The Sword of the Spirit

The Church Age believer is involved in spiritual warfare with the kingdom of darkness (Eph. 6:12-16). The Church Age believer is described as a “soldier” in Scripture (1 Cor. 9:7; Phil. 2:25; 2 Tim. 3:4).

The dispensation of the Church Age is the Rebuttal Phase of Satan’s Appeal Trial. The Church Age is the intensive stage of the Angelic Conflict. The believer can glorify God in this Angelic Conflict by becoming an Invisible Hero with an Invisible Impact on human and angelic history. God has provided the believer the means to fight in this intensive stage of the Angelic Conflict.

The believer would be easily destroyed by Satan and the kingdom of darkness if he were left to his own devices using his own human power. The Lord has given the believer spiritual armor (Eph. 6:11, 14-17), and spiritual weapons to fight this spiritual warfare (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

The same power that the humanity of Christ used to achieve the Strategic Victory in the Angelic Conflict has now been made available to the believer in the Church Age: (1) Word (2) Spirit.

The Church Age believer is the beneficiary of the Baptism of the Spirit, which places them in an eternal union with the Person of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:6). Every believer regardless of social, economic, sexual and racial background has been given Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity to execute the Plan of God, which is God’s Plan for the Church Age believer (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11).

God the Father in eternity past provided every believer with Invisible Assets with which to glorify Him and receive blessings in both time and eternity (Eph. 1:3, 7, 11, 14).

The believer has been given unique Royal Commissions: (1) Royal Priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5, 9) (2) Royal Ambassadorship (2 Cor. 5:20). He has been given the Mystery Doctrine for the Church Age which is God’s set of instructions that are exclusively for the Church Age believer and were not known to Old Testament believers (Rom. 16:25-26; 1 Cor. 2:7; 4:1; 15:51-52; Eph. 1:9; 3:1-6, 8-9; 5:28-32; 6:19; Col. 1:25-27).

The believer is permanently indwelt by all three members of the Trinity (John 14:22-23; Eph. 4:6; John 14:20; 17:22-23, 26; Rom. 8:10-11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20). God has provided 100% availability of divine omnipotence for every Church Age believer (1 Cor. 6:14; 2 Cor. 6:7; 12:9; Eph. 1:19; 3:7, 20; Phil. 3:10, 21; Col. 1:11). Invisible Power plus Invisible Assets plus Invisible God equals an Invisible Hero.

The battleground for this spiritual warfare is in the believer’s soul (Rom. 7:23; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Gal. 5:17). God has provided the believer the power to overcome his spiritual adversary, Satan and the kingdom of darkness (1 John 4:4).

There is no excuse for any believer to become a permanent casualty in this war. The believer who goes AWOL (Absent without official leave) and succumbs to fear, worry and does not take advantage of knowing that God will support him through logistical grace in times of adversity will become a spiritual casualty in this spiritual warfare.

Logistical grace is an military analogy used to describe a Bible doctrine that teaches that God has provided everything the believer needs to experience victory in spiritual combat as a soldier of Christ Jesus.

Logistics is a military term, which refers to the military science of supply, provision, and planning of troop movement. Logistics is the provision, movement, and maintenance of all resources and services necessary to sustain military forces. It involves the national economic
capacity and the nation’s capability to support its military forces. Logistics can also be defined as the military science of planning, handling, and implementation of personnel under every possible military condition. It includes the design, development, acquisition, storage, movement, distribution, maintenance, evacuation, disposal of material, hospitalization of personnel, construction and maintenance of housing facilities. Logistics is distinguished from administration. Administration is the management of all services and resources necessary to sustain military forces. Management is the function of logistics; therefore, administration and logistics are inseparable terms.

Logistics is a technical military term for sustaining troops in every form of military activity and maneuver whether in the barracks, in the field, before the battle, in the battle and after the battle. Logistics is the science of supporting troops in advance, retreat, evacuation, reconnaissance, attack, exploitation, and pursuit.

Never before in history has so much power been made available to believers. This is because we live in the intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict and the Church Age believer is the enemy of the kingdom of darkness (John 15:18-19). The believer in spiritual adulthood is the ultimate target of Satanic and demonic attack.

Logistical Grace sustains the “soldier of Christ Jesus” in the devil’s world and provides him with everything that he needs to fight in this spiritual warfare. Just like the soldier in the natural realm is dependent upon his nation to provide for him everything that he needs to fight in battle so must the believer rely upon God’s Logistical Grace blessings in times of adversity or spiritual attack known as the “evil day” (Eph. 6:13; cf. John 17:15). Just as the soldier in the natural realm is dependent upon his nation to provide for him food, water, clothing, shelter, transportation, and training to fight in battle so is the believer dependent upon God’s Logistical Grace blessings to provide for him food, water, clothing, shelter, transportation, and a Pastor-Teacher who teaches Bible Doctrine which trains him to fight invisible spiritual warfare.

Logistical Grace is God’s complete provision for the Church Age believer’s every physical and spiritual need regardless of spiritual status, which enables them to execute the plan of God and become an Invisible Hero in the intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict. It provides the Church Age believer everything that they need (not want) to achieve a tactical victory in the Angelic Conflict by taking advantage of the Lord Jesus Christ’s Strategic Victory over Satan at the Cross.

The strategic action is necessary to or important in the initiation, conduct or completion of a strategic plan. It is required for the conduct of war and not available in adequate quantities domestically. It is of great importance within an integrated whole or to a planned effect. Strategic action is designed or trained to strike an enemy at the sources of his military, economic or political power. It is intended to render the enemy incapable of making war.

The impeccable humanity of our Lord performed a strategic action at the cross when He died a substitutionary spiritual death for all mankind and thus destroyed Satan’s argument rendered at his appeal that God is unfair and does not love His creatures (Heb. 2:14-15).

Tactical action involves actions or means of less magnitude or at a shorter distance from a base of operations than those of strategy. It is related to small-scale actions serving a larger purpose. It is adroit in planning or maneuvering to accomplish a purpose. Tactical action is of or pertaining to a maneuver or plan of action designed as an expedient toward gaining an objective.

The Word of God provides the believer vital information that is essential for the believer to achieve tactical victory over the enemy and tactical victory for the believer is achieved by
exploiting Christ’s victory at the cross over the believer’s 3 great enemies: (1) Satan (2) Satan’s Cosmic System (3) Old Sin Nature.

The Holy Spirit reveals the Word of God to the believer making it understandable to the believer since it the Word of God is spiritual phenomena (Jn. 16:13-15; 1 Cor. 2:10-16).

The Word of God is the believer’s spiritual armor and spiritual weaponry. The Word of God is the believer’s logistical grace support, which provides the believer with spiritual armor and weaponry to defend his soul and attack the enemy’s thought projections. It is the Word of God that reveals God’s will, purpose and plan for our lives.

Eph 6:10-18, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual {forces} of wickedness in the heavenly {places.} Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil {one.} And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 reveals to us that the Word of God performs a 2-fold function for the soldier of Christ: (1) Defense: The Word of God serves as spiritual armor to protect the believer’s soul from the thought projections of the kingdom of darkness and the propaganda produced by the cosmic system of Satan. (2) Offense: The Word of God serves as a spiritual weapon to destroy the lies propagated by Satan and his cosmic system and cosmic army.

The phrase “of the Spirit” is possessive genitive composed of 2 words in the Greek: (1) Genitive neuter singular definite article tou. (2) Genitive neuter singular form of the noun pneuma, which is pneumatos. Since this is a possessive genitive, we could translate this “the sword wielded by the Spirit.” The Word of God serves as the weapon.

Heb 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

The Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity who wields or uses the Word as a spiritual weapon in spiritual combat for the believer. Christ used it in the desert with the devil. It is the sword wielded by the Spirit because the Spirit of God gives it and inspires it. The Spirit’s aid is needed for its illumination, interpretation and application. We must allow the Spirit to perform His function. The analogy that Paul is using here is from the ancient world of course.

The Holy Spirit employs the Word of God as a sword to defeat the enemy. It is the Holy Spirit that wields the word of God as a weapon against our invisible enemy the kingdom of darkness. We disarm ourselves spiritually speaking when we are not filled with the Spirit or in other words, not permitting the Spirit to fight for us.

When we as Christian soldiers permit the Holy Spirit to influence and are applying the Word of God, we will defeat Satan and the kingdom of darkness. When we are obedient to the Word of God then the Holy Spirit can wield the Word of God to defeat our enemy, Satan and the kingdom of darkness. They cannot stand against the Christian soldier who is armed and knows how to use
his weapon: the Word of God. The Christian soldier has superior weaponry than his invisible enemy, Satan and the kingdom of darkness.

So the promises of the Word of God serve as an anchor for the soul of the believer in adversity. They serve as a protection and give the believer encouragement to persevere and endure in the devil’s world.

These 2 Great Divine Provisions, the Spirit of God and the Word of God work in concert with one another to provide the believer everything that his soul needs to be sustained and protected by the lies of the cosmic system of Satan. They work in conjunction with one another to serve as spiritual armor and weaponry for the believer, which enables them to exploit the strategic victory of Christ over Satan at the cross of Calvary.

The Spirit does not operate independently from the Word of God when He is actively working on behalf of the believer. His primary mission on planet during the church age is to glorify Christ.

John 16:13-15, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose {it} to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose {it} to you.”

The Word of God informs the believer of all that God has provided for the believer through Person, Work and Life of the Lord Jesus Christ. All of the believer’s logistical grace support in the form of air to breathe, food, clothing, shelter, and transportation is the creation of the Word of God. Everything that exists has come into existence because of the Word of God and continues to be sustained because of the Word of God.

John 1:3, “All things came into existence through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into existence that has come into existence.”

Heb 1:1-3, “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

The Word of God has provided every believer regardless of spiritual status, Bible teaching, air to breathe, food, shelter, clothing, transportation, friends. We employ the military metaphor logistical grace to describe these provisions, which have been created by the Word of God. None of these things mentioned above would ever exist were it not for the Word of God. The air we breathe, food, shelter, clothing, transportation, friends would not exist if it were not for the Word of God. All of these logistical grace provisions, which are the creation of the Word of God, are designed to sustain the physical body, human life.

But the Word of God not only sustains human life, but it also more importantly serves to sustain, protect and prosper the soul of the believer when it has been applied to the believer’s thought process. The human soul is the battleground for the war that is taking place between Christ and Satan.

2 Cor 10:3-6, “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. {We are} destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the
knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.”

Human history was designed to resolve this conflict between Christ and Satan and in particular the function of the human soul. The obedience of the impeccable humanity of Christ in hypostatic union defeated Satan at the cross.

Philippians 2:5-11, “Everyone continue thinking this (according to humility) within yourselves, which was also in (the mind of) Christ Jesus, Who although existing from eternity past in the essence of God, He never regarded existing equally in essence with God an exploitable asset. On the contrary, He denied Himself of the independent function of His deity by having assumed the essence of a slave when He was born in the likeness of men. In fact, although He was discovered in outward appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by having entered into obedience to the point of spiritual death even death on a Cross. For this very reason in fact God the Father has promoted Him to the highest-ranking position and has awarded to Him the rank, which is superior to every rank. In order that in the sphere of this rank possessed by Jesus every person must bow, celestials and terrestrials and sub-terrestrials. Also, every person must publicly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord for the glory of God the Father.”

The voluntary substitutionary spiritual death of Christ on the cross has achieved this victory over Satan. God is proclaiming this victory ever since by means of the Gospel. Christ’s victory at the Cross can be appropriated by members of the human race through faith in the Gospel message, which proclaims Christ’s death and resurrection (Jn. 3:15-16; Acts 16:31).

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Satan seeks to suppress this victorious proclamation that he has been defeated. This victorious proclamation of Christ’s victory sets members of the human race free from satanic tyranny when it is accept through faith alone in Christ alone. Satan is the enemy of the human race. He enslaves the human race through fear of death. Christ has defeated the power that the fear of death has over the entire human race with His death and resurrection.

Heb 2:14-15, “Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”

Fear is the great power that Satan uses to enslave the human race. The only deliverance from such fear is Christ. The human soul needs Christ! He is the only provision from God that gives the human race deliverance from the tyranny of Satan. The human soul if left to its own devices cannot stand against the fallen angels because they are superior to humanity in every way. In fact, they are invisible and seek to deceive the entire world that they don’t exist.

I Jn 5:19, “We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in {the power of} the evil one.” Rev 12:9, “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Satan has an ingenious propaganda system. He majors in misinformation and deception. Satan and his legions attack the veracity and integrity of the Scriptures and they wage war against its communicators.
2 Tim 3:8, “Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these {men} also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.” Why do they attack the Word of Truth and its communicators? They do so in order to suppress the Truth of God, which they cannot defeat.

2 Cor 13:8, “For we can do nothing against the truth, but {only} for the truth.”

The unbeliever has no defense for the deception and propaganda from the kingdom of darkness since they will not receive the Lord Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. They have no defense against the deception and lies of Satan because they do not possess Truth of the Word of God in their souls. The unbeliever receives his freedom from Satan through faith alone in Christ alone. Faith in the Word of Truth brought us forth out of the bondage of the tyrant Satan.

James 1:18, “In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.”

And our faith in the Word of God after salvation appropriates Christ’s strategic victory over Satan at the cross. It is faith in the Word of the Cross, which provides the believer the omnipotence of God that can defeat the enemy.

1 Cor 1:18, “For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Faith in the Word of God is the way to victory over the enemy, Satan.

1 Jn 5:1-4, “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the {child} born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

1 Jn 2:13-14, “I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

The believer who submits to the authority of the Word of God and is obedient to the Word of God achieves victory over the enemy.

James 4:7, “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

The 2 Great Divine Provisions of the believer (Spirit and the Word) enable the believer to exploit the strategic victory of Christ at the cross, which was achieved by means of His voluntary substitutionary spiritual death on the cross. God is proclaiming this victory ever since by means of the Gospel. Christ’s victory at the Cross can be appropriated by members of the human race through faith in the Gospel message, which proclaims Christ’s death and resurrection (Jn. 3:15-16; Acts 16:31).

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Every believer at the moment of salvation has been enlisted as a soldier in the army of Christ. Just as in the natural realm a nation provides for its soldiers logistically to fight in battle with the enemy to defend its sovereignty so God has provided for the believer logistically in order that they might fight the kingdom of darkness and defend the sovereignty of Christ. Every nation provides for its soldiers armor and weapons. God has done this as well.

In fact the believer has infinitely superior weaponry than the fallen angels. The enemy cannot stand against the Word of Truth. The Word of God serves as spiritual armor and weaponry for the believer as we noted in Ephesians 6:10-18.

Paul commanded Timothy to get his priorities straight and utilize the logistical grace provision of the Word of God to deal with his adversities that he was facing as pastor.

2 Timothy 2:1: “You therefore, my son, from this moment on permit yourself to be empowered by means of the grace which resides in the doctrine of Christ Jesus.”

The Lord had to remind Paul of this same grace provision of the Word of God, which the Lord told Paul was sufficient to handle his physical problem, which was an eye disease called ophthalmia.

2 Corinthians 12:9: “And He has said to me for my benefit and it still has application at the present time, my grace is (as an eternal truth) sufficient for you, for my power is (as an eternal truth) finds its consummation in human impotence. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

Because the believer possesses superior armor and weaponry than he does, Satan seeks to distract the believer from hearing the communication of the Word of God. In Luke 10, the parable of the seed and the sower teaches that Satan seeks to distract the believer from listening to the Word of God. He will also try to wear us out with problems and difficulties.

Dan 7:25, “He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.” So the Word of God and the Spirit of God working in concert together provide the soldier of Christ Jesus with superior resources to fight spiritual combat. Satan knows this and as we have noted seeks to blind the believer to this fact. He knows that the believer will achieve certain victory over him and his army if the believer utilizes these Superior Resources-the Spirit and the Word. I Jn 4:4, “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

The Word of God provides the believer vital information that is essential for the believer to achieve tactical victory over the enemy. This information from the Word of God reveals to the believer the implications of Christ’s death and resurrection on their life.

This information involves revealing who and what God is and His *modus operandi*. It involves communicating to the believer what God has provided for the believer at the moment of salvation, namely the Spirit and the Word. This vital information informs the believer of who God has made him to be as a result of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. It reveals that the believer is a son of God, in union with Christ and positionally higher than the angels.

The Word of God reveals to the believer that he has an invisible enemy, namely Satan who seeks to deceive him. It also reveals to the believer the means of defeating this invisible enemy, namely the Word of God. It reveals to the believer that he has the Spirit of God as their spiritual Mentor to guide and empower to do the will of the Father and thus defeat the enemy. The Word
of God reveals to the believer that he has the provision of prayer where he can go to His heavenly Father and ask for aid to defeat the enemy.

The Word of God is the believer’s spiritual food.

Matt 4:4, “But He answered and said, "It is written, "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

The Word of God provides encouragement to the believer.

Romans 15:4-5, “For whatever stands written was written for our instruction so that through the endurance and through the encouragement which is derived from the Scriptures, we might possess confidence. Now may the God of confidence and encouragement provide all of you with the same mind toward each other according to Christ Jesus.”

Failure to receive this information spells certain spiritual defeat for the believer. So the strategy of Satan and his legions against the church is to sever its communications with God. For they know that if the church becomes aware of who and what God has made them to be, they know that they will be defeated. They know, if the church becomes aware of the implications of Christ’s victory at the cross and His resurrection, they will be defeated. They know, if the church becomes aware of the fact that they are a son of God, in union with Christ, positionally higher than the angels, possessing superior armor and weaponry, they will most surely be defeated. The soldier of Christ Jesus must be obedient to his written orders just as the soldier in the natural realm must be obedient to his written orders. Obedience to God is manifested by the believer who is a doer of the Word (James 1:17-25).

The Spirit of God through the communication of the Word of God instructs the believer as how to defeat the enemy and therefore, the Word of God is the means by which the believer can exploit that strategic victory of Christ’s at the cross. The Spirit of God (the 2nd Great Divine Provision) through the communication of the Word of God is the means by which God the Father communicates to the believer the strategic victory of His Son Jesus Christ over Satan at the cross.

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John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

John 15:26, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, {that is} the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.”

John 16:13-15, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose {it} to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose {it} to you.”

1 Cor 2:9-11, “but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM. For to us God revealed {them} through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the {thoughts} of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the {thoughts} of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.”
There are several passages that state the believer is to give heed to what the Spirit is saying to the churches because of this spiritual principle that the Spirit takes the doctrines of Christ and makes them understandable to the believer. The Spirit speaks to the church through the communication of the Word of God.

Acts 21:11, “This is what the Holy Spirit says.”

Acts 28:25, “The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers.”

1 Cor 12:3, “Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Tim 4:1, “But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.”

Heb 3:7, “Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE."

Rev 2:11, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Rev 2:17, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Rev 2:7a, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Rev 3:6, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Rev 3:13, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Rev 3:22, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”