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## OUTSIDE ARE THE FEARFUL

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

"We need the power of the cross, as the only source for us, when we stand up, facing final battle cry" (Steve Green). The cross of Christ stood 2000 years ago and still stands in our heart as the mystery of God in the plan of salvation. Paul wrote: "*Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out*!" Romans 11:33. When the disciples saw the resurrected Savior, with a new life in the Spirit , they were dedicated to obey God whatever the cost, they were excited to share the good news, they were enduring in persecution, prisons, and went to death singing. They had an experiential relationship and ever kept in their heart the promise of the new life in Christ. They from fearful disciples who fled in the garden of Gethsemane when the saw their Lord arrested, have become overcomers at last. The Bible said in Revelation 21:7-8:

- He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son . But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."-Revelation 21:7-8.

The word cowardly is interchangeably used for the word fearful in other versions of the Bible. *"The "fearful refers to:* 

- "those who had not firmness boldly to maintain their professed principles, or who were afraid to avow themselves as the friends of God in a wicked world. They stand in contrast with those who "overcome,"- Barnes, Albert. *Notes on the New Testament*
- those who "are not valiant for the truth, but who, through fear of men, either make no profession of Christ and HGospel, or having made it, drop it, lest they should be exposed to tribulation and persecution"-Gill John Gill exposition of the entire Bible.
- *those* "who recanted under persecution" Robertson, A.T.
- those "who through fear of man are not bold for God, or "draw back-Jamieson, Robert, "Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible"
- "those who are afraid to encounter the dangers involved in the service of God.- Abbott, John S. "Commentary on Revelation 21:8".

The fearful if alive, will go through the last plagues, and receive the final condemnation of the second death. What can help us stand for God when our human strength will fail? The answer is "the power of the cross". Jesus said to Paul:" My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness". Paul added :" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me"-2 Corinthians

12:9. The power of Christ is the Holy Spirit; He will rest on us and empower us to endure the trial of our faith only if we subdue and surrender our all to Him. The power is still available; the disciples received it when they surrender; and it can be yours today. His grace, is and will be sufficient to see us through until we see His face in the beauty of Holiness.

Will you stand for Jesus when He need you the most?

God bless your divine courage.

Behold! He is coming soon !! Amen

Yours in the blessed hope. - Edem Fabrice Ameyou **To See His Face Ministries Intl**