey His commands".



We serve a God that not only created the definition of Love, but also demonstrated it in its fullness. There are many religions in this world. Some based off of hate, bitterness, superiority, or fear..Some religions based off of peace, tranquility, love, kindness. But there is only one religion that the deity shows a perfect example of love to us. That is when Jesus Christ died for the sins of those who believe in Him. Christ does this not out of what He can gain from us. He does this out of His love for His creation and the desire to restore the relationship that Satan and sin has corrupted.

ROMANS 10:9-11
*9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are*

*saved.
11 As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."*

We see Christ's love at its fullest when He becomes a servant and washes the feet of the man that He knows is going to betray Him.

JOHN 13:12
12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

Or when He looks down from the cross and asks Yahweh (Father God) to forgive the very ones that hung Him on the cross.

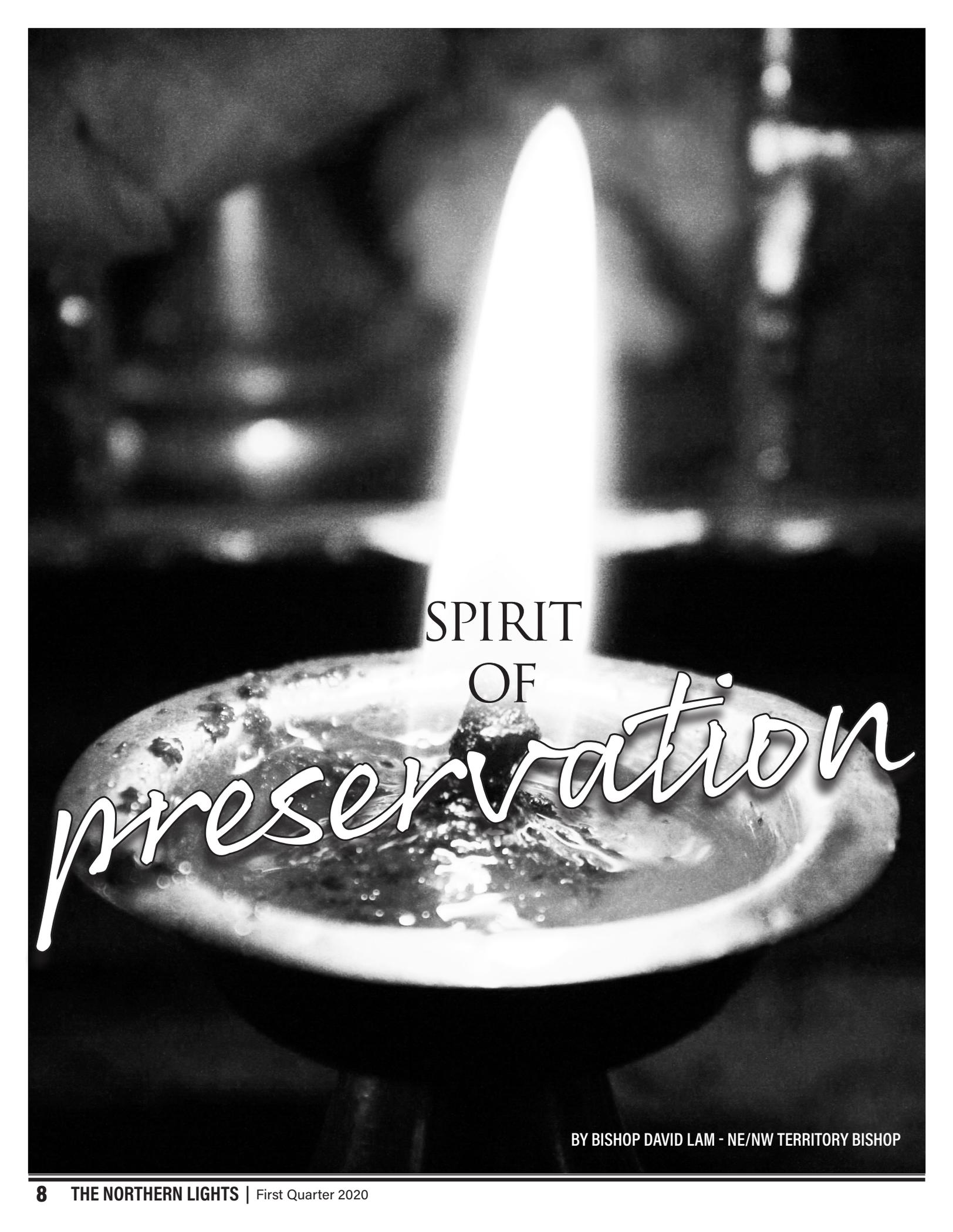
LUKE 23:34
34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

What an example of true Perfect love. As a follower of Christ it should be our mission to relay the same depth of love to each other that God had on us as sinners. We often hold grudges, rather that forgiving quickly just as Jesus did. We justify our lack of compassion or bitterness or even hatred of someone due to what they have done to us. Jesus showed us a Great revelation that we overlook. The only force stronger that Hate is LOVE.

Love, above all else, is what the world needs today.

1 PETER 4:8
8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Jesus gave his disciples a mission statement in John 13:35 " by this all men will know you are my disciples, if you LOVE..." this is a life long mission that God has given to us as well. So I encourage you to Love with a Godly love, forgive quickly, love your family, friends, forgotten acquaintances and even your enemies. Always Remember God LOVES you. ✠



SPIRIT
OF

preservation

BY BISHOP DAVID LAM - NE/NW TERRITORY BISHOP

SHIELD

In the scriptures, God has always been a protector of the people. One of the names of God includes Jehovah Jireh which means Jehovah our Provider. In Psalm 23, David understood that God's nature was one of preservation.

We take a look at the book of Revelations and find that there are descriptions of the work of the Holy Spirit, one of those is preservation.

REVELATIONS 2:10

Be faithful to the point of death and I will give you a crown of life.

This statement tells us that being faithful is a key to being preserved.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

This lets me know that leading men to Christ is our primary goal and should be our work as believers but to accomplish a complete work it also says "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" we must give people teachings by our example mostly to help preserve them.

Jesus made a statement in the Gospel of John 18:9 "I have not lost one that you gave me" because he taught them how to live this life for him. So we are told that not just how we live our lives but also to teach from the scripture the principals of Christ.

1 TIMOTHY 4:11

Command and teach these things.

Here, Timothy is told to command and teach the followers of Jesus how to live this life.

These teachings are throughout the word of God on everything from finances to child rearing and dealing with your employer.

EPHESIANS 4:12-13

12 To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

We are told that we, as believers, are being equipped for works of service and what greater service than to help equip fellow believers how to survive and thrive in this dark world. As you read further on in chapter 4 you find instructions to help us change our life style to better conform to the word of God, like speaking truth, controlling anger, stealing, and sharing with others. All of these areas of our lives needed and still need changing if we are to be preserved. Being faithful in all of these areas is vital for becoming a member of the forever family of God.

Ephesians 5 begins with the phrase "be imitators of God" so my very best instruction for us is to read what Jesus did and through the help of the Holy Spirit and our fellow believers giving us examples and teaching we will be preserved and faithful. God Bless you is my prayer!! ✨

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Philip and Timothy were Evangelists, and both had been ordained by the laying on of hands. The teacher and Prophets, referred to in the 13th chapter of Acts verses 1-3, had also been ordained by the laying on of hands and certainly we will have to acknowledge that the Apostles were ordained by the laying on of hands, I do not think the Pastors were left out.

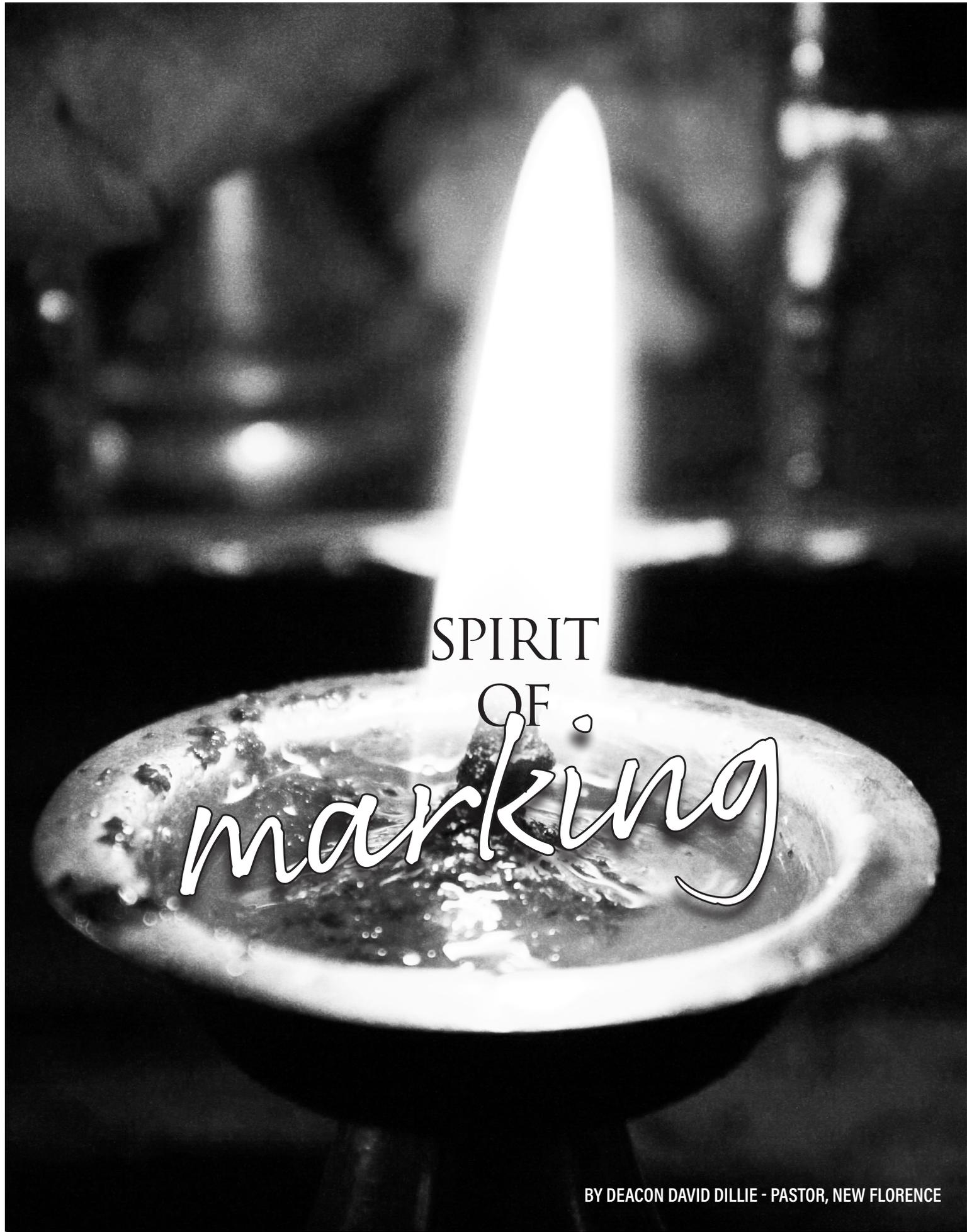
I would like to climax this subject by using the scriptural facts that point out that all five of these gifted ministers, including local Elders, are to be ordained by the laying on of the hands by the Presbytery, (Titus 1:5; I Tim. 4:14; I Tim. 2:7) The scripture bears out that Philip and Timothy were Evangelists, and both had been

ordained by the laying on of hands. The teacher and Prophets, referred to in the 13th chapter of Acts verses 1-3, had also been ordained by the laying on of hands and certainly we will have to acknowledge that the Apostles were ordained by the laying on of hands, I do not think the Pastors were left out.

The entire force of the Ministry is considered as ordained Elders but receiving different gifts makes them somewhat different from the Old Testament Elders for these gifts of the Ministry did not exist in the Old Testament, So in conclusion of the whole matter we have found the Perfect Ministry.

This subject is too broad to try to

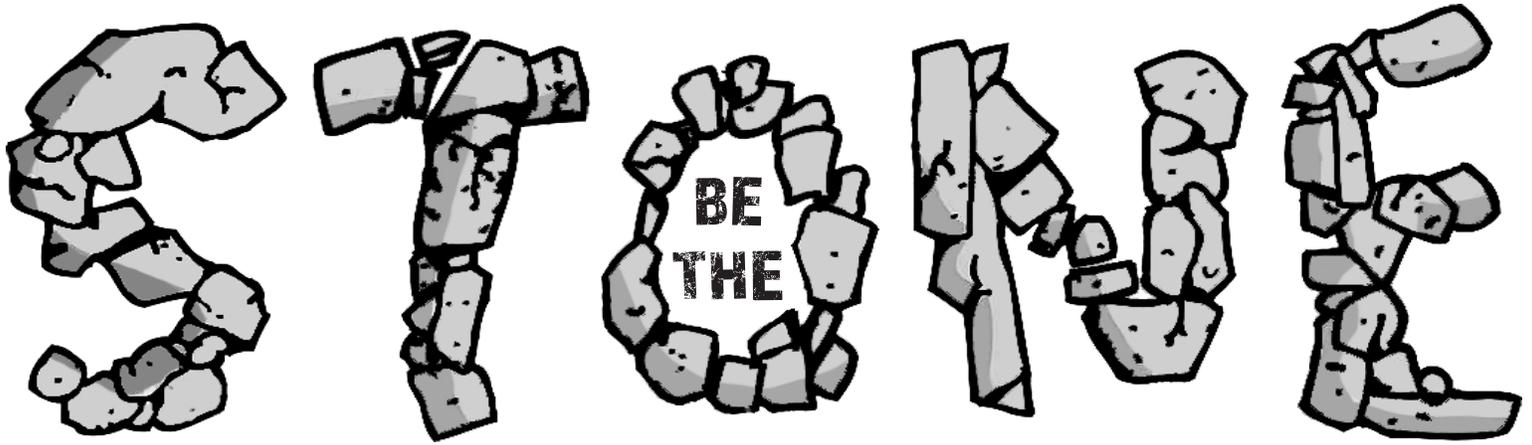
cover it all on paper, but perhaps enough has been said in this sermon that will turn the light on a New Testament Perfect Ministry, which ministry is now in existence with the addition of the many other gifts which has been given to this ministry. One is Christians receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands by the Apostles, and other such gifts as healing, miracles, knowledge, wisdom, faith and other measures of grace which was practiced by the New Testament Perfect Ministry. So the more excellent ministry has been restored at last and is, even now, in full swing, reaching forth for that perfect mark and high calling outlined for the Glory of the Last Days Church. ✨



SPIRIT
OF .

marking

BY DEACON DAVID DILLIE - PASTOR, NEW FLORENCE



I would like to take a moment to share with you about the Spirit of Marking. When we look into scripture we find that there is only one spirit which is the Holy Spirit, yet within that one spirit we can find that there are seven manifestations or perhaps you might say there are seven spirits or works stemming from that one spirit, the Holy Spirit.

We can find an example of this when we read about Moses who was commanded to construct a candlestick according to the pattern that God had shown him. (Exodus 25:31-40). In Exodus 25:37, we find that there were seven lamps upon this candlestick all drawing their power from one source of oil to keep them burning, hence one candlestick with seven flames yet altogether to give one light. The spirit of marking is one of those flames or (spirits) joined together with the other six flames to make one light to shine forth Jesus Christ to the world.

If we look into the Word of God, we can find that everything that is made comes from God and therefore everything that is made should be used to show forth or bring glory to God. Romans 1:20 tells us For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so people are without excuse. We can use the things that are made to be markers for the glory of God. Our jobs as Christians is to allow the spirit of marking to operate within our churches and within our selves to point out to others the things that are made that can show forth God. The heavens declare the glory of God, they are markers that show forth God to the world.

In Matthew chapter 5, we find that we are to be a light to the world. The spirit of marking comes from the Holy Spirit, which gives us a zeal to show forth Christ to the world or to light the world for Christ. In Joel chapter 2, we find that prophecy shows a great army for the Lord going throughout the land. In Joel 2:4, the prophet saw this army as the appearance of horses making noises that seem to coincide with our modern-day motorcycles, and Nahum chapter 2:4 speaks of chariots going to and fro in the streets like our modern-day automobiles. Isaiah 60:9 speaks of the ships of Tarshish sailing to the isles while in Ezekiel 10:2 seems to identify with a man flying under the wings of a cherub, like our modern day airplanes, showing us that in the end times we are living in, that the things that are made as Romans 1:20 indicated are going to be tools in reaching out to mark this world for Christ.

In Luke 14:23, we see that the master instructs his

servant to go to the roads and lanes and compel people to come in so that his house might be full. One of the greatest things we can do through the spirit of marking is to reach out to people where they are and help them to come to Christ, marking their lives as God's people. We can be assured that the spirit of marking is important because we can see that in the end times Satan himself uses a marking program to try to deceive God's people from serving him. Satan is an imitator twisting the things of God trying to make himself like God to steal God's glory and his people.

The spirit of marking can also be recognized in Revelations 2:17 when God himself promises to those that are victorious that he will give them a white stone with a new name on it, only recognized by the one who receives it, a marker. We need God's spirit of marking going out to the world, let God use you in order that his house will be full. May God bless his people. ✠



Bishop Grady Kent marking Mt. Hattin in Israel on May 2, 1962. Officially calling the world's attention to the mountain that Jesus established the Church of God.



BE THE Light

RISE UP! SHINE BRIGHT!
BEING A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

BY MINISTER THERESA MCGINITY - EDITOR, THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

This little light of mine....I'm going to let it shine....Let it Shine, Let it Shine, Let it Shine..... Several years ago, at a Feast Celebration in Youngstown, the ladies ministered the word. And during Deaconess Cheryl Piper's sermon the lights went out. It was night out as well so the church should have been pitch black. But one thing shone out in the darkness. The candlestick.

At first, the room was dim. Then, as moments passed, the room kept getting brighter and brighter. Eventually, the room was completely illuminated by the candlestick, reminiscent of the tabernacle in the days of Moses where the only light was the lampstand. Then, the lights came back on, brighter than ever.

It's amazing how in the darkest of rooms, one tiny little light can illuminate the whole space. Now, most people would say that because our pupils dilate that we absorb more light and that's why it seems brighter. But while that is certainly a true statement, that is not why the light is bright. The light is bright because God is light, and where there is light, darkness cannot thrive. Darkness is the absence of light. Even the night sky is not totally dark, with billions of stars lighting it up. If you travel to one of the few areas in the country that truly are known as "Dark Sky Country", you will be amazed at the amount of stars you see and how bright the night sky is. God created all of that. The first words He spoke were, "Let there be light."

Fun fact time.... The first light bulb was invented by a man named Thomas Edison, right? If you agree with that statement, you would actually be wrong. The first successful incandescent light bulb was made by the British inventor Sir Joseph Swan in the late 1800's, a few years before Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison perfected Swan's design and is recognized by most of the world as the inventor of the modern incandescent light bulb. Now there were many men before Swan who had a hand in the development of the light bulb going back as far as the 1780's but the light bulb as we know it today is attributed to Edison, but he only perfected what was already done.

A light bulb cannot light itself. It cannot sustain its light on its own either. Like every source of physical light, there has to be something that powers it or reflects it. The moon brightens the night sky, right? It does not give off any light of its own but reflects it from the sun. The sun itself doesn't shine on its own, it's powered by hydrogen gas at its core. Every source of physical light is powered by something. The only light that powers itself is God's light. We all have God's light inside us, but we cannot power it and let it shine. We can only do that through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit provides the power through which the light shines.

LIGHT ILLUMINATES

Light illuminates the darkness, it reveals what is hidden. It's interesting to note that in Matthew 5:16, the word light in Greek is *Phos* which means to shine or make clear or plain, to reveal. Our role, in letting our light shine, is to make plain the Good News of Jesus. It's easy for us to hear a statement like "you are the light of the world, so let your light shine" and forget that it's not actually about us or our light, because we can't do anything on our own.

In the Bible, God uses light and darkness as a way for us to understand the call He has on our lives and the need to be separate from the world. Darkness symbolizes the absence of God.

1 John 1:5b NLT

God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

Peter 2:9 NIV

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the

praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Peter 2:9 MSG

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you — from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

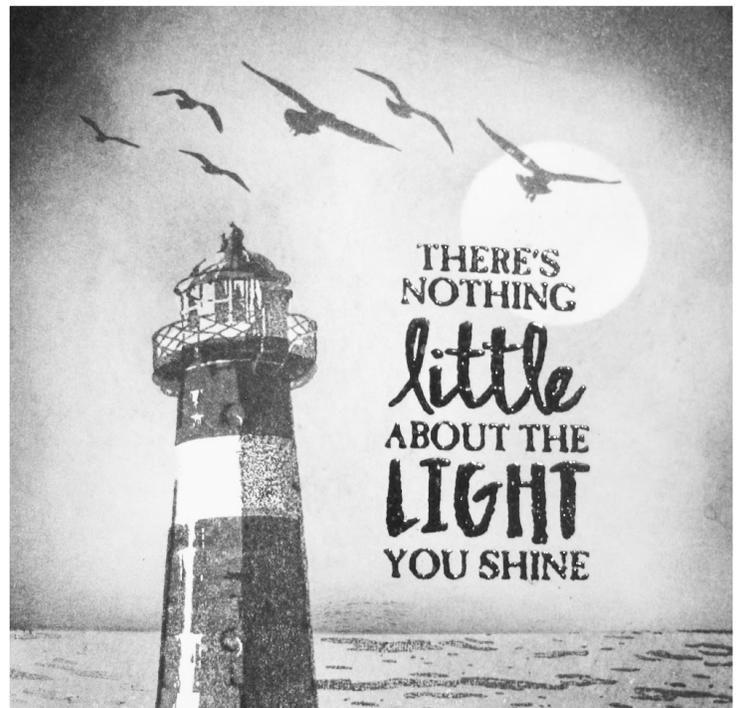
We are to share God's love with people, by the word of our testimony. Our testimonies DO have power.

Ephesians 5:8-13

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

POLLUTION AND LIGHT QUALITY

Going back to the "Dark Sky Country" for a moment, have you ever looked up at the night sky where you live and only see a handful of stars? These "Dark Sky" areas are places where there is no ambient light anywhere. Even at the campground, one cannot see the billions of stars, or even the brilliance of the arm of the Milky Way in the sky. Why is that? Light pollution. Wait...Light pollutes? In the heart of cities, all of the man made lights pollute the night sky obscuring the beautiful creation of God. Just like sin pollutes the world, the wrong kind of light can pollute as well. It's important to remember that not ALL light is good. Think about the rays from the sun...the light the sun provides is necessary to our survival, but part of the sun's light is harmful. The ultraviolet rays cause



changes at the cellular level which cause our skin to burn and can cause cancer, cataracts, aging of the skin, and spots on the skin. It's known as a complete carcinogen (aka cancer causing agent). However, UV rays also benefit human health by mediating natural synthesis of vitamin D and endorphins in the skin, therefore UV has complex and mixed effects on human health. Crazy.

Another example of how pollution affects light quality is with lighthouses. If a lighthouse wasn't constantly cleaned and maintained, the sea salt and minerals, dust, and smoke from the flame would cake on and dim the light, rendering it useless. Like a lighthouse, we need to be constantly "cleaned and maintained" by the Word of God to keep the light shining bright.

The world has a lot to offer...if you're not firmly rooted and grounded. Every whim and desire of the flesh is there for the taking, and I'm not just talking about the taboo subjects here. Everything out in the world has the potential to corrupt us and pollute our "lighthouse." It's important to "clean and maintain" by going to church weekly, reading the Word and praying daily. The Word cleanses our minds, prayers our heart, and going to church refuels us for the week. We have to maintain our relationship with God, and it takes time and effort. The world is quick to give us things to do, to keep us busy. We have to combat this "busyness" with time spent with God. Prayer is an effective way

to cleanse our hearts of the burdens of our lives and the burdens upon each other. Intercessory prayer reminds us how blessed we are, and how little we need what the world has to offer. It puts others before ourselves, and it humbles us. Without these tools in our lives, we're just another blip in the world, a light that has gone dim.

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

It's time for self reflection. Day in and day out we come in contact with many people. How many of them know you are a believer? I get that sometimes a person we bump into in Walmart may not know that we are, but when we have conversations with those around us, does the way we act and talk reflect God? How bright is our light shining?

We must be a bright light in a dark world. So Jesus reminds us who are the light in a dark world that we should not put our light in a cellar or under a bushel. Instead we are required to put our light on a lampstand so the whole world can see. We must be the light in a dark world. Making decisions in the dark can lead to some regrettable consequences.

THE LIGHT OF THE LAMPSTAND

The Holy Spirit is the means by which God uses to enact His will. Revelation 4:5b says, "In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God." This is revealed through the Seven branched lampstand. Everything in the Bible is symbolic, a type and shadow. As the lampstand was the light in the Tabernacle, it is also by which we are to be a light to the world.

The manual in V, H, 38 says this, "It needs to be clearly understood that there is only one Spirit. Paul establishes this fact in Ephesians 4:4 by stating, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." However, just as the golden candlestick is only one light which is manifested through seven different channels, there is only one Holy Spirit who is revealed in seven different manifestations called the Seven Spirits of God. The work of the Seven Spirits of God should permeate through each and every person who is a part of the church which Jesus proclaimed to be the light of the world. A church or even an individual that is full of the Holy Ghost will find themselves manifesting the work of the

Spirit in many different ways. The distinct qualities of each of these Seven Spirits are distinguished in the messages of Jesus as revealed to John in the letters which were written to the seven churches of Asia."

SO HOW EXACTLY DO YOU SHINE?

"Being a light" sounds great, doesn't it? How exactly do you become a light to those around you?

Be careful what you say. Words can kill. The Bible calls the tongue "a restless evil, full of deadly poison" Do you remember the old adage, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all?" It's very hard to keep to this advice nowadays. In an age where everyone has to have an opinion, it's hard to not speak up. What we have to be mindful of is HOW we speak up and the words we use to do so. Words are powerful and can be used for both good and bad.

Consider what we surround ourselves with. What do we do for fun? Who do we hang out with? What do we read, watch, listen to? Remember, we're walking examples of Jesus and would the things we do be something we'd try to hide if Jesus was standing right next to us? Well...He is.

Use social media wisely. There's no need to deactivate your facebook. But you have to be mindful of WHAT you post and WHAT you say. Social media is a tool we can use to spread the message of Christ, and have the potential to reach hundreds if not thousands or more. These tools are a big influence right now on the world around us, how are we influencing the world? Are we posting scriptures? Uplifting encouraging words? Our testimonies? Our church services? Or are we posting gossip or rants about the day?

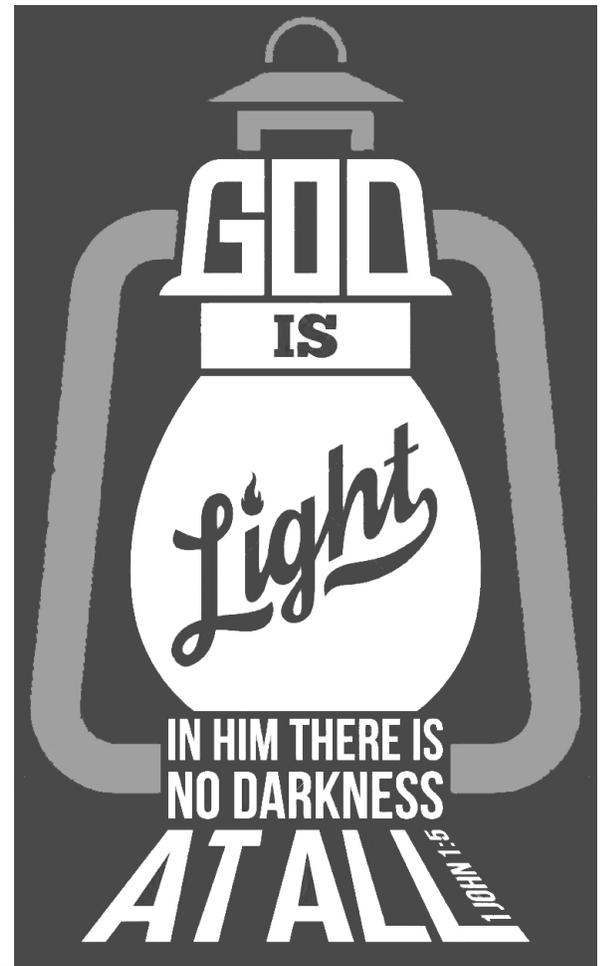
Think of others. We have to remember the golden rule, "Do unto others..." We have to put others before ourselves. The world is very selfish. It's all about "Me, Me, ME!" When you put others first, God will bless the "me" anyways. There's no need to put "me" first. We need to encourage, not criticize. Be patient with others, the world is so impatient sometimes. If you hear gossip, let

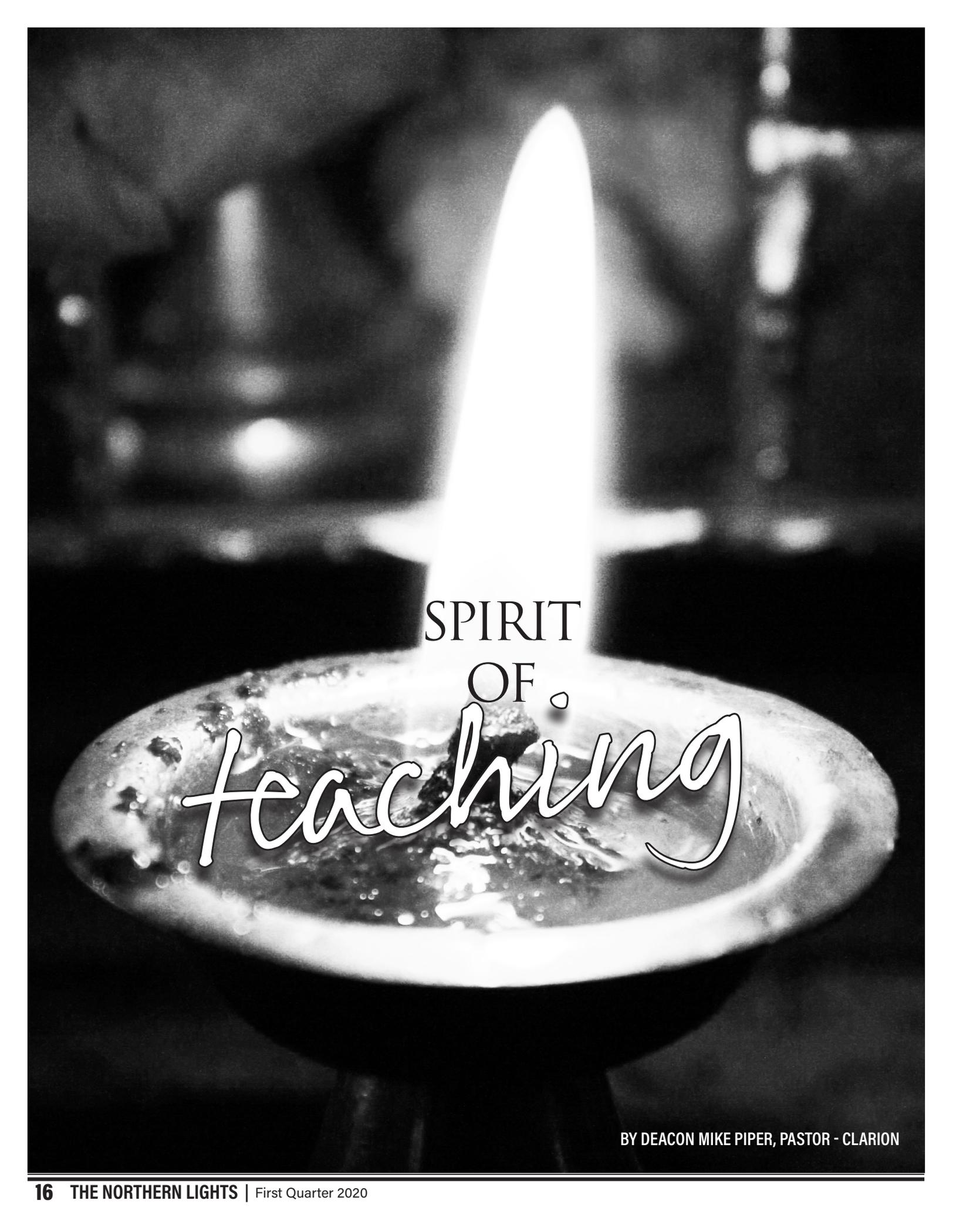
it stop with you. Don't spread it. Distance yourself or change the subject. When you encounter someone difficult, remember they're a soul and need God's love.

Reach out. We can't stay in our houses and be a hermit. It's important for us to be involved in the community. Our light can't shine bright in the comfort of our own home. We have to get out into the world and let it shine bright.

BE THE LIGHT

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described our influence as light in the darkness. As the vessel through which God's light shines, we are to reflect His light. We must reflect the light of Jesus to the world-the light of salvation, eternal life, and hope. This light should continue to shine. So, do not hide this glorious light. We must be a light in every setting-work, school, the grocery store, post office, family gatherings, and with friends. Light is comforting to all of us. We need light in our lives. In this dark world, Jesus is our light. As our source of light, He brings hope and security. However, we should not keep this wonderful light to ourselves. We are to be "night lights" to others. Be the light, and let it shine bright! ✨





SPIRIT
OF

teaching

BY DEACON MIKE PIPER, PASTOR - CLARION

BE THE Guide

In our lives as believers the spirit of teaching is a very important part in our walk with God working together with all the 7 spirits of God. Teaching is so important for our spiritual growth to keep us on the spiritual path that God has intended for all of us to follow.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,
12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

That has a lot to say about the gifts God gives to his people. God gives gifts to men & women for his glory it all has to do with our spiritual growth.

Leaders are responsible for equipping the saints for works of service with sound doctrine. When the believer is prepared then they can go forth and do the work we as believers were called to do. As a result of the body of Christ is being built up. As the scripture says to become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Christ came and fulfilled his labor of love and that labor of love goes on in us.

Jesus came that we may have everlasting life and through the great commission we are to reach out to others all over the world.

MATTHEW 28:16-20 (NIV)

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

As believers we need to understand the importance of of the calling God has placed in our lives. We are to share of the good things that God has done in our lives. So many times we hold back from letting our light shine before all men. Satan is on the attack



more than today than ever before, all the more reason we need to share the hope that lies within us so that others will know that they have a savior and his name is Jesus.

Jesus trained his disciples for 3.5 years showing them how they should live their lives. Jesus healed the sick, caused the blind to see, the lame to walk and other various miracles throughout his ministry. Jesus wanted everyone to know that there is hope and even when things seem hopeless.

Jesus made the statement in John 9:5 "While I am in the world, I am

the light of the world." and that's exactly what He is.

MATTHEW 5:14-16 (NIV)

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

That all works with the great commission that we are to let our light shine so that men, women and children will be drawn to the light. It is not about any of us it's all about him. We are just servants of the most high God and in the great commission Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations" to teach others to be the light of the world share of what you have seen and heard. God is always the answer.

Making disciples involves 3 steps:

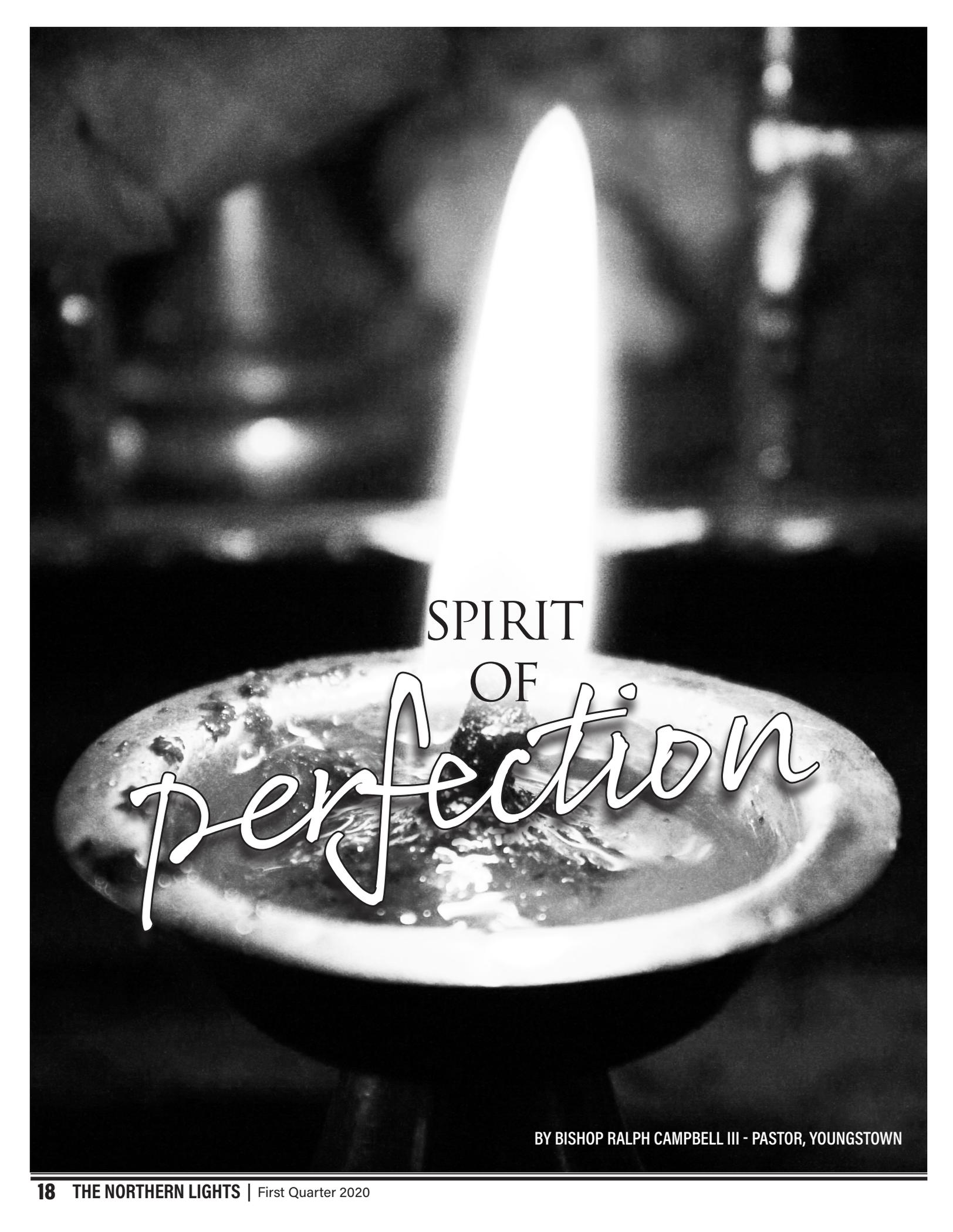
1. Going
2. Baptising
3. Teaching

To be able to do this we must remember where our help comes from. Jesus promised us he would be with us and our heavenly father was going to send us a gift the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 1:8 (NIV)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When we look at the 7 spirits of God they work very closely together, when the work properly It's hard to see where one ends and the other begins. ✠



SPIRIT
OF

perfection

BY BISHOP RALPH CAMPBELL III - PASTOR, YOUNGSTOWN

be the

UNBLEMISHED

Jesus said to be perfect, therefore as your Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). Again in Rev. 3:2 he said Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete, in sight of my God. He was talking to his Church. In Christ's eyes the word for us perfect and complete has the same meaning. In God there is found no flaw because God is Perfect and flawless. In our human form as of now, we have flaws, both physically and spiritually.

So how can we become complete in God's eyes? It's like getting plans and a blueprint from an architect to build a house that you want to live in. So you start building your future home, but you change the design of the roof and the size of the building with not as many rooms and only a half foundation. When you are done you can not say you have built a complete house according to the design and plan of the architect.

Our Heavenly Father is a perfect architect and he has a plan and a blueprint for you and I.

GENESIS 17:1

1 When Abraham was 99 years old, The LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you."

We see in the scripture how when God said go, Abraham packed up and went. God said that he would have many children and Abraham believed. God told him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice to him and Abraham was willing and obedient up to the end. God called Abraham his friend.

Another account in the scripture, there was a man called Job. In the book of Job 1:1 it says, in the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He was not perfect and flawless like God, he had flaws but God said he was blameless and upright in his walk with God.

In Luke 1:5-6 at the time of Jesus birth there was a priest named Zechariah and his wife Elisabeth they were descendants of Aaron, Moses brother. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations

blamelessly. They were blameless, complete in God's eyes.

We see in these examples that these men and women obeyed God's instruction and word, were faithful, shunned evil, feared and loved God, were upright and God judged them as righteous or blameless-not flawless or perfect as he is.

Paul tells the Philippian church in Philippians 2:12, "As you have always obeyed, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling."

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

We understand that salvation is a free gift from God. So perfection is like sanctification, it is a progressive work for us to keep fleshly desires obedient to God's will and word. Paul told the church to aim for Perfection, be of one mind, live in peace (2 Corinthians 13:11).

JAMES 3:2

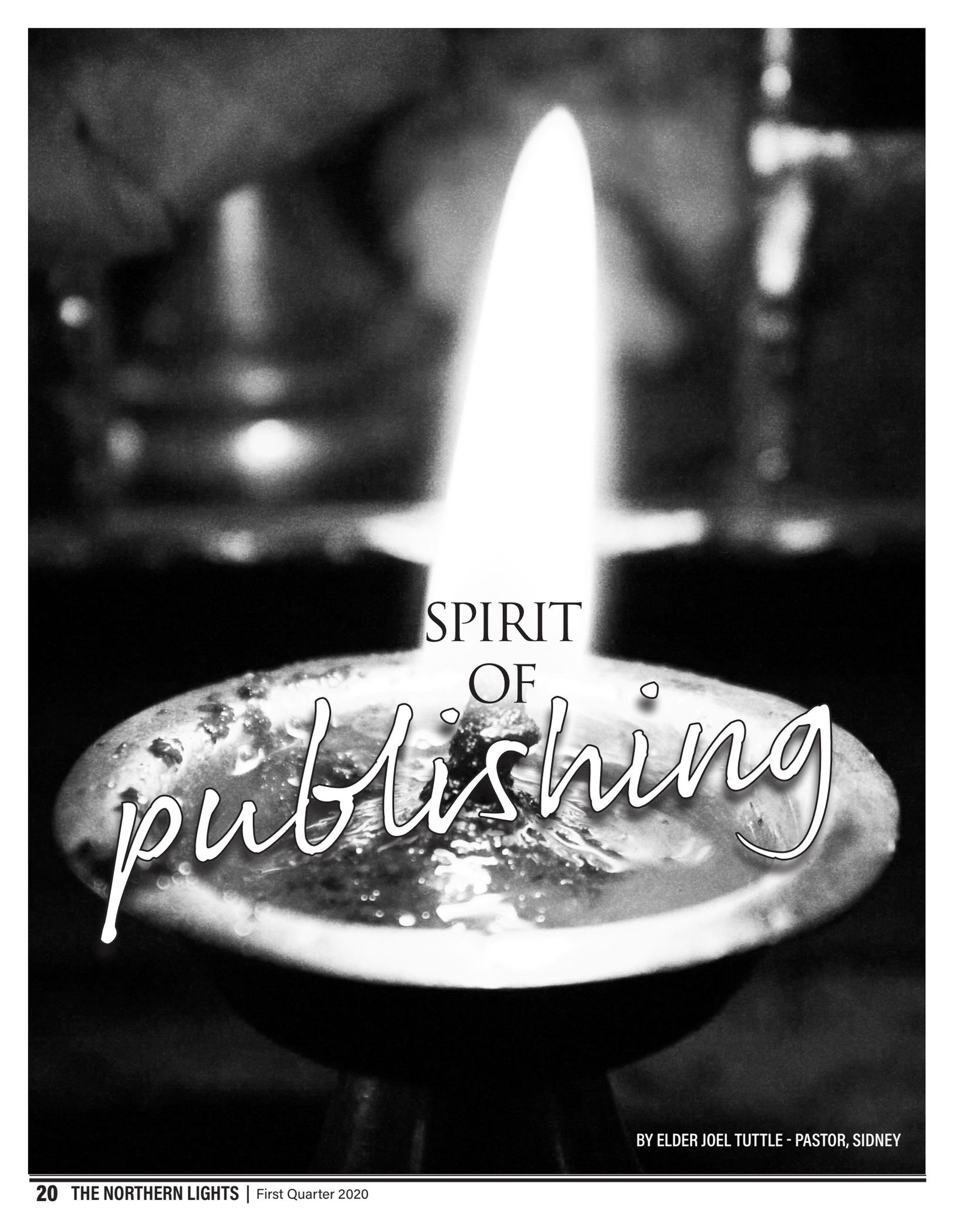
2 We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in ways he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

So it is a daily progressive work through our submission to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. How long?

Until we all reach unity in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature (complete), attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). Christ like.

The Bible tells us when Christ returns, standing with him on Mt. Zion will be 144,000 who has his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. These are those who did not defile themselves with false doctrines, for they kept themselves pure. They followed the Lamb where ever he goes. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. ✠





SPIRIT
OF

publishing

BY ELDER JOEL TUTTLE - PASTOR, SIDNEY

• BE THE Voice

On February 1, 1933, two days after Hitler was sworn in as chancellor of Germany, a young German pastor by the name of Dietrich Bonhoeffer took to the radio to deliver a message to the nation that they ought to revere God, who shows no partiality in race, rather than make an idol of the man Hitler. His transmission was cut off in the middle by Nazi censorship. He spent the following twelve years traveling, preaching illegal messages of Christ's costly love for all, saving the lives of many Jews, working as a spy and conspirator against the evils of Hitler, and ultimately was imprisoned and killed for doing what he believed to be correct. Whether in church, in prison, or even on his march to the gallows, Bonhoeffer continued to publish the gospel through his speech, writings and his every action.

PSALM 68:11-12

*11 The Lord gave the Word, and great was the company of those that Published it.
12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.*

It is from this text that we get the idea of a military company that publishes God's word for the Church (Church Publishing Company). It is interesting to note that although the word for "company" in this text denotes a military group, it is in the feminine form, which may be an allusion to the bride nature of Christ's army. As we read on, we see that the way in which this word is published will send kings and armies fleeing. In other words, publishing the gospel is not for the timid. God has not given us



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
GERMAN PASTOR WHO OPPOSED
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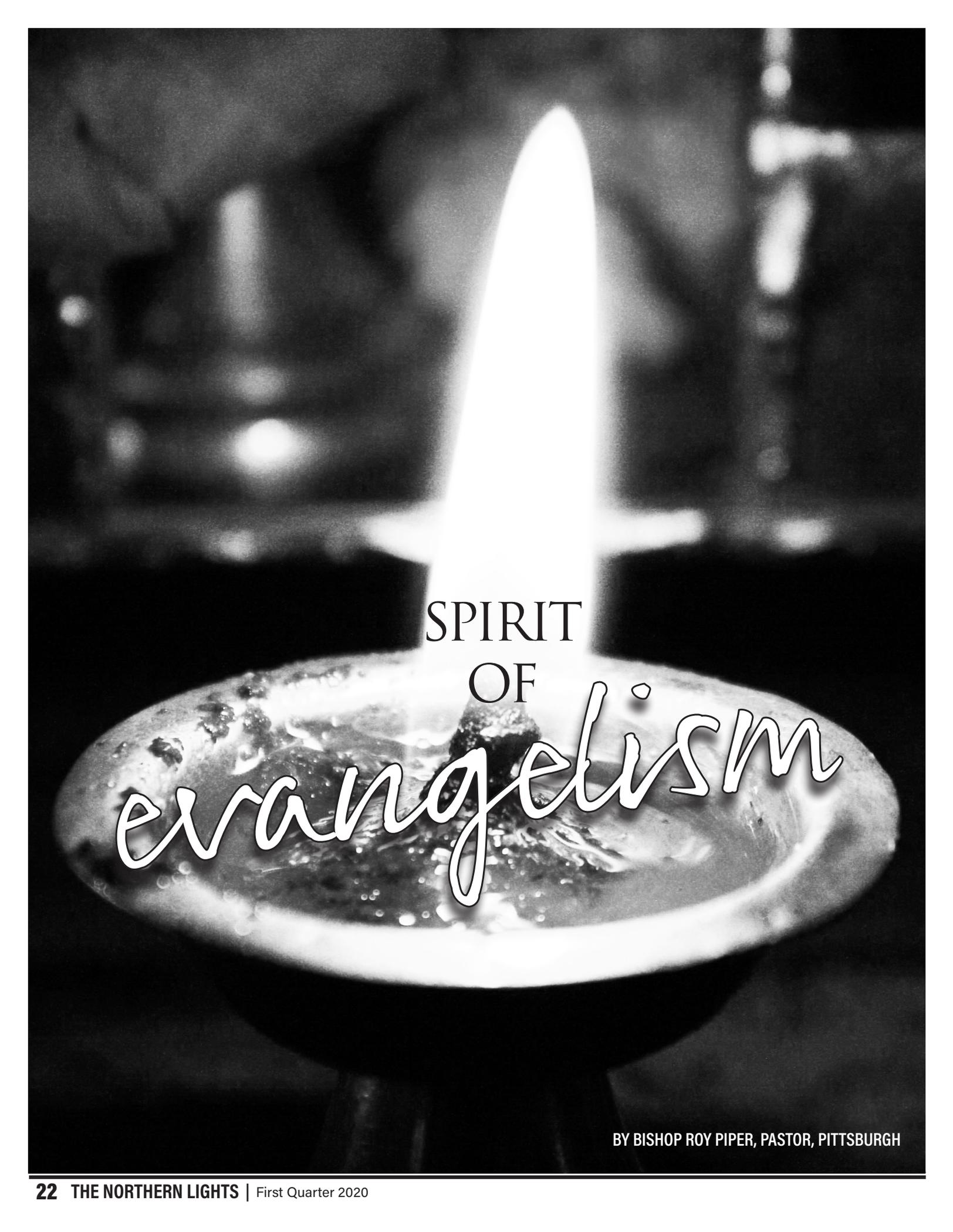
a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of courage. Christ Himself stated, "If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory (Luke 9:28)" but also said, "My Father will honor the one who serves me (John 12:26)."

The Spirit of God is seen to operate through us when, in service to Him we do His work. In Practice, this includes taking the message that God has entrusted to us beyond the four walls

of our homes or churches. For my own part, the people that I work with, even though not themselves of a Christian faith, will often ask me questions about scripture because they know that I will present them with a well reasoned answer. My answers may not always agree with their respective worldviews, but by maintaining a respectful but confident conversation on the subject of my faith in Christ, I have been afforded several opportunities to share the message of the New Kingdom that Christ brought us into and the salvation that He brought into us. I may not be the one to bring in a harvest with them, but I take my chance to sow seeds that may grow into trees of faith.

As we know, our faith comes from hearing, and we can only hear when the Word of God is published aloud. The Idea of Publishing can be effectively paired with Evangelism. Publishing gets the message of Christ's costly gift of grace and salvation out to the world, and Evangelism reminds us as the church to be zealous in this work. In declaring the Word of God to the people, men like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, as well as scriptural heroes like Stephen, Moses, Joshua, and Elijah, had to be zealous in their approach, and so, I would say, must we.

Indeed, I hope that we all may be as zealous in acting on the word of Christ living in us as these mighty men of the past were. Even if this gospel costs me all I have left to give, I know the reward of those of us who diligently follow Christ wherever he leads will be over and above anything that we could possibly imagine. ✠



SPIRIT
OF
evangelism

BY BISHOP ROY PIPER, PASTOR, PITTSBURGH

BE THE FIRE

The Spirit of Evangelism is one of the seven operations of God's spirit. When I think of this part of God's spirit, it speaks to me about the excitement of the stirring of enthusiasm throughout the Kingdom of God. All seven spirits are needed inside the church and need to be operated with zeal; they are the fire, the light, and driving force of the burning of the stirring of God's spirit through His gifting of His Spirit.

The gift of an evangelist is an important part of stirring both the saint and the sinner with the gospel message. The gifted evangelist has a driving ambition and burning for lost souls. He also has the ability to instruct in the church in matters of doctrine and revelation. The work of the evangelist is found in 2 Timothy 4:2

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

2 Preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

It is the fire of God working through men to keep God's people from becoming lukewarm.

REVELATIONS 3:15-16

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.

All of His operations of His spirit are important but evangelism will keep us on fire and keep us from becoming complacent. The Holy Spirit is needed in our lives.

ACTS 2:3-4

3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

John tells us about Jesus and he said in John 3:11 - He

will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Evangelism is needed in the churches as well as in His Kingdom. We must understand His spirit that he shares with us is a living fire baptism, that we all need to do the work of the Lord and the seven are to help us and inspire us to let His Spirit burn in each of us. We are instructed in 1 Thessalonians 5:19

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire.

His Holy Spirit was given to help us and stir us and convict us.

JOHN 16:7-9, 13

7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me.

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

The working of the spirit is working in our lives. We need the working of His spirit to be alive in us and the evangelist will have a burning fire to stir us, in his life, in his messages, conducting stirring revivals that call sinners to repentance and saints to action by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We need the fire of His spirit in us. We need the gift of evangelism to be working in the church as part of the five gifts of the ministry. Let the fire burn and let us all pray for the seven, in each of their positions, as they go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, to stir us in the name of the Lord and may His spirit work through each of us as we do His will on this earth and remember, this is part of His divine revelation of the candlestick government pattern of God, His holy order on earth as it is in heaven. May God bless us as we serve Him. ✠

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