



# MONTH OF NEW BEGINNINGS FROM GLORY TO GLORY

**A**s we behold the Lord's face in the mirror of His word, we are transformed into His image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor.3.18 (ESV)

We thank the Lord that, as usual, He visited us in the past month in diverse ways as He promised. He also reminded us through these visits of our need to proclaim His word boldly and constantly as His ambassadors and witnesses in every area of domain.

As we enter into the second half of the year in this new month, God is giving us all an opportunity for a new beginning. In any match or competition, the second half matters more than the first. God has called us to a spiritual evolutionary journey as His children to continually transform to become exactly like His only begotten Son, who is the Word of God that manifested in flesh. (Jn.1. 1,14; 6.63). The Lord Himself made clear while on earth that all scriptures speak of Him (Jn 5.39). The more we look into God's word therefore the more we become like His only begotten Son. The first century Christians understood this and it was not surprising that even unbelievers called them as such--'little Christs' (Eph. 4. 7-13, Acts 11.26).

God expects us to be like His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in our thinking, talking, working, walking and actions. This is why He preserved four eye-witness accounts of His life on earth and gave us His Holy Spirit so we can ask for His help on this journey (Lk. 11. 13; Acts 5.32).

For instance, how did Christ think? He submitted and humbled Himself to every demand of His father including the death on the cross. God implores us to let the same mind of Christ be in us. Phil. 2. 5-10.

How did He seek God daily? He spent lots of time before the day broke with His Father and He enjoins us to do the same (Mk. 1.35; Lk. 11.13; 18.7-8). He rated helping others into God's kingdom far above His personal convenience and even physical food (Jn. 4. 31-34). No wonder He walked in the wisdom and power of the Lord in unparalleled and unlimited glory (Jn.3.34-35).

He similarly invites us to become helpers of others using all of the resources and gifts He has given us in every area of life as this would give us the greatest rewards in this life and the next (Mt. 25: 14-45). In fact, according His first disciples this is what assures us that we shall be exactly like Him when He appears to take His own away.... This is going to be the most important and spectacular divine visitation! (1 Jn. 3. 2-3). Paul exhorted us all to follow Him only to the extent that he was following Christ! (1 Cor.11.1).

Welcome to the Month of New Beginnings. Move from glory to glory as you focus on Him from this new month going forward.

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