Series: Acts 26:18-19 The Apostle Paul’s Ministry

- **Acts 26:18-19** - to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the **heavenly vision**:

Watering: **The Revelation Of Faith** Worketh By Love

* + **Galatians 5:6 -** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love**.
	+ **Discussion Focus** – The message that a person believes for salvation is also the faith that they’re operating in.So, we need to understand how faith and love operate together, and the role that the revelation of faith and love has in the operation.
* **Introduction**: “The Revelation of Faith Worketh By Love” is a learning of how to operate in the Spirit! **Faith** (Christ) and **Love** (The Father) are present within every believer. As Sons of God, we must know how they each operate and what the responsibility of a Son of God is (Christ’s position, is our position). In the New Covenant, all things depend on the knowledge of God, which comes by **revelation**, because where there is revelation, there is **Spirit and** **Truth**. And where there is **no revelation**, there is **no Truth**, there is **no** **power in the Spirit**.
	+ **2 Corinthians 3:6-8 -** who also hath made us able ministers of **the new testament**; not of the letter, but **of the spirit**: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not **the ministration of the spirit** be rather glorious?
	+ **John 4:24 - God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit and in truth**.
	+ This is why the Holy Spirit titled the message “the revelation of faith,” because if it is not revealed, then it is not truth!
* **Worketh:**
	+ (1) To activate (**Remember!** **believing** activates the gospel of Christ = Faith)
	+ (2) To produce the effect (become effective) – Philemon 1:4-6
	+ (3) to cause (faith) to operate
	+ (4) To produce power
* **The Spirit of God** = Love
	+ **1 John 4:7-10 -** 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**. In this **was manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **Herein is love**, not that we loved God, but **that he loved us**, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
	+ **Important Note:** If “**faith worketh** (is powered by) **love**,” and if the definition of Love is that **(1)** God, the Father loved us and **(2)** sent his Son to be the final payment (propitiation) for our sins, then there is only ONE MESSAGE that ministers what God (Love) **has done** through his Son (Faith)! –Christ and the Gospel of Christ are One. **Therefore, if Christ is the love of God, then the Gospel of Christ is also the Love of God.**
	+ **The message you’re believing (for faith) matters! …**the message you’re believing could be the reason you don’t have faith and/or the reason the faith in you is not working (O, foolish Galatians)!
		- **John 5:38, 42 -** And **ye have not his word abiding in you**: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. ---But I know you, that **ye have not the love of God** in you.
		- You must have God’s word in you to believe (Truth)!
		- **1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5** - And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save **Jesus Christ, and him crucified**. that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but **in the power of God.**
* **The Spirit of Christ** = Faith
	+ **Galatians 2:20** – “…I live by the faith of the Son of God”
	+ **2 Corinthians 4:7, 13** - But **we have this treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. ---We having the same **spirit of faith**, according as it is written, **I believed**, and therefore have I spoken; **we also believe**, and therefore speak;
		- ***“this treasure”*** = Who is this treasure that we have IN US? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		- ***“the power may be of God”*** = “the power may be of LOVE” – (because faith **worketh** by love)
		- ***“and not of us”*** = “and not of our own works/effort”
		- We have received the spirit of faith (Christ) to believe (nothing more, nothing less)
			* *“if you touch it, you kill it! –you can’t do anything to help God, other than believe”*
			* Walk in the Spirit = Walk in Love 🡪**by Believing the Word of Truth**, because what you believe is as important as believing itself!

**The “Work” of The Godhead**

* **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** - Now there are diversities of **gifts**, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of **administrations**, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of **operations**, but it is the same God which **worketh** all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
	+ v. 4 – **gifts** come from the **Holy Spirit** (v. 8-10 – miracles, healings, tongues)
	+ v. 5 – **“administrations”** = ministration/ministry – flows from the **Lord** (everything operates through Christ (Faith) IN you)
	+ v. 6 – **“operations”** = operates = is powered/workeths by God, the Father (Love)

**The Father (who is Love) flows through the Son (who is Faith) –** operation + administration

* + **John 14:10** - 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 7:21** - Jesus answered and said unto them, **I have done one work**, and ye all marvel.
* **John 5:19** - Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself**, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
	+ **John 6:28-29** - Then said they unto him, **What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?** Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God**, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

**Remember!** -The message that a person believes for salvation (justification) is also the message that they’re operating their day-to-day lives in.

* **Romans 3:28-30** - Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of **the law**. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision **by faith**, and uncircumcision **through faith**.
	+ **3 different ways**: (1) the law, (2) by faith, (3) through faith
	+ **The Apostle Paul’s Ministry** - #238 and #239 “The Judgement of the Soul” - #242 “The Saints Shall Judge The World” = By Faith

**Subject: Galatians 5:1-6** - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.** For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

* + ***“whosoever of you are justified by the law”*** – Justified = made righteous
		- * **Romans 10:5-10** - 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.

**3 Different Righteousness**: Law, Faith, Grace

(1) **Righteousness which is of the Law** (Law of Moses/Commandments - “Law Way”) – **DOETH**

**Romans 10:3, 5 -** For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. ---For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Israel’s righteousness (life) under the law was in following all the commandments and ordinances of the law

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NLT) - For **we live by believing** and not by seeing.

(2) **Righteousness which is of faith** (Gospel of the Kingdom – “Faith Way”) – **SPEAKETH = BY FAITH**

**Romans 10:6, 8-10 -** 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 :) ---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.

Word of Faith scriptures:

**Mark 11:20-26** - And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and **shall not doubt in his heart**, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith**. Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them**, and **ye shall** **have** them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

**John 14**:**13-14** - And **whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If **ye shall ask** any thing in my name, I will do it.

**Acts 4:12** - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Romans 10:13** - For **whosoever shall call upon the name** of the Lord **shall b**e saved.

**Important Note:** The power of the “word of faith” (righteousness of faith) is in the name of Jesus. God’s power is his love, Christ is the love of God, and Jesus is the Word (Christ) made flesh. During Jesus’ ministry in the flesh, the Spirit of Christ (faith) was not within man. Jesus had not yet died, been buried, or resurrected, and the Holy Spirit had not been given to man, so Jesus could not give his disciples Christ (the father’s love/power of God). So, the power Jesus could give at that time was in God’s name (Jesus), which was given to Jesus’ disciples to continue the works (and make more disciples) **until Jesus returned**. This is also why everything tied to the Gospel of the Kingdom is a “shall be,” and an “ask” gospel of the Kingdom was given before Christ’s DBR, and because Israel could not inherit their salvation until Jesus returned. **(1 Cor. 1:24 - the power in truth = Christ = The Father’s Love)**

**Romans 4:13-17** - For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through **the righteousness of faith**. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: because the law worketh wrath: **for where no law is, there is no transgression.** **Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace**; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of **the faith of Abraham**; who is the father of us all, (as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

* ***“calleth those things which be not as though they were”*** – **God** - **Genesis 17:3-6** - And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
* ***“the faith of Abraham”*** = **Romans 4:3** - For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and **it was counted unto him** for righteousness.
	+ “counted for righteousness” – if Abraham had not believed, righteousness would not have been credited to him (conditional, he did not have righteousness until)
	+ **v.** **2 Corinthians 5:21** - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might **be made the righteousness of God in him**.
	+ **v.** **Galatians 3:13-14** - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might **come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ**; that we might **receive** the promise of the Spirit **through faith**.
	+ We were made righteous (by grace) and righteousness (which has been given) is activated in us through Christ (through faith = believing what God has done through his Son) = **righteousness revealed**

(3) **The Gift of Righteousness** (Gospel of Christ – “Grace Way”) – **BELIEVETH = Through Faith**

* **Romans 3:21-24** - But now **the righteousness of God without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** **unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **being justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus:**
* **Romans 5:16-19** - And not as it was by one that sinned, so is **the gift**: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but **the free gift** is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which **receive abundance of grace** and of **the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by **the righteousness of one the free gift** came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be **made righteous**.
* **Ephesians 1:13-14** - In whom **ye** also **trusted** , after that ye **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that **ye believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
	+ No “doeth…speaketh…confession…asking…Jesus’ name”
* **The gift of righteousness** = righteousness revealed = Christ (Faith)
	+ **1 Corinthians 1:29-31** - that **no flesh** should glory in his presence. But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**, who of God **is made unto us** wisdom, and **righteousness**, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, **let him glory in the Lord**.
	+ This is much different than the “righteousness which is of faith/word of faith” – **Romans 10:10** - For with the heart man **believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation**.
		- **v. Ephesians 2:8** - For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:
		- Both of these passages are in true, because they’re both in the Bible and the entire Bible is true, but only one of these is THEE TRUTH (revealed)!
		- **What does the “Word of Faith” (righteousness of faith) doctrine teach?** - The Word of Faith doctrine is a modern Christian theological movement that emphasizes the **power of spoken words**, **positive confession**, and **faith** to achieve health, wealth, and success. It encourages believers to align their speech with their desired outcomes, activating divine intervention in their lives. The term "Word of Faith" is derived from Romans 10:8, which speaks of "the word of faith that we preach". Proponents advocate putting faith in faith, but the Bible teaches that faith is being sure or confident that what God says is true.
			* **Remember!** This IS NOT how faith works—**(1) faith works by love**, and (2) love is that God loved us **and** gave his Son to be the final payment for our sins (1 John 4:10) = what God has done through his son
		- **What does “Manifestation” teach?** - Manifestation is the process of bringing something into reality **through positive thoughts and beliefs**. It is based on the Law of Attraction and suggests that aligning thoughts and emotions with clear intentions can influence one's reality.
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		- Not having **the revelation of the Faith** (Truth = Christ/The Gospel of Christ) is the reason why Christians are practicing “manifestation” and calling it “word of faith” = **witchcraft** ---much like manifestation and the law of attraction, the word of faith doctrine elevates a person’s spoken word (and positive thoughts) to a power that simply does not exist **in the Spirit**! It encourages people to “hear things from God,” that God has not said (Bible/Word of Truth). Puts blame on the person who is unable to manifest/receive what they’re desiring.
* **Proverbs 16:25** - There is a way that **seemeth right** unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.
	+ - **2 Corinthians 3:4-5** - And such **trust have we through Christ** to God-ward: **not that** we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but **our sufficiency is of God**;
		- Who is the revelation of Faith (who is Faith revealed)? )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
			* **Philippians 4:13** - I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.
			* **Hebrews 11:11** - **Through faith** also Sara 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.

**Hebrews 11:7-10** – you’ll find that “by faith” Noah built the ark and “by faith” Abraham went out and sourjourned to the land God promised him = by faith you do (belief is in the doing = works)

God does the work **(operation)** and it flows through the Son (Christ) in you **(administration)**

* + - * **Mark 9:23** - Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe**, all things are possible to him that believeth.
	+ If the message you’re believing in is the righteousness of the law **(Moses)** or the righteousness of faith **(Word of Faith),** and not the righteousness of God **(Christ/Grace),** then you are fallen from grace!
		- * + **Galatians 5:4 -**  ***“***whosoever of you are justified by the law; ***Ye are fallen from grace”***
				+ **Ephesians 2:4-9** - **But God**, who is **rich in mercy**, **for his great love** wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved**;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew **the exceeding riches of his grace** in **his kindness** toward us through Christ Jesus. For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**: not of works, lest any man should boast.

**The Power of The Holy Ghost**

* **Romans 15:13** - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **in believing**, that ye may abound in hope, **through the power of the Holy Ghost.**
	+ **Q: What is “the power of the Holy Ghost”**
		- God is Love
		- God’s Power is Love
		- Christ is the Love of God (and so is the Gospel of Christ)
	+ **A: The Revelation of Love (Christ/Truth/Faith/Spirit) = God**
		- * **John 14:26** - But the Comforter, which is **the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, **whatsoever I have said** unto you.

**Notes**:

The Holy Spirit teaches what God has said (and done) = the revelation (the true meaning, purpose, desire/will – why he is “the mind of Christ”)

* + - * **1 Corinthians 2:10-12** - But God hath **revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; **that we might know** the things that are freely given to us of God.

What is The Spirit of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who is the Love of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**John 10:30** - I and my Father are one.

Who then, is the “spirit which is of God” that we have received “that we may know things that are **freely given** to us of God?” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**John 16:12-15** - I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

* + We believe (the Truth) and the Holy Spirit reveals (the Truth)
		- * + **Galatians 1:6-7, 11-12** - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into **the grace of Christ** unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, **that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, **but by the revelation** of Jesus Christ.

**Note**: There is ONLY ONE Gospel = the Gospel of Christ, revealed to the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit

Therefore, the Gospel of Christ is the only message that causes faith (Christ - administration) to work by Love (The Father - operation) -

***“the Gospel which was preached of me is not after man”*** – Remember that the “gospel of the kingdom” was given to the Disciples during Jesus’ earthly ministry while he was in the flesh (Son of Man) ---The Gospel of the Kingdom was NOT given to the Disciples by the revelation of the Holy Spirit

* **Conclusion:** Christ is the Word of God, The Love of God, and he is the Truth. And the Spirit of Christ in us is Faith. All of this is made possible by God (Love), who loved us and gave his Son for us. But we would know none of this except by the Holy Spirit, who reveals Christ to our minds (soul). And in the New Covenant, everything hinges on what we know (not what we think)!
	+ - * + **Philemon 1:4-6** - I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, hearing of thy **love** and **faith**, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; that the communication of thy **faith may become effectual** by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you **in Christ Jesus**.

**The door of faith is open**

•**Acts 14:27** - And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

**The gospel of Christ**

•**1 Corinthians 15:1-4** - Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

•**Ephesians 1:13-14** - In whom ye also trusted , after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.