

# LIGHT YOUR LAMP, WAIT, PRAY AND WATCH

## Catrice's short bible lesson in reference to Jesus Christ

When I walked out of the doors of the church Sunday, March 12, 2024, I had an experience with a lady. In our conversation, she stated to me, "You should never say NEVER and NOT". You are to call those things into existence as they are in heaven. In the moment she said it, I heard what the spirit of the Lord was saying through her at the time. The revelation of that conversation came later to me at 3:00 a.m. The scripture that was revealed was:

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."  
He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—  
the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being  
things that were not" (Romans, 4:17, NIV).

As I contemplated over Romans 4:17 which highlights and references the faith that started with Abraham in Gen.17:5. When we believe by faith, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). Our beliefs today in Jesus Christ is rooted in Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the entire lineage leading up to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. What God showed me in this scripture through the Holy Spirit is demonstrated in our life and called into existence by faith in grace/truth. God is calling whatever in heaven to earth as we walk in our belief and abide in Christ (John 15:4-11). We need to be in grace abiding in Christ to receive what exist in heaven to bring into earth. The Lord's prayer clearly says, "Thy will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). Our life is a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" (Rom. 12:1). This is how we bring heaven to earth, daily. Grace is a gift that extended to us when we believe by faith that:

1. "All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God" (1 John 4:15, NLT).
2. "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be save" (Romans 10:9, NIV).
3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3, KJV).

This is salvation! Salvation is Jesus Christ who God sent to save the world from sin (John 3:16). He is our eternal life when we exit our body on earth. Once we are saved and baptized, we are filled with the Holy Spirit who dwells on the inside of us and teaches us all things (John 14:15-26, Acts 2:41, 1 Cor. 6:19). The Holy Spirit extends spiritual gifts according to Christ for the building up, teaching, edification for the body of Christ for your assignment in the Kingdom of heaven (1 Cor. 1:4-8, 1 Cor.12:4-11; 1 Cor. 12:26-31; 1 Cor. 14:1-5, 1 Cor. 13; Rom. 12:4-8, Eph. 4:11-16). When we know who we are in Christ, we also know our spiritual gifts and are openly practicing them. Believers have a testimony of Jesus (Rev. 12:11) as we wait for him who is also called the bridegroom/the head of the

church (Mark 2:19, John 3:29, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:24). Let's be like the 5 wise virgins and not the foolish (Matt. 25:1-13). LIGHT YOUR LAMP, WAIT, PRAY AND WATCH

- Share your salvation story to help others in their faith walk.
- Share your testimony of the goodness that the Lord has done for you to encourage others and lift them out of darkness.
- Share the fruit of the spirit God is growing and developing in you (Gal. 5:22-23).
- Share your knowledge of the fruit on your tree (Matt. 7:15-20).

**You have a Testimony of the Good News!**