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THE VISION – PART 1

We need to lay hold of the apostolic Vision

It is important as followers of Jesus the Messiah in these days that we understand God's purpose and what the vision of God is for us, His people. We are to ***“lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of us”*** **Philippians 3:12**. We need to be constantly reminded and refreshed in this vision. May the Lord Jesus grant you wisdom, revelation and understanding from His Word so that you can see your life in the greater context of God's purpose and vision for the church and the earth.

- **The apostolic vision is the vision of the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh** covering the earth as the waters cover the sea (**Habakkuk 2:14**).
- **Nehemiah had a vision of rebuilding the city of God**. There is a city that Abraham looked for ***“which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God”*** **Hebrews 11:10**. This city is being built, restored and repaired today. It will eventually be revealed as ***“the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”*** **Revelation 21:2**.
- Christ, our husband, ***“loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle”*** **Ephesians 5:25-27**. The church is the city, the new Jerusalem, being prepared by the washing of the water of the Word. The Word is released through the ministries that Jesus gave in His ascension. They are doing the work of the ministry until we all come to maturity (**Eph.4:11-13**), a glorious church. God has an awesome vision for us to be involved in.
- **God's vision began in the garden**. The Garden of Eden was a heavenly place on the earth. It was in the heavenly realm; God was fully present with the man and the woman. We are also to be learning to live in that realm, having been ***“raised up and made to sit together with Christ in the heavenlies”*** **Ephesians 2:6**. God wants that heavenly realm to cover the earth. It was in the heavenly realm of that garden that God gave the commission to Adam and Eve – ***“be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion...”*** **Genesis 1:28**. Today we are also to fulfill this commission by

bringing up spiritual sons in the image and likeness of God. This is done through *“making disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you”* Matthew 28:19-20. As these disciples grow to be *“many sons to glory”* Hebrews 2:10, they will be able to subdue the enemy and have dominion in the earth and creation will see the *“revealing of the sons of God”* Romans 8:19.

→ The vision is the kingdom of God filling the earth. Isaiah 9:7 says that *“of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end”*. This is the kingdom of God having dominion over the earth and manifesting through His people. It is, and will continue, to *increase!* This will bring true freedom and liberty as a covering over all the earth. For the *“earth will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea”* Isaiah 11:9.

The vision is the increase of His government filling the earth without end!

Aspects of the Vision from Ephesians

1. Ephesians 1:5 – the vision is ‘sonship’

We are predestined by God *“to the adoption as sons”* – God has a predetermined plan for our life. It is that He will grow us up into the placement as mature sons who can walk in the inheritance. This is the meaning of the *“adoption”* in the Greek language.

It pleases God to make us sons. It is *“according to the good pleasure of His will”*. We are placed as mature sons to receive the inheritance, walking in the reality of the heavenly realm on the earth. As sons we inherit the kingdom of God in the earth and demonstrate to all creation how to live in the kingdom.

Jesus was our example. At the age of 30 He was *“adopted”* or received the *“placement”* as the Son of God in maturity. When Jesus was baptized this was when the *“Son was given and the government was on His shoulder”* Isaiah 9:6. The *“Child had been born”* but that Child grew up to maturity and was *given as the Son* at His baptism, the Father declaring, *“This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”* Matthew 3:17.

Jesus walked as a Son in the earth. Heaven was opened to Him (Matt.3:16) and He walked in that heavenly realm on the earth. He was revealed and manifest as the Son for about three and a half years, only doing what His Father showed Him to do (John 5:19). We are to be a company of sons walking with the Father together, to do the Father’s will in the earth. There is a time of the *“revealing of the sons of God”* Romans 8:19. There is a time appointed by the Father for us to be placed as sons (Gal.4:1-7). Now is the time!

The apostolic vision is the earth being prepared for the coming of the Lord by the sons of God being revealed! We are ***"predestined to the adoption as sons"***!

2. Ephesians 1:17-18 – the vision is to walk in revelation of the knowledge of Christ, in understanding and in power.

The apostolic vision is for there to be a people who are walking in the ***"spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him [Christ]"*** Ephesians 1:17. God wants His church filled with wisdom and revelation that comes by the Spirit of God. We are to have ***"the eyes of our understanding enlightened to know"***:

- a) what is ***"the hope is His calling"*** Ephesians 1:18a - there is to be a people who are filled with the hope of His calling, eyes fixed on that hope – ***"Christ in you, the hope of glory"*** Colossians 1:27.
- b) what are ***"the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints"*** Ephesians 1:18b - there is to be a company of people who are experiencing the eternal realities, filled with His riches and faithfully stewarding the mysteries of Christ, having the ***"word of Christ dwelling in them richly"*** Colossians 3:16.
- c) what is ***"the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe"*** - there is to be a people walking in the glorious power of the resurrection of Christ – ***"that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection"*** Philippians 3:10.

The apostolic vision is for there to be a people walking in this reality and dimension of His wisdom, revelation, understanding and power!

3. Ephesians 1:22-23 – the vision is the church being the body of Him [the fullness of Christ], filling all things with His presence.

We are to understand where Christ is seated, that He is ***"at the right hand of God in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named"*** Ephesians 1:20-21. The church is to know who Christ is and where He is seated. We are to have working revelation of this. There is to be a people who ***"know their God and do great exploits"*** Daniel 11:32. This means we know who Jesus is and where He is seated and live accordingly! We have a victorious gospel because Jesus reigns now! He is King now.

All things have been placed under Jesus' feet and He as ***"head over all things"*** has been ***"given to the church"*** Ephesians 1:22. The apostolic vision is for there to be a church who understands that they are ***"His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"*** Ephesians 1:23. We, as His body, are the ***fullness of Christ*** in the earth. As the body is one, but has many members, ***"so also is Christ"*** 1 Corinthians 12:12. Christ is a many membered Body, the church. We, as His body, are to fill the earth with the fullness of Christ! We are to exercise the

authority of the Head, Christ, in the earth, enforcing His victory over all His enemies! We fill society with His fullness. We are to fill every workplace with His fullness. We are to fill our households and families with His fullness. God's plan for the earth is being outworked through the Church, the Body of Christ.

The apostolic vision is for the fullness of Christ to fill the earth through the church!

We are to come out of religious, traditional, Christian ways and enter the revelation of what God has accomplished in Christ. There is a new wineskin to walk in! There is a fresh vision, a heavenly vision. Be a part of the company of saints who are given to fulfilling God's apostolic vision in the earth!

"The Lord gave the Word: great was the company of those who proclaim it!" – Psalm 68:11