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OUR GOSPEL

PART 1 – THE CORPORATE REALITY

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My Gospel

A few years ago, I put out a booklet called “My Gospel”. This was based on the apostle Paul’s awesome statements on **Romans 16:25, 2:26 & 2Timothy2:8** where he describes the gospel as “my gospel”. Paul owned the gospel and took responsibility to communicate the truth of this gospel to every place that Jesus opened the door for him to preach and declare it. Recently, after being on a mission trip to Uganda and Kenya, a fresh word has been quickened to me that it is time to move from “my gospel” to “our gospel”. It is as apostolic teams and, more broadly, as an apostolic company, that we can effectively disciple, reach and inherit nations. Grace and apostleship have been given to us corporately, to bring nations to obedience to the faith, for, ***“Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name” Romans 1:5.*** It is time to understand more fully, ***our gospel!***

The Apostolic Team

In **1 Thessalonians 1:1** the author of the letter is revealed to be ***“Paul, Silvanus and Timothy”***. The rest of the letter uses the words ***“we”, “us” and “our”***. For example, the apostle Paul even says that they were not seeking glory from men when ***“we might have made demands as apostles of Christ” 1 Thessalonians 2:6.*** This reveals that all three of the men, Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, were functioning as apostles of Jesus Christ at the time the letter was written. They were an apostolic team that corporately carried the apostolic responsibility to care for, pray for, lead, guide and instruct the disciples in Thessalonica according to the word of God. We are to learn from this.

- ❖ Are you part of a team?
- ❖ Do you submit to the brethren in your team?
- ❖ Are you accountable to them?
- ❖ Are you carrying the responsibility of the apostolic work together?

Our Gospel

It is written in **1 Thessalonians 1:5**, ***“For 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”***. Paul no longer refers to the gospel as ***my gospel***. Now there is a team that has the same heart, same mind, unity of faith and has been convinced to own the gospel for

themselves – it is now ***our gospel!*** This is a true band of disciples walking together in the ***“fellowship of the gospel...striving together for the faith of the gospel”*** **Philippians 1:5, 27**. This level of maturity comes about as we walk as sons together, knowing we inherit nations together.

Paul shares for us about how the apostolic company functions together when he says ***“Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind...to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern”*** **Philippians 3:15-17**. Let us desire to walk this mature walk together as sons, humbling down and submitting ourselves to God to be about our Father’s business as an apostolic team. It is to this sort of company of disciples that God will give the nations. A people who are walking together as a pattern, sharing in the gospel together as one man!

What is “Our gospel”?

What is the gospel that we can live and die for? What is the gospel that we are to own, disseminate, manifest and speak of boldly? This gospel is more than simply getting “saved”. This gospel encompasses the ***“whole counsel of God”*** **Acts 20:27**.

- Our gospel is the preaching of the ***“unsearchable riches of Christ, making all to see what is the fellowship of the mystery...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord”*** **Ephesians 3:8-11**.
- Our gospel is making known the complete and utter victory of Jesus the Messiah over all powers in this age and in the one to come! (**Eph.1:21**)
- Our gospel is the church victorious, being the fullness of Christ filling all things! (**Eph.1:22-23, 2:5-6**)
- Our gospel is perfection and maturity in Christ Jesus, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Col.1:28, Eph.4:13**)
- Our gospel is the riches of the glory of this mystery being revealed to the nations: Christ in you, the hope of glory (**Col.1:27**)
- Our gospel is bringing all the saints to ***“all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ”*** **Col.2:2**.
- Our gospel is Christ sanctifying, cleansing and washing a Bride church with the ***“washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish”*** **Eph. 5:26-27**
- Our gospel is the restoring of the ***“hearts of the fathers to the sons and the hearts of the sons to the fathers”*** **Malachi 4:6**. The church is a family, not an organisation run by men.
- Our gospel is nations being given to the Son of God as an inheritance, the ends of the earth being His possession – **Psalm 2:8**
- Our gospel is making disciples, raising workers for the harvest and bring forth many sons to walk in the manifestation of His glory in the earth, fulfilling the original purpose of God given to us from the beginning (**Matt.28:18-20, Matt.9:35-38, Rom.8:14-23, Gen.1:26-28**)
- Our gospel is bringing the church to ***“all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement”*** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and for His glory! (**1 Cor.1:10**)

A Corporate Reality

Our gospel is a corporate reality. It is a band of disciples walking together, in the “*unity of the faith*”, boldly making known “*the mystery of the gospel*” (Eph.4:13a, 6:19).

It is the gospel of the kingdom of God, ruling and reigning in and through His people, the church. When this gospel becomes *our gospel*, the gates of Hades can never prevail against us (Matt.16:18), Babylon will fall (Rev.14:1-8), confusion will cease, disciples will be made (Acts 6:7), and sons will be raised (Phil.2:19-22). This is the apostolic community: a people who have owned and taken responsibility to fill all nations with this gospel, no matter the cost, no matter the price!

Will you be part of such a community?

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CALENDAR

- **Training Day at SHILOH: Saturday 8th March from 10:30am to 4pm**

****NOTE WELL**:** It is a **DIFFERENT STARTING TIME**. There will be an interactive **DISCIPLESHIP CLASS** from **10:30am till lunch time**. After lunch will then be a time of teaching, training, equipping for the work of the harvest! Come ready to learn, grow, be trained and ready for the mission that Jesus has called us to – discipling nations!

Weekly Timetable at SHILOH:

Tuesday: 9am – 10am worship/prayer/Lord’s Table at SHILOH
10.30am – 12pm discipleship class and Canada Zoom

Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm – ministry training school – which includes a time of waiting on God in corporate prayer, worship and the Lord’s Table at the beginning.

Weekly Zoom meetings available:

- Thursday ministry school from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Eastern Australian time
- Sunday afternoon fellowship meeting from 4pm, QLD Eastern Australian time.

Missions to pray into:

- **Apostle Rob and disciple Geoffrey** are making their way as far north as possible in Queensland right now. They started out from Beachmere and Zillmere and have been through Maryborough, Childers, Gladstone, Woorabinda, Rockhampton and Mackay so far. Keep them in prayer to have breakthrough in every place and that more and more will join in heart to be disciples of Jesus Christ in this great discipleship revival.