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INTRODUCTION

The twentieth-century evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, founder of the Foursquare Church, was a woman ahead of her time. She crossed the United States with two young children in an era when women were not able to vote. She established an evangelistic ministry and built a large evangelistic center at a time when women were expected to marry and have children. They were to leave religion and other important pursuits to men. But God had a plan for her life that did not take into account human ways of doing things.

Sister McPherson became an evangelist and preached the gospel across the entire United States and around the world. She incorporated the cutting-edge communications media of her day. People were healed by the thousands when she prayed for them, though she took no credit for the healings. She gave full credit to God.

When the doors of Angelus Temple were opened in Los Angeles in 1923, she developed an extensive social ministry. During the Great Depression, she fed more than 1.5 million people.

She summarized her message into four major points, which she called

"THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL":

Jesus the Savior

Jesus the Healer

Jesus the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit

Jesus the Soon-Coming King

Aimee founded The International Church of The Foursquare Gospel, also known as the Foursquare Church, which continues to spread the Foursquare Gospel throughout the world to this day.

PREFACE

In December 1998, the Holy Spirit spoke to me about the Fivefold Gospel. The Gospel is Good News. The world, the flesh, and the devil want to focus and concentrate on the negative, problems, and what is wrong. But Jesus came to bring Good News! The Gospel brings solutions to the ills of man. It solves problems by bringing solutions. The Word brings results.

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Jesus is the Word of God sent forth from the Father. He was in the meeting room of heaven when Isaiah 6 occurred. He heard the Lord speaking...

..."Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

So the Lord said to me, "I am giving you a fifth piece to the puzzle of the FourSquare Gospel. I am calling you to preach the Fivefold Gospel -

Jesus is the Savior
Jesus is the Healer
Jesus is the Baptizer
Jesus is the Coming King
Jesus is the Provider!

CHAPTER 1 JESUS IS THE SAVIOR!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 2:29)

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. (Joel 2:32)

It was Peter who spoke by revelation in the book of Matthew and then in Acts...

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living

God. (Matthew 16:16)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

There is no other name given to men by which we 'must be saved.' No other name. He is the Savior. The only begotten of the Father - full of grace and truth.

That brings us to the question, how do we be saved? And the answer: repent every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins!

It is with the heart that you believe and are justified - that is, declared or made righteous in the sight of God. And it is with the mouth you confess and are saved.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

In Greek, the word for salvation is *sozo, and* in Hebrew *yasha*. The words are translated 'to be saved, delivered, healed, made whole, rescued.' It means 'to save, to rescue, to preserve, to be safe and unharmed.'

In September 1990, I was staying at my sister Robin's friend's house. I was lost and undone! Alcohol and the party lifestyle had taken their toll on me. I woke up one morning shaking, trembling, and very sick - again! I thought it was all over. I sat there hopeless and in despair - without God in this world.

I turned on the stereo and some old-time gospel music played. All of a sudden Jesus showed up as I sat there. He spoke to my heart. I heard, "Parkside." The words came over and over. The Spirit said, "Parkside, Parkside, Parkside." I knew Parkside was a treatment center.

I said, "Yes, Lord. I will go!"

Immediately I started to cry and laugh over and over! God saved, delivered, and healed me as "salvation" came to this house! I have been saying "Yes" ever since. Jesus is the Savior of the world!

Over the years I have gone to Teen Challenges, various addiction centers, and prisons. I have ministered to hundreds and hundreds of alcoholics, drug addicts, prostitutes, and those whose lives have been destroyed by sin. I have seen them call on Jesus the Savior and in the months that have followed, I have seen their lives changed into new creations and delivered and freed from their destructive lifestyles. This is what Jesus came for - to save, heal, deliver, make whole, and set free! Jesus is Lord.

The enemy came to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came to bring life and life more abundantly. (John 10:10)

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (1 John 5:11)

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6)

Receive him today and receive life more abundantly!

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR!

CHAPTER 2 JESUS IS THE HEALER

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." (Matthew 8:16-17 NIV)

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (Acts 10:38 NIV)

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

(1 Peter 2:24 NIV)

Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus!
He healed the woman with the issue of blood!
Jesus healed the ten lepers!
He healed Peter's mother-in-law!
And through the faith of Peter and John healed the man at the Temple Gate Beautiful!

And He wants to heal you too. For it was in Isaiah we are told

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes, we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 KJV)

One evening I got a call from a dear saint. Her husband had been going back and forth to the doctor and hospital and she was frustrated and worn out. She said, "Oh! I am just so tired of this! We have got to pray. Tomorrow he is going in for an arteriogram. He has a blockage and I just can't take this anymore!"

We began to pray in the Spirit and a few minutes later the Peace of God came and we prayed through to a stillness. We could feel the peace and we knew the Lord had done something. The next day, he went in and there was no blockage and all was well!

JESUS IS THE HEALER!

CHAPTER 3 JESUS IS THE BAPTIZER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel. Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One. (John 1-30-34 NIV)

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (MATTHEW 3:11-12 NIV)

...[Jesus] breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22 NIV)

Jesus is the baptizer or diffuser of the Holy Spirit. A diffuser is a medium that scatters light, a duct or chamber or section in which high and low-velocity pressure streams or flows, a device or deflector that distributes light evenly.

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear (Acts 2:33 NIV)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 4,5,8 NIV)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39 NIV)

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It was July 1991. I was in Williamsville, New York, near Buffalo, visiting my Aunt Irene. She was part of a ladies' prayer meeting that met on Wednesday mornings. This particular Wednesday, they were led by the Spirit and praying for me that I would be baptized with the Spirit before I returned home to Alabama.

That Wednesday evening, the Spirit moved powerfully during the service. They prayed for me! They even called me up to the front and prayed for me. After a short season of prayer, my Aunt stopped and said, "Relax." And when I did, I heard something snap deep down on the inside and I began praying in stammering lips and with other tongues. Then I started to laugh! I was laughing and praying in the Spirit over and over again!

From that night forward, I have never been the same. The Lord filled me with His Spirit, His power, and a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory!

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4 NKJV)

JESUS IS THE BAPTIZER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT!

CHAPTER 4 JESUS IS THE COMING KING

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:31-32 NIV)

I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. (Zechariah 14:2-5 NIV)

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones. (Jude 14 NIV)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV)

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 25:27 NIV)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11 NIV)

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. "Look, he is coming with the clouds and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all peoples on earth will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:4-8 NIV)

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in [b]fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh, a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

(Revelation 19:11-16)

One Saturday night the Lord made alive to me Revelation 11:15. As another brother and I were worshipping and ministering to the Lord, the Holy Spirit spoke to me out of this very scripture. He said,

"The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ! And he shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15 b)

That word, over the years, has brought me peace and assurance regardless of what is happening on the world's stage! Jesus is The Coming King!

JESUS IS THE COMING KING!

CHAPTER 5 JESUS IS THE PROVIDER

A telecommunications company provides internet service, cell phone service, and cable to service. A physician and insurance company provides a healthcare plan to meet all our healthcare needs. But God provides us with everything we need! The Lord spoke to me saying, "Whatever you need is already on the way!" He knows our needs before we ask! And he promises to provide!

In December 1998, I preached on a Wednesday night the "Fivefold Gospel." When I got to Jesus the Provider, I read the scriptures stating that Jesus wanted to provide, bless, and prosper His people.

Here are some of the scriptures I shared:

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 NIV)

Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2 AMP)

The Lord provides spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial prosperity. The Greek word translated prosper means that you walk along a good road or that all may go well, and can be translated as 'well-being!'

"Let the Lord be magnified, who delights and takes pleasure in the prosperity of His Servant." (Psalm 35:27b AMP)

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread. (Psalm 37:25 NIV)

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8 NIV)

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (II Corinthians 9:8 NIV)

I shared the scriptures, that Wednesday evening, and the Holy Spirit descended! A hush fell over the congregation and a deep shalom - rest and peace settled in. The Holy Spirit confirmed the message with His presence; the people could not move. I went around the church and laid hands on each one, ministering prophetically, imparting unto them the truths that the Holy Spirit was teaching. They sat in awe in the presence of the glory of God. Only a few times have I ministered in that way to a congregation.

Abraham had matured in his faith and his relationship with the Lord. He knew that God would provide. He was about to make the biggest sacrifice of his life when the angel of the Lord called out to him:

... "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." (Genesis 22:11-14 NIV)

HE IS JEHOVAH JIREH 'THE LORD WHO PROVIDES! AND ON THE MOUNT OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE PROVIDED! HERE IS THE KEY:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38 NIV)

God has a plan for your provision. If He provided in the deserts of the Middle East, if He provided for Abraham, if He provided for Israel in ancient times, He will provide for you!

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. (Malachi 3:10 NIV)

Back in the day, I worked at Patrick Marketing in advertising. The month of December, at that time, was the slowest for us. The last two weeks of December we were closed without pay!

One evening I was praying and went to the bathroom to wash up for the night. As I looked in the mirror, I heard the Lord say, "Your economy is not tied to Patrick Marketing or Wall Street!"

This word brought revelation and a breakthrough! HE WAS MY PROVIDER! Immediately I started laughing. The next day a check came for \$150.00. I began praying about this situation throughout the next year and the Lord gave me direction as to what to do. I stepped out and obeyed. From that point forward in the twenty years I worked there, my biggest month became...you got it! December!!!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7 KJV)

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. (Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV)

When you do it His way, He will bless you and increase you so you can be a blessing!

And

If you need salvation, He will provide that.

If you need healing He will provide that.

If you need to be filled and refreshed He will provide that.

He provides everything we need to accomplish and do his will.

HE IS THE SAVIOR!

HE IS THE HEALER!

HE IS THE BAPTIZER!

HE IS THE COMING KING!

HE IS THE PROVIDER!

EVEN SO! COME LORD JESUS COME!

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