

Until we all Come

Ephesians 4:11-13

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THE APOSTOLIC VISION

Part One

We need to take hold of the apostolic vision

- God is looking for a people who are willing to do what Jesus wants them to do. Who understand God's purpose and what the vision of God is for us, His people
- In **Habakkuk 2:1** the prophet Habakkuk is wanting to know what Yahweh will say to him. He was waiting on Yahweh, he had questions.
- He was watching to see that Yahweh would say to correct him.
- **v.2** Yahweh answers him – ***"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets"***.
- Yahweh assures Habakkuk that the vision will ***"surely come, it will not tarry"***.

What is the vision?

- **Habakkuk 2:14** gives God's key purpose for the vision.
- ***'The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea'***.
- This is the vision that God has us working in.
- **Isaiah 11:9b** also speaks of this vision – ***"For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea"***.
- **Numbers 14:21** God said to Moses - ***'all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yahweh'***. This is the apostolic vision.

How will that happen?

- **Jeremiah 31:31-34** – the promises of the New Covenant
- Yahweh will put His law in our minds and write it on our hearts!
- Everyone will know Yahweh – this is the apostolic vision.
- We are all called into that vision.
- It will happen as more of us are drawn into the fulfilment of the New Covenant.

God's government in the earth will increase

- **Isaiah 9:6-7** – ***"of the increase of His government [kingdom] and peace, no end..."*** – this is for now, from the time that the Child was born.
- The government is on the shoulders of the Son
- His government / His kingdom is increasing – do not look for it in the world.
- His kingdom will influence everything.
- God is raising up an apostolic people who will know His purpose. He governs our lives; we are now in the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col.1:13), we are under a new government.

The apostolic vision began in the garden

- before sin entered in it was a heavenly place. God walked with man on the earth. They had complete access to the glory. There was perfect relationship. They were covered by the glory.
- The garden was a heavenly realm; We are 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.

God gave Adam and Eve a mandate, (Gen.1:27-28).

- God blessed them – God wants to bless us to fulfil His mission!
 - Be fruitful
 - Multiply
 - Fill the earth – with the glory of Yahweh through sons in His image and likeness.
 - Subdue it
 - Have dominion.
- This is God's creation purpose. There is a work for us to do on the earth. We are made to fulfill God's purpose in the earth.
- God's plan has never changed. Man's sin did not stop God's plan.

The glory is in a people, it is the image of Christ in us that is the glory

- **Hebrews 1:3** – Christ is the image of the invisible God (**Col.1:15**), the Son is the express image of God's person.
- Christ in us is the very image of God. We are to manifest who He is in the earth.
- This is the vision that God has had from the beginning.

God's Kingdom is to come on earth

- The garden in the beginning was to extend over the whole earth.
- God taught us to pray in **Matthew 6:10** for His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. The earth to be filled with God's kingdom
- **Romans 14:17** – God's kingdom is a kingdom of 'righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'. When we walk in the kingdom, we will be manifesting His glory.
- The will of God is to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- The will of God is for the devil to be 'subdued', by us bringing the kingdom of God on the earth.

Aspects of the Vision from Ephesians

- ❖ Apostle Paul brings through the book of Ephesians the most wonderful revelation of the apostolic vision.

Ephesians 1:5 – the vision is 'sonship'

- we have been **predestined in Christ to be adopted as sons Eph.1:3-5**.
- When you were born again, He predestined you.
- 'adoption' is the placement of a mature son into the place where they will receive the inheritance. Biblically this was the age of 30.
- We are to come to the place of maturity and walk in our inheritance in the earth – empowered by the Spirit to do the works of God in the earth. We can walk as Jesus walked (**John 4:17**).

Jesus Manifest as the Son in the earth

- Jesus manifested on the earth for three and a half years before He was glorified. The veil did not fully lift when He was on the earth. He was 'veiled' in the flesh.
- But at various time He manifested His glory (**John 2:11**); on the Mount of Transfiguration (**Matt.17:1-5**); when Jesus answered the soldiers by saying 'I AM', and they all fell backwards (**John 18:4-6**).
- These were manifestations of the glory of YAHWEH in Him, momentary unveilings His God nature.

Sons of God are to 'manifest', to reveal His glory

- **Romans 8:18-19** - the glory is to be revealed in us!
 - God is preparing to reveal the glory in His people. Our sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us.
 - Creation is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed – "***Christ in us, the hope of glory***" (**Col.1:27**).
 - The veil is to be removed, we are being transformed into His image. God is preparing us for the veil to be lifted and the glory will be manifested.
 - Even creation is waiting for this – looking for expectantly.
 - Creation will be delivered from the bondage to corruption as this takes place (**Rom.8:20-21**)
- **This is the apostolic vision** – sons restored, delivering creation by revealing the glory of YAHWEH!

God's purpose will be fulfilled.

APOSTOLIC VISION

Part two

The key verses already looked at that show God's eternal purpose.

→ **Habakuk 2:14; Isaiah 11:9; Numbers 14:21**

- It is part of God's eternal purpose for us to be predestined to the "**adoption as sons**" Eph.1:5.

The Apostolic Vision in Ephesians

- We are looking at the Book of Ephesians to see the unfolding apostolic vision.
- In the Book of Ephesians, Paul is **opening up the mystery**. A 'mystery' is something that is hidden but can be discovered; something that needs to be searched out.

Paul prays for us

- **Ephesians 1:17-20** is a glorious prayer to pray for yourself and others; let this be your language of prayer
- The prayers that Paul prays show us what we should be praying for.
- We need to ask for the things that God wants to give us
- **Firstly, there is a revelation of God**
- Who is God? He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; He is also the Father of Glory, and the knowledge of the glory is what is to cover the earth!
- **Secondly, we are asking to flow in the spirit of wisdom**

God's wisdom which is from above:

- **James 3:17** speaks of this wisdom which comes from above. "***The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.***"
- If we ask for wisdom, it will be given to us.

Spiritual wisdom:

- **1Corinthians 2:6-7** says there is a wisdom that has been ordained for us before the beginning of the ages, and it is "***for our glory***".
- It is going to release the glory in our life. It is through the wisdom of God that we are led to the glory.
- It is hidden wisdom, in a mystery - it had not been revealed in Old Testament times.
- Old Testament prophets spoke of it, but they did not see it.

- **1 Cor.2:8** – none of the rulers of this age knew this hidden wisdom, if they had, they would not have crucified Jesus.
- The devil knows the Bible, but he doesn't have revelation – this wisdom only comes through the Spirit of God.

Making known the manifold wisdom of God

→ **Ephesians 3:8-11 gives another aspect of this wisdom.**

Verse 8 - Grace was given to preach the '**unsearchable riches of Christ**'

- Paul said he was "**less than the least of all the saints**" – he knew and had experienced the grace, and this grace is being released to the church, through apostles.

Verse 9 - To **make all to see** the "**fellowship of the mystery**", which had been hidden in God, but has now been made known.

- A huge part of the apostolic ministry is to make all to see – to get, and to understand, apostolic revelation

Verse 10 - The purpose of the church on the earth is to **make known the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies.**

- This is not talking about 'private revelation' – true apostles open up the word, so that each one can see what is written and believe and be convinced by the revelation.
- The apostolic vision is for a purpose! Now the **manifold wisdom of God** might be made known - '*manifold*' = many faceted
- we need to understand this wisdom, so that we can make it known.
- The **role of the church is to make known the mystery to the principalities and powers**

Verse 11 – **this is according to the eternal purpose of God** – which has already been accomplished – in Christ Jesus. It is finished!

- **Colossians 2:15** –at the cross Jesus disarmed the principalities and powers - they have already been disarmed.
- The devil is the accuser of the brethren, but if you know and believe and are assured that through the cross you have been forgiven, the devil has nothing he can accuse you anymore, he has been disarmed.

The church is to make known this truth. A large part of spiritual warfare is simply believing the truth. If you know the truth of what Christ has done and what it means when it is applied to you, the truth will set you free.

Receive wisdom, revelation and understanding

- In **Ephesians 1:17** Paul has prayed that we receive "*the spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of Him*".
- Then in **verse 18** he prays that we **receive understanding**, so that we will know
 - i. The **hope of His calling**
 - ii. The riches of the glory of **His inheritance in the saints**.
 - iii. The exceeding **greatness of His power** toward us who believe.

God's glory will be seen in His church

- **Eph.5:25-27** - His glory is going to be presented back to Him through a people.
- Christ having accomplished His goal in the church,
 - is **sanctifying** – making her to be set apart, holy, different from the world
 - and **cleansing** – all the impurities taken away. This is a process.
- We are part of a body, and it is in the 'fellowship' that a lot of the sanctifying takes place.
- By the **washing** of the water by the word – the word of God can wash and cleanse you. This is the 'rhema word'.
- this word comes through the five-fold ministers teaching and proclaiming the apostolic doctrine.

It is time for the apostolic vision to be restored to the church.

APOSTOLIC VISION

Part Three

RAISING WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

Bringing up sons

- **Jesus had twelve disciples** - in **John 17:6-19** Jesus reported to the Father that He had successfully raised 11 out of 12 disciples.
- **Paul raised 'sons'** – often at the end of his letters Paul mentions the names of sons that he had raised and invested into, he does not report on the other amazing things that he had done.
- **We need to be focused on raising workers for the harvest.**
- Be willing to go through the doors that God has opened, not looking for the 'big' thing, but being focused on the work at hand.

We need to have the apostolic vision and be willing to follow Jesus.

- In **John 6:66-68** many disciples *'went back and walked with Him on more'*; Jesus said to the twelve **"Do you also want to go away?"**
- Peter answered, *'where else can we go – You have the words of eternal life'*.
- We may not fully understand everything, but we are willing to follow Him, because we know who He is: **"We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"** (v.69).

THE APOSTOLIC VISION IS TO KNOW OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Christ is seated in the heavenlies – Ephesians 1:20

- This is where Christ is now seated
- In the place of all authority
- 'far above ...'
- **Ephesians 2:6** tells us that we also have been raised up and made to **"sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"**.
- this is the position of the church!

Christ is head over all things – Ephesians 1:22

- Jesus is head over all things and all things are under His feet.
- Jesus is over all the things that are going on in the world today. Everything is subject to Him. This gives us confidence when we pray. Jesus only did what He saw His Father do (**John 5:19**).

The 'Head over all things' has been given to the church

- The church is His body – **Eph.1:23**

- This church is to be ***'the fullness of Him who fills the all in all'***.
- This church is to fill everything, every place, with His Presence.

We are to grow up – come to maturity

- **Ephesians 4:13** - we are to come to the
 - ***'unity of the faith'***
 - ***'the knowledge of the Son of God'***
 - ***'to a perfect man'***
 - ***'to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'***.
- This means we all believe the Word of God
- That means we don't 'agree to disagree', we need to be willing to change.
- We are to come to **'the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'!**

In Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily – Colossians 2:9.

- The 'fulness' of God is in Christ; all the **'fulness was pleased to dwell in Him'** - **Col.1:19**
- And we are to ***"be filled with all the fullness of God"***; God is able to do this – **Ephesians 3:19-20**

Christ is seated 'far above' – Ephesians 1:21

- all the demonic powers in the second heaven: principalities and powers, all might and dominion, every name that is named – e.g. Buddha, Allah, Krishna
- Christ is far above all such demonic powers!

AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE THREE HEAVENS:

The third heaven is God's heaven, it is the realm of God, it is an uncreated realm [Paul speaks of this realm in **2 Cor.12:2 & 4**]

- Christ is now seated at the right hand of God in this realm (**Eph.1:20**).
- This is where the throne is, it is the place of all authority (**Rev.3:21**)

The 'third heavens' is represented by the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle

- The light in this realm is the 'shekinah' glory of God and of the Lamb (**Rev.21:23**)
- This is the glory realm, the light in the third heaven is the glory.

It is from this realm that God speaks – Exodus 25:22

- A pure stream flows from this realm, it is the clear word of God. It is a stream of revelation – even babes can receive from this stream. It is untainted by man.

John 7:37:38 – speaks of this river

- this pure stream is to flow out through the body because we are connected to the Head who is in heaven (**Eph.4:15-16**)
- We now have access to the throne of God, because of the blood on the Mercy Seat.

The Second Heaven – is the place where principalities and powers are found

- This is the invisible heavens; inhabited by *'thrones, dominions, principalities and powers'* (**Col.1:16**)
- This is the realm where the 'wrestling' (**Eph.6:12**) takes place
- **Ephesians 1:21** – Jesus is seated far above this realm, and all these things are **"under His feet" v.22.**

The 'second heavens' is represented by the Holy Place in the Tabernacle

- the light in the Holy Place was the 'lampstand' which represents the church
Revelation 1:20
- it is the church that is meant to be the light in this realm, pushing back the darkness of the evil powers, and bringing **"the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"** (**2 Cor.4:6**), into this realm.

The Church is to make known the manifold wisdom of God

- **Ephesians 3:10-11** now the manifold wisdom of God can be made known by the church, to the principalities and powers.
- This is the role of the church – to shine in this realm and fill these heavens with light that will push back the darkness of the principalities and powers.

The First Heaven is the natural created heavens - sun, moon and stars

- This realm was created by God (**Genesis 1:14-16**)
- This is the earth realm; the natural realm where we live
- Many are stuck in this realm, without the Holy Spirit – we need the Holy Spirit to enter the 'Holy Place', which represents the 'second realm'.

The 'first heavens' is represented by the Outer Court of the Tabernacle

- The light in the outer court came from the natural sun, moon and stars.
- The church is not to remain in the outer court, but through repentance, faith and baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit, we are to come into the Holy Place where, as the church, we become 'young men' who can overcome the 'wicked one' (**1 John 2:13-14**), serving / ministering in the house of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the body is functioning properly it will be releasing light into the second heavens. The glory will be piercing the darkness.

THE TABERNACLE PATTERN

Part One

God desires to dwell with His people

- 'Tabernacle' means dwelling place, and God has always desired to dwell with His people
- In the beginning it was the Garden of Eden

- In **Exodus chapters 25-30 & 36-40** God gave Moses the pattern for the Tabernacle with specific instructions of how to build the Tabernacle and its furnishings.
- When it was completed, God came to inhabit the Tabernacle (**Ex.40:34-35**)
- It was built by Moses, exactly according to the pattern given by God – then the glory came!

God gave Moses three ways in which He could relate to His people

1. the Law - the Word of God showing us how to love God and each other; this is the Torah, the instructions of how to live.

2. the Feasts: '*moed*' – appointed times. **Leviticus 23** sets out the feasts of Israel
There were three specific feasts
 - i. Passover
 - ii. Pentecost
 - iii. Tabernacles
- The Feasts reveal the progressive vision that the LORD has for His people, bringing His people into the fulfillment of His purposes.

3. the Tabernacle of Moses - revealing the way of worship in spirit and truth
 - There were three parts of the Tabernacle:
 - **Outer court,**
 - **Holy Place,**
 - **Holy of Holies.**

The way into the Tabernacle is the way into the presence of God. The layout of the Tabernacle and its furnishings is a pattern laid out for us, showing us how to approach God, and revealing the Godhead [Father, Son and Holy Spirit] to us

OUTER COURT

- surrounded the actual tabernacle, contained the altar of burnt sacrifice and the bronze laver (**Ex.40:29-30**).
- **The light in this realm is the natural sun, moon and stars**

The Gate

- To come into the Tabernacle, one had to come in by the gate.
- There was only one way to enter the courtyard. Thieves and robbers try and climb over the wall, but those wanting to come into the presence of God must enter by the gate.
- The 'gate' is the 'door' - Jesus said, **"I am the door"** (**Jn.10:7**). He also said **"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (**Jn.14:6**).

**There is a way to come to God: it is through the door!
It is through JESUS! He is the only way!**

Altar of Burnt Offering

- We come to the altar after we come in the gate of the outer court
 - This is the place of sacrifice, where the burnt offerings and other sacrifices were made; blood had to be shed.
 - The burnt offering of the lamb morning and evening (**Exod.29:38**).
 - It was a brazen altar, made of bronze. Bronze speaks of judgement: God's judgement on sin.
- **The altar represents the cross.**
- The only way to come to God is through Jesus, the sinless, spotless Lamb, who died on the cross for our sins; it is through His blood shed for us (**1 Peter 1:18-19**).
 - **"Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins"** (**Heb.9:22**).
 - **We meet Jesus at the Altar of Burnt Offering** and ask for the forgiveness of our sins on the basis of His blood sacrifice (**1 Jn.1:9**).

Brazen Laver

- The next furnishing in the Outer Court was the Brazen Laver
 - In the Brazen Laver there was water; the Priests had to wash in water and put on clean clothes, linen garments, before entering the Holy Place.
- **The Brazen Laver represents Water Baptism.**
- For us this signifies water **Baptism**, dying to self, becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus (**Rom.6:3-11**).
 - The first step after salvation for the new believer is water baptism,
- **It also represents the ongoing 'washing of water by the Word'** **Eph.5:26**
- We are to let the word of God wash over us; it is the word of God that cleanses us (**Jn.15:3**).

The Outer Court is where we begin our journey

- It is the place of discipleship
- Coming out of the world by entering through the gate; repenting and believing in Jesus and His redemptive act of salvation in dying on the cross for our sins.
- Getting baptized in water, and beginning to read His word so that we can be 'washed by the word'.
- Realizing that through baptism we are now 'clothed with Christ' (**Gal.3:27**)

To enter the Holy Place, we need to be clothed with the Holy Spirit

- After the Priest had washed, he had to change his clothes and put on linen garments.
- **Luke 24:49** - Jesus told His disciples to *'Tarry in Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high'*
- we cannot enter the Holy Place without the Holy Spirit.
- On the Day of Pentecost, Peter said to those cut to the heart *"Repent ... be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"* **Acts 2:38**.
- The new believers came from being 'in the world' into the Holy Place on that very day!

Only priests can enter the Holy Place to minister to the LORD

- **1 Peter 2:5 & 9** – we are a 'holy' and a 'royal' priesthood
- We have also been made to be "kings and priests to God" – **Rev.1:6**

**In the Outer court – God ministers to his people
In the Holy Place we as priests minister to God**

HOLY PLACE

- We are now in a supernatural place
- The door into the Holy Place is the Holy Spirit, only those who are filled with the Holy Spirit are able to enter into the Holy Place.
- In the Holy Place we are ministers/servants ministering to God

Furnishings in the Holy Place:

Golden Lampstand

- we come to the Golden Lampstand, which has seven branches – speaking of completeness / maturity
- **The only light in the Holy Place was the Lampstand.**
- The priest had to trim the wicks of the lampstand daily, so the light continued to burn brightly
- The lampstand was full of oil – the oil kept the lamps burning.

- **The Lampstand represents the Church, Revelation 1:13-20** – John had a vision of Jesus in the midst of the seven golden lampstands.
 - The lampstand represents the church, which is found in the Holy Place.
 - **Jesus is found in the midst of His church.**

- **Oil speaks of the Holy Spirit** – we are to make sure we have plenty of oil
 - **"be being filled with the Holy Spirit" - Eph.5:18-19**
 - The light in the church comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit brings enlightenment to our understanding - **Eph.1:17-18.**

Table of Showbread

- Opposite the Lampstand is the table of Showbread.
- There were 12 loaves on the table, representing the 12 tribes.
- There was also a pitcher of wine.
- Showbread literally means "*face bread*"[S.C. # 6440 Heb.].
- At the Table of Showbread, the face of God is revealed in Jesus Christ! (**2 Cor.4:6**)

- **Bread and wine speak of Communion.**
 - We minister to the Lord at the table of Showbread by celebrating communion.
 - We are all priests, so we are all able to minister to the Lord at the Lord's table.
 - The bread also speaks of the Word of God, **Jn.6:48**, Jesus said **"I am the bread of life"**. We are to 'feed' on His word.

- **The Lord's Table is in the Holy Place!** We are not in the Outer Court at the altar of blood sacrifice. We have come through the cross to water baptism and risen in newness of life in the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus. We have been filled with the Holy Spirit and have entered the Holy Place, where we fellowship at the Table with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

Altar of Incense

- The place where the priest put incense on the coals and the cloud of smoke rose up before God
- It was directly in front of the Veil separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies
- Behind the Veil was the Ark of the Covenant
- Only on the Day of Atonement did the Priest go through the veil, covered in the cloud of incense – to place the blood on the Mercy Seat to atone for the sins of the people

- **Represents prayer, intercession and worship offered to the Lord**
 - **Rev.5:8** – golden bowls full of incense which are the prayers of the saints.
 - Our prayers rise before God as incense (**Rev.8:4**).
 - Prayer and praise, intercession and worship enable us to enter into the Most Holy Place.

HOLY OF HOLIES

- This the realm of the revelation of the Father; the Eternal God
- This is the realm of sonship – being sons to the Father
- The very Presence of God is in the Holy of Holies
- **The light in this realm is the Shekinah glory of God**

The Ark of the Covenant – was in the Holy of Holies

- Made of Acacia wood and covered with gold.
- Represents our humanity covered by divinity
- Overshadowing the Ark were the **cherubim**, their wings outstretched to cover the **mercy seat**.

In the ark there were 3 things:

1. The **tablets of stone which represent the law word of God** the Father.
2. The **pot of manna representing bread from heaven** which speaks of Jesus, the true bread from heaven (the hidden manna - **Rev.2:17**)
3. Aaron's **rod that budded representing the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit**.

The mercy seat

- This is where God has promised to meet with us, and speak with us (**Ex.25:22**), between the wings of the cherubim
- This is the place where sin was atoned for, by the High Priest entering once a year on the Day of Atonement and placing blood on the mercy seat (**Lev.16**).
- **Jesus became the Eternal High Priest when He "entered the Most Holy Place once for all"** and placed His blood on the Mercy Seat (**Hebrews 9:11-15**).
- Now we can come 'boldly to the throne of grace' (**Heb.4:16**)
- We can come into the Father's presence because His blood is on the mercy seat (**Heb.10:19-22**), and that blood has sprinkled our hearts from an evil conscience.

When the Tabernacle was completed, the Glory of God came down

Exodus 40:34-38 *"Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of YAHWEH filled the tabernacle"*

- When the church is built according to the pattern – then it will be shining forth the glory of God – and truly the whole earth will be filled with His glory!

Hab.2:14

TABERNACLE PATTERN

Part Two

- There is much rich understanding as we look further into the Tabernacle Pattern.
- The pattern for the Tabernacle was given to Moses by YAHWEH, but the fulfillment is in Jesus
- The goal according to Jesus is to '**come to the Father**' (**John14:6**)

ENTERING AT THE GATE

- There is a 'way' to enter the Tabernacle, and that way is through the gate.
- The Outer Court could only be entered through the gate.
- ❖ The **Evangelist** is at the gate/door preaching Jesus, calling people out of the world [Egypt], calling people to repentance and to come to Jesus.

In the Outer Court we meet Jesus

The Altar of Sacrifice represents the Cross

- In the Outer Court we come to the Altar of Sacrifice – the place where there is sacrifice for sin.
- This represents the cross – Jesus died for the sin of the world; He was the Lamb sacrifice.
- John the Baptist said "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**" (**John 1:29**).
- In the Outer Court – **God ministers to us to bring us into salvation**

Foundations of our Faith

The first three foundations (**Hebrews 6:1-2**) take place in the Outer Court:

- 1. Repentance from dead works** – the person who responds to the evangelist, comes in the gate, turning their back on the world.
 - 2. Faith towards God** – believing in Jesus, the one who has taken away our sin through His death on the cross
 - 3. Baptism** – firstly water baptism, represented by the brazen laver, the place of washing. **Romans 6:3-6** – gives the understanding of what happens at baptism. Secondly the washing of the water of the word (**Ephesians 5:26**), we are to become a disciple of the word of God.
- ❖ The **Pastor** functions in the Outer Court getting the foundations laid in the new believer. The evangelist and the pastor work together to bring people fully into Christ, being born again, repentant, full of faith, baptised and disciplined in the word of God.

ENTERING THE HOLY PLACE

- To enter the Holy Place, the Priest had to first wash in water, then be clothed in clean linen garments. Through our baptism we are clothed with Christ (**Gal.3:27**)
- 4. Laying on of hands to receive the Holy Spirit** - for us this represents being clothed with the Holy Spirit, which is the fourth foundation.

To enter the Holy Place we need to be clothed [filled] with the Holy Spirit

The Holy Place is the place of ministry/service

- In the Holy Place we minister to God, we are now in the realm of the Spirit, we become aware of the anointing.
- 5. Resurrection of the dead** - the fifth foundation is in this realm, as we learn to overcome the flesh and walk fully in the new man. Putting to death the deeds of the flesh.

There are three areas of ministry in the Holy Place

At the Table of Showbread – *'showbread'* is literally *'face bread'* the revelation of the glory of God **"in the face of Jesus Christ"** (**2 Cor.4:6**).

- The Lord's Table is represented here, the Bread represents the Body of Christ – it is in the Holy Place.
- Bread also speaks of the Word of God, which is to be fed to the people.
- ❖ The **Teacher** is found here, teaching the doctrine received from the apostles and prophets, bringing the knowledge of the word.

At the Lampstand – the place of 'light'; the lampstand was full of oil, which speaks of the anointing.

- ❖ This is where we find the ministry of the **Prophet**, who waits on God to bring forth the revelation of the mysteries (**Eph.3:5**), bringing enlightenment and understanding on the word.

At the Altar of Incense – this is the place of prayer and intercession.

- ❖ Here we find the **Apostle** - in **Acts 6:4** the apostles were to give themselves to **"prayer and the ministry of the word"**. The apostle brings the revelation of the word.

The Veil

- In the Tabernacle, the Veil separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies and only the High Priest could go behind the veil once a year, on the Day of Atonement.

- 6. Eternal Judgement** - the sixth foundation is represented here, as we come to the Day of Atonement where we are prepared to put away all sin out of our lives (see **Leviticus 16** for instructions on the Day of Atonement)

THE HOLY OF HOLIES

- Under the New Covenant, the veil of separation has been taken away, and we are able to enter into the very Holy of Holies (**Heb.4:16**)
- This is **the realm of the glory, the realm of sonship**

In the Holy of Holies, we come to know the revelation of the Father.

PATTERNS DRAWN FROM THE TABERNACLE:

The Feasts of Israel

1. We are on a journey, coming out of the world [Egypt], **Passover**
2. We need to pass through the wilderness, **Pentecost** happened in the wilderness
3. Coming into the land of inheritance, **Tabernacles** – a permanent dwelling place with God

1 John 2:12-14

1. In the Outer Court – we are **little children**, who know their sins are forgiven
2. In the Holy Place – we are **young men**, learning to serve and minister to God
3. In the Holy of Holies – we have the place of **fathers** who have a deep revelation of the Father.

Growing up to maturity

1. In the Outer Court we are **disciples**, learning the word
2. In the Holy Place we are **servants**, learning how to minister
3. In the Holy of Holies, we are **sons** who know our Father and walk with Him.

From the Cross to the Glory – Romans 8:30

1. In the Outer Court – we are **justified**, by the shed blood of Jesus on the cross
2. In the Holy Place – we are in the process of being **sanctified**
3. In the Holy of Holies – we enter into the glory, **glorified**.

The way of Worship

1. In the Outer Court – we sing songs of **thanksgiving** for what God has done
2. In the Holy Place – spiritual gifts manifest, there is **praise**, leading to worship
3. In the Holy of Holies – the focus is God Himself, waiting for Him to speak, hearing his voice, bowed in **worship**.

We are to come into the Holy of Holies, experiencing the fullness of the Godhead; and from there He sends us out, fully equipped to minister to others who are on the journey.

THE GLORY

God's eternal purpose

- For the **earth to be filled with the [knowledge of the] glory of God** as the waters cover the sea, **Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14**

The Realm of the Glory

Moses entered the realm of the Glory

- In **Exodus 24:15-18** – Moses went into a different realm; this was the realm of the glory
- He didn't have to eat or drink - in the realm of the glory anything is possible
- A cloud was seen on the mountain
- It was like a 'consuming fire' – this is the glory realm
- God is the consuming fire – there is 'fire' in this realm

We are called into this realm

- We are called up into that realm – Jesus wants us to be where He is, in the realm of His glory; Jesus said '**Where I am, you will be also**' (**John 14:3, 17:24**)
- There is a consuming fire, but it is not actually burning anything up. We don't have to fear the fire, it refines us but doesn't burn us.
- The fire burns up those things in us that are not to remain
- We will come out as pure gold.

Isaiah 60:1-2 – "the glory of Yahweh is risen upon you"

- The glory will be seen upon us!
- God is looking for a people who will manifest His glory
- His glory is to be made known in the earth
- 'Arise', 'Shine' – let the light shine in you.
- The Light has come – we can be born again!
- We can come out of the darkness into the light (**Col.1:13**).
- Deep darkness covered the earth – but God said '**Your light has come**'
- We need the glory
- When we are born again, the glory comes into our life

The world needs light

- **Matt.5:14** – we are the light of the world – the glory brings light.
- God is pure light – that is the glory
- Lampstand represents the church – brings light (**Rev.1:20**).
- Jesus came into the world, and He brought light, because He was the light. Now the light, Jesus, has come!

- **Word Wealth @ Isaiah 60:1** - 'GLORY' Hebrew word 'chabod' means: *weightiness, that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honour, splendour, power, wealth, authority, magnificence.*
- The word for glory means 'weight', the word has a lot to do with authority.

The glory is the emanation of God

- The glory is the very emanation of who He is
- The glory can be 'heavy'; there can be pure joy released
- God is rich – He owns everything; He has the riches of the glory. All the riches of glory are found in Him (**Eph.1:18; Col.2:3**).
- We can be wealthy with the 'riches of His glory' so that we can release it to others

The Glory can be seen in us

- That glory is in us; through discipleship God is able to grow us up to release that glory more and more – into the world around us.
- The glory can be seen – it is visible
- When Moses came down from the mountain, his face was shining – this was the glory emanating from the face of Moses. He had to put a veil over his face (**Exodus 34:29-33**). This was the Old Covenant

The Veil has been taken away

- **2 Cor.3:15-18** – There is something new for us in the New Covenant
- When one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away in Christ, so that the glory can be seen
- Now we have an 'unveiled' face; there has been a fulfillment of the Old, we can now look steadily into the glory.
- We are being changed from 'glory to glory'
- The blood of Christ has changed everything. We are not of the flesh anymore; we are a new creation in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). The new creation can see the glory and live.
- In the new covenant we are meant to keep looking into the glory. We can receive revelation – we can see things that couldn't see before.
- **Revelation = an unveiled face**, to see something that you could not see before.

Where do we find the Glory?

- **John 1:1** – The Word was with God; and God was the Word.
- **v.14** – this Word who was God, became flesh, and **we beheld His glory.**
- the glory is in the face of Jesus, and the **glory is full of 'Grace and Truth'**
- to see the glory, we need to look at Jesus (**2 Cor.4:6**)
- **v.17** – Law came through Moses; "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"

The glory was seen in the Old Testament

- **Isaiah 6** – Isaiah saw the LORD sitting on the throne – he saw the glory.
- They saw the whole earth full of the glory.

- **Ezekiel** also had amazing vision of the glory of God; He was caught up in the realm of the glory (**Ezekiel chapter one**).
- Everyone who saw the glory saw 'Someone' and saw 'a throne'
- God is in the glory

In the realm of the Glory, you meet Jesus

- **2 Cor.4:6** – the glory of God is seen in the '**face of Jesus Christ**'
- The knowledge of the glory is found in the face of Jesus Christ – this is the fulfillment of **Habakkuk 2:14**
- Face = presence; to see God's face is to have Him revealed to you.
- He communicates through His look, through His face
- The glory is a Person and is in a Person – **the Person of Jesus Christ!**

A total revelation of the Son is found in Hebrews chapter one

- **Hebrews 1:1-3** – the Son is the 'brightness of glory'
- When you see Jesus the Son of God you see the glory, the brightness.
- Jesus is the radiance of the glory; He is the manifestation of the glory.
- He is what God is making us to be.
- Sons of God are meant to be rays of His glory going out into the world.
- We reveal the glory. Even by what we say and do in reaching out to others.

Jesus prayed ***"The Glory which You gave Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one"*** John 17:21-22.

It is the glory in us that will bring true oneness.

"Christ in you the hope of Glory"
Colossians 1:27

Jesus the I AM

Jesus wants us to know 'who He is'

Matthew 16:13-19 - Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi – a place dedicated to honouring the Caesar (Roman Empire), there was also a cave called the “gates of Hades”

- Jesus asked, “Who do men say that I am?”
- Then Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”
- Peter answered, “You are the Christ the Son of the Living God”!
- Peter got a revelation of who Jesus is!
- This is the most important issue – who is the I Am, who is Jesus
- It was on this revelation that Jesus said He could build His church

Moses wanted to know the name of the God who was sending him

Exodus 3:13-14

- Moses asked “What is His name”
- God said to Moses, **“I AM who I AM” or “I AM that I AM”** – say “I AM has sent me to you”
- “YHWH (the eternal self-existent One), the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - This God is known through personal revelation or relationship
- “I AM” sent Moses; He is the God who met Moses in the burning bush
- “I AM” is God’s personal revealed name - Appears over 6800 times
- The name is “YAHWEH” or “YEHOVAH”
- Many times in the Old Testament a Person was called **“the Angel/Messenger of YHWH”**
- When people met this Messenger, they realised they met God face to face (the Messenger of YHWH is God manifesting in the flesh)

The name reveals the person

- **“I AM who/that I AM” - #1961 Hb. ‘Hayah’** – *to exist, to be, to become, to come to pass, always emphatic, more than simple existence or identity, this verb makes a strong statement about the being or presence of a person or thing*

Who is the I AM?

Exodus 3:15-17 - **YHWH** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

This is My name forever, My memorial for all generations

- When we know who the I AM is, we enter into covenant relationship with Him, knowing Him
- He is active – [**John 5:17** – *My Father is working until now, God is working*]
- Moses was to bring the message, the **revelation of the name**, to the children of Israel

- Moses came to tell them of the active God, who is alive and coming to act upon His will and covenantal promises

The name YHWH appears firstly in Genesis 2:4

- God identifies Himself as **YHWH** – the One who is eternal
- **#3068 Hb. Y’HOVAH** – self-existent, eternal; He is uncreated, always existent; This name is only found in the Bible as the name of God
- God revealed Himself to Moses not only as the God who exists but the God who effects His will (not passive, He is active in bringing His will to pass)

Men began to call on the name of YAHWEH

- **Genesis 4:26** - Seth named his son Enosh, then men began to call on the **name YHWH**. They worshiped the Eternal One; They knew Him as **YHWH**

Did Abraham know YHWH - Genesis 12:1-3

- **v.7-8** - YHWH appeared to Abraham and spoke to him a promise
- Abraham called on the **name YHWH** = coming into a covenantal relationship with God
- **YHWH** is a covenant making and covenant keeping God

Exodus 6:2-3 - He appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as “God Almighty” but they did not know Him by the name **YHWH**

- It means the fathers did not really know what the **name** meant, just like many Christians do not really know what the name of **Jesus** means – do we really know the **name**?
- **His name is a covenantal name! Do you believe He is active, alive and will respond to His name?**
- Moses brought the revelation that **YHWH** is actively fulfilling His promise, He will bring the people out of Egypt with great demonstrations of His power
- Abraham did not really know the reality of the **name YHWH**

The original fathers knew YAHWEH

- **God had spoken to the fathers as YHWH but they did not experience the name**
- But through Moses the promised deliverance will come to pass
- The experience of the name, the experience of deliverance and judgement of Egypt and their gods, came in the time of Moses – they **experienced the name!**

I AM is the name of God

- God revealed His divine name – you can only know it by revelation, God has to reveal it to you
- He declares His character and attributes when He reveals His name
- His name “Hayah” (YHWH) implies the absolute existence of God

There is only ONE name

Deuteronomy 6:4 - Hear O Israel **"The LORD our God, the LORD is one"**

- Literally **"YHWH our God, YHWH one"**
- This is the primary declaration of Jewish faith
- "YHWH" means – I AM, Eternal One, Self-Existent One

Zechariah 14:9 - YHWH shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be **"YHWH one; and His name one"**

- One name! The **name** of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (**Matt.28:18**)

"The Name" – Heb. 'Ha Shem'

- We have a right to know our Father's name – orphans do not know their Father's name

Word Wealth Deuteronomy 18:5: 'name' *shem: renown, fame, memorial, character.*

The root suggests "marking" or "branding". People were named after something that marked them.

GOD with us!

- **Isaiah 7:14** - virgin shall be with Child and bring forth a Son
- name will be "Immanuel"
- **Matt. 1:23**, "Immanuel = 'God-With-Us'
- This is "God in the flesh"

Isaiah 9:6 - a Son is given; the government would be on the shoulder of the Son.

- the name of Son will be called **"Wonderful"**
- **"Mighty God"** – there is only One God, The Son will be the Mighty God
- **"Everlasting Father"** – The Son is the "Eternal Father"
- **"Prince (source, author) of Peace"**

Salvation will come through this One - Isaiah 12:1-2

- **YAH, YAHWEH** is my strength and song, **He has become my salvation**
- **Matthew 1:21** – **call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins**

Now in New Testament

Baptism is into the 'Name'

Matthew 28:18-20 – Jesus said to baptise into the "name" [singular] of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

- In Jesus' final instructions He brings up 'the name'
- **John 17:6** – Jesus said, 'I have manifested Your name to them'
- It is important to know and understand the 'name'
- Peter had no confusion about the "name". In **Acts 2:38** he commanded baptism in the **"name of Jesus Christ"**, Peter knew the revelation of the "name"
- The "name" is singular – we need to know the "name"!

→ **What is His "name"?** His name is **"Jesus"**

- The name "Jesus" contains the very name of God, "Yahweh saves"
- The name of Jesus is above every other name – **Phil.2:9-10**

Jesus is the one who saves

- **Word wealth at Philippians 4:23**
- **"JESUS"** – Greek *"Iesous"* – Greek transliteration of Hebrew **"Yeshua"** meaning **"He will save"**. This is shorter version of name **"Yehoshua"** meaning **"YAHWEH is salvation"**
- when we say **"Jesus"** we are saying **"YAHWEH [the great I AM] is my salvation/healing/deliverance"** Lord of us, **Yeshua Ha Maschiyach**

Jesus is I AM

- **John 8:58** - Jesus said, **"Before Abraham was, I AM"**
- The people were giving Jesus trouble; **v.52** – they even accused Jesus of having a demon
- **v.53** – who do You make Yourself out to be?
- **v.59** – why did they pick up stones to stone them? In their view He was blaspheming – calling Himself **I AM**
- **Jesus said He was the I AM**

John 8:24 - you will die in your sins if you **do not believe that I AM** – this is the literal, the "he" in italics is put there by English translators of Bible

- we must believe that Jesus is **I AM** in order to have our sins taken away
- **"Jesus"** – He will save His people from their sins (**Matthew 1:21**)
- If you believe that Jesus is the I AM in the flesh, you will be saved from your sins
- **v.28** - when you lift up (on the cross) the Son of Man then you will **know that I AM**

I, I AM

- **I AM** – in Greek *"Ego Eimi"* – literally **"I, I AM"**
- when Jesus says "Ego Eimi" He is saying He is the **I AM**
- "Eimi" means **"I am"**, but with **"Ego"** added, it places emphasis – Jesus says in many places **"Ego Eimi"** meaning emphatically that Jesus is **the I AM Himself**

[**"Ego" #1473** – primary noun of first person meaning **"I"** – only used when there is emphasis, emphatic

"Eimi" #1510 – **"to be"** – to exist, to happen, to be present, "I exist" used only when emphatic]

Jesus calls Himself I AM many times in the Gospels

John 4:25 Jesus is speaking to the woman in Samaria, - I know Messiah is coming

- **v.26 – I who speak to you AM – literally “I AM (Ego Eimi) the (One) speaking to you”**

John 18:2-6: Judas and officers going to arrest Jesus

- Jesus said, “Whom do you seek?” They answered “Jesus the Nazarene”
- Jesus said **I AM** - They fell to the ground when Jesus said **“I AM”**

Matthew 14:25-29 - it is in the wake of feeding the five thousand, a very important miracle where Jesus revealed who He is

- 3am onwards this event took place; they saw “a ghost” they think
- Jesus spoke (as He walked on the water) in NKJV ‘Be of good cheer. It is I, do not be afraid’
- Literally, **Jesus said, “Take courage, I AM, do not be afraid”**
- While Peter believed that Jesus was God, he could do anything Jesus told him to do – even walk on water! [This is confirmed in **Mark 6:50, John 6:20**]
- **Jesus revealed Himself as I AM**
- **v.32-33** When they got into the boat the wind ceased and ***“those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God”***

Luke 22:70-71 – Jesus brought before the Sanhedrin who asked, “Are You then the Son of God?”

- NKJV says ‘you *rightly* say that I am’ - Literal says, **‘you say, because, I AM’**
- **v.71** – They had heard from His own mouth Jesus say “I AM”

Seven ‘I AMs’ in John’s Gospel – (Ego Eimi sayings)

- **John 6:48 (35,51) – I AM the Bread of Life**
- **John 10:7 – I AM the Door**
- **John 8:12 – I AM the Light of the world**
- **John 10:11 – I AM the Good Shepherd**
- **John 11:25 – I AM the Resurrection and the Life**
- **John 14:6 – I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life**
- **John 15:1 – I AM the True Vine**

Jesus was ‘in the form of God’

- **Philippians 2:6** - Christ Jesus, who **being** (subsisting, existing) in the **form** (morphe – the essential and specific form and character) of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God
- **“being”** #5225 Gk **“huparcho”** – to begin under, to exist
- **“form”** #3444 Gk. **‘morphe’** – shape, fig. nature, it is the special or characteristic form or feature of a person or thing
- **v.7** – Jesus, in form of God, also took form of a servant, coming in likeness of men

Jesus was the 'Word' who became flesh

John 1:1 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"* – literally 'God was the Word'

- **v.14** *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"*

1 Timothy 3:16 *"God was manifested in the flesh ..."*

Jesus is the great I AM

Revelation 1:8 - I, I AM the Alpha and the Omega

- **v.11** – I, I AM the Alpha and Omega...
- **v.17** – I, I AM the First and the Last

Revelation 22:13 - I, I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End

- **v.16** – I, I AM the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star

Matthew 28:20 – when giving us the Great Commission said, *"and lo, I, I AM, with you till the end of the age!"*

**Jesus, the great I AM will be with us as we obey
His command to make disciples!**

GENERATIONS

God is the God of generations

- He said he was the 'God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob'.
- There was a heritage to pass on

Pass on to the next generation

Paul passed on a patten of lifestyle to Timothy

- **2 Timothy 3:10-11** – this is the inheritance that Paul is passing on to the next generation.
- Timothy was a disciple raised up by Paul [**Acts 16** – taken on team by Paul] and trained to be an apostle.

Paul gives an outline of what he has imparted to Timothy

- Timothy has "**carefully followed**" what he has received from Paul; we need to 'carefully follow' the pattern of discipleship that we have been given.
- **the Doctrine** – the word of God; be faithful to pass on the doctrine to the next generation
- Jesus gave His disciples the doctrine, so they would carry the word that He carried. [**John 17:8**]
- **Manner of life** – a way to live, a way to conduct yourself. Following the example set for us.
- A daily way to walk with Jesus. A lifestyle of putting Jesus first.
- Having a spiritual father to be an example to follow (**Mal.4:5-6; 1 Cor.11:1**)
- The inheritance that we are to pass on is our manner of life. The example of being in fellowship [**Acts 2:42-47**]. Tithing is to be part of our manner of life – Jesus taught on tithing in **Matthew 23:23**
- **Purpose** – Paul's purpose was to reach all nations. His commitment to the call of God. Jesus gave the Commission in **Matthew 28:18-20**. This is the gospel!
- **Faith** – Timothy saw Paul's faith. He saw Paul's faith at work. How he responded by believing in Jesus in every situation.
- **Longsuffering** – Timothy saw Paul's ability to 'suffer long'. You need longsuffering when you are dealing with people.
- Paul carried the brethren in his heart [**2 Cor.11:28; Gal.4:19**]
- **Love, perseverance** – were also characteristics of Paul's lifestyle

- **Persecutions, afflictions** – Paul knew that the Lord was with him even in the midst of trials and had a testimony that *'the Lord delivered me'*.
- these were all things that Timothy saw in Paul and was able to follow.
- **2 Tim.3:12** – *"All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution"*! The brethren need to be told that they will suffer tribulations. (**Acts 14:22b**).

Noah 'perfect' in his generation

Noah was given the task to build in his generation

Genesis 6:9 – Noah stood out in his generation. He was 'perfect' or 'blameless' because **he walked with God.**

- God had a task for Noah to do in his generation
- He was given the instructions of how to build the ark.
- God gave the pattern of how to build it.

We are to build in our generation

- In our generation we have the pattern of how to build the church – the church needs to be built in every generation.
- We need to build on the apostolic foundation of the Scriptures

True apostles and prophets needed

- True apostles and prophets are needed in every generation, to bring people back to the true foundations, to the revelation of Jesus Christ (**Eph.2:20**).
- Unfortunately, the 'church' has been built on denominational foundations, not the apostolic foundations. We need to come back to the true foundations.
- God wants to raise up many apostles and prophets in every generation to build according to the pattern.

➔ Noah provided an ark of salvation in his generation

➔ The church is to be an ark of salvation in every generation

Serve in our generation by the will of God

Acts 13:36 – David *"served his own generation by the will of God"*

- We are to serve our own generation by the will of God
- This is the heart that we are to have

What is to be delivered to the next generation

An understanding of the Name

Exodus 3:13-15 - God's memorial to all generations is His Name.

- We are to reveal the Name in all generations
- **John 17:6** – Jesus manifested the name to the ones given to Him. Jesus revealed the name

- **John 8:58** – Jesus said *"Before Abraham was, I AM"*
- We need to know His name, and to make known the name to the next generation. Jesus is the I AM in the flesh.
- **Phil.2:9-11** - God gave Jesus the Name above all other names. The Name is JESUS! Jesus is YAHWEH coming to save us. We need to know the Name.

The Feasts in fulfillment

- The three Feasts are to be kept for all generations (**Lev.23**)
- Passover – receiving Jesus and being born again,
- Pentecost – receiving and being empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Tabernacles – knowing the reality of sonship and walking in our inheritance

Every generation is to keep the Lampstand burning – Ex.27:20-21

- Functioning in the anointing; knowing the reality of the gifts of the Spirit functioning – **1 Corinthians 12:8-10**
- Giving light to the world

The Lord's Table

Exodus 29:42 – the daily offerings

- The burnt offering was to be continual throughout all generations, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
- God wants to meet with us and speak with us as we celebrate the Lord's Table
- The Lord's Table is to be celebrated in all generations – it is to be a way of life.
- Jesus became the Lamb offering – but left us with grain offering [bread] and wine [the cup].

Honour God with your finance

Numbers 15:21 – the first loaf of bread was to be *'a heave offering throughout all your generations'*

- The first of your increase is to be offered to God
- Reminding us to honour God with our finance.
- This is to be done in every generation.

A generation who seek God

Psalm 24:3-6

- **Who may ascend?** He who has clean hands and a pure heart.
- There is a generation – the generation of Jacob
- **v.6** - The generation who **seek God**, who seek God's face! There is a generation of Jacob

Who was Jacob? Gen.32:22-30

- Jacob was the man who wrestled with the 'Man'; Jacob said *'I will not let you go until you bless me'*. Jacob was a man who knew he needed to change; he was prepared to hold onto God until he was changed.

- Jacob had to own up to who he was – say his name. ‘Jacob’ means ‘a deceiver’.
- Jacob was given a new name, ‘Israel’, because he "***struggled with God and men, and ... prevailed***".
- Jacob was changed – he knew he had seen the face of God.

Be a generation who seek God

- Be a generation who seek the face of God,
- Be willing to own up to mistakes and be willing to change, no matter what the cost.
- ‘Jacob’ became known as ‘Israel’ and the nation became known as Israel
- Become a holy nation, a generation of overcomers
- Now we can lift up our heads and the King of Glory shall come in! YAHWEH of Hosts is His name - **Psalm 24:9-10**

**We are to be the generation of Jacob, those who seek God,
ushering in the King of Glory. AMEN**

GRACE AND APOSTLESHIP

There are three harbour lights to know you are in the will of God:

1. Is it the will of God? – is it according to the word of God?
2. Is it confirmed by the Holy Spirit? – you will have 'peace in your heart'.
3. Do the circumstances open up? – the doors open, finance is there etc.

Four Key words if we are to be an apostolic people

1. **Committed** – to the call of God, to follow Jesus, and to relationships in the body
2. **Submitted** – be humble. Submitted to God, to those in leadership, and to others in the body. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and let God sort things out.
3. **Accountable** – don't keep things in the dark. Report back – successes and failures. Debrief to others – this is how we learn and change/grow. The apostles were accountable to Jesus - **Mark 6:30**; also see **Acts 14:27**.
4. **Apostleship, able to be Sent** – if you are sent you are to represent the ones sending you. You can only be sent if you have been obedient to points 1, 2 & 3.

Romans 1:5 "*Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name."*

It is through Christ we have received ...

- What we have received comes through Christ; we have received **grace and apostleship** [the authority delegated by Christ]
- We have received – it comes through apostles, but it is for all of us, for the whole church
- The church is to be an apostolic body, with delegated authority from Christ. We have been commissioned to function, with authority.
- This authority comes from Christ to do His will
- This is the means by which we can fulfill the Great Commission – **Matt.28:18-20**

Jesus has all Authority

- When Jesus gave the commission, Jesus said '**all authority**' has been given to Him, and in that authority, He tells us to '**go**' (**Matt.28:18-19**).
- **The faith** is teaching all things that Jesus commanded. Grace and apostleship have been given for '**obedience**' to the faith (**Rom.1:5**)
- **Teaching them to observe** – to obey, put it into practice.
- This is the purpose of the gospel – to bring nations to the obedience of the faith. To bring all ethnic groups within political nations, to the obedience of the faith.

All are to become obedient to the faith!

What is the faith?

- **Jude v.3** – "**contend earnestly for the faith**"
- note it is 'the faith'; that which we most surely believe. The faith is the whole Bible, as it is written.
- **Luke 1:1-4** – this faith is delivered! We are to deliver this faith to the saints.
- The major purpose of the apostolic ministry in this generation is to bring people back to the faith. Come out of traditions and denominational practices.
- We are to accurately follow the faith, the word [**Acts 18:26** – Apollos was taught the word of God more accurately]
- The apostolic doctrine is to give us understanding: "**so that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed**".
- this is what the apostolic doctrine is to do, to enable you to speak the word of God with authority.

Contend earnestly for the faith

- Jude was stirring up the ones to whom he was writing to '*contend earnestly for the faith*'.
- We are not agreeing to disagree! We need to contend earnestly for the faith! For example: baptism; Lord's Table; the five-fold ministry in the church today.
- The faith is the apostles' doctrine – **Acts 2:42**
- Continue in the doctrine/the faith in a committed way. This word comes with apostolic authority.
- When you speak the word of God, it has the authority of God. We need to bring people back to that reality.

GRACE

Saved by grace

- **Ephesians 2:8** - we are saved by grace
- It is a gift; but it is more than what just saves you.

Greek '*Charis*' – it manifests mysteriously; when someone is touched by the grace, it changes them; they become different, softer.

- It works invisibly in your inner man.
- Grace indicates favour on behalf of the giver; the one giving grace is favouring that person – we are all God's favourites
- As those who have received God's grace, we respond in gratitude to God, thanksgiving abounds. We become gracious ourselves.
- Grace releases thanksgiving, and the more you stay thankful, the more grace continues to flow.

Grace enables us

- **Ephesians 3:1-2** – Paul received a dispensation [stewardship] of grace given to him for us. Grace to handle responsibility
- This is **grace to minister** to others

- **v.8** – this **grace was given to preach** the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- Grace is given to do the work of ministry that God has called us to do.
- When you are doing things in your own effort it becomes hard. If the grace isn't there, don't do it!
- Only do what you have been given grace to do; you have God's energy, motivation; often there is a grace given for a season, then it lifts

Ministry gifts are given by grace

- **Ephesians 4:7** "*But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift*"
- the five ministry gifts listed in **v.11** - are gifts of grace; each gift releases a particular grace to the body, and each grace is needed to bring the body to maturity (**v.12-16**)

APOSTLESHIP

- Apostleship means a 'sending', or a commissioning,
- Authority is released to function in a particular gift, to be set in place
- There is the authority of Jesus to be sent to do a particular task.
- There is grace and authority to function in the ministry you have been called to – this is the apostleship.

The word is used four times in the Scriptures

- **Romans 1:5** – a sending to go to nations and bring them to the obedience of the faith.
- **Acts 1:25** – a particular calling to function, to be set in place as Matthias was to be the twelfth apostle.
- **1 Cor.9:2** – there will be fruit from the ministry, fruit of discipleship. Paul was able to say, 'You are the seal of my apostleship'.
- **Gal.2:8** – having a particular sphere of ministry. Paul had a commission to the Gentiles, Peter to the Jews. Apostleship is the authority to function in a particular domain or sphere.

Sent with the authority of Christ

- When we are sent, the Sender [Christ] goes with us!
- We are never sent to work on our own
- those who sent you are with you in the work.

We are part of an apostleship – to bring all nations to the obedience of the faith. Together we have received this grace and this apostleship

Hearing from God; dreams, visions, gifts of the Holy Spirit

Expect to hear from God

- When we have invited Jesus into our lives, we can expect to hear from God.
- We have access to the thoughts of God - **1 Cor.2:16**. The very mind of Christ.
- His thoughts that He wants to communicate to us can come to us in our spirit.

We have received the Spirit who is from God

- We have received the Spirit who is from God, so we can know the things of God (**1 Cor.2:12-13**)
- If the Spirit of God is in us (**Romans 8:11**), He can bring to us the mind of God
- One of the promises of the New Covenant is - He **puts 'His word in our minds and writes it on our hearts'** (**Hebrews 8:10**).

Receive direction from God

- God can encourage and show His eternal purpose through vision.
- Out of the vision direction can come.
- A trance is an open vision while awake – seeing something in the spirit; God gives interpretation. For example, Peter in **Acts 10:9-16 & 24-29** – God spoke through a trance and gave the interpretation to Peter.

A vision or dream can come in the context of Spiritual Warfare

- to show you how you can stand,
- it can bring a warning, so you know how to pray, or be encouraging so you know how to conduct yourself in the work at hand.
- 'Head' can represent 'authority' in a dream or vision. The apostolic team can overcome the authority of the enemy.

The Lord's Table can be a powerful tool of spiritual warfare.

- We are '**proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes**' (**1 Cor.11:26**).
- There has been much contention and religious opposition to the Lord's Table.

We can hear from God as we are 'in the way'.

We need to be listening for His voice.

Samuel an example of one who heard the voice of God

- Samuel was 'in the presence of YAHWEH; He heard God calling his name
- Samuel was instructed to say, "**Speak, LORD [YAHWEH], for Your servant hears**"
- Be willing to 'wait' to hear what God speaks.

Interpretation of Dreams

- If we have a dream, it will usually need an interpretation.
- Go to God and ask Him for the interpretation,
- it is good to get confirmation of the interpretation. This can come directly to you, but also be confirmed by other brethren.

Respond in prayer

- Sometimes a dream or vision can be shown by God for the purpose of us praying and interceding for a particular situation or people,
- we may not know what they are going through, but we need to be obedient and pray as we are directed by God.
- We can then find out later what the result of our intercession was.
- This can be in the context of brethren being out on mission in the nations.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- Any Spirit-filled believer can function in these gifts – they are **given by the Holy Spirit**
- These gifts of the Holy Spirit can manifest at any time for a particular need,
→ for example: a word of knowledge that reveals a healing need; discernment of spirits in a deliverance situation; etc.

A Practical Exercise to Journal and hear from God

1. Read a passage of Scripture
2. Ask God, "What do You want to say"?
3. Personalise what you read
4. Relate to the word you are reading
5. What speaks to you, 'jumps out at you' from what you have read.
6. Write out the verse in your journal – write a prayer out of what you have read
7. Wait on God for what He might say to you.
8. Write the thoughts that come to you.

Which church do you belong to?

What is meant by the word 'Church'?

- Many people ask this question 'Which church do you go to'?
- They expect you to say 'this denomination' or 'that particular church'
- We need to understand what is meant by the word 'church'

The church means "the called-out ones"

- Greek word is 'ekklesia' – a calling out
- A group of people called out for a special purpose.
- Are you one who has been 'called out of the world to follow Jesus'?

Who does the 'church' belong to?

- Jesus said "*I will build My church*" **Matt.16:18**
- The church belongs to Jesus!
- It is built on the revelation of who Jesus is: Peter got the revelation that Jesus was 'the Christ, the Son of God'

The church is the body of Christ

- "*Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually*" **1Cor.12:27**
- As believers in Jesus, we belong to His body.
- **1 Cor.12:13** – "*we were all baptised into one body*" – baptism places into the body.

Christ is the head of the church, which is His body

- "*Christ is head of the church, and He is the Saviour of the body*" **Eph.5:23**
- "*And He is the head of the body, the church...*" **Col.1:18**
- There is only one Head of the church
- The head of the Church is Christ – not under a denominational structure

The church is the house of God

- "*Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are*" **Heb.3:6**
- "*... the house of God, which is the church of the Living God*" **1 Tim.3:15**

He has set foundations for His church

- The foundation 'rock' is Jesus Christ – **1 Cor.3:11**
- "*Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*" **Eph.2:20**
- Apostles & Prophets are the God ordained foundation of His church by bringing the revelation of who Jesus is.

God has set an order in His church

- ***"And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that, miracles then gifts of healings ..."***
1 Cor.12:28
- This is God's order! Not Bishops, senior pastors, Reverends etc

The church of Jesus Christ is a many membered body

- ***"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."*** 1 Cor.12:12
Christ the Head + many members = the church

Each member has been placed in the body by God

- ***"Now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."*** 1 Cor.12:18
- We are placed in the body by God!
- Everyone has a place in His church.

Every member of the body needs to function

- We are to ***"grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ – from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."***
Eph.4:15-16
- When each member of the body is functioning & rightly related to the head, the church will come to maturity

The five-fold ministry recognised and functioning

- ***"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers."*** Eph.4:11
- All the five gifts release grace to the body
- In the church Jesus is building the five gifts are received

These gifts are to do the work of the ministry to enable the body to grow to maturity

- ***"For the equipping of the saints" & "For the building up of the body of Christ."*** Eph.4:12
- ***"Until"*** the church comes to the ***"unity of the faith, unto a perfect man"*** v.13
- The church is to grow up

The church is built of living stones

- ***"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"*** 1 Pet.2:5

- We are a spiritual house, offering up spiritual sacrifices – praise, worship, prayer, intercession

The church is to be a dwelling place for God

- ***"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." Eph.2:21-22***
- We are to be fitted together in the Lord, so He can indwell us
- God has always desired to dwell with His people
- God will manifest in the midst of His church

**This is a victorious church!
Seated with Christ far above all principalities and powers
– the enemy under our feet!**

"And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."
Eph.1:20-23

"And raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus" Eph.2:6

This is the Church which we belong to!