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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the Lamb of God, whose life upon the earth reflected the perfect character and nature of God and set forth the truest reflection of God for all people to see.

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INTRODUCTION

GOOD REASONS FOR A MIRROR

In my home, near my front door, positioned on the wall is a full length mirror. That mirror is there for a good reason. It is set up as a last-minute check point before leaving the house. I normally make a point of using that mirror before leaving the house because, on the one day that I forgot, I had a problem. On a certain, extremely busy day, when I hurried out of the house, running past the mirror without looking at it, I encountered two young children who innocently, and whole-heartedly laughed at me. Let me take you back to that morning.

It was a weekday morning when I was due to travel with my good friend and neighbour, to the U.S. As I stood in my bathroom mirror carefully applying my makeup, I knew that if I did not hurry, I'd be late. Suddenly, the phone rang. Without thinking, I raced into the Kitchen, quickly picked up the phone and answered it. I ended the conversation as soon as I could, then hung up the phone receiver, grabbed my purse, and quickly ran out the door to find my friend, in her car, waiting for me in my driveway.

Quickly I entered the car, still gathering myself together after that last minute dash to the car. I asked my friend if we had just a few minutes so I could make a very quick stop at my bank's ATM, as it was on the way. As we arrived in the bank's parking lot, still in a hurried state of mind, I quickly exited the car and went into the bank. Right in front of the ATM machines were two little children in strollers. I smiled at them, and they smiled back at me and then suddenly they giggled. Cute, I thought. I completed my banking transactions, returned to my friend's car and got into the passenger's seat.

Earlier, at my home when I entered the car, I was busy straightening out things and my friend did not get a good look at me, but as I returned to the car she looked at me with a rather strange look on her face. Calmly she told me to look at myself in the car mirror. I pulled down the car visor, looked into the mirror and began

to laugh at what I saw. You see, when the phone rang earlier that morning, just as I was finishing up my make up job, I was not quite done. That morning, I discovered I was out of blush so, as a substitute, I used lipstick. With a circular motion, I generously painted a large circle of red lipstick on each cheek on my face. In my hurried state, after answering the phone, I forgot to blend in the lipstick. Without knowing it, my face looked like that of a clown. All I needed to complete the face was a red nose. No wonder the children laughed!

From then on, before I go out to meet the public, no matter how hurried I might be, I try to remember to do a last-minute check in the full-length mirror, positioned at the door, just for that purpose. At that moment, that mirror becomes my friend, willing to tell all! Yes, its job is to clearly point out things in my appearance, good or bad. To me, it answers questions like, "Have I left behind any hair grooming tools such as clips or pins? Is my clothing in good shape and worn properly, (*you know, front to the front, back to the back and of course, right side out*), and of course, is my blush properly applied?"

Finally, I take a step back to see the reflection of my feet, just to ensure I am not wearing those old, comfortable scruffies I live in around the house. To go out, I must wear my better shoes, which are polished

and presentable. When I leave the house, I gaze at my friend the mirror. It tells me exactly like it is!

All good mirrors, however, no matter where positioned, have limitations. Each mirror reflects only the surface or the outer appearance. It is, at best, a reflection of what is in front of it. That mirror cannot pierce into the inner person and reflect what lives there. Evidence of that inward being comes another way. We reflect it in our words and our deeds, through various situations that reveal our inner person, displaying to others what lies within. This aspect of ourselves, which takes opportunity for expression, is greatly affected by what we believe about ourselves, about others, and in Christianity, about God.

If we profess to Christianity, it is our expression of our faith that projects the image by which others see us, and the God we claim to know. If we demonstrate man²'s wisdom or God's wisdom, that is seen. If we project God's heartfelt love for others or surface shadows of our own love, that too is witnessed by others. On any specific day, if we face trying situations, it may bring out the best in us, but, on the other hand, it may bring out the worst, such as those moments when we are short with another, fed up with an incident, perhaps angry with one thing but

² When you read the word "man", either in scripture or this book, note that it refers to all humankind, not a specific gender.

somehow, we let the anger show up in a totally different situation. It is most unfortunate, but one moment's bad expression speaks far louder to others than a former long-term positive presentation.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Momentarily, let's take a generalized overview of Christianity. As outsiders of the faith look upon Christianity, let's ask ourselves, what might they see. After all, they only see the outside appearance of Christianity, as believers express their living witness through daily circumstances. Eventually, however, after much exposure to Christians, eventually, observers see beyond the public image conveyed to them. Circumstances tend to reveal one's inner person of the heart with whom the world deals. This revelation, as seen by the world, is often not seen by the individual believer. Unfortunately, many believers are often the last to know about the message their "inner person" conveyed.

As believers, we know that the inner person of the heart is a major target of the Holy Spirit, and it is slated for a dynamic change. God's desire here is clear. It is, of course, to transform the inner person of the heart to align with the true message of Christianity, as God desires it be expressed. That message is better spoken to onlookers, including fellow believers, when the believer, experiences a deep, inner transformation of the heart such as the one the early followers of

Yeshua's faith experienced. As we study that way of Christianity, called "The Way" in early years immediately after Yeshua's ascension, the changes made in their life so much reflected Yeshua that onlookers made note that these had been with Yeshua when He was on earth.

Our Christianity, as we live it out, moment by moment, will either reflect Yeshua, or something different. The choice is ours.

While this reflection is a work in progress, it is, of course, God's design for us to align with this all-important goal of correctly expressing Yeshua. Thus God, through the power of His Holy Spirit, invites us to allow a long-term, continual exposure of our inner person, to bring forth God's reflection, one we see as we look at Yeshua throughout the Word of God. Indeed, we can look to the Bible to further understand what God desires of us. According to James, the Apostle, the Word of God is for believers, a mirror:

James 1:23-25

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

James, the author of this Epistle and half-brother to Yeshua, describes God’s Word as a mirror to make a powerful point.

If one hears the Word of God but does not do it, that person is like someone who looks in the mirror but then goes away, forgetting what they saw. In other words, they simply go along their way without correcting anything about themselves.

In a natural mirror, perhaps their hair is wind blown, or their clothes are wrinkled but as they look in the mirror, they either don’t see anything wrong with their appearance, or they simply just don’t care. That person then, shows an example of the one who audibly hears what God has to say but the words fall on deaf ears. We might say, they are numbed, or blinded to what God says because of the way they perceive themselves.

On the other hand, if one hears the Word, they see the image of God within that Word. They see what they are supposed to look like. Realizing how far they fall short of that image, they obey the Word of God, not forgetting how God desires them to live. They pray and trust God that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, they can demonstrate to others what God is like. They hear the Word and do the Word, not forgetting how God wants them to live.

God's Word is a powerful mirror. It is like a true friend that tells us like it is. A person can then make choices to repent for what God shows them that is most unlike His character and Divine nature, and then can seek God's help so that by the power of the Holy Spirit and the atoning work of Yeshua on the cross, they can become more like God. In that way, the reflection the people of the world see is none other than a work of God in progress.

Of course, that image is not perfectly expressed, immediately. No, that image requires a lifetime to perfect, but the believer, the personal representation of God, understands that fact. He or she does not wear an armour of pride that they have arrived, but rather a cloak of humility. He or she willingly asks forgiveness when offending another and makes restitution where necessary. He or she humbly serves others as Messiah's example taught. Yes, willingly, they follow God's command as they lay down their life for others.

Their Christianity is not self-serving, but rather the exact opposite, selfless, serving God and fellow man. At least, that is how God designed it.

For sure, a serious believer in the Christian faith, exposed to the enlightening rays of the Holy Spirit, recognizes how far short they fall of the example of Messiah. Recognizing our humanity, these believers realize that, without God's continuous help, and our continual cooperation to yield to the Spirit's guidance, we simply won't be changed into the expressed image of His Son, Yeshua. To portray Yeshua daily in our behaviour, believers must mentally grasp the important fact that, first, we must die as the Bible describes:

Galatians 2:20

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Death to self, living that crucified life, is one obvious choice believers must make, but in doing so, it cannot be a one-time decision. It is a constant daily choice, as the Apostle Paul declared in his first letter to believers at Corinth, “I die daily”³. Most Christian believers,

³ 1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

followers of the Way, often go about their daily business and consciously forget that aspect of the faith that we see in the mirror of the Word.

Indeed, every believer needs God's help to stay in the daily, moment by moment, expression of a life dedicated to God's service, including the command of God to love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves⁴. That is a large commitment, far greater than any human being readily assumes.

Unfortunately, looking with a generalized view of Christianity⁵, one more time, we see that many believers, for numerous reasons, buy into only the surface elements of Christianity. Those elements are exterior signs of Christianity, that which expresses a faith in only an outward appearance.

For example, a certain believer meets weekly with Christian believers, however, during the week at home, at work or at other places, Christianity's

⁴ Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

⁵ A generalized view incorporates every denomination of Christianity, everywhere. This term means the author does not single out one particular group of believers, worldwide. It means, as it say, a generalized overview.

lifestyle, as God desires, is not carried out. These believers regularly expose or even enjoin themselves to things this world presents to them as good or even profitable but these same things the Bible clearly states are harmful. Rather than deny themselves the pleasure and enjoyment of those worldly things, or a possible rejection by their peers, they convince themselves it is alright to take part in such things. Many make excuses that God understands, or it is antiquated to believe such, and such is wrong.

Then, on Sunday, or whatever day they meet for worship, they go to church, wearing what many call a plastic face, effectively wiping their mind and conscience clean from all ungodly weekly activities. Wearing a party face, they enter church fellowship. They sing; they clap their hands; they listen to the Word as it is brought forth from the pulpit; they smile at everyone and later leave that service assured, by their church attendance, that they have done their Christian duty.

What about the other 6 days of the week prior to their day of worship? What about the reality God saw in their hearts and they, unfortunately, failed to notice? What about the next 6 days about to transpire? These things, once again, fall into the category of looking into the mirror of the Word of God and walking away, completely forgetting about the reflection God intended them to mirror to the world.

Serious believers, those who wish to love God with all their being, know that kind of Christianity offends both God and man. To be frank, the Bible addresses this behaviour:

2 Timothy 3:1-7

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having ***a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away***⁶. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning,

⁶ Bold and italics the author’s addition.

and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”.

There it is, in the mirror of the Word, “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof”. This is not Christianity’s best foot forward by any means! Christianity of the Bible is very different. God’s form of Christianity is commitment, and not just an outward commitment, but an inward commitment that requires one hundred percent of the believer! Most people in our world today don’t understand the deeper meaning of that word “commitment” today, let alone a one hundred percent obligation to serve God with their entire being. Nevertheless, that is what God demands of those who call themselves by His Name.

THIS STUDY’S DESIRED RESULT:

If you keep in mind these thoughts, written earlier in this chapter, you have the target of this Bible Study. It is a course designed to expose the “heart” behind a believer’s Christianity, and thus, their expression of Yeshua. Its intent is to hold the “mirror of the Word” right in front of every person taking this course, including the teacher.⁷ Its desired result is to eliminate what God, Himself declares offensive, as stated in His Word. It is also to ensure that believers enjoy a true, fulfilling faith in their relationship with God, and do

⁷ By teacher, I also mean me as I write this course and, later on, teach this course.

not simply give the Lord “lip service”, resulting in a vain or empty religion.

Matthew 15:8-9

“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.”

Relationship with God, as He designed faith’s goal, is the theme we’ll explore in this Bible Study. It is, therefore, designed for the serious Bible student, the one who wishes to really know their God, and then, through their life, wherever that road may take them, reflect a proper image of God to others. This Bible Study, (textbook and accompanying workbook) is designed for those who truly wish to make Yeshua Lord and Master over every aspect of their lives.

My dear reader, this Bible Study is, therefore, neither for the timid, nor for the casual Christian. It’s intended for the serious believer who honestly, and perhaps even desperately, desires to take a good hard look into the mirror of God’s Word for the sole purpose of obeying it. If this is your attitude, dear reader, determine to walk away from this study, carrying with you, each moment of every day, a definite response to what you’ve learned about God’s Word. This means you will not set aside what you gleaned in His Word

but rather, you will hold, intact, the memory of what you saw of your God, in the mirror of His Word ... *and having noted* how far short you fall of that image, determine, with God's help, to yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit, to produce life changes for the greater glory and honour of God.

So, dear one, if you are a believer who is truly serious about your Christianity and you desire to open wide a door to the Holy Spirit, to examine your life closely, intently, and thoroughly, you are ready for this course. I invite you, therefore, to pray the prayer on the next page, or pray one of your own with similar content. Then, take out the workbook and before God, make a serious commitment to allow the Holy Spirit to do a work in you, one in which you ask Him to help you to follow His lead and determine to not resist Him in any way.

Determine, with His help, beloved, to get through this course even if it seems that your life is turned upside down and inside out and you feel it cut deep into the heart. If that happens, remind yourself that the Word of God is designed for just that purpose. Its aim is to intentionally allow the Holy Spirit to cut to the heart, to expose what lays deep inside so "you" can identify what lies therein, and with God's help, learn to deal with it. God, of course, already knows what's there. It is we, His children, that often overlook what's so

obvious to God. Unfortunately, we are often the last ones to know!

Also, in this introduction, in overviewing Christianity in general, references were made to believers with comments such as “they”, or “them” or other pronouns referring to another. Generalizing Christianity, as done in this chapter, served the purpose of outlining an overall problem, however, that approach will never work when exploring a resolve for that problem.

Therefore, as we move into this study, that generalized viewpoint changes, no longer to how another behaves, but rather to look at things in the first person, asking the question, how do “I” behave. After all, that is the only way any Bible Study works, right? So, be brave dear one and join with many other committed believers, including this author, who desire the Lord to perform a Holy Spirit driven “face lift” so the image, which God sees first, and the world sees second, reflects the face of Yeshua as God intended.

Before closing this introduction, before you pray the prayer on the next page, please understand that God takes your Christianity very seriously. He will answer that prayer! As He does, keep in mind, there is an entity, an adversary, who has no desire for you to look like Yeshua. The more unlike Yeshua a believer lives in this world, the less effective is that believer and their witness, and thus, the happier is the adversary. Know

therefore, if ha satan can prevent you in any way, in pursuing God, as you seek to become more like Yeshua, he will do it; and he will also readily use whatever tools he can to discourage you to walk away from your determined course of action.

Whenever any believer determines to produces good fruit for God's Kingdom, if they are pushing ahead and/or pushing back adversarial lines, they will encounter resistance. The first course of action is not to run! It is to resist the adversary, dear one! Therefore, in taking this course, ask the Lord to help you recognize the tactics of the adversary. Ensure you wear your spiritual armour and resist the urge to quit or to shrink back. Determine, with God's help, you'll make it to the other side. After all, doing that is following the lead of your Lord and Master, Who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross! ⁸

⁸ Hebrews 12:2

A PRAYER
BEFORE DOING THIS BIBLE STUDY

Heavenly Father:

This day I come to You, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Who gave us Yeshua. In His Name, and through the shed blood of the Lamb of God, I humbly bow before You, expressing my desire to live my life before Your Face as you command, as one who loves You with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. It is my prayer that I reflect Your character, just as did Yeshua. May my relationship with You be revelatory of what hides deep within, even in the hidden recesses of my being. May my contact with my fellow man flow out of my relationship with You, exposing Your heart as I learn to function, in one mind and heart, with my Lord and my God.

Please open my eyes that I might see what behaviours operate in my life that, first, offend You, and second, that present an improper image of Your Son, Yeshua and the heart of true Christianity. Please help me to push through any roadblocks or interference that stands between me and the fulfilment of this prayer.

Help me to sort through the many facets of my religious belief system, including all that I hold dear, so that my faith will be thoroughly founded on the Word of God, and from that foundation flow only the true teachings of God.

Help me to release anything, including wrong doctrines, teachings, practices, behaviours, or attitudes that I possess and yield to, *which are **contrary** to the Word of God*. Please show me, loud and clear, any ways in which I, in error, honour You with only lip service. Help me to embrace the heart-felt experience of true Christianity that You so desire for me.

Lord, according to the Word of God in Hebrews 7:25,⁹ Yeshua saves to the uttermost, all those that come to God by Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them. I draw near, therefore, to my Yeshua, in the process of being saved to the uttermost. I express my gratitude that He ever lives to make intercession, whatever is necessary, for me to obtain the ends of the faith, held in the heart of God, for my life as a Christian believer.

Impart Your perseverance into my spirit to enable me to be shaped into Your form of Christianity, implanting both the desire and ability, to endure to the end of my days here on the earth!

Thank You Lord for answering me. AMEN

⁹ Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Now, having prayed this prayer, know the answer is on its way. From this moment on, and long past the time this course ends, God will present opportunities for you to experience, things such as those to help you refine your faith life, making you look, more and more, like Yeshua.

Whatever you do, don't become discouraged, dear one, and please don't quit! In the circle in which you live, you may be a forerunner, and one God can use, as He did the believers, in the early, first century church: *"to turn the world upside down!"*¹⁰

Beloved, press on and press into God! On the day you stand before Him, you'll be glad you did!

¹⁰ Acts 17:6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.

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