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INTRODUCTION

In closing his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul pens a benediction which gives a great summary of the gospel that Paul preached and taught:

"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith..." Romans 16:25-26.

There are five key points that Paul shares with us revealing how God establishes us. It is according to:

1. ***My Gospel***
2. ***The Preaching of Jesus Christ***
3. ***The revelation of the mystery...now made manifest***
4. ***The Prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations***
5. ***The Commandment of the everlasting God for obedience to the faith***

Are you able to say the gospel is ***yours?*** The apostle Paul was convinced of the gospel he preached, and God wants us to own the gospel in the same way! What is your gospel? Let us align ourselves with the same gospel Paul preached and let it become ***your gospel!***

ACCORDING TO “MY GOSPEL”

Meet the living Gospel

Paul says that God would establish us *“according to my gospel”*. Paul had made the gospel his; he owned it, he lived it and breathed it. **If you met Paul, you met the gospel.** When the gospel becomes yours, this means that it lives inside of you. It is part of your being. It is alive in you. You live by the gospel. Many preachers today share messages, preach sermons and even try to compete at who can do this better than the other. Paul’s gospel was the truth and reality that Paul lived by. Denominations have set statements of faith that you have to agree with be part of that denomination. Paul’s gospel was revelatory truth that he had received. It was a living doctrine imparted and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit!

Be straightforward about the truth of the gospel

When Paul saw Peter and Barnabas beginning to act like hypocrites, withdrawing from fellowship with Gentile believers when certain Jews came, he confronted them because *“they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel”* (Gal.2:14). In the beginning of his letter to the Galatians he says, *“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed”* (Gal.1:8). Paul was serious about this gospel! Are you? Has it become yours? Are you willing to live or die by this gospel? When the gospel becomes “ours” it gives us great authority!

Jesus is raised from the dead according to my gospel

Paul wrote to Timothy, *“Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel”* (2Tim.2:8). My gospel is the good news that Jesus, the Promised Son of David, has literally and gloriously risen from the dead. Paul also wrote in **2 Timothy 1:10** that *“Jesus Christ...has abolished death and*

brought life and immortality to light through the gospel". This gospel is the message of the abolition of death! Life and immortality come to light through *my gospel!* The gospel Paul preached and believed in was the "*gospel of Christ which is the power of God for salvation for all who believe*" (Rom.1:16). This gospel raises dead people to life! I know this because I was once dead in my trespasses but have now become alive in Christ through this gospel! (Eph.2:1,5-6). This is *my gospel!*

My gospel declares there is a new King!

The gospel is a declaration that there is a new king and that He has won a great victory! Jesus is the promised King, the Christ, who has ascended the Throne of David and who rules all things (Is.9:7; Matt.28:18; Acts 2:33). The gospel is a proclamation of the victory of the Messiah, that He has defeated sin and Satan through the Cross (1Jn.3:5,8; Col.2:15) and has "*abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*" (2Tim.1:10). The gospel is "*preaching in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*" Acts 4:2.

"Our gospel"

Not only does Paul call the gospel *my gospel*, but when writing to the Thessalonians he calls it *our gospel*, saying, "*For our gospel*" 1 Thessalonians 1:5a. Paul, as an apostle, led an apostolic team, Silvanus and Timothy (1Thess.1:1), and this gospel was *theirs*. They embodied the gospel together. We are to have "*fellowship in the gospel*" (Phil.1:5) and be "*striving together for the faith of the gospel*" Philippians 1:27. This gospel is to be corporately *ours!* We are to be a company of disciples who own the gospel together, "*speaking the same thing...no divisions among us...perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement*" 1 Corinthians 1:10. On the day of Pentecost Peter "*stood up with the eleven*" (Acts 2:14) and proclaimed the gospel! They were together in the gospel!

Our gospel comes in power

Our gospel is full of power and life, energised by the Holy Spirit! There is much authority when we function together in *our gospel!* Paul told the Thessalonians that “*our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake*” 1 Thessalonians 1:5. The gospel is not a “thesis”, it is not a “good idea” or a great “philosophy”. It has real and tangible effects on people. It comes with:

- ➔ *power* – in Greek *dunamis* – which is dynamic, miraculous supernatural power
- ➔ the backing of the *Holy Spirit* – we are to “*preach the gospel by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven*” 1 Peter 1:12
- ➔ *much assurance* – this is *full assurance, entire confidence* – we know the truth of the message and its total reliability and dependability
- ➔ A lifestyle example – *as you know what kind of men we were among you* – a pattern of discipleship

To obtain the glory

Paul also writes to the Thessalonians in his second letter that they were chosen for salvation “*to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*” 2 Thessalonians 2:13. *Our gospel* calls people into salvation so that they can *obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!* The gospel is a calling into the glory! Does the gospel you preach give people access to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?

God wants this gospel to be established in you so that it becomes “your gospel!”

ACCORDING TO THE “PREACHING OF JESUS CHRIST”

Preaching a Person

There are not many today who preach Jesus as the Christ. Much of the church worldwide has very limited understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to call Him **the Christ**. Christian bookstores are full of teaching on principles “for successful living” and motivational messages that are not what Jesus and the apostles taught. We are not to preach good self-centred messages. We do not preach a religion or a church. We are to preach a person! We preach Jesus the Christ!

The revelation of Christ

When Jesus asked His disciples who they said He was, Peter declared, *“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”* (Matt.16:16). Jesus’ response was, *“...upon this Rock [the revelation of who He is], I will build My church”* (Matt.16:18). The first time that Jesus mentioned the “church” was in response to the revelation of who He was! The church is built on the revelation of Jesus the Christ! When we preach Him, the church is built!

The Word manifests through preaching

We need to understand and preach the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God! Paul said to Titus that the hope of eternal life and the fulfillment of God’s promises are *“manifested in due time...through preaching”* (Tit.1:3). **The Word manifests through preaching!** It is as we preach Jesus the Christ that He manifests, He appears! The Word manifests, becomes real in our experience, only if it is preached! Somebody needs to tell somebody! It is the Word which has power to demonstrate the reality of God! God has committed this gospel to the *“foolishness of preaching to save those who believe”* 1 Corinthians 1:21.

Preach the Word

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory...” (John1:1, 14) God again wants the Word to become flesh, to manifest in human beings! As the Word manifests through preaching, the world will see **His glory!** As we preach the Word of Jesus the Christ, the hope of eternal life manifests and we are established in His glory! Paul charged Timothy before the Lord Jesus Christ to **“Preach the Word!” (2Tim.4:2).**

Preach Him

Paul told the **Galatians** that *“it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles” Galatians 1:15-16.* We preach the One who has been revealed in us. We preach the One we know by experience. We preach Him to nations (Gentiles)! *“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” Colossians 1:28.* We become mature and complete through the preaching of Messiah. The saints will only come to maturity if there is the preaching of Jesus Christ!

What did the apostles preach?

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ” Acts 5:42. We cannot exhaust the teaching and preaching of Jesus the Christ. The apostles did not come up with a new message. Every day they were making Him known in all His fullness. Christ is the *“fullness of the Godhead dwelling bodily” Colossians 2:9.* The apostle Paul said that he had received grace to *“preach the unsearchable riches of Christ among the Gentiles (nations)” Ephesians 3:8.* The riches of Christ are unsearchable! Apostle John wrote his gospel for the purpose that we *“may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that*

believing we may have life in His name” John 20:31. Life comes through the preaching of Jesus Christ!

The Christ is the King

What does it mean to preach Jesus *Christ*? The word *Christ* is the translation of the *Messiah (Jn.1:41)*. It means the *Anointed One* and particularly the *Anointed King!* When Jesus was on trial before Pilate, the accusation against Jesus was that He said, *“He Himself is Christ, a King” Luke 23:2.* The *Christ is the King!* Jesus Christ is *Jesus the Anointed King!* The apostle Paul said this is the only foundation, *“for no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Anointed King)” 1 Corinthians 3:11.* We preach Jesus the King! We preach Him as the *“ruler over the kings of the earth” Revelation 1:5.* The apostles got in trouble for *“turning the world upside down...saying there is another King – Jesus” Acts 17:6-7.* It is time to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah, the King!

Making known that Jesus is the Christ

The apostle Paul went to great lengths *“explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ’” Acts 17:3.* Philip, heard the Ethiopian man reading from *Isaiah 53* about the suffering of Christ, and *“beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him” Acts 8:35.* Apollos was able to *“show from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ” Acts 18:28.* Apostle Paul *“determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified”* and the word came with *“a demonstration of the Spirit and with power” 1 Corinthians 2:2,4.* The preaching of Jesus the Christ is powerful and effective. The Holy Spirit is with us and will demonstrate His power!

Preaching Jesus Christ reveals the glory

Paul the apostle made it clear, *“For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord”* 2 Corinthians 4:5a. When we do this Paul says God shines into our *“hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”* 2 Corinthians 4:6. Through the preaching of Jesus Christ, hearts of men, women and children are filled with light – the light of revelation. The *face* of Jesus Christ is revealed and people come to know the glory and essence of God through Him. Through the preaching of Jesus Christ, Paul is saying that **Habakkuk 2:14** comes to fulfillment, *“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea”*. This glory is made visible when the *face of Jesus Christ* is revealed through preaching!

Exalt Jesus the Messiah

Let us return to the true apostolic preaching and revelation of Jesus the Christ! Preach Him. Declare that *“there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...for which I was appointed a preacher...”* 1 Timothy 2:5,7. He is the One who is highly exalted and has been *“given the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow”* Philippians 2:9-10. Jesus the Messiah is *“the fullness of the Godhead dwelling bodily”* Colossians 2:9. He is the One who said, *“before Abraham was, I AM”* John 8:58. We are to *preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all to see* who He truly is! (Eph.3:8-9).

Do you preach Jesus the Christ?

Stay on target and preach Jesus Christ!

ACCORDING TO “THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY”

Apostles and prophets

God establishes us according to *“the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began, but now made manifest.”* Something that today’s church in general has lacked is *“revelation of the mystery”*. The *mystery “in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets”* Ephesians 3:5. We are in a season of history where the truth of the ministries of apostles and prophets is being restored to the church so that we can again partake of the *“fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ”* Ephesians 3:9. What was hidden is now being made known!

The foundational mystery

The foundational mystery to be made known, from which all other mysteries proceed forth, is that *“without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory”* 1 Timothy 3:16. This is an awesome mystery to be made known and is *without controversy!* Jesus is *God manifested in the flesh!* The God who created the world, appeared in the flesh. He is *“Immanuel, which is translated, “God with us”* Matthew 1:23. *“Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God...being found in appearance as a man”* Philippians 2:6,8a. Jesus has eternally existed *“in the form of God”!* He came into the world and was *“found in appearance as a man”!* What a mystery! This revelation, that Jesus was *God manifested in the flesh*, is what makes the church *“the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1Tim.3:15). The church is the custodian of this mystery!

A New Creation

Jesus, by nature being God, is able to bring forth a whole new creation. Paul said that he had received a *“dispensation of the grace of God...how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already...)”* Ephesians 3:2-3. Paul, as an apostle, had grace to reveal the mystery to the church. A big aspect of the mystery that Paul had written about was through the Cross Christ is able to *“create in Himself one new man from the two (Jew and Gentile), making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one Body”* Ephesians 2:15-16. Now, instead of being divided by race, ethnicity and nationality, *“the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel”* Ephesians 3:6. The people of God are not determined by natural lineage but are *in Christ!* There is a new creation! The Body of Christ is this new creation. There is *one new (corporate) man* in Christ, for *“if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”* 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Christ in you!

In Romans 11:25 Paul has referred to the mystery of the Gentiles now being partakers of the *“root and fatness”* (v.17) of the promises made to natural Israel. It does not matter where you come from, the mystery is now being revealed to the saints as God has *“willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles (nations): which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”* Colossians 1:27. There is a people called out from every tribe, tongue and nation – and Christ will be manifest and revealed in them! This is the true test – is Christ in you? *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith...Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?”* 2 Corinthians 13:5. This is the revelation of the mystery! *“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation”* Galatians 6:15. It is not religion, traditions or philosophies – but the reality of *Christ in you!*

A Perfect Man

Part of the mystery is that through Jesus dying, rising and ascending to heaven, He has given five ministry gifts to the Body (Eph.4:7-11). These gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are given to prepare the Body, the church, *“till we all come to the unity of the faith, to the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”* Ephesians 4:13. The mystery is that the church is *“His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”* Ephesians 1:23. Jesus is bringing His Body to perfection, which means maturity and completeness. We are coming to the *measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ!* May we be given the *“Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him”* (Eph.1:17) to fully appreciate and apprehend these mysteries!

The fellowship of the mystery

The *“preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ”* is for the purpose *“to make all to see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ”* Ephesians 3:8-9. The mystery is that Jesus Christ was always and still is the focal point of all creation. This was previously hidden but *“has now been revealed by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ”* 2 Timothy 1:10. God *“created all things through Jesus Christ”!* All things were created by Him, through Him and for Him (Col.1:16). When the mystery of Christ is made known by revelation through *“His holy apostles and prophets”* (Eph.3:5) then we come into a deep *“fellowship of the mystery”*. We fellowship in the mystery of who Christ is, not in man-made, carnal, denominational groups, but in Christ Himself. In Christ is *“all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”* (Col.2:9) and in Him we see and know the Father and are placed into sonship (Jn14:7-9, Eph.1:5). This is the deep fellowship we have in this mystery; that we all partake of the fullness of Christ together, having our fellowship completely in Him!

Christ, the dwelling place of God

The mystery is also described by God *“gathering together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and on earth – in Him”* (Eph.1:10). Heaven and earth came together in Jesus the Christ; God became a man! Jesus shared this mystery when He told Nicodemus, *“No-one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven”* John 3:13. Jesus, as the Son of Man, was on earth and in heaven at the same time! How is that possible? Because He is God! God, who is Spirit (Jn.4:24) manifested in a Body! Jesus said that His body was the temple of God, the dwelling place of God (Jn.2:19-21). *“The Word became flesh and dwelt [literally ‘tabernacled’] among us”* John 1:14. God tabernacled in a body – the body of the Christ! When God *“came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a Body you have prepared for Me”* Hebrews 10:5. God had a Body prepared for Him – which was Christ Jesus. What is the Body being prepared today?

God’s Tabernacle is with men

God dwelt bodily in Christ (Col.2:9). God still dwells in Christ and the mystery being revealed is that *“the body is one and has many members...so also is Christ”* 1 Corinthians 12:12. Christ is a many membered Body! We are members of Christ having been *“baptised into one Body”* (1 Cor.12:13). The Body is also described as a house. This house is built *“on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit”* Ephesians 2:19-22. We are the dwelling place of God. God dwells in a house. God dwells in a Body. It is being built in the earth! Heaven and earth come together in Christ, in His Body! The voice from heaven proclaims, *“Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them”* Revelation 21:3. What a mystery!

The Great Mystery

The Body of Christ, the church, is not an institution, but a living reality, a people whom Christ is *“sanctifying and cleansing with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church”* Ephesians 5:26-27. Jesus is preparing us corporately to be His Bride, a wife, for Himself. The mystery being revealed now is that marriage as God intended was always pointing to something greater than Adam and Eve, man and woman. God said that a *“man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”* Ephesians 5:31. Paul said that *“This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church”* Ephesians 5:32. We, as the church, are *“members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones”* Ephesians 5:30.

This is God’s eternal purpose. The apostle John also saw the Bride as a city, the New Jerusalem *“coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”* Revelation 21:2. This is the people, the city, the church that God will tabernacle in (Rev.21:3).

“It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...For whoever has, to him more will be given” Matthew 13:11-12

Let us ask for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in these days so that we can know and understand the mysteries of the kingdom.

We are established by God ***“according to the revelation of the mystery, kept secret since the world began, but now made manifest!”***

BY THE “PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES BEING MADE KNOWN TO ALL NATIONS”

Disciple nations

Jesus told us to *“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them...”* (Matt.28:19-20). We disciple *nations!* We disciple nations by making known to them the fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures to all men!

Prophetic Scriptures fulfilled in Christ

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after He rose from the dead He said, *“These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.’ And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures”* (Lu.24:44-45). Jesus made known the prophetic Scriptures and their fulfillment in Him! Then He told them that *“repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations”* Luke 24:47. The prophetic Scriptures concerning Jesus the Christ are to be made known to all nations so they can repent and have their sins remitted in His name!

The gospel according to the Scriptures

Paul said that Christ’s death for our sins, His burial and His resurrection on the third day were all *“according to the Scriptures”* (1Cor.15:3-4). This means that Christ dying, being buried and rising again was all written in the Scriptures beforehand and was fulfilled in His life. Christ died for our sins – *“He was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities”* Isaiah 53:5. Christ was buried – *“And they made His grave with the wicked”* Isaiah 53:9. Christ was raised the third day – *“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of*

Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” **Matthew 12:40**. The gospel is according to the prophetic Scriptures and they are to be made known to all nations!

Pentecost fulfilled the prophetic Scriptures

When the day of Pentecost had *“fully come”* (**Acts 2:1**) Peter stood up and declared from the prophetic Scriptures that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was proof that this Jesus was the promised Messiah (**Acts 2:33**). Peter quoted that the day of Pentecost fulfilled what God promised in **Joel 2:28**, *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh”* **Acts 2:17**. Peter was making known the prophetic Scriptures. He was declaring their fulfilment in Christ and in the New Testament age. *“The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingdom of God has been preached and everyone is pressing into it”* **Luke 16:16**. We are now in the time of *making known the prophetic Scriptures!* The time is fulfilled and all nations need to be established in the present truth (**2Pet.1:12**).

Philip made the prophetic Scriptures known

When the Ethiopian eunuch was reading from the prophet Isaiah, Philip asked him if he understood (**Acts 8:30**). The Ethiopian man wanted someone to help him and so Philip *“beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him”* (**Acts 8:35**). The Scripture he began with was from **Isaiah 53:7-8** concerning the Messiah being like a *Lamb to the slaughter*”. Philip was able to *preach Jesus* from the Old Testament Scriptures! Can you make the prophetic Scriptures known to all nations? Can you see Jesus the Messiah throughout the Scriptures? The man from Ethiopia in Africa believed and was baptised immediately, having his sins remitted and was able to carry the message of the gospel from the prophetic Scriptures back to Africa!

Christ in the Scriptures

- In **Genesis** – Christ is the **promised Seed** of the Woman and of Abraham – **Gen.3:15, 22:18, Gal.3:16**
- In **Exodus** – Christ is the “**I AM**” in the bush and the **Passover Lamb** – **Ex.3:1-2/Jn.8:58, Ex.12:3-5/1Cor.5:7**
- In **Leviticus** – Christ is the **High Priest** and the **perfect offering** – **Lev.16/Heb.9:11-15, Heb.10:14**
- In **Numbers** – Christ was lifted up for us like **the bronze pole** in the wilderness – **Num.21:4-9/Jn.3:14-15**
- In **Deuteronomy** – Christ is **the Rock and the Prophet** to come like Moses – **Deut.32:4,18/1Cor.10:4 & Deut.18:15-18/Jn.6:14**
- In **Joshua** – Christ appears as the **Commander of the army of Yahweh** – **Josh5:13-15/Rev.19:11-15**
- In **Judges** – Christ is the One whose name is “**Wonderful**”, saving His people – **Judges13:18/Is.9:6/Tit.2:13**
- In **Ruth** – Christ is the **Kinsman Redeemer** accepting the Gentiles – **Ruth4:4-10/1Cor.6:20**
- In **Psalms** – Christ is the **One leading Worship**, the **Messiah**, the **King, at the right hand of God** – **Ps.22:22/Heb.2:12, Ps.2:2-3/Acts4:25-27, Ps.110:1/Acts2:35**
- In **Proverbs** – Christ is the **Wisdom from God** – **Prov.1:20-23/1Cor.1:30**

- In **Isaiah** – Christ is the **Servant who suffered** for our sins, the Son, Immanuel – **Is.53:4-5/1Pet.2:24, Is.7:14/Mt.1:23**
- In **Jeremiah** – Christ is the “**I AM our Righteousness**” from the line of David – **Jer.23:6/1Cor.1:30**
- In **Ezekiel** – Christ is the “**I AM who is there**” – **Ezekiel 48:35/Mt.18:20**
- In **Daniel** – Christ is the Stone that crushes kingdoms and fills the whole world – **Dan.2:35/1Pet.2:4-6, Rev.11:15**
- In **Hosea** – Christ is our Bridegroom – **Hos.2:16/Jn.3:29-30, Eph.5:22-33**
- In **Joel** – Christ is the Baptiser with the Holy Spirit – **Joel2:28-32/Matt.3:11, Acts2:33**
- In **Malachi** – Christ is the Messenger of the New Covenant – **Mal.3:1/Heb.9:15,12:24**

This is only to name a few! We are to preach Christ and make Him known to all nations from the prophetic Scriptures!

The ministry of the church is to the nations! The apostolic nature of the church is to be sent to all nations, in the power of the Holy Spirit, making known the Christ from the law of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets (**Lk.24:44-49**)! The prophetic Scriptures were written as holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit (**2Pet.1:21**).

The Prophetic Scriptures are to be made known to all nations that all men may see that Jesus truly is the Promised Messiah, God in the flesh! (**Gen.49:10, Is.9:6**)

ACCORDING TO THE “COMMANDMENT OF THE EVERLASTING GOD, FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE FAITH”

The purpose of the gospel

The gospel is not a ticket to go to heaven. The gospel is the means by which God brings the nations to obedience to His Word! Paul said that the manifestation of God’s Word through the ministry of preaching was a stewardship given to him *“according to the commandment of God our Saviour”* (Tit.1:3). We are commanded to preach the gospel and to disciple nations (Mk.16:15, Matt28:19). The result of obeying this command is that nations become obedient to the faith and so the kingdom of God is established.

Isaiah saw this prophetically

Isaiah prophesied this day in Isaiah 2:2-4 saying that the mountain of Yahweh’s house will be **established** on the top of the mountains – that is *“far above all principality and power and might and dominion”* (Eph.1:21) – and all nations shall flow to it. The nations will say that they want to be taught God’s ways and walk in His paths. This is what Jesus meant when He said *“make disciples of all nations”!* (Matt.28:19)

The result of discipleship

The result of this discipleship will be that *“out of Zion shall go forth the law [literally ‘teaching, instruction’] and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem”* Is.2:3. As nations become obedient to the faith and the word is sent out according to God’s command, the word will judge and rebuke the nations and the result will be, *“Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war*

anymore.” Hallelujah! This is the purpose of the gospel! The earth hearing under and becoming obedient to the faith, the Word of God!

It is unstoppable

The Word of God taking over nations is unstoppable because it is **according to the commandment of the everlasting God!** It will happen, it is unstoppable, ***“the gates of Hades cannot prevail against the church”*** (Matt.16:18). The church that Jesus is building is built and established on revelation, being obedient to God’s commands! Jesus said, ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”*** Matthew 28:18. It was in this authority that He gave the command to ***“Go and make disciples of all nations”*** Matthew 28:19. There is tremendous authority that is given to us to complete this mission. We are not trying to “get people to heaven”. We are discipling them and ***“teaching them to observe all things I (Jesus) have commanded you”*** Matthew 28:20. The goal is to see the nations obeying the Word of God, living in the kingdom, obedient to the commands of the King, Jesus!

Trained Disciples sent out

Nations are becoming obedient to God’s Word! Through trained disciples, even ***“a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith”*** Acts 6:7. Through disciples, even the religious “clergy”, that had been stuck in the old wine, was able to see the truth and reality of God’s word and become obedient to it. Jesus saw the multitude of God’s people and saw that they were ***“weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd”*** Matthew 9:36. God has spoken of the time when He would ***“give them shepherds according to My heart, who will feed them with knowledge and understanding”*** Jeremiah 3:15. Jesus trained twelve disciples to be apostles whom He could ***“send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons”*** Mark 3:14-15. The way the gospel moves forward is through trained disciples being sent out!

Grace and apostleship

Paul wrote to the Roman believers that through Christ “*we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for the sake of His name*” **Romans 1:5**. Jesus the Messiah has given us *grace*, the supernatural ability gifted by God, not of ourselves, and *apostleship*, the commissioned and delegated authority to represent Him, to *bring nations to obedience to the faith!* As the church we are commissioned according to the *command of the everlasting God* to bring all the nations to obedience to “*the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*” **Jude 3**.

The mystery of God revealed

Nations becoming obedient to the faith will be seen in the Body of Christ as we “*all come to the unity of the faith*” (**Eph.4:13**)! The apostle Paul pleaded with the Corinthians to all “*speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined to together in the same mind and in the same judgement*” **1 Corinthians 1:10**. God’s command is *obedience to the faith!* Jesus said “*If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with Him*” **John 14:23**. Through *obedience to the faith* we become a dwelling place for the Father and the Son! The world will see the mystery of God, both of that Father and of Christ (**Col.2:2**), in and through us as we come to the *obedience of the faith!*

Signs and wonders are to bring obedience

Paul said, “*For I will not dare speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient*” (**Rom.15:18**). The fruit of the gospel we are looking for is *obedience to the faith*. As we are obedient to the “*commandment of the everlasting God*” to “*make disciples of all*

nations”, we can expect the “*Lord working with us and confirming the word through the accompanying signs*” Mark 16:20. Through our *word and deed* the nations are to become *obedient* to the gospel.

It is time to see nations changing and the “***word of the Lord growing mightily and prevailing***” (Acts19:20) throughout the nations!

Be established in this gospel

Make the gospel “my gospel” and “our gospel”

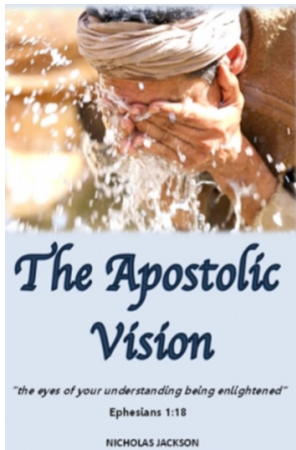
Preach Jesus the Christ

Be established in the revelation of the mystery

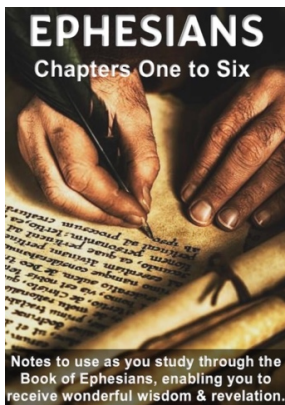
Make known the prophetic Scriptures to all nations

Do this according to the command of the everlasting God for obedience to the faith!

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