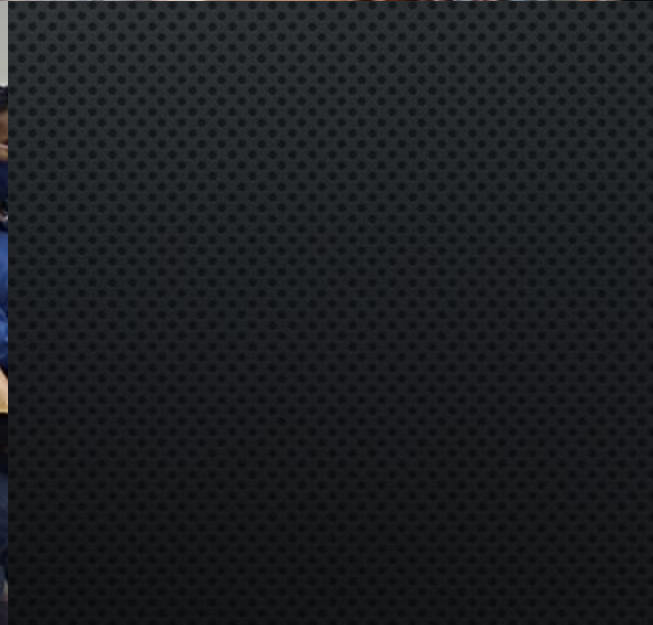


Worship and  
Speaking the truth  
in love :  
Part 1







AND LORD HASTE THE DAY  
WHEN THE FAITH SHALL BE SIGHT









<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup> When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:23-24

**25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.** <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

<sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”



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Ephesians 5:19

THE REAL PRISONER WAS THE JAILER, NOT  
PAUL AND SILAS

MY CHAINS FELL OFF, MY HEART WAS FREE,  
I ROSE, WENT FORTH, AND FOLLOWED  
THEE.

- CHARLES WESLEY -

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God should die for me?





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# What we commonly understand to be “Speaking the truth in love”

- Correcting someone else of their wrongdoing
- Having a heart to heart discussion with someone you disagree with
- Having a difficult conversation in a “safe space”



<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> **Instead, speaking the truth in love,** we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-16

# What Paul meant by “Speaking the truth in love”

- To speaking the word of God to someone else to build them up in maturity for body ministry
- To ensure whatever we say strives for spiritual unity among believers
- Occurs not just in one to one discussions but also in church service and small group gatherings
- Occurs in church, at home and at work
- Speak, sing and pray the truth in love

<sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:

**“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”**

Ephesians 5:13



After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

**“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”**

Revelation 7:9-10

7 “When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

8 “Those who cling to worthless idols  
turn away from God’s love for them.

9 But I, **with shouts of grateful praise,**  
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, **‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”**

Jonah 2:9

# Big picture

- If you love the word of God you would want to sing
- If you love to sing, you would love the word of God



Salvation belongs to our God  
Who sits upon the throne  
And unto the lamb  
Be praise and glory, wisdom and thanks  
Honor, and power, and strength  
be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever  
AMEN

We the redeemed shall be strong  
In purpose and unity  
Declaring aloud  
Be praise and glory, wisdom and  
thanks  
Honor, and power, and strength!  
be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever  
AMEN



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# Big Picture

- If you love the word of God you would want to sing
- If you love to sing you would want to know the word of God



# The actual reality

- People who love to sing in church don't necessary love to read the bible
- People who love to read the bible don't necessary love to sing in church

# Restaurant MENU

## STARTER

*Mixed green salad with a raspberry  
infused vinaigrette*

## MAIN

*Herb roasted chicken and rice with  
fresh apricot*

## DESSERT

*Grab-and-go cotton candy stand  
Lavender wedding cake*

## DRINKS

*Assorted flavors of lemonade*



One of this is a rock concert, one of this is a church service. Which is the correct photo for the church service?



One of this is a TED talk, one of this is a church service. Which is the correct photo for the church service?



The issue isn't about the quality of the preaching or the standard of the praise and worship, what's important is the filling of the Holy Spirit during church service

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Ephesians 5:15-20

- The Holy spirit fills us when we sing from a grateful heart during church service



This isn't necessarily singing that leads to  
being filled with the Holy Spirit



# The emphasis on everyday speech from Chapters 4:15-5:20

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Ephesians 5:15-20

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, **the promised Holy Spirit** 1:12

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. 1:17

For through him we both have **access to the Father by one Spirit**. 2:18

And in him you too are being built together to become a **dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit** 2:22

..which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been **revealed by the Spirit** to God's holy apostles and prophets. 2:5

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power through his Spirit** in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. 2:16-17

Make every effort to keep **the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 3:3-4

And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 3:30

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit**, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and **songs from the Spirit**.4:18-19



# The sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon in the armour of God

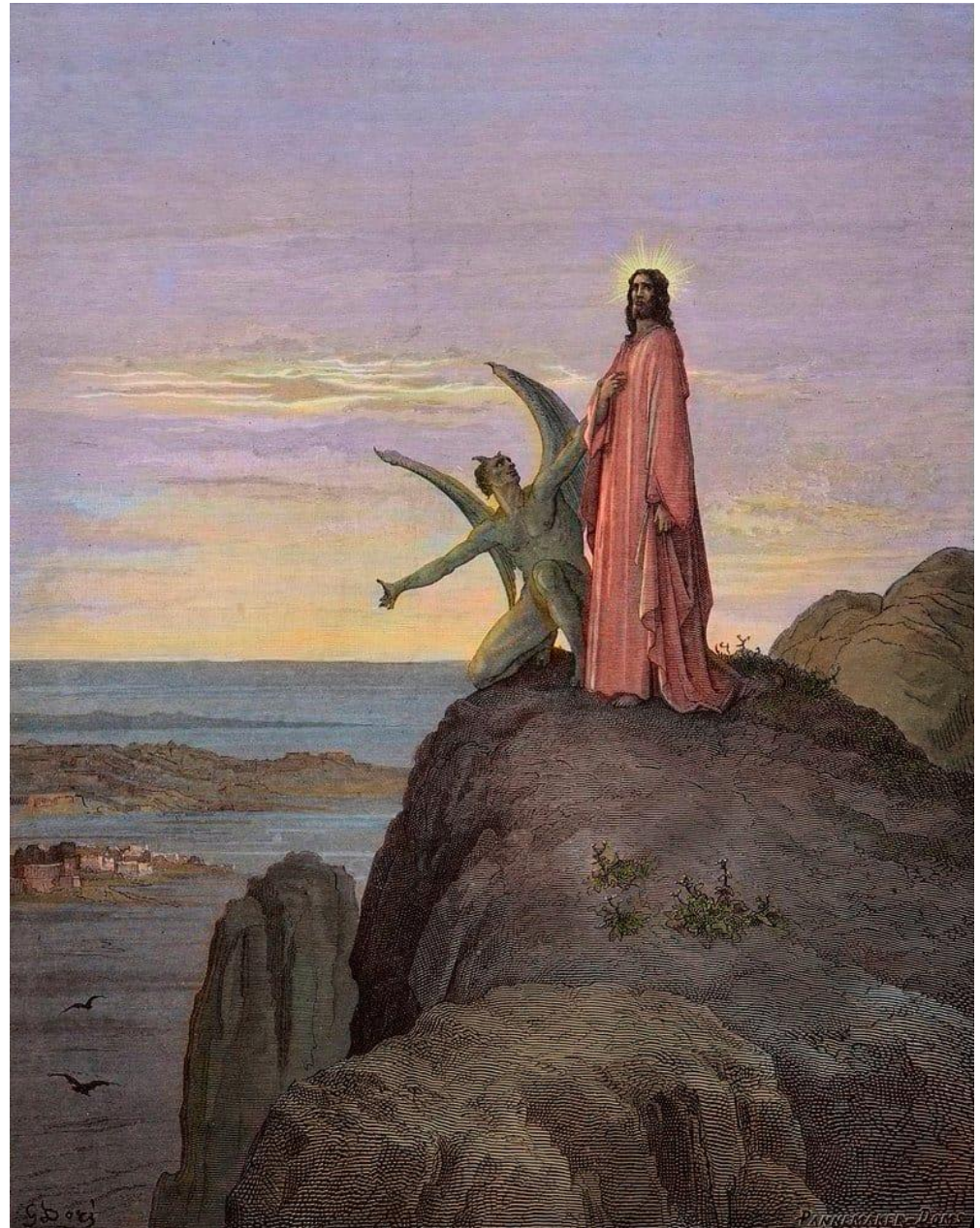
<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**.

Ephesians 6:10-17

# The sword of the spirit is wielded when you are filled with the spirit

- The Holy spirit fills us when we sing from a grateful heart during church service
- This in turn teaches us to speak the truth in love as a habit in our daily lives.
- Singing during church service reminds us that speaking the truth in love is part of spiritual warfare

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Matthew 4:7, Jesus quoting from Deuteronomy 6:16



If we are speaking truth in love through praise and worship, we need to understand what the songs are saying

My sweet Lord (Hallelujah)

My Lord (Hallelujah)

My sweet Lord (Hallelujah)

Really want to see you

Really want to see you

Really want to see you, Lord

Really want to see you, Lord

But it takes so long, my lord (Hallelujah)





*The Spiritual  
Journey of  
George Harrison*

**MY  
SWEET  
LORD**

Now, I really want to see you (Hare Rama)  
Really want to be with you (Hare Rama)  
Really want to see you, Lord (Ah, ah)  
But it takes so long, my Lord (Ah, ah,  
hallelujah)

Mm, my Lord (Hallelujah)  
My, my, my Lord (Hare Krishna)  
My sweet Lord (Hare Krishna)  
My sweet Lord (Krishna Krishna)  
My lord (Hare Hare)

My Sweet Lord- George Harrison

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed **the ways of this world** and of **the ruler of the kingdom of the air**, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying **the cravings of our flesh** and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

The Greek word for *flesh* (*sarx*) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit.



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# What spiritual warfare really looks like



<sup>26</sup> **“In your anger do not sin”**: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> **and do not give the devil a foothold.** Ephesians 4: 26

# What spiritual warfare really looks like



<sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and **began to rebuke him**, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind me, Satan!** You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Matthew 16:22-23

# What spiritual warfare really looks like



<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? Acts 5:3

# The devil, the flesh, the world

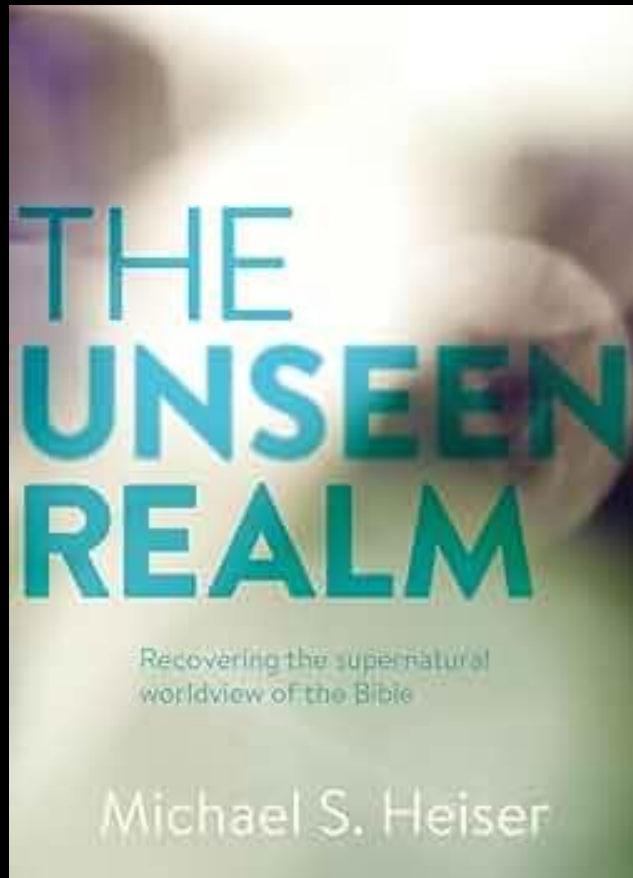
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## “Intelligent evil”



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# Music from the heart flows comes when you are at the foot of the Cross

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Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.** <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:15-21

- The Holy spirit fills us when we sing from a grateful heart during church service
- This in turn teaches us to speak the truth in love as a habit in our daily lives.
- Singing during church service reminds us speaking the truth in love is part of spiritual warfare
- Unless you experience God speaking His truth in love to you during Sunday morning service, you will struggle to speak the truth in love to others



Lord, we need Your grace and mercy  
We need to pray like never before  
We need the power of Your Holy Spirit  
To open heaven's door

So, Spirit, touch Your church  
Stir the hearts of men  
Revive us, Lord  
With Your passion once again  
I want to care for others  
Like Jesus cares for me  
Let Your rain fall upon me  
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Let Your rain fall upon me (over all the church in the world,  
our Father)

Let Your rain fall upon me (to the lost and bound and  
generations)

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