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# **FILL THE EARTH**

## **Genesis 1:28**

- God blessed the man and woman
- Told them to be fruitful, multiply and **fill the earth**
- This is the "Creational Mandate"

1. Be fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the earth
4. Subdue it (military term)
5. Have dominion/rulership

God's creational intention

Firstly God created Man – male and female, He created them in His image

## **Genesis 1:1**

- God **created** the heavens and the earth
- **"Created"** – Hb. **'bara'** – form, fashion, produce, create, only refers to God creating the visible from the invisible, never refers to man 'creating' (**Colossians 1:16**)

## **Genesis 1:26**

- "Let Us **make** man"
- "make" – used as a synonym for 'create' ('bara'), again in the context only something God can do
- "made man in His own **image** – ('**tselim**' – image in the sense of the essential nature) and His own **likeness** (**d'muwth** – resemblance, model, shape, signifies the original after which the thing is patterned)
- even after the fall something of His essential nature has remained in us
- This is why we are worth redeeming because God made us with His essential nature

The intention was that **man would have dominion, to rule the earth**

**God created man to fill the earth**

## **THE BLESSING TO FULFIL THE 5 STEPS Genesis 1:28**

**1. BE FRUITFUL** – have children like their father, that look like God

- **Genesis 5:1-3** – Adam was made in the likeness of God, then Adam begot a son called Seth in his own likeness
- "begetting" is not creating
- This is to have children in the image and likeness of God
- Fruitful means to bear fruit

**2. MULTIPLY** – increase, to have much, become many, exceedingly

- this is when your children beget more children in the image and likeness of God
- this is begetting spiritual children; become numerous, become great

### **3. FILL THE EARTH** – (KJV) “replenish” – to fill, to be full of, overflow

- we begin to fill the earth when the third generation begins to have children in the image of God
- “being armed for war”, “to fill the hand with a bow” – this is beginning to enter the warfare for the earth
- This means to learn to do battle and use your weapons of warfare
- “to ordain”, “to endow” (**2 Timothy 1:6**)
- It is only when we **fill the earth** that we can take step number 4 to subdue the earth

There has been much strange “spiritual warfare” with spiritual mapping and other strange doctrines

### **4. SUBDUE IT** – “tread down”

- an idol is nothing unless you give credence and worship to it
- “to conquer”, “to subjugate”, “to violate” the enemy
- We can show up the enemy for who he is

### **5. HAVE DOMINION** – “to rule and reign”

**This is God’s creation mandate that He has given to Man – male and female**

## **FILL THE EARTH – HOW DO WE DO IT?**

a) Do what Jesus said to do

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

- make disciples of **all the nations**
- ### **Mark 16:15**
- preach the gospel in **all the world to every creature**
- ### **Luke 24:46-47**
- preach in **all nations**

### **1 Corinthians 4:14-17**

- Paul talking to the Corinthians about Timothy
- We are to beget sons spiritually
- Paul said, “you have not had many fathers, but I have begotten you through the gospel” (**v.15**)
- sons are begotten
- Paul as a father said “imitate me” (**v.16**) – grow up in my image and likeness, seek to grow up to be like me
- how could Paul say that as a human? In the gospel there are meant to be fathers who the children can follow, apostles, apostolic leaders who we can become like
- Paul said that Timothy was a **faithful and beloved** son who would teach the same things as Paul (**v.17**)

### **Philippians 2:19-24**

- Paul could **send Timothy** on his behalf
- Timothy as a son would care for the brethren with the same care as Paul

- Timothy has “proven character” because he functioned as a son with his father in the gospel

To fill the earth there needs to be sons planted everywhere

We are facing a crisis to come out of this “church” mold and “ministry” mold and our own mindsets of what a disciple is

We are at SHILOH going through a change from discipleship to servanthood, putting the hand to the plough and doing the work

Sons begetting sons begetting sons....

Apostolic schools being planted

### **Sons know the Father**

- there is a family likeness and family purpose
- teachers alone can never bring this forth, we need fathers
- It is by making disciples, training servants and raising and sending sons

### **There is an enemy**

- the enemy has been there from the beginning and he was to be subdued

#### **1 Peter 5:8-9**

- be sober, vigilant, the adversary the devil goes about like a roaring lion seeking to devour

- the devil can be scary

- the warfare is real and there is an enemy to overcome

- **Resist him steadfast in the faith**

### **What happened in the beginning?**

- Adam and Eve disobeyed God and became ensnared by the devil
- This was because they lacked knowledge, they were looking for knowledge but they did not listen to God’s instruction – they went to the wrong source

### **Where is this knowledge available to us?**

#### **Ephesians 3:8**

- Paul given grace to preach among the nations the unsearchable riches of Messiah

**v.9** - to see (have revelation) what is the fellowship of the mystery

- Adam and Eve did not see/have revelation of God in Christ, they walked away from Him and fellowship with Him

- they did not see the mystery of God manifest in the flesh – **1 Timothy 3:16**

- Paul was given grace to make known this mystery, this fellowship we have with God in Christ

- this mystery was hidden in God who made all things through Jesus Christ

- In Christ is the knowledge of God

- Adam and Eve could have tapped into this fellowship of the mystery but they missed it and went to the wrong source

**v.10** – when the church discovers this mystery then the church will make known the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers – subjugating the enemy!

### **WHAT IS GOD’S PERSPECTIVE?**

#### **Numbers 14:21**

- the glory of Yahweh will **fill the earth** as surely as He lives
  - God said "**Fill the earth**" – **Genesis 1:28**  
**Isaiah 11:9**
  - the **knowledge of Yahweh** (discipleship) will **fill the earth** as the waters cover the sea  
**Habbakuk 2:14**
  - **earth filled** with **knowledge** (discipleship) of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea
- We are to preach the knowledge of the glory!

### **How will the earth be filled?**

#### **Mark 16:15-16**

- Go into **all the world**, preach gospel to every creature
- We do not go into church but into all the world
- Stop going to church and start being the church going into all the world

#### **Luke 24:44-49**

- Jesus gave the apostles revelational understanding of the Scripture
- Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in Messiah's name **to all nations** beginning where you are

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

- Jesus said He had all authority
- **Make disciples of all the nations**
- baptise them in the name
- teach them to observe all things I commanded you
- I will be with you always to the **end of the age** (**John 17:15**)

### **It is not enough to get equipped then to run!**

**To really be fruitful means you can raise sons not just "do ministry"**

### **We must be fathered so that we can go out as a son**

**Sending is only effective if we are sent as sons, then we can beget after the same kind**

To fill the earth we must be fathered

We are then **committed** – faithful to represent the one who sends us

We are then **submitted**

We are then **accountable** for our life and conduct

Are we following the pattern to be an apostolic person not just a "Christian"?

We need to cry out for the Spirit of Sonship being fully released in us (**Romans 8:15**)

We are to be fully yoked to Jesus in the Body

God wants disciples – this is what Jesus commanded us to do

## **WHAT ARE THE PRACTICES OF FILLING THE EARTH?**



1. **be a disciple** – learn, follow, imitate and do not be ashamed to do so; Taught
2. **be trained** – how do you do the ministry? How do you lay hands on the sick? How do you baptise? The training is an apprenticeship style; being a shadow to the person training you
3. **be sent** – this can be as simple as being sent to do administrative tasks, and practical jobs for ministry to the nations

Sending will only be effective if you have been properly fathered and you are sent as a faithful son

This is God's word to the church worldwide!

It is time to fill the earth!

Every son who is sent out has unlimited resources, power and knowledge, never lacking for anything

Only sons can reproduce

Father/son relationship, someone to imitate, be trained by

# **PERILOUS TIMES**

**2 Timothy 3:1** know this, in the last days, "perilous times will come"

**"perilous"** – Harsh, savage, difficult, dangerous, painful, fierce, grievous, hard to deal with. The word describes a society that is barren of virtue but abounding with vices.

In our day the US Supreme Court ruled that "marriage" can include homosexuals for the USA – there is a war!

In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled it is ok to kill babies in the womb for the USA. Perilous times have come

**2 Timothy 3:2-4** 18 negative words describing these times

1. lovers of themselves – taking "selfies"
2. lovers of money – people love it whether they have it or not
3. boasters
4. proud
5. blasphemers – speaking disrespectfully of the things of God
6. disobedient to parents
7. unthankful
8. unholy
9. unloving
10. unforgiving
11. slanderers
12. without self-control
13. brutal
14. despisers of good
15. traitors
16. headstrong
17. haughty
18. lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

**2 Timothy 3:5**

- "having a form of godliness but denying its power"
- satisfied with "attending a church" that is dead to the things of God

**v.6** – this sort creep in

**v.7** – they are always learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth

- going from one religion to another, one teaching to another but never finding Jesus

**v.8** – Jannes and Jambres, witchcraft, sorcerers

- they resist the truth
- corrupt minds
- disapproved concerning the faith
- these are "Christian leaders" who are resisting the truth
- trying to copy miracles but with demonic power, trying to resist the truth

- do not be disturbed by people having spiritual power from the devil, resist them

**v.9** – they will not progress further, they will be seen for who they are

We must stop being wishy washy and speak the truth boldly

Let's stop allowing people to live without being challenged/confronted with the truth

## **THE ANSWER TO LIVING IN PERILOUS TIMES**

**v.10 But YOU!** carefully follow:

i) **my doctrine** – the gospel, the teaching

ii) **manner of life** – example of leaders/apostolic (Heb.13:7, 17)

iii) **purpose** – this is the “why” we do what we do

iv) **faith** – what we believe – Jude 3, what did the first apostles preach (Acts 5:42)

v) **longsuffering** – it is necessary for living in these days, grace given, character attribute we need to foster in our lives

vi) **love** – 2 Peter 1:5-7, “love” is the last attribute to attain to, maturity

vii) **perseverance** – endure, hold up under great pressure

viii) **persecutions** – pressure comes in this way

ix) **afflictions**

### **v.11**

- out of all the afflictions the Lord delivered me

- Jesus will help us, we will get deliverance, ways out

### **v.12**

- all who desire to live godly will suffer persecution

### **v.13**

- evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse

- it is a downhill slope, it continues to get worse

- deceiving and being deceived

### **v.14**

- continue in the things you have learned and been assured of this is discipleship, knowing from whom you have learned

### **v.15**

- we are to know the Holy Scriptures which make us wise for salvation in Christ Jesus; this only comes through discipleship

- the word from here is reliable, it changes lives, it reaches nations

- discipleship is the key, it is what you need, grounded and founded in the Word so you can teach others

### **v.16**

- All Scripture is God-breathed it is profitable for:

i) doctrine, ii) reproof, iii) correction, iv) instruction in righteousness

## **THE CHARGE TO TIMOTHY IN THE MIDST OF PERILOUS TIMES**

## **2 TIMOTHY 4**

### **v.1-2**

- before the Lord Jesus Christ, before God
- **Preach the Word!**
- **Convince** – do your best to convince them
- **Rebuke**
- **Exhort**
- **with all longsuffering** – do not give up
- **Teaching** – giving more of the detail, putting things together clearly

**v.3-4** – time will come that people will not endure sound doctrine  
- people will turn from the truth to fables

**v.5** – be watchful, endure, fulfil ministry

**v.6** – the result of keeping the faith is to be poured out as a drink offering and depart if Jesus has not come yet

### **Paul talking about sons, not “churches” as such, 2 Timothy 4:9-16**

**v.9-10** – Demas forsook Paul loving the world

- Titus and Crescens are out in the gospel

**v.11** – Luke was with him

- Mark was now useful to Paul

**v.12** – Tychicus was sent to Ephesus

**v.13** – Bring the cloak and books and parchments

**v.14-15** – Alexander did Paul harm and the Lord will deal with him, beware of him

**v.16** – no one stood with Paul

## **FURTHER WARNINGS - 1 TIMOTHY 4**

**v.1** – Spirit expressly said that in latter times some will depart from the faith and giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

- many “Christians” today think homosexual “m” is ok

### **What is the answer to this? What is the context?**

**1 Timothy 3:15-16** – the verse before explains the mystery of Jesus as “God manifest in the flesh” and that the church is the “pillar and ground of the truth” being founded on the truth of who Jesus is

The first apostles were preaching and teaching Jesus the Christ – **Acts 5:42**

### **People were saved by hearing the preaching of Jesus Christ**

#### **1 Timothy 4:6**

- If you instruct the brethren in these things you will be a good minister
- “nourished in the words of faith” – not just “preaching the word of faith!” but teaching the Word; “and of the good doctrine”, we need the doctrine, the proclamation of the truth

### **How do we respond to the perilous times we live in? Be an example**

#### **v.12**

- “but be an example to the believers in Word” – **1 Tim. 3:16**
- to call Jesus the “Son of God” means Jesus is God manifest in the flesh

- speak the Word, be an example
- in conduct = behaviour
- in love
- in spirit – kingdom is in the Spirit, **Romans 14:17**
- in faith – Jesus Christ is the only foundation, **1 Cor.3:11**
- in purity – virtue, moral excellence

### **v.13**

- give attention to reading – public reading of Scripture
- to exhortation, preaching
- to doctrine, teaching

3 things in every meeting

- i) reading Scripture
- ii) exhortation – preaching
- iii) doctrine - teaching

### **v.14**

- stir up the gift of the Spirit of God that is in you
- desire earnestly the gifts, especially to prophesy

### **v.15**

- meditate on these things
- set your mind on these things, **Colossians 3:1-4**
- give yourself entirely to these things and your progress will be evident to all, you will make progress
- take heed to yourself and the doctrine
- continue, do not give up

### **v.16**

- this will save yourself and those who hear you

## **PREACHING JESUS CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**It is the doctrine, the truth concerning Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God,**

### **Acts 8:12**

- Philip preached the kingdom of God
- Philip preached the name of Jesus Christ

Jesus spoke about the kingdom – **Matthew 13**, in the here and now, the world

### **Acts 8:35-38**

- Philip preached Jesus from the Scripture

### **Acts 5:40-42**

- were beaten for preaching Jesus
- when released they continued

### **Acts 28:30-31**

- Paul had a rented house, received all who came to him
- Last view we have of Paul was “preaching the kingdom of God and teaching everything that concerns Jesus Christ”

### **2 Timothy 4:16-18**

- Paul lived in perilous times

- The Lord stood with Paul
- the message was fully preached through Paul
- so the nations would hear
- He was delivered from the mouth of the lion by the Lord
- Paul found himself in circumstances totally out of his control and Jesus delivered him
- Paul was confident of continual deliverance and preservation for the kingdom

**v.22** – the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit

- you will need Jesus with you, in your spirit
- you will know you are not standing alone
- “Grace be with you”

# **PETER'S REVELATION**

## **Matthew 16**

- **v.5-12** – Jesus tells the disciples to beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees (their was no power in their doctrine) –  
**2 Timothy 3:5**
- true doctrine has the power of God (the power to transform and bring change)
- **2 John 7-9** – many deceivers have gone out into the world, they don't confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh
- He who abides in the true doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son – this is the doctrine with power

## **Matthew 16**

- **V.13** Jesus asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" – People today still have many views
- Jesus was in the region of Caesarea, Philippi (a place full of witchcraft and idol worship and a place dedicated to the Roman Empire, the political power of the time)
- **V.14** – they mention lots of prophets – many people today still only see Jesus as a prophet and nothing more
- **V.15** – "But who do you say that I am?" (The way we answer this question will determine our destiny.)
- **V.16** – Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." – these were not new terms to Peter. As a Jew He knew the Scriptures and was expecting the Messiah the Son of God as spoken of in the Scriptures. The revelation was that this Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God!
- **V.17** – this came by revelation from the Father in heaven – true doctrine comes by revelation!
- **V.18** – upon this **rock** (the revelation of who Jesus is) I will build My church – the first time Jesus mentions the church, it could only be built when someone had the revelation of who Jesus is
- The church that Jesus is building is built upon revelation
- The gates of hell will not prevail against this church
- We need to know who Jesus is, to have victory over the devil
- I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (this was linked with the revelation that Peter had just received) – knowing Jesus as Messiah releases the authority of the kingdom!

### **v.16 – The Revelation**

#### **1) You are the Christ**

Christ – Christos (Greek) – 'Anointed one',  
Messiah – Maschiach (Hebrew) – 'Anointed One'

## **EXPECTING THE CHRIST**

**Luke 2:25** – Simeon was looking for the Consolation of Israel (Isaiah 40) – “Comfort My People”

**v.26** – he lived in an expectancy that he would see the Messiah

**Luke 3:15-16** – the people were in expectation

- The Messiah would be the one who would release the Holy Spirit (**Isaiah**

**11:1-9** – His kingdom is in the Holy Spirit – **Romans 14:17**)

- The Messiah would be the Anointed King

- The people were looking for a king, a ruler, one who would bring deliverance to His people

**Messiah in the Scriptures**– mainly translated as ‘Anointed’

**1 Sam 2:10** - ...He will exalt the horn of His anointed (**Messiah**), a King

- the disciples were preaching that there was another king (Jesus) – **Acts**

**17:6-7** – and this preaching turned the world upside down, challenging the ruling authorities of the day

**Psalms 2**

- kings of the earth and rulers take counsel against the LORD and against His Anointed (**Messiah**)

- **v.4** – He who sits in the heavens laughs

- **v.6** – I have set **My King** on My holy hill of Zion (the heavenly Jerusalem, the place of God’s government) – this is the answer to the perilous times we live in, the answer to the nations raging against God

- Jesus the Messiah is seated at the right hand of God, far above all other rule and power – **Ephesians 1:20-21**

- **v.10-12** – be wise, O kings

- if you don’t worship the Son, He will be angry

- you will be blessed if you put your trust in Him – this is the gospel of Messiah

**Psalms 18:50** God shows mercy to His **Anointed (Messiah)**, to David and his seed

**Isaiah 55:3-4**

- the sure mercies of David, a Leader and Commander

- The Messiah would be of the seed/line of David

**2 Samuel 7:12-13**

- There would be a seed of David

- God would establish His kingdom

- He would build a house for God’s name (the church is the house –

**1 Timothy 3:15**)

- the throne of His kingdom would be established forever (speaking of a greater than Solomon) – an eternal kingdom

The Jews knew that this Messiah would have a kingdom that would last forever.

- Jesus is referred to as the Saviour directly 17x

- Jesus is referred to as the Christ over 550x

- we should be preaching that Jesus is the Christ

The Jews were looking for a strong Deliverer not a “Saviour to take them to heaven” but a Messiah who would establish the kingdom of God on the earth, delivering His people from their enemies



## **Daniel 9:25-26**

- “**Messiah**” is called the “**Prince**”

‘**Prince**’ in the Hebrew means the chief, the commander, the exalted one

Peter knew that Jesus was the fulfilment of all of the hope of Israel.

Jesus was the fulfilment of the Scriptures – The Word become flesh! – **John 1:14**

## **YOU ARE THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD**

**Acts 9:20** the Christ, He is the Son of God

**2 Sam 7:14** - God said, “I will be His Father and He shall be My Son”

### **Psalms 2:6-9**

- You are My Son, today I have begotten You
- The Son has an inheritance (the nations)
- **Matt 28:18-19** – all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus (the Messiah)
- Jesus is the highest authority.
- In this authority we are to go and make disciples of all nations – to gather in His inheritance
- Peter knew that Jesus was the fulfilment of these Scriptures

### **Psalms 89:26-27**

- I will make Him My firstborn (the **Son** who inherits), the highest of the kings of the earth
- **John 5:17-18** – Jesus dared to say the God was His Father, making Himself equal with God – the **Son is equal with the Father**

**Isaiah 7:14** – the Son born of the virgin would be God with us

- The **Son would be God!**

**Isaiah 9 v.6** – unto us a Child is born, a Son is given

- the name of the **Son** would be Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God,**  
**Everlasting Father,** Prince of Peace

- The name of the Son would be the Everlasting Father (Jesus said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.” – **John 14:9**).

- The government would be upon His shoulder – He possesses the kingdom

### **1 John 5:1**

- whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God

- **v.4-5** – whatever is born of God overcomes the world

- he who believes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, overcomes the world

- The gates of hell cannot prevail against you when you know who Jesus is!

**We must preach Jesus the Messiah the Son of the Living God**

Session 4 - Paul Galligan

# **Preparing a place for you**

### **John 14:2-3**

- Jesus was at the Last Supper, Judas has gone and Jesus is speaking to Peter (**John 13:36-38**)
- Jesus told Peter "**Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me**" (v.1)
- It is not enough to believe in "God" – you must know who He is, He is Jesus, believe in Jesus, the Son of God, God manifest in the flesh

**"In My Father's house are many dwellings; if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, you may be also."**

May God give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation...Ephesians 1:17-21

Jesus said He would prepare a place for us

Jesus then said He would come again to receive us to Himself so that where I, I Am.

Jesus is the I AM – He will bring us to a place in Him

### **John 14:4-6**

- Jesus told them they knew where He was going and the way
- Thomas said he did not know the way
- Jesus said, "I, I AM the Way..."
- Jesus was going to the Father, He wants us there also

The only way to come to the Life of God, the Father, is through the Son  
We must be sons to know the Father

### **Romans 8:15**

- we have not received the spirit of bondage to fear – Fear is not from God
- we have received the **Spirit of Sonship/Adoption** = the state of being a son
- sonship speaks of a particular thing happening in our lives where we come into a place/relationship with the Father

Jesus said the Way to the Father is through Him

Jesus said the Truth of the Father is through Him

Jesus said the Life of the Father is through Him (the life is in the Son)

"Adoption" = the transference of the Son, the placement of the Son

- it is a time where the Son walks openly as the mature Son to the Father

### **Example of life of Jesus**

#### **Isaiah 9:6**

- Jesus was **born** as a **Child**
- Jesus was **given** as a **Son** when He was 30 years of age at the River Jordan
- Jesus came to John the Baptist, who was of the lineage of Aaron the High Priest, Jesus was washed to become the High Priest
- Jesus was then Anointed by the Spirit to be the Son
- Jesus at the Baptism experienced the "Adoption" – the placement as the mature Son to the Father

To come to the Life of God in the Father is only through the Son  
We experience this by coming into the place of a son, to know God as "My Father, My Father" – **Romans 8:15**

### **Romans 8:16**

- we know we are children of God by the Spirit bearing witness

### **Romans 8:17**

- as children we know we are heirs of God
- we are to grow up from children to come into the place of being "sons" who inherit

The Life of the Father is only experienced through the Son

### **First Step in becoming a son**

- believe in Jesus the Messiah, we are **born again**
- we **meet Jesus** at our born again experience
- The Seed comes into us at this point
- The Seed of Abraham, Christ comes into us
- The Seed is to grow in us

### **Second Step - baptism**

- baptised into Christ – **Galatians 3:27**
- baptised into His Body – **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** (Christ is a Corporate Body, we are placed in Him)

### **The Place we are going to is "in the Father"**

This place is in Christ (the only way to know the Father is through the Son)  
The Seed of this place is in us from the time we are born again but we are to grow up into the full placement

- in baptism into Christ we are baptised into His death, burial and resurrection (**Romans 6:3-4**)

### **Third step – filled with Holy Spirit**

- **John 14:15-18** – Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit
- We are filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered
- Our revelation of Jesus becomes greater
- He fills us from being within us
- A supernatural experience
- Jesus would come to us by His Spirit giving us an expanded experience of God now

### **Fourth Step - Nurture**

- relationship with others in the Body
- feeding the pure milk of the Word – **1 Peter 2:2**
- feeding the basic/foundational doctrines/teachings – **Hebrews 6:1-2**
- healing and deliverance is part of nurture
- Pastors

### **Fifth Step – Discipleship**

- Solid food, bread, “continuing in the Word, you will know the truth” – **John 8:31-32**
- **Taught** seriously, learning the doctrine of the Word, line upon line, precept upon precept – **Isaiah 28:13**

### **Sixth Step – Servanthood**

- trained and equipped for ministry
- this for young men (male and female) – **1 John 2:13-14**
- young men are properly disciplined and now being trained for ministry/service
- they have a testimony of victory over the devil
- ministering/serving others now, teaching others
- **Meat of the Word** – because they are going to work now, working hard in the ministry
- This is the place of death, death being outworked in us  
**2 Corinthians 4:10-12** – always carrying in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus so that the life of Jesus can manifest in my body  
 - we should be dead people, dead to ambitions of being a “great minister”  
 We who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake  
 Death is working in me but life in you  
 Out of death comes life – we become ministers of life

### **Seventh Step – Sonship**

- Why did Jesus die?
- **Galatians 4:4-5** – Jesus died for us so that we could receive the adoption/placement as sons
- Jesus always had this fullness in mind, to bring us into sonship
- This is the Way
- We are to become the Sons of God in the earth
- Sonship is our destination, not heaven
- Our destination is in the Father, as sons

### **John 1:18**

- Jesus is in the Father
- Jesus wants us to be where He is
- We are to come to the place of being “in the Father”

### **Galatians 3:26**

- we are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ
- it is by believing
- all the steps we take in growth to being sons are steps of faith

### **v.27** - as many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ

- our faith walk to be a son began at Step 1, being born again and baptised
- He wants to grow us up to the “time appointed by the Father” – **Gal.4:2**

### **v.28** - all one in Christ, no distinctions now in Christ

- women can be ministers in Christ
- “sons” is not gender specific, men and women are “sons”

### **v.29** - place of inheritance

- we are Abraham’s Seed, the children of Abraham in Christ
- therefore we have an inheritance, a Promise to walk in and receive

## **Galatians 4:1**

- the heir if he remains a child does not differ from a slave
- children are too young and inexperienced to receive the inheritance

**v.2** we need to go through the steps, being nurtured, trained, serving in order to come to the place of sonship, "the time appointed by the Father"

**v.3** - children can still be in bondage to the elements of the world  
- "elements" are the principles of the world, family, culture, traditions put pressure on humans  
- we need a deliverer to break us out of this bondage

**v.4** - in the fullness of the time God sent forth His Son into the world, even placed under these elements  
- even Jesus grew up under these pressures  
- His life was under threat before He was born and after His birth

**v.5** - God did this to redeem us from under the law of sin and death, the law of the worldly elements  
- Jesus died to redeem us so that we might receive the adoption as sons  
- the joy that Jesus had that made Him endure the Cross we seeing many sons placed in the Father!

**v.6** - because you are "sons"  
- technically and officially we are "sons" from Step 1  
- because we are sons, God sends forth the "Spirit of His Son" into our hearts to cry "Abba, Father"  
- When did this happen to Jesus? At His Baptism, when Jesus was 30 years old  
- We also need to grow up to receive the Spirit of His Son in the same way Jesus did

**v.7** - therefore you are no longer a slave/servant; now you are a son  
- because God has sent the Spirit of His Son into my heart, I am a son  
- if I am a son I am an heir of God through Christ  
- the way to the Father, the truth of the Father and the life of the Father is in Christ, the Son

**As we grow up into sons we come into the place prepared for us by Jesus!**

# The Seed is the Word

The Seed is not money! The Seed is the Word!

We believe in Tithing, giving and being generous

We have more than enough as a ministry; we are provided for but we do not tell people to sow a seed of money to get a return

Many preachers are telling people to "sow a seed" of money into my ministry and you will receive a hundred fold – **this is nonsense!**

The Seed is not money; Jesus (who is God) said the Seed is the Word of God

## **WHAT IS A SEED?**

### **Genesis 1:11**

- **"whose seed is in itself"**
- **The life is in the seed**
- Within the plant was the ability to produce a seed that would produce more plants of the same kind
- One seed of wheat can produce over 100 more seeds on the stalk
- Sorghum is smaller than a wheat seed, but the head of a sorghum stalk can have 1000s of seeds of the same kind as the one that was planted

If the Seed is the Word we can apply this to the Word

### **Genesis 1:28**

- be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth
- bring forth fruit after its own kind
- this is children in the image and likeness of God – **the same kind!**

## **The Word brings forth after its own kind!**

### **Genesis 5:1-3**

- God created Man(kind) – male and female, let's be clear!
- "Adam" (the Hebrew word for "Mankind") is created male and female
- Man and woman are to be joined in marriage
- If the Man and Woman do not become joined in marriage there will be no fruit
- Adam begot a son after his own likeness and image
- We are created male and female in His likeness
- Man and Woman were created to produce children after their kind, in the image and likeness of God

### **Genesis 8:22**

- While the earth remains **"seedtime and harvest"** shall not cease
- Seed is meant to produce a harvest
- If you sow finance, you will reap finance; therefore do business with your finance and give the tithe of your increase to God for the work of the ministry
- Seed produces after its own kind
- Sow the Word of peace and receive it, you will reap peace as a harvest
- Seedtime and Harvest is in the fabric of God's creation and it will continue

**If we sow the word what will be the harvest?**

### **Hebrews 5:13**

- if we sow the "word of righteousness" we can expect a harvest of righteousness
- we need to be able to speak this word and sow it everywhere

### **2 Timothy 4:2** - Preach the Word

**Titus 1:3** "manifested His Word through preaching"; Eternal life becomes available to people because somebody is preaching the Word

**2 Timothy 2:15** "rightly dividing the Word of truth"; there is meant to be some wisdom in how you sow the word

### **How to sow the Seed and reap the Word**

#### **Isaiah 28:23-29**

- Isaiah teaching on being a farmer
- God instructs and teaches us how to sow and plant the seed
- Different seed needs to be treated differently
- God is wonderful in counsel and guidance

**1 Timothy 5:17** - elders who "labor in word and doctrine" are to be treated with honour

**2 Thessalonians 3:1** "word of the Lord may run swiftly (have free course)"

- release the Word, the Seed, liberally
- generously release the Word, let it have free course, it is not bound

#### **Colossians 3:16**

- Let the "word of Christ dwell in you richly"
- This is continual, we can teach each other and admonish one another out of this word

### **We are to sow the Word! Hebrews 4:12**

- "Word of God is living and powerful..."
- Through this Word we come into the rest of God
- It is also through this Word we can enter to the Throne of Grace
- The Word is the answer!

### **Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower (also Luke 8:11-15)**

#### **Jesus told this parable**

##### **v.3-9**

- sower went out to sow
- some fell by wayside, birds got them
- some on stony places, no root
- some fell among thorns, choke seed
- some on good soil, produced crop 30, 60 & 100fold

##### **v.18-23**

- Seed = "word of the kingdom"
- **Luke 8:11** – Seed = "word of God"
- **By the wayside**
- who are the birds who snatch the seed away? – the devil

- the Seed is the Word (**v.20**) – **stony place** is one who receives Word with joy but no root

- Luke says temptation and testing comes and they do not go on (**v.13**)

- **Seed among thorns**

- Hear and receive Word
- Cares of this world choke the Word = culture, tradition, family expectations
- Unfruitful – Luke says “no fruit to maturity” (**v.14**)

- **Good soil**

- Seed is Word and when it finds the right environment (the heart) it takes root, grows and bears fruit
- Hearing the Word and understanding it

All crops take time to grow

The Word is looking for the heart in which it can take root downward and bear fruit upward

That is why we take so much time to lay foundations – **Hebrews 6:1-2**

- if these foundations are laid properly you can expect growth to maturity

**John 1:1** – In the beginning was the Word

- if the Seed is the Word, what began everything? The Word, the Seed
- The Seed was in the beginning, the Seed was with God and the Seed was God
- in that Seed was the ability to produce after its kind!
- from this Seed all of creation and life comes

**Genesis 1:1** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth  
God is the Originator, the Source

**In New Testament who is the Originator and the Source?**

**Hebrews 12:1**

- Look unto Jesus the Author (Originator) of faith
- Faith comes from Jesus
- Jesus is the Source of Faith

**Hebrews 2:10**

- the “Captain” (Originator/Source) of salvation
- Salvation comes out of Him, through Him and in Him

**Acts 3:15**

- killed the “Prince” (Author/Originator/Source) of Life
- Jesus is the Source of all life, the author of Life

In the beginning was this Source/Originator

**John 1:2**

- “the Same” was in the beginning with God
- The same one – The Word – was in the beginning with God
- Not literally “**He**” was in the beginning, but the same one, the word

**v.3** - out of this Source, this Originator, who is God, came everything



- the universe is meant to be bearing fruit after its kind, and the Father is God, not the devil
- the devil tempted man away from the Source
- The Source is not tapped by reason, or by intellect
- eating from the wrong source brings humans into bondage – e.g. Karl Marx forming the ideology of communism
- we are to come to the Tree of Life, the Source, the Word, the Seed

**v.4** - in Him (the Word/Source/Author) was life – the Seed is a Person  
 - the life was the Light of men

**v.5** - when we are born again the Light, the Word, the Seed (**1Pet.1:23**) comes into us

- even before being born again the Light begins to shine **on us**, when we are born again the Light shines **in us**

### **John 3:19-21**

- many do not come to the Light
- they hate the Light because it exposes their deeds

### **John 1:12**

- As many as received Him (the Word, the Seed, the Author) to them He gave the right to become children of God

## **HOW DO WE RECEIVE HIM? IT IS A WORD OF FAITH**

### **Romans 10**

**v.6** - who is trying to ascend to heaven?

- many people try to ascend to heaven their own way through false religion, new age etc. Do not try and do that because that is bringing Christ down, it is denying Christ

**v.7** - who is trying to descend to the abyss? The dark arts, Satanism, black magic, witchcraft. This is trying to bring Christ up from the dead, it is denying the resurrection

**v.8** - what does the word say, the Torah?

- the Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart
- The Word is the "word of faith"
- it has the power to produce after its kind
- if we preach to be born again, people will want to be born again, if we preach baptism, people will want to be baptised...

**v.9** - this is how quickly the Word can produce a new creation

- believe the Word in the heart, confess the Word unto salvation

Another study is to follow the "Seed" through the Bible  
 The Seed of Abraham, the Seed of Eve...

# **The Gospel from Isaiah**

## **Luke 24**

**v.25-27** – the two on the road to Emmaus did not believe what was written by the prophets

- Jesus expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself
- Jesus preached the gospel from the prophets

## **Acts 24:14**

- believing all things which are written in the Law and the Prophets
- we need to know what is in the Law and in the Prophets
- **Hebrews 11:3** – the ages were framed by the word of God
- Isaiah's prophecies were framing the age that we are living in today

## **A HOPE IS PROPHESED**

### **Isaiah 43:18-19**

- behold I will do a new thing
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** – if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away and all things have become new
- We are now living in this word that Isaiah prophesied

## **The hope of a resurrection**

### **Isaiah 25:7-8**

- the covering and veil that is spread over all nations will be destroyed and taken away
- **2 Corinthians 3:16** – the veil is removed when we turn to the Lord
- He will swallow up death forever – resurrection life released

### **Isaiah 26:19**

- your dead shall live, they shall arise
- Isaiah saw the resurrection
- Messiah is the first fruit of them that rise from the dead

## **THE CONCEPTION OF THE MESSIAH**

### **Isaiah 7:14**

- the virgin shall conceive and bear a son
- His name will be called Immanuel (God-with-us) (**Matthew 1:22-23**)
- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus is God-with-us

### **Isaiah 8:9-10**

- "...for God is with us"
- We do not need to fear because God is with us – people will try and come against us but be "broken in pieces" for "God is with us"
- (**Luke 1:34-35** – the Holy Spirit came upon Mary)

## **THE BIRTH OF MESSIAH AND HIS DESTINY PROCLAIMED**

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

- unto us a Child is born, a Son is given
- the government will be upon His shoulder (He would be the Ruler)
- this one would be the Mighty God and the Everlasting Father in the flesh
- of the increase of His government and peace there would be no end

### **Luke 1:31-33**

- He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest
- He would be given the throne of His father David
- Of His kingdom there would be no end
- The fulfilment of what Isaiah prophesied
- The angel was speaking **Isaiah 9:6-7** to Mary, saying it would be fulfilled through her  
The name **Isaiah** means '**Yahweh saves**' (the same meaning as **Jesus**)
- **Matthew 1:21** Jesus saves us from our sins

## **THE GROWTH OF THE MESSIAH**

### **Isaiah 53:2**

- Jesus grew up before Yahweh as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground (at that time it was a dry place, not much revelation of God)
- **Luke 2:40** – the child grew and became strong in spirit, the grace of God was upon Him
- **Luke 2:52** - He grew in wisdom and stature before God and men

## **THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL**

### **Isaiah 40:3-5**

- the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of Yahweh
- John the Baptist was preparing the way for Jesus the Messiah (Yahweh)
- God was coming
- John came preaching repentance (**Matthew 3:2**)
- John knew that he was the voice spoken of by Isaiah
- The glory of Yahweh shall be revealed (**John 1:14** – the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory)
- **Hebrews 1:3** – Jesus is the brightness of His glory

**v.9** – Behold your God! (the good tidings – the gospel)

- **John 1:29** – John said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"
- **John 1:34** – this is the Son of God (behold your God)
- Isaiah prophesied John the Baptist's ministry that would unveil God in the flesh to His people

## **THE BAPTISM AND ANOINTING OF THE MESSIAH**

### **Isaiah 42:1**

- My Elect One in whom My soul delights (You are My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased – **Matthew 3:17**)

- I have put My Spirit upon Him – **Matthew 3:16**

**Acts 3:13, 26** – the Servant refers to the Messiah (Jesus)

**Acts 4:29, 30** - your Holy Servant, Jesus

### **Isaiah 42:13**

- Yahweh shall go forth like a mighty man – God will go forth in the flesh as a man – **1 Timothy 3:16**
- He shall prevail against the enemy – immediately after the baptism Jesus defeated the enemy, the devil in the wilderness – **Luke 4:1-14**

### **Isaiah 11:1-2**

- the Spirit of Yahweh shall **rest** upon Him (the Holy Spirit found a resting place on the Messiah, a place to abide and remain)
- **John 1:32-33** – John saw the Spirit descending like a dove and **remaining** upon Jesus (this was the sign to John that this was indeed the Son of God)

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH**

### **Isaiah 61:1**

- the Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me
- Yahweh has anointed Me
- A ministry of preaching the gospel, healing the broken-hearted, a ministry of freedom, done in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (**Luke 4:18** – Jesus knew who He was and the anointing that He carried)

### **Isaiah 9:1-2**

- the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
- a ministry bringing light and understanding
- **Matthew 4:12-17** – the fulfilment of what was spoken by Isaiah (the light dawned – Jesus began to preach repentance and the kingdom)

**Matthew 11:2-5** – Are you the Coming One (the Messiah) or do we look for another?

- Jesus told them “the blind see, the lame walk, the poor have the gospel preached to them”

- **Isaiah 35:5-6** – the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the lame walking
- Jesus comforted John the Baptist by telling him that what He was doing was fulfilling the prophetic Scriptures about the Messiah

## **THE SUFFERING OF THE MESSIAH**

### **Isaiah 52:14**

- His visage (appearance) was marred more than any man
- Many were astonished at Him (**Matthew 27:12-14**) – Pilate marvelled at Jesus when on trial
- **Matthew 27:29-30** – He was beaten severely

### **Isaiah 53:3-6**

- despised and rejected
- acquainted with sorrows (**Matthew 26:37-38**) – Jesus said He was sorrowful unto death
- we hid our faces from Him (**Matthew 26:56**) – the disciples hid from Jesus and forsook Him
- surely He has borne our pains and sicknesses
- by His stripes we are healed

- **Matthew 8:15-16** – He healed all who were sick that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by Isaiah
- Jesus knew He would carry the sicknesses of the people He healed!

### **THE DEATH OF THE MESSIAH**

#### **Isaiah 53:7-9**

- He was cut off from the land of the living (He died for our transgressions)
- His grave was made with the wicked (He was crucified between two criminals – **Luke 23:32**), but with the rich at His death (Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man, prepared a tomb for Jesus – **Matthew 27:57-58**)
- It pleased Yahweh to bruise Him, His soul was made an offering for sin (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)

### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH**

#### **Isaiah 53:10**

- He shall see His seed (descendants) – He did not have natural children
- We are the seed (God is bringing many sons to glory) – **Hebrews 2:10**
- He shall prolong His days (He was raised up from the dead)
- The pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in His hand – He endured for the joy set before Him, **Hebrews 12:2**
- His labour was not in vain
- He will justify many (**Romans 4:25** – He was delivered up to death for our offenses and **He was raised for our justification**)
- He **always lives** to make intercession (**Hebrews 7:25**)

### **THE EXALTATION AND GLORIFICATION OF THE MESSIAH**

#### **Isaiah 52:13**

- He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high (**Philippians 2:9-11**)

#### **Isaiah 6:1-3**

- the Lord, sitting on a throne, high and lifted up
- **John 12:37-41** – they did not believe in Jesus, even though they saw the signs (their eyes were blinded and their hearts hardened)
- Isaiah spoke of the glory of Jesus the Messiah, the Lord

**Isaiah proclaimed the gospel. He saw the Lord sitting on the throne high and lifted up, the whole earth filled with His glory**

# Discipleship in Isaiah

## **Matt 28:18-20**

- all authority has been given to Jesus
- we are to go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptising and teaching them
- Jesus will be with us
- This is the apostolic commission
- To make disciples we first have to be disciples
- To be a disciple we have to know what a disciple is

**Disciple** – SC#3928 – Hb. '**Limmud**'

*means instructed or taught*

*this adjective forms the exact equivalent to the NT idea of a disciple*

*a disciple is one who is being taught (teachable, humble), a learner*

*comes from a word '**Lamad**' (#3925) – means to goad (to teach, the rod being an incentive), to prod*

## **2 Timothy 3:16 – The Scriptures disciple us**

- all scripture is given by inspiration of God
- for doctrine (teaching)
- for reproof
- for correction
- for instruction in righteousness
- discipleship is to the word of God
- The Word of God is to disciple us

## **"*Lamad*" (to goad) in Isaiah**

### **Isaiah 48:17-19**

- Yahweh **teaches** (*lamad*) us to profit
- To lead us in the way we should go
- If we allow ourselves to be discipled and taught we will experience peace like a river
- Our righteousness will be like the waves of the sea
- Our descendants will be like the sand (spiritual children)
- We will experience the kingdom of peace and righteousness and have spiritual children when we are **taught by Yahweh**

### **Isaiah 26:9**

- We are to **learn** (*lamad*) **righteousness**
- God allows judgment so that the inhabitants of the world will be taught

### **Isaiah 29:24**

- We are to **learn** (*lamad*) **doctrine**
- we need to be taught the doctrine so that we do not err in spirit
- we are discipled to the Doctrine, gaining in understanding

## **"*Limmud*" (a disciple) in Isaiah**

### **Isaiah 54:11-13**

## **v.11-12**

- describes the city built with precious stones, a picture of the church built properly (**1 Corinthians 3:12**)

**v.13** - all your children shall be **taught** (limmud) by the LORD

- God wants new believers to be discipled
- The church is meant to be a place of discipleship, a discipleship centre
- Great shall be the **peace** of your children – this is the result of discipling children, they will walk in peace, not disturbed

**V.14** – in righteousness you shall be established – the result of discipleship is that the children will be instructed in righteousness

## **Far from oppression**

- **John 8:31-32** if you abide (continue and remain) in My word, you are My disciples indeed, you shall know the truth and the truth will **set you free**
- **freedom from oppression** is the result of true discipleship!

## **You shall come out of fear**

- **Romans 8:15** – disciples receive and walk in the Spirit of Sonship and are able to overcome fears

## **Far from terror**

- Disciples overcome the wicked one because of the word in them – **1 John 2:13-14**

## **Isaiah 50:4 – the tongue of a disciple**

- the Lord Yahweh has given me the **tongue of a disciple**
- there is a way that disciples speak
- a disciple has a tongue that speaks the word, disciples love to speak and confess the Word

## **Colossians 3:16**

- let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
- teach and admonish one another – the **tongue of a disciple**
- singing in your heart to the Lord (songs of deliverance), singing the Word that dwells in them

**Isaiah 50:4 a tongue that knows how to speak a word in season to the weary – it brings relief**

## **Matthew 24:45**

- food in due season – disciples learn to assess who they are talking to and speak the word that is needed for them

**Matt 10:20** – you will be given what to speak in that hour (the word in season) – disciples have the Holy Spirit who draws out of them the word which is already dwelling in them for the occasion at hand

## **Isaiah 50:4 – the ear of a disciple**

- there is a way that **disciples hear**
- He awakens my ear

- Hearing has to do with obedience
- The word 'Obedience' in the NT means 'to hear under'
- **Romans 10:17** – faith comes by hearing
- Everyday Jesus has instructions for us
- What we hear we are to proclaim (**Matthew 10:27**)
- Disciples learn to preach the word of faith by hearing each day

**Acts 9:10** – a certain disciple, Ananias

- he was in a place to hear
- the Lord gave him some instructions
- as a disciple he released healing, the Holy Spirit and baptised Saul in water

### **Isaiah 50 – continuing aspects of a disciple**

**v.5** - a disciple is not rebellious

**v.6** – it is costly for disciples

- **Matthew 16:24-25** – take up your cross, deny yourself and follow Jesus
- **Acts 5:40-42** – the apostles came back rejoicing that they had been worthy to suffer shame for Jesus

**V.7** – the Lord Yahweh will help me

- Disciples have to set their faces like a flint
- **Luke 9:61-62** – once you put your hand to the plow, don't look back

### **Isaiah 8 – the way of disciples**

**v.16** – bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples

**v.11** – Yahweh **instructed** him not to walk **in the way** of the people

- don't follow the crowd, let Yahweh instruct you (chastise, discipline you)
- the call of discipleship is a call out of what we have called church into the way (into Jesus – **John 14:6**)
- as we walk in the Way, we will come to know the **Truth** so that we will manifest the **Life and Lifestyle of God**

### **The People of the "Way"**

**Acts 9:1-2** – the people of the Way (disciples), the early church were called the people of "**The Way**"

- they were dangerous
- they were not just "believers" but disciples that were a threat to the religious system that Saul was trying to preserve
- disciples are a threat to denominational systems!

### **Acts 2:40-42 – the "way" of disciples**

– be saved from this perverse generation, do not walk in the way of this people, follow a different way coming out of a group of Jewish "believers" to become people of the **Way**

- those who received the word were baptised
- they **continued** (**John 8:31**) steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread and in prayers (characteristics of the people of the Way)

### **Acts 18:24-26**

- Apollos knew something of the **Way** but he was still stuck at John's Baptism
- Aquila and Priscilla explained to him the **way of God** more accurately
- He then taught Jesus the Christ, publicly refuting the Jews
- Apollos came in the **Way**



### **Acts 19:8-10**

- Paul found some disciples
- He was able to teach them so that they could go further in Christ
- He reasoned and persuaded, teaching the Word of God
- Some spoke evil of the **Way**
- Paul then withdrew **the disciples**
- He reasoned **daily** in the school of Tyrannus, not only once a week, a disciples' lifestyle is every day
- Disciples love to reason in the word daily
- This continued for two years
- The result was that the whole region heard the Word, through disciples the Word prevails
- **V.20** – the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed

### **Acts 19:23**

- there arose a great commotion about the Way
- disciples cause the word to reign, idolatrous business was declining
- disciples cause a commotion, "believers" just stay quiet

### **Isaiah 8**

**v.12** – do not say, "A conspiracy", nor be afraid of their threats

- we need to focus on Jesus
- we will be brought into the truth and the truth will set us free
- we are to preach Jesus the Christ and live a different way
- don't get caught in things that don't edify

### **1 Peter 3:14-16 – the response of a disciple**

- do not be afraid of their threats nor be troubled
- set apart the Lord God in your heart
- be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you

### **Isaiah 8:13-15**

#### **Disciples:**

- fear God
- God will be as a sanctuary for us – disciples abide in Him (**John 15:7-8**)
- The disobedient will stumble

### **V.16 – Bind up the Testimony**

- the testimony, which is bound up in disciples, is God's witness of Himself
- **Acts 1:8** – you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be witnesses
- **Revelation 19:10** – the testimony of Jesus = the spirit of prophecy, disciples testify of Jesus
- **Romans 8:16** – disciples know the witness of the Holy Spirit within them
- **Revelation 12:11** - Disciples are able to overcome by their **word of testimony**

**Seal the Law** – the doctrine is to be sealed in us (it is to be "my gospel")

- **Law** = Hb **Torah** – instruction, teaching

- **Heb 5:12-13** – by this time you ought to be teachers – disciples grow to be able to teach the law/word that is in them
- Disciples are to be skilled in the word of righteousness
- The law is to be put in our mind and written on our heart (sealed within – the new covenant) – **Jeremiah 31:33-34**

### **Isaiah 8:17**

– disciples waiting on Him, hoping in Him in the midst of “God’s people” that are not following Him

- Disciples are the children of Messiah (**Hebrews 2:10-13**)

**V.18** - We are for signs and wonders, disciples are a sign a wonder by providing the pattern, example of discipleship

- Disciples walk in the governmental authority that comes from Mt Zion

**V.19** – disciples can discern between good and evil, they don’t get caught in the mixture

**V.20 – to the law and to the testimony** – this is the catchcry of disciples

- If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them

***We need to learn to walk as people of the Way –  
being a pattern people***

# **Called by the Excellent Glory**

## **2 Peter 1:16-17**

- we made known the power and coming of the Lord Jesus
- Peter said he saw the "Coming", he was an eyewitness
- God is called **"The Excellent Glory"**
- the voice came from **The Excellent Glory**
- Jesus received from the God the Father **honour and glory**

**"Excellent"** – befitting greatness and magnificence, typical of a person of Majesty, becoming a great man

- the Voice said "This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"
- this was first spoken at the Baptism, Jesus said "Permit it now to fulfil all

## **righteousness**

- **righteousness** has to do with the **glory**
- "Glory" is bestowed through speaking – God gives His glory through speaking it, through the Word

**John 17** – glory is to manifest in His disciples

**v.22** – the **glory** is a gift, you cannot earn the glory, it is given

- even Jesus received it as a gift from the **Father**
- Jesus gave the glory to His apostles so that all who hear them will be able to receive the **glory**

**v.24** - Jesus gave them the glory so that they may be with Jesus where He is

- By bringing them where He is they will behold the eternal **glory**
- Jesus is totally in the **glory**; He wants us **in the glory**

## **2 Peter 1:2**

- as serious disciples grace and peace will be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God (**Colossians 2:2**)

**v.3 called us by glory and virtue**

## **1 Peter 5:10**

- God of all grace, **called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus**
- after we have suffered a little while God will perfect, strengthen, establish and settle us because He has called you to the glory
- grace and truth are manifestations of the glory, **John 1:14**

**v.11** - to Him be all the **glory**

This is talking about the calling; we have had the grace to respond to the calling in the earth.

God called us by the glory to be able to experience and walk in the eternal glory

**How do we come to the glory?**

## **Romans 8:15**

- any sign of fear means you are stepping off the path, out of the light
- if there is a fear, seek Jesus
- we have received the Spirit of Sonship, the Spirit placing us into a mature relationship with the Father as a son
- this Spirit in us fully intends to bring us to maturity

**v.16** - the Spirit witnesses in our hearts we are children of God

**v.17** - we are the heirs of God

- He is our Father with an inheritance for us
- if we suffer with Him we can be **glorified together with Him**
- sufferings help us develop character in our lives
- this is the joy set before Jesus – **Hebrews 12:2**, Jesus died to give us the Spirit of adoption where we can become the sons (**Gal.4:5**)

**Romans 5:1** through faith we are justified and have peace with God

**v.2** - access by faith into grace, it is a standing in grace

- hope of **glory** now released into our heart through that standing in grace
- sad thing is that new believers are told false promises and taught false doctrine and most new believers do not get released to have the **hope of the glory of God**

**v.3** It is not only the hope of glory; because of grace we actually **glory in tribulation**. God gives us grace so that we can glory in pressures, problems, difficulties. All else is a deception

***tribulation/pressure/stress well handled  
will teach you perseverance/patience/longsuffering***

**v.4** - perseverance/patience/longsuffering in tribulation produces character  
the power anointing does not develop character

- living in a difficult situation can produce more character than only experiencing the anointing
- **we need character to receive and carry the glory**
- because we are called by and to the glory

## **Zechariah 6:13**

- The Priest being crowned as the King shall **bear the glory, carry the glory**
- the change of priesthood from Aaron to the order of Melchizedek
- This King/Priest will **bear the glory**; He will sit as a Priest on His throne
- A Priest on the Throne brings mediation and intercession and sacrifice so that He can bring us to the King. Priest is there to show mercy

## **Romans 8**

**v.21** - creation itself will be delivered from bondage to corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God**

**v.22-27**

- entering into deep intercession, seeking and waiting on God

**Why?** - to turn all things, all situations for our good (**v.28**)

**What is God's purpose?** to conform you to the image of His Son (**v.29**). What did the Son look like? **The Glory full of grace and truth (John 1:14)**

**How will God do that?**

- by calling you, justifying you and **glorifying you (v.30)**

**v.33** - if God gave us His Son, surely He will freely give you all things  
- do not let your needs stop you from entering the glory

**v.34-35** - God gives us all the things we need to conquer and overcome all the things that are trying to stop us entering the glory

**2 Peter 1:2** - discipleship is the key to growing up in the glory  
- we come to the glory through the **knowledge** of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

**v.3** - God gives us all things that pertain to life and godliness  
- this happens through the **knowledge** of Him who calls you **by glory and virtue**  
- If you have a vision for the glory you will find it easy to deny yourself and follow Him

***Virtue** – manliness, valour, any quality that elicited preeminent estimation for a person. It signifies intrinsic value, moral excellency, and goodness. Something about virtue refers to the miraculous power released when God manifests Himself (e.g. the woman touching Jesus garment).*

*virtue speaks of intrinsic excellence*

**1 Peter 2:9** – proclaiming the **praises/virtues** of Him who called us out of darkness

**Philippians 4:8** – if anything **virtuous**, of good report, think on these things and speak about these things

**2 Peter 1:5** – to faith add **virtue**

**Colossians 1:25** Paul became a minister according to the stewardship (the grace given) to **fulfil the word of God**

**v.26** the ministry of the Word of God is to fulfil that which is called the **mystery**. This mystery has been hidden, but now is being revealed to the saints. The knowledge of this mystery is actually the inheritance of the saints

**v.27** - God, through Paul, wants to make known the **riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles/Nations**

- This mystery is **Christ in you; the hope of Glory**
- the mystery of Christ begins in you from the day you are born again until He manifests in you in all His glory

**Glory – Gk 'doxa' Sc # 1391**

- is very apparent; comes from the idea of holding a high opinion of someone, honouring them; dignity, a person of high values; having a high estimate of somebody's character
- Glory is to be spoken, it is to be attributed to God, the Lord Jesus Christ

- It has to do with character, becoming a person of worth, high values, dignity, honour
- As we behold Jesus, He imparts glory to us
- We are called by His glory to come to His glory

### **Luke 2:32**

- Jesus came to bring light to the nations
- He is the glory of the Israel
- He is the **glory of 2000 years of Israel's history** manifested in the flesh

### **Luke 12:27**

- Solomon in all his glory did not even equal the glory of a lily in the field

### **Vines Expository Dictionary**

*the glory is the nature and acts of God in self-manifestation  
He manifested in His Son!*

### **1 Corinthians 2:6-7**

- there remains a wisdom for the mature; this comes through discipleship
- there is something more than being saved, healed and delivered, knowing the power
- He wants us to know the deeper wisdom
- the rulers of this age did not know this wisdom
- God ordained this wisdom (a mystery) before the ages for our **glory, to inherit the glory**

**v.8** - Jesus is the **Lord/Master of glory**

**2 Corinthians 3:7** - Moses beheld the glory; his face shone

**2 Corinthians 4:17** - light affliction is working for us a far more exceeding eternal **weight of glory**

**Hebrew 'glory' = 'chabod' – weightiness, heaviness**

If we work through the times of suffering there is an eternal weight of glory waiting for us

**Ephesians 1:18** - Paul prays that we might know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

**Colossians 1:27** - Christ in us is the hope of glory

**2 Corinthians 3-4** - revelation of glory between Old and New Testaments  
- in the New **the glory is increasing**

**2 Corinthians 4:6** - know the knowledge of the **glory in the face of Jesus Christ**

**v.7** - this glory is carried in earthen vessels

### **John 17:20-24**

- Glory brings Oneness

- Oneness brings perfection in the **glory**

**We are called by the glory to come to the glory, to be filled with the glory. But we must be prepared**

**2 Peter 1:5-7**

**8 steps: Faith – virtue – knowledge – perseverance – self-control – godliness – brotherly love – agape love**

**Colossians 1:28-29**

- Christ we preach
- Warning and teaching every man in all wisdom
- To present every man perfect/complete in Christ Jesus
- We are to labour according to this end

# **How to stand in the evil day**

## **Psalm 11:3**

- if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- In these days, foundations of God that have made society good are being eroded away
- All things that can be shaken will be shaken
- The institution of marriage that God gave, society is eroding away
- Things that are good are called evil and evil good

## **Ephesians 5:15-17**

- we are to walk circumspectly
- the days are evil

## **HOW ARE WE TO STAND IN THE EVIL DAY?**

### **1. We are stand by faith**

- the faith is the doctrine, the Word as it is written
- it is the truth of the Word that we are to believe
- this is the firm foundation that we can build on

**Jude 3** - we are to contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints

**1 Timothy 4:1** - in the latter times some will depart from the faith giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

- we are constantly being bombarded with different teachings
- we must be firmly grounded in the Word

**1 Corinthians 16:13** - Watch, seek for revelation, not sleeping

- Stand fast in the faith; be brave! be strong!

We must be clear and confident in believing the Word so that we have an answer for the ones who are watering down the Scriptures, compromising the Word

***The answer is Discipleship***

***We must be disciplined in the Word, taught the Word***

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** stand fast

- hold the traditions you have been taught
  - these traditions were apostolic, the traditions were the fixed beliefs and practices that were the foundations of the early church (**Acts 2:42**) continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine...
  - we remain firm on the apostolic foundation, the faith taught by the apostles
- if we are built on the right foundation then we will be able to stand**

### **2. We are to stand by putting on the armour of God**



**Ephesians 6:10** be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might

**v.11** - we have to stand against the wiles of the devil

- we need to put on the whole armour of God

**v.12** - our wrestle is against spiritual powers in the heavenlies

**v.13** - we are to stand and withstand (oppose and push back)

### **The Armour we must put on v.14-18:**

**i) belt of truth** – girding our waist with truth (**v.14**)

- **1 Peter 1:13** – girding up the loins of our mind, the “mind” being in the inner parts

- we receive the Word in the “inward parts”, truth is to be in our belly!

- **John 17:17** – we need to receive the truth of the Word and **think on the Word**

**ii) breastplate of righteousness (v.14)**

- this covers and protects the heart

- we receive righteousness by faith

- **Romans 10:10** – we believe in the heart unto righteousness

- God speaks a word into our hearts so we can believe

- **Meditating on the truth of the Word**

**iii) feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (v.15)**

- this refers to our walk

- we **walk in the Word** that has been established in us

- **Romans 10:15** – includes preaching the gospel, beautiful feet

- **Isaiah 26:3** – we stay in peace by keeping our minds on Jesus

- **Walking in the knowledge of the truth of the Word**

**iv) shield of faith (v.16)**

- faith as a shield comes out of hearing the Word

- **Romans 10:17** – receiving the “quickened word”

- The word that proceeds from the mouth of God quenches the darts of the enemy

- **Romans 10:8-9** – we speak the word of faith, this quenches the darts, this acts as a shield protecting us

- **We are believing the Word of truth**

**v) helmet of salvation (v.17)**

- this covers our head

- if the seat of the mind is in our belly, the head is the place of **decision making, the will, the place of choosing**

- **Ephesians 4:23** – we are to be renewed in the spirit of our minds

- this enables us to make godly decisions

- **2 Corinthians 10:5** – taking every thought captive to **obey Christ**

- **We are protected by the Word of truth that we are walking in**

**vi) Sword of the Spirit** – which is the Word of God (**v.17**)

- this is the "Rhema" word from the Lord, this is the word that is to dwell in you richly (**Colossians 3:16**)
- this enables us to stand because we have a word from God
- **We are speaking the truth of the Word**

#### **vii) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit (v.18)**

- prayer is a key part of the armor
- **we are to pray the truth of the Word**
- **Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17**
- Be vigilant in prayer (**1 Peter 5:8**)

#### **Ephesians 6:18-19**

- we are to pray for all the saints
- we are to pray for the apostle, or the one who has the responsibility to bring the Word
- we are to pray for them to be given utterance to boldly proclaim the gospel
- **someone needs to preach the truth of the Word**

**Think**

**Meditate**

**Walk**

**Believe**

**Protected**

**Speak**

**Pray**

**Preach...**

#### **THE TRUTH OF THE WORD**

Jesus demonstrated this in the wilderness with the devil – **"It is written..."**

**To stand in the evil day we need to know what is written,  
we need to know the truth of the Word.**

### **3. By being in the Lord**

#### **Philippians 4:1**

- stand fast **in the Lord**
- we need to know who the Lord is
- we need the revelation of who the Lord is

We need Peter's revelation – Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God –

#### **Matthew 16:16**

We need to know He is God manifest in the flesh – **1 Timothy 3:16** – He is JESUS

#### **Psalms 110:1-2**

- YHWH said to my Lord (Adonay)
- The Lord is at the right hand
- He is the Ruler, all power and all authority (**Matthew 28:18-20** – released apostles to go in His authority)
- He is on the Throne

**Jesus has all authority over the enemy**

#### **Revelation 17:14**

- Beast will make war with the Lamb
- Lamb will overcome them
- He is Lord of lords and King of kings
- Those with Him are called, chosen, faithful – they will overcome with the Lamb
- We are to have this confidence, knowing Jesus is Lord, He is on the Throne

### **Ephesians 2:6**

- we have been raised up together and made to sit together with Christ in the heavenly places
- we can stand in any situation when we know who and where we are
- We are with the Lord, on the Throne, in His authority

Through baptism we were buried with Him, died with Him, raised up in Him

### **Romans 6:3-5**

#### **1 Thessalonians 3:8**

- Paul says "we live if you stand fast in the Lord"
- when we stand fast it encourages others to stand

**We are to stand in the evil day by being "in the Lord"**

## **4. By being of one spirit and one mind**

### **Philippians 1:27**

- stand fast with one spirit and in one mind
- true unity

### **One Spirit**

#### **Ephesians 4:3**

- endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
- "endeavouring" = straining every nerve

**v.4** - there is only One Spirit

#### **Galatians 5:25**

- if we have learnt to live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit
- "live in the Spirit" = born again
- "walk in the Spirit" = be led and keep in step with the Spirit
- If we all do this we will all have true unity of the Spirit
- We come to Oneness in the One Spirit

#### **1 Corinthians 2:12**

- we have received not the spirit of the world **but we have received the Spirit who comes from God**

### **One Mind**

#### **Philippians 3:8-16**

- we are to have a particular mind
- we are to count all things loss and rubbish to gain Christ
- we are to pursue Him and the power of the resurrection
- lay hold of what Christ laid hold of us for
- put behind us what has been before, forget them!
- same longing and desire to know Him and to embrace our sufferings, putting to death the things of ourselves to attain the resurrection of the dead

- we are to press on

### **v.15-16**

- mature ones have **this mind**
  - let us walk by the same rule and be of the **same mind**
  - we are to have the same mind that Paul speaks of here
  - if we all have that mind **we will be of one mind**
  - if we all seek to walk in this mind, even where we do not understand things fully or even totally agree yet, we can have the assurance that God will reveal this to us
- If we have this mind we will not be deceived by schemers and deceivers

### **To stand we must be of One Spirit and One Mind**

## **5. We are to stand by grace**

**1 Peter 5:12** - true grace of God in which you stand

### **To access this grace**

**1 Peter 5:5** - be submissive and clothed with humility – submitted and humble to access grace

**v.6** - humble yourself under God's mighty hand

**v.7** cast your cares on Him

- "cares" cause you to be "double minded"

**v.8** – know the devil is prowling around

- be sober, vigilant

**v.9** – resist the devil steadfast in the faith

**v.10** – God will establish you after you have suffered a little while

### **Romans 5:1-2**

- grace is accessed by faith
- the grace gives us the ability to stand
- the grace enables us to glory in tribulations
- because the very character and nature of God is being formed in us as we learn to stand in that grace through all the troubles we face
- tribulations can be physical, emotional, through sickness, family situations...
- we can go through them by accessing grace which enables us to stand and glory in them!
- We are then able to testify to others of how to stand

## **6. We are to stand in Freedom**

### **Galatians 5:1**

- stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free
- We are not to come under the yoke of bondage

### **What sets us free from the yoke of bondage?**

**Romans 8:15** – it is the Spirit of adoption/sonship – the placement of sons

- this brings identity and security
- we are not to remain babies but grow to the placement as sons in maturity
- babies/children are easily swayed and taken in bondage

- we will be able to stand by receiving the Spirit of adoption, free from bondage, knowing who we are and knowing God as our Father, walking with our Father
- This is freedom
- Sons are then planted into the world – **Matthew 13:36-43** – they will shine forth in the evil day, manifesting the glory of God, the glory covering the earth as the waters cover the sea (**Habakkuk 2:14**)

### **We can stand in the evil day:**

- i) by faith in the Word
- ii) by putting on the armour of God
- iii) by being “in the Lord”
- iv) by being of one Spirit and one mind
- v) by grace
- vi) in the freedom of being placed as sons

### **Conclusion**

#### **1 Kings 17**

- the example of Elijah
- He stood in an evil day
- the big opposition was **Jezebel** – opposing everything of the true God
- wide spread apostasy, idol worship
- Elijah knew how to stand

**v.1** - Elijah had a standing before YAHWEH [“Elijah” = “God is YAHWEH”]  
 - in the midst of the perverse generation he was a walking sign that God was YAHWEH  
 - he had a clear standing in God that he was able to speak for God and proclaim a judgement of drought on the land  
 God protected, provided for and gave Elijah authority even over death (empowered by God) in that day

#### **1 Kings 18 - Elijah gets an awesome victory over the prophets of Baal v.36b-37**

- Elijah calls on the true God in the midst of false prophets
- God showed His mighty power

**v.39** - when the people saw this they cried “YAHWEH, He is God”  
 - there was a turning back to God because of one man standing in the evil day

***Let us be those who know how to stand in the evil day  
 Not being afraid to stand and testify who Jesus is  
 Let us see what YAHWEH will do!***

# **Revived to Rule**

Jesus is preparing us for His coming.

## **Ephesians 4:13-15**

- the 5-fold ministry gifts are given until we all come to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**
- we are in the process of **growing up into Christ the Head**
- Christ is at the right hand of God in the heavenly places (the position of all authority and power) – we are growing up into Him, into the place of rulership

## **Ephesians 1:22-23**

- all things have been put under Christ's feet
- Christ has been given as head **over all things** to the church
- The church is His body, the fullness of Him
- The church is to be the full expression of everything that Jesus the Messiah is
- We are the body of the Anointed King – the body is to express the rulership of Jesus
- The Anointed King is to fully express Himself through His body
- The body of Christ is the body in whom the king lives and fully expresses Himself through

## **Matthew 28:18**

- all authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth
- all this authority is invested in Christ's body

## **Revelation 1:5**

- the ruler over the kings of the earth – Jesus the Messiah
- the body is the full expression of this One, the Ruler of the kings of the earth

### ***Church = 'ecclesia'***

*The called out ones, the governing body of citizens who were in a city/state region, the "church" has got to do with "government"*

Jesus is building His governing/ruling body of people **Matthew 16:18**.

The church that Jesus is building knows the authority of Jesus the Messiah

Jesus gave Peter the keys of the kingdom, **Matthew 16:19**, this was the authority of the kingdom of heaven

This church is rising in every nation.

## **Ephesians 3:10**

- God is bringing this church up, and His intentions is that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly realm.
- God is reviving a people to be His church and to occupy this realm with the word of God, bringing transformation to nations.
- God is releasing revival in the land.
- Wickedness is coming down and righteousness is arising

- The church has been praying for God's kingdom to come and for His will to be done and so even now to some extent Australia has been preserved from heading into the unrighteousness that has captured other western nations
- The church has more authority than human governments! More authority than Washington D.C.
- The church is the expression of Him who is the ruler over the kings of the earth.
- As we are established on the Rock (the revelation of Christ), we will have authority over the gates of hell
- The revival is the true church arising in the authority of Jesus the Messiah as the government of God in the earth.
- There is an army arising.

### **Revelation 19 – The Army arising!**

- Yahweh of armies **Exodus 6:26,7:4** – the armies are His people; God is the God of His armies

**V.11** – He was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war; Jesus is fierce! He is warring with the nations in righteousness

**V.13** – clothed with a robe dipped in blood, **His name is called the Word of God.** He judges and makes war by the word

**V.14** – the armies in heaven follow Him on white horses

- These armies are clothed in fine linen
- **Who are these armies? Angels? Men?**
- **v.7-8 – His wife** has made herself ready, **clothed in fine linen** (the righteous acts of the saints) – those in **fine linen** are people clothed in righteousness, the Bride
- We are that army – **The Army is the Bride of Messiah, the Church**
- We are seated with Christ in heavenly places (**Ephesians 2:6**) – the church is seated in heaven at God's right hand with the Messiah
- The army is the bride **following the Word** (obedient to the word)
- The Word is a person

**V.15 – He will rule** (shepherd) them with a rod of iron – this is disciplining nations with the Word

- We need to live in that heavenly realm
- **v.15** - He has **a sharp sword coming out of His mouth** (**Hebrews 4:12** – the Word = the sword). The word is striking nations

**V.17-18** – there is a supper, the supper of the great God

- The word is causing nations that disobey God to fall
- This is the great battle of the ages (the war of the Word) – the word of the Lord growing mightily and prevailing in every region – **Acts 19:20**
- A people who are bold to walk with the Word of God

**V.19** – the beast gathers together to make war against this army

- God is calling more labourers to come forth, more to join the battle, to join the Word in the Army
- The beast is the kings of the earth

- The beast manifests through the rulers of the earth and their armies (those that gather together against Christ)
- the beast tries to intimidate nations and has succeeded through the spirit of Sodom and Gomorrah (legislating homosexuality) and the spirit of Islam – but we must be bold to speak the truth of the Word uncompromisingly
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** – the power of God can help all to change, we can be forgiven and cleansed, homosexuals can be transformed, cleansed and justified
- Being a part of the army of God means speaking of Christ the Messiah to whomever you come across

### **Revelation 19:20-21**

- the beast was captured and with him the false prophet
- the army is a part of capturing the beast
- these two are cast alive into the lake of fire
- the more that the word of God prevails in the nations, this will happen, the beast and the false prophet will be judged by the Word

### **Hebrews 10:13**

- Jesus is waiting till His enemies are made a footstool for His feet
- Where are His feet? On His Body
- Who is the Body of Christ? We are!
- He is waiting for His body to be walking in victory over all of His enemies

### **It is time to revive the stones**

#### **Nehemiah 4:1-2**

- the temple has been rebuilt
- the context is that it is a time of restoration, a time of repair of the walls of the city
- don't think that it is strange if people begin to mock you and call you feeble
- **Zechariah 12:8** – the feeble among you will be like David
- The question coming from the enemy is "will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish?" The answer is yes

- **1 Peter 2:4-5** – coming to Christ as to a living stone, now you, as living stones are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices
- Many stones have been put **on the rubbish heap** and **been burned** because of the denominational church system
- It is time to revive the stones

### **These living stones are to have the character and likeness of The Living Stone**

**1 Pet.2:7** - He (Jesus) is the chief cornerstone; He was rejected by the builders  
**Isaiah 28:16**

- I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation
- A cornerstone
- A precious stone
- A sure foundation



**Isaiah 28:14-15** – there were scornful men ruling God's people at that time

- They made a covenant with death (a form of religion denying the power of God)
- They made lies their refuge, and hid under falsehood
- In the midst of these people God came and laid a Stone for a sure foundation
- Christ is the covering, we come under Him as we are obedient to His word
- The stone is laid in Zion – the place of God's government and rulership

**Daniel 2:35**

- the precious metals on the statue were representing kingdoms on the earth
- the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth
- everything was crushed like chaff and the wind blew it away – no trace of those kingdoms remained

**How did the Stone become a great mountain filling the earth?**

**Matthew 16:18** – Peter = a stone

- Many stones being put on the Rock (Jesus), that makes a great mountain
- The mountain will fill the earth, that is God's government/kingdom;
- His Messianic people will fill the earth
- **Ephesians 1:23** – we are His Body filling all things
- The mountain was bearing the image of the living stone
- **Hebrews 12:22** – we have come to Mt Zion (the place of God's governmental authority)
- we as living stones are being laid on the Living Stone in Zion

**Isaiah 28:17**

- justice the measuring line
- righteousness (**Psalms 89:14**)
- the throne of God will be established – righteousness and justice
- the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies – the hail of the Word
- the waters will overflow the hiding place – rivers of living water of the word not allowing anyone to hide
- as the living stones speak the word of God, the river of God will flow
- **John 7:38** – out of the belly of believers will flow rivers of living water
- There was no trace left of the other kingdoms – there will be nowhere for a refuge in lies, the truth of the Word will fill every area of creation

**Nehemiah 4:2**

**'Revive' – Hb. *chayah***

- lit. means to live, to be revived
- it causes a revival, life comes into you

**Habakkuk 2:4** – the just shall live by faith, this is the cornerstone verse for the New Testament church. We are learning to live in that revival.

**Ezekiel 37:1-3**

- a valley full of bones; the bones were very dry

**v.3** – Can these bones live (*chayah*)? Can these bones really live again and be revived?

- Prophecy – speak the word; Speak the word to prepare the saints and build them up, to prepare them for the glory – the Word must be spoken,

**Ephesians 4:11-12** – The Word is ministered to equip/prepare the saints and build up the Body

**v.4** – dry bones will hear the word of Yahweh

**v.5** – God will cause breath (spirit) to enter and they shall live (be revived); Holy Spirit releases new life

**v.6** – sinews, flesh, covered with skin (there is a formation of a body coming to pass)

**v.7** - There was a noise, a rattling, a shaking

- Like the sound of many waters
- The bones come together (the body is coming together and starting to function); **Ephesians 4:16** – the body and joints working together
- Prophecy to the breath
- God has been breathing on us a fresh wind of His Spirit in the apostolic work
- Revival is being released

**v.10** – breath came into them

- They lived (were revived) they stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army!

**Ezekiel 38-39** – there is a great battle

**v.11** – these bones are the **whole house of Israel** (**Ephesians 2:12** – we are now partakers of the commonwealth of Israel)

- These bones can surely live!

There is a people being prepared.

**1 Peter 2:9** – a chosen generation, a royal priesthood

God is releasing this kingly anointing

We are being revived to rule with Him.

***An army raised by the resurrection power to form the body to be ready for the evil day, the great battle***

# **In My Father's House**

## **Hosea 4:6**

- God's people perish/are destroyed for lack of knowledge
- Because of rejecting knowledge God will reject us from being priests
- Because of forgetting the law, God will forget our children

## **John 14:2**

- one of the most often misquoted verses
- used very often at funerals to say that Jesus went to prepare a place for us in heaven when we die
- this comes from a tragic lack of knowledge
- when knowledge is lacking, the walls are broken down – we must be taught properly (**Proverbs 24:3-4**)

1. **What is the Father's house?**
2. **What are the dwellings?**
3. **Why was the word "mansion" used here?**
4. **Where was Jesus going?**
5. **Did Jesus come again?**
6. **How does Jesus receive us to Himself?**

## **Context principle:**

- every verse is in the context of the words/passage around it
- i) every text appears within a passage
- ii) every passage is in a chapter or 2 chapters
- iii) chapter appears in a book
- iv) book appears in a Testament (Old or New)
- v) whole Bible is the final context

We must believe what is written the Bible or otherwise we develop a "private interpretation"

- Seventh Day Adventists follow "Ellen White" who had private interpretation; restricts understanding the truth seriously, denominational belief systems
- A more serious error is "Mormonism" where they follow Joseph Smith's teaching instead of the Bible – this is a cult, allowing things forbidden in the Word

## **What is the context of John 14:2**

**John 14:2** comes in midst of conversation with Peter beginning in **John 13**

## **John 13:36 "Lord, where are You going?"**

- Jesus said that where He was going Peter could not follow Him now but would later
- This conversation was taking place in Jerusalem, at the Last Supper in upper room between Peter and Jesus

- They were celebrating Passover meal; Jesus had washed disciples' feet; identified Judas as the betrayer; He had given the commandment to love one another
- Wherever Jesus was going, He said Peter was going to follow Him later

### **Where was Jesus going?**

- Jesus had already said a number of times that He was going to Jerusalem to suffer, die and be raised (**Matthew 16:21**)
- **John 11** – Jesus said they were going to Bethany to raise Lazarus
- **v.13** – Thomas said, "We may as well go there and die with Him" – they knew that Jesus would be killed in Jerusalem

### **Jesus said Peter would follow later**

#### **John 21:19**

- **v.18** – Jesus spoke to Peter about a time when he would be carried where he did not wish, stretching out his hands
- **v.19** – he spoke this to show what death Peter would die – then Jesus said "Follow Me"
- **Peter would go through the same death that Jesus went through** (history suggests Peter was crucified and he decided to be crucified upside down). Peter would follow Jesus later to death

#### **John 13:37**

- Peter said "why can I not follow you now, I am willing to die with You!"
- Peter knew Jesus was going to His death

#### **John 13:38**

- Jesus prophesies Peter's denial of Him
- Peter was not ready to die with Him

***It is clear Jesus was facing death and Peter knew this  
Jesus was "going" to the Cross***

**John 14:1** (chapter breaks were not in original manuscripts, translators put in the breaks sometimes in very unfortunate places)

**14:1** Jesus is still talking to Peter

- "You (Peter) believe in God, believe also in Me (Jesus)
- You need to have faith in Jesus
- Peter is being provoked by Jesus to step back and realise who Jesus is
- Paraphrase "when you realise what you have done, you will need to stir up your faith in God (but not just a vague faith in the God of the Jews), you must believe in Jesus"

**14:2** Jesus is still speaking to Peter

- Jesus says, "In the house of My Father are many "dwelling places" ('mansions' is not a good translation)

### **What is the Father's house?**

Is it heaven? many people just assume it is heaven;  
what does the Scripture say?

### **1) It is the House of God**

#### **In Old Testament the Temple/House of God was in Jerusalem**

- it was literally a "house"
- the structure built by Solomon was the "house" of God

**Haggai** refers to the restored temple as the "house" of God (Hebrew word "bayith" = "house")

It is not a "temple" – temples are for idols. God dwells in a "house"

### **1 Kings 6:1,5**

- Solomon built the "house"
- Solomon built "chambers" all around, side "chambers"
- there are many "rooms", many places to "dwell" in the house of God

### **2) The house of God had many rooms**

#### **Jeremiah 35:2**

- Jeremiah told Rechabites to come into "house of YAHWEH", into the "chambers"
- In the house of God in Jeremiah's day, there were "rooms" in the "house of YAHWEH"
- Jeremiah had access to use a room of the house  
[See diagram in Spirit Filled Life Bible about the house of God on page 560 – showing the house with the chambers]

So when Jesus said that "In the house of My Father there are many rooms/dwellings" what would the disciples have thought of?

They knew the set up of the Temple/House of God

They knew that there were many rooms in the house of God

The disciples had the picture there in Jerusalem before them

### **3) The house of God is a house of prayer for all nations**

#### **Isaiah 56:6-7**

- Sons of foreigners will be brought to the Holy Mountain
- They will be joyful in "My house of prayer"
- Called "A house of prayer for all nations"
- Even in Old Testament the House of God was a place for the nations to come and dwell with God
- Even the Ethiopian eunuch went there to worship

*In Old Testament we learnt that House of God had many chambers*

### **What is God's house in the New Testament?**

- if it is not according to the written word it is not a "revelation"

**Jesus said "My house ...."**

#### **Matthew 21:12-16**

**v.12** Jesus went into the "temple of God"

- Commerce was taking place, buying and selling sacrifices
- The Temple had its own monetary system and it was very corrupt

**v.13** - it is written **"My house shall be called a house of prayer"**

**v.14** - blind and lame came to Him and He healed them  
***Jesus regarded the Temple in Jerusalem as His own house,  
a house of prayer, the house of God***

### **Who is building the house of the Father?**

#### **Hebrews 3:1-6**

- v.1** - consider the Apostle and High Priest, Messiah Jesus
- v.3** - This One (Messiah Jesus) has more glory than Moses
  - Christ built the house! Moses served in it.
- v.4** - He who builds all things is God
  - Christ, the builder of the house is God
- v.6** - Christ is a Son over His own house whose house we are!
  - We are the house that Jesus is building!
  - we are the living stones that He is building into His house

### **It is the church**

#### **1 Timothy 3:15**

- in the "house of God, which is the church of the living God"
- the house is the church!
- this house, the church of the living God, is the pillar and ground of the truth, the place which upholds the truth!

***Jesus said "In the house of My Father"***  
***In the Bible the house of God always refers  
to the dwelling place of God in the earth!***

### **God will dwell with His people in the earth**

#### **Revelation 21:3**

- John is seeing a vision of new heaven and new earth
- He sees vision of holy city coming down from heaven
- The "Tabernacle/Dwelling place of God is with men"
- God Himself will be with them and be their God

**v.4-5** He is with His people wiping away every tear

**Revelation 22:12** Jesus is coming quickly to earth to give rewards

### **What are the dwellings?**

***"mansions" Gk 3306 'mone' – to stay, as a noun – a staying, residence,  
the place where you live***

**Used 2x – John 14:2 'mansion', John 14:23 'abode' – where Father and Son come to make their "abode/home" in you!!!!!! They will come to us, not us go to them!**

- God dwells in us; We are the house

Why was the word 'mansion' used here?

In the days of King James translation 'mansion' meant a 'place of abode' – **this is the archaic [ancient] meaning of the English word**

- 'mansion' in older English did not mean a big, elaborate home
- In newer English it has come to mean something different

There are many places of abode in the Father's house  
The house of God is all about living in a house with God

### **Would we ever need a house in heaven?**

**Luke 20:35-36** in resurrection we will be like the angels

Angels do not need a toilet; do not need a shower – bathroom; do not need to wash their clothes; do not need a kitchen; do not sleep – no bedroom.

Do we need a house in heaven? No

### **Jesus is building the house in the earth**

**John 1:14** we saw the glory coming in a real man on the earth

Now Jesus is building His church, a many membered Body to reveal His glory in the earth

**Isaiah 40:5** glory will be seen in the church

**Colossians 1:27** Christ in us the hope of glory

## **THE HOUSE**

1. **church is house of God**
2. **church is made up of many members**
3. **the church is a spiritual house made of living stones (1 Peter 2:5)**
4. **church is as a building built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20)**
5. **church is growing into a holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:21)**
6. **individually the believer's body is the temple/house of Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)**
7. **corporately we are the temple of the living God (2 Corinthians 6:16-17)**

## **Going to prepare a place!**

- it is a place to live and abide in
- We are to abide in Christ and Christ is to abide in us
- When born again we come into the kingdom in the Spirit
- We come into the place prepared for us – **Colossians 3:3**
- From time of new birth we grow up into the place Jesus prepared for us in the Father's house
- Finally this place is a revelation of the glory of God
- It is a place of profoundly experiencing Christ in us the hope of glory
- It is a place of mature sonship, having grown from children, through servanthood into sonship receiving the inheritance
- We are raised to rule and reign with Jesus
- The mature church rules over all His enemies, taking vengeance on all that offends His kingdom (Matthew 13:41)

### **How did Jesus prepare a place for us?**

1. went to Gethsemane
2. was arrested, taken before Sanhedrin
3. handed over to Pilate, Roman governor
4. went to Herod
5. he went to Cross
6. died on Cross
7. put in tomb

Jesus was going to the execution stake purposely and intentionally to prepare a place for us. He was making it possible for us to live with God in His house, the church. Jesus did this by shedding His blood, laying down His life for us

Jesus also went into hell, **1 Peter 3:18-20**; He died in the flesh but was made alive in the Spirit. He preached to spirits in prison

- **Ephesians 4:8** – He descended to lower parts of earth
- **Acts 2:24** – Jesus was in birth pangs in the grave, bringing forth a new creation

After raising from the dead Jesus went to the Father, ascending into heaven

### **Mary Magdalene was the first person to see Jesus risen from the dead: John 20:11-18**

- Mary wanted to cling to Jesus but He told her not to cling to Him because He was ascending to the Father
- On resurrection morning Jesus needed to take His blood into the Most Holy Place and put it on the Mercy Seat – **Hebrews 9:24, 12**
- This was the final task to be done to complete the redemption for all the sin of the world

When Jesus appeared to His disciples later that day He was different Jesus' body changed because now He told His disciples to touch Him – He now had a glorified body

Jesus had flesh and bones that were immortal – **Luke 24:36-43**

- Jesus was able to appear out of the glory

### **John 20:19 Jesus appeared in the midst of disciples**

- **Acts 1:3** – many infallible proofs given
- Jesus **"came again"** to them
- Jesus came again in 3 days – not referring to the "Coming" – Gk "Parousia" – this was not meaning the Coming

### **How does Jesus receive us to Himself? John 20:21-22**

- receive the Holy Spirit
- receive life of Christ
- this is equivalent of being born again
- this was not possible before the Cross
- Jesus took their sins and was now able to give them the Holy Spirit
- When Holy Spirit came on Pentecost it was to fill and empower them



**What about us today?**

- when we meet Jesus, He receives us so that where He is we are there also
- we are always with Jesus
- being born again is being received by Jesus to be with Him where He is

**Born again people are to be baptised**, this is being set apart fully to Jesus

If we are baptised in this way we receive the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**)

This is how we enter the realm of the kingdom, we are with Him

**John 3:1-6** the only way was to be born again

1. Father's house is the Body of Christ
2. It has pleased God to give us a place in His Body (**1 Corinthians 12:18**)
3. God's intention is for His church to be His wife, His bride
4. God will dwell with His people in the earth!

***This will be the final expression of the will of God, the Father's house  
fully built and established in the earth***

# As in the days of Noah

## **Matthew 24:36-44**

**v.36** – of that day and hour no one knows – do not believe anyone who says otherwise

**v.37** – as the days of Noah, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be

## **WHAT WERE THE DAYS OF NOAH LIKE?**

### **Genesis 6:5**

- Jesus is referring us back to the days of Noah
- The wickedness of man was great (abundant, chief) in the earth
- Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually

**v.6** – Yahweh was sorry that He had made man on the earth

**v.7** – Yahweh said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth”; God was not going to allow the wicked to live on the earth any more

**v.8** - But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD

- There is to be a people who find grace (through faith – **Romans 5:1-2**)
- **Noah** – this name means rest or a resting place
- God found a resting place in Noah in the midst of a perverse generation

**v.9** – Noah was a just (righteous) man, he was perfect in his generation

- Noah walked with God
- There is to be a people who are righteous who are walking with God

**v.11-12** - The earth was corrupt and filled with violence (man had corrupted their way on the earth)

- God was against the wickedness that was in the earth – He did not have anything against the physical earth itself but against the wickedness in it
- The **coming** has got to do with judgment

**v.13** – the end of all flesh has come before Me, I will destroy them with the earth. The coming of the Son of Man will be like this

**v.14** – make for yourself an ark, make rooms in the ark

- cover it inside and outside with pitch
- the one who was found righteous (Noah) had something to do, something to build in his generation
- we are to build the house of God (the church – **1 Timothy 3:15**)
- Noah had to build the ark exactly according to the pattern
- The church is likewise to be built exactly according to God’s pattern
  - The ark was to be prepared so that it would not sink in the judgment – ***the church is being prepared to stand in the day of judgment***

## **UNDERSTANDING NOAH’S DAY**

**Hebrews 11:7** – by faith Noah was divinely warned of things not yet seen, we have been warned also

- Noah was moved with godly fear

- God wants to move His people in these days (to be building the house)
- Jesus is building the church for the saving of His household
- By what Noah was doing, he was condemning the world
- Building the church to maturity will also end up condemning the world
- God is using us for judgment
- Noah became an inheritor of the righteousness which is according to faith
- **Philippians 3:9** – Paul’s aim was to be found in Christ, having the righteousness which comes from God
- when we are found in His righteousness we will not be caught in the judgment

**Genesis 6:22** – Noah did according to all that God commanded him

**Genesis 7:1** – Noah went into the ark

**Gen.7:21-23** – all flesh died that moved on the earth

- God destroyed all living things from the face of the earth
- All the wicked were destroyed
- Noah and his family and all that was in the ark **remained** – they were not “raptured”, they did not go to heaven for a period of time, they **remained** in the ark, in the earthly realm, as judgment went on around them
- God saved the creation through Noah – animals were included

**Genesis 8:1** – God remembered Noah

- in the midst of judgment God remembers His people
- God is able to preserve His people in judgment
- Noah never left the earth realm
- Noah made an offering to the LORD, He renewed covenant with Noah
- God promised to never again destroy every living thing

**Genesis 9:1** – God blessed Noah and his sons

- they were to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth (**Genesis 1:28**)
- God has always had a plan for the earth
- He wants the earth **filled** with His sons
- Noah found grace and **inherited righteousness**
- **God reinstated the commission given to Adam and Eve**
- Noah (in type) inherited a new earth (**2 Peter 3:13** a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells)
- The wickedness had been removed, **the righteous ones remained!**
- **Eph 1:23** – the church is the body of Christ, the fullness of Him **filling all things**
- **God still wants the earth full of people who are full of Him!**

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** the church was experiencing persecution

**v.7** – God will give you who are troubled rest when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven, taking vengeance on those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel

- there will be an everlasting destruction for those people

- the judgment will come when Jesus comes on that day to be glorified in His saints = **judgement on wicked, glorification for His saints!**

- we do not know the hour, but we can discern the time

**Isaiah 60:1-2** the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you

- darkness shall cover the earth and deep darkness the people
- the glory will be seen upon you
- again, there are 2 groups, those in darkness and those in the glory!

**Matthew 24:38-39** life was continuing on as normal

**v.39** – they (the wicked) did not know until the flood came and **took them all away**

**Who was taken away?** The wicked

**Luke 17:26-27 the flood came and destroyed them all**

- **being taken away = being destroyed**
- the coming of the Son of Man will be the same
- **only the righteous remained**
- **1 Peter 3:18-20** – we know the wicked who were judged in the days of Noah are “spirits in prison”, reserved for judgment!

**Who was left in the days of Noah?**

- Noah and his family (the righteous)

**Was the earth actually destroyed?**

- the physical land mass was not destroyed (it did not cease to exist)
- wickedness was destroyed
- the earth remained
- the earth is God’s creation, He said it was good (**Genesis 1:31**)

### **GOD’S PLAN FOR THE EARTH!**

**Ecclesiastes 1:4** the earth abides forever

**Isaiah 45:18** God did not create the earth in vain, He created it for a purpose. God will surely accomplish all that He has purposed

- He formed the earth to be inhabited, to be filled with sons

**Psalms 2:8** – the ends of the earth have been given to the Messiah for His possession

**Psalms 115:16** – the earth He has given to the children of men

- God did this from the beginning
- He has set His people over His works
- Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as in heaven!

### **God gives the earth to the righteous**

**Proverbs 10:30** – the **righteous will never be removed** (they will never be taken). The wicked will not inhabit the earth

**Matthew 5:5** – blessed are the meek for they shall **inherit the earth**

**Psalms 37:9-11**

- evildoers shall be cut off (destroyed)
- those who wait on the LORD **shall inherit the earth**
- wickedness shall not be found
- **the meek shall inherit the earth** and delight themselves in the abundance of peace

In the days of Joshua, the wicked inhabitants had to be destroyed and removed so they could inherit the land.

### **Creation is to be delivered**

**Romans 8:19-21** the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the manifestation of the sons of God; creation will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God

- it has always been God's plan to fill the earth with His glory (**Habakkuk 2:14**)

### **Matthew 24**

**v.38-39** – **the wicked were taken** away by the flood

**v.40** – one **will be taken** and the other left

- **in the context the wicked are taken**
- Noah was preserved in the ark, he remained in the earth (the righteous will not be removed)

**John 17:15** – I pray that you do not take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one

- **Jesus prayed that we would not be removed/taken!**

### **Luke 17:36-37**

- one will be taken and the other left
- Where? Wherever the body is, there the eagles (vultures) will be gathered together
- **Rev 19:17-18** God is preparing a supper for the birds (dead decaying bodies)
- **Those who are "taken" are taken in judgment**

**Psalms 91:7-8** it (the judgment) shall not come near you

- you shall look and see the reward of the wicked
- if we abide under the Almighty, we are saved and kept in the time of judgment

**2 Thessalonians 1:10** – Jesus is coming to be glorified in His saints

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** - the Lord will consume and destroy the lawless one; the people who are lawless will be destroyed at the Coming!

**Matthew 24** is not saying that there is a rapture for the righteous. We need to believe what is written.

### **Matthew 24:42-44**

- watch therefore
- you also **be ready** (watching)
- the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

# The Wheat and the Tares

## Reviewing the Feasts:

<b><u>Passover</u></b>	<b><u>Pentecost</u></b>	<b><u>Tabernacles</u></b>
<b>Firstfruits</b>	<b>Celebration</b>	<b>Grape &amp; Olive</b>
<b>Expectation</b>	<b>Souls</b>	<b>Wine &amp; Oil</b>
<b>Baby Christians</b>	<b>3000 saved</b>	<b>Maturity of Church</b>
<b>Believed, baptised</b>	<b>Filled with Holy Spirit</b>	
<b>Beginning of church age</b>		<b>end of the age</b>

- The Passover and Pentecost Feasts came at the time of the cereal harvest, and both feasts are significant in that respect.
- The Feast of Tabernacles is the latter harvest, specifically of the grape and the olive.
- The souls saved at Pentecost, saved because of Passover, then had to grow to maturity.
- The church that was birthed on the day of Pentecost, because Jesus had been to the cross, thus fulfilling Passover, that church must now grow to maturity, coming into the fulfilment of the Feast of Tabernacles at the end of the age.

"Harvest" refers to time when fruit is ready for picking  
Seed is planted at planting time; It is picked at harvest time  
Any definition of harvest must fundamentally tell us it is the time of fruit bearing, picking, a mature crop

**Ephesians 4:11-13** Jesus gave 5 gifts of ministry for Equipping, building up Body until we all come to "maturity"

## **Matthew 13:24-30 – the Kingdom of heaven is like...**

- Man sowed good seed in field
- Enemy sowed tares among wheat
- Do not gather tares until harvest time
- Both grow together until harvest time
- Reapers gather tares in bundles and burn them in fire
- Reapers gather wheat into barn

Jesus interprets the parable – **Matthew 13:37-43**

- sower of good seed = Son of Man
- field = world (the world is the field of the Lord)
- good seed = sons of kingdom (mature ones walking in the inheritance) – Jesus sows His sons into the world
- tares = sons of wicked one
- enemy = devil
- harvest = end of the age (end-time things)
- reapers = 'angels' = 'messengers'

- viii) tares are gathered = messengers **will gather out** of kingdom all that offends and those who practice lawlessness
- ix) tares burned with fire = cast into furnace of fire (wailing and gnashing of teeth)
- x) righteous shine forth as the sun in kingdom of Father = completion (the kingdom is on the earth, in the world)

## **Harvest is the end of the age**

### **What has come to maturity?**

**1. The wicked** and the righteous both have come to the maturity

Examples of wickedness coming to maturity in recent years: the homosexual onslaught in Western Nations and the Islamic thing troubling the whole world.

**2. Sons of God** are to grow to maturity and manifest a harvest of righteousness in the earth

### **Lessons learned from Jesus' explanation of the parable**

1. harvest is a harvest of maturity
2. Kingdom of God is in the world – sons of kingdom sown to grow up to maturity in the world
3. wicked are gathered out of kingdom (in the world) and burned
4. **"angels"** are human messengers
5. world is filled with the righteousness of God

### **The Angels**

- they are reapers taking out of the kingdom things that offend
- 'angels' in Bible can be heavenly (from God), men (in earth), even demonic
- **'malak'** 4397 Hebrew – to despatch as a deputy, a messenger:- 111x angel, 98x messenger, 4x ambassador

**Malachi 3:1** – I will send My **"Messenger"** referring to John the Baptist – a man, he will prepare the way for the Lord

- **"Messenger"** of the Covenant – referring to Jesus the Messiah
- This is an example where the translator has been wise
- The **"Angel"** of YHWH – that messenger/angel is the Son of God, pre-incarnation appearance of Christ in the flesh (Judges 6:20-24, Jud.13)
- All these words for Messenger and Angel is Hebrew **"Malak"**

Greek **"aggelos"** #32 – pronounced "angelos", similar to Old T word in use and application: a messenger, to bring tidings, by implication *a pastor*

**Revelation 1:16** in Jesus' right hand seven stars

**Revelation 1:20** seven "stars" are the seven "angels" (messengers); when did you have an "angel" preach to you? The word means "messengers" of the churches.

Who took the word of God to the churches in those places in **Revelation 2-3**? It the first instance it was an apostle named Paul of Tarsus

**Matthew 13:41** Son of Man will send out His "angels"

- Son of Man will send (Gk 'apostello' – to be sent apostolically, on a special mission) out His "messengers"

- In these days God has been sending and raising apostles to first sort out the church, to bring it up to maturity as sons to be planted in the world
- Son of Man not sending cosmic angelic heavenly beings to do the work of the ministry
- The “reapers”, the “angels” are the apostolic messengers being sent out to gather out of His kingdom (in the world) all that offends
- More and more we have to be planted in the world, set in place in the world so we can speak the word of righteousness wherever we are
- **John 17:18** – Jesus said to Father, “As You sent Me so I now send you (apostles)
- **The messengers are the apostles sent**
- At the end of the age Jesus is again raising a generation of apostles through whom He is speaking His word to the church worldwide and through whom He is calling forth all His ministers to do the work of the ministry to bring His church to maturity and perfection

### **What about the judgement?**

- those who practice lawlessness and all that offends will be **gathered out**
- what does it mean to bring judgement?
- How will they do this?

Jesus is sending them to do this work – we have a vision for a righteous, Spirit-filled, fruit-bearing body of mature believers, called the church, to actually bring forth the victory of the gospel in the earth and see the kingdom of God established!

**1 Corinthians 15:25** judgement on wickedness and lawlessness comes by the word through the church

***As the church in maturity speaks the Word in reality,  
the kingdom of God will be manifest in the earth***

**2 Corinthians 10:5-6** we are to walk in obedience in such a way that we also punish all the disobedience around us

- we do this by receiving the mighty power of God to pull down all the strongholds in us. This is so we can begin judging the world

**Acts 5** judgement of Ananias and Sapphira; They offended the Holy Spirit

**1 Peter 4:17** judgement begins at the house of God; judgement is beginning to happen

**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** when Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels/messengers

- those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel will be destroyed; we are not sure if it is a cosmic instant happening or a season where this happens

The lead up to the Coming of the Son of Man is happening in the world

- apostles are gathering companies where people are being trained and sent out as sons

Jesus gives us a very amazing picture of the sons of God having been planted in the world and coming to maturity in the world



In general, **believers have not been encouraged to grow up into sonship**  
Not just remaining in a church "citadel" but getting out into the world

Setting up a Christian School is a way of doing this  
SHILOH is an apostolic training centre, not a "church", but planted in the world to send out ministry into the nations

Jesus is now restoring apostles and all five-fold ministers – **Ephesians 4:11**  
More and more of God's saints are beginning to hear of the gospel of the kingdom of God

### **Making Disciples**

- we are to make disciples
- train them to do the work of the ministry
- send them out
- we are committed to equipping every member as they allow us and we are seeing tangible results as they go out to teach others

# **Describe the house** **to the house**

## **Ezekiel 43:10**

- 'Son of man describe the temple (lit.House) to the house of Israel'
- We need to have the house of God described to us
- We need to understand what it is

## **1 Timothy 3:15**

- The house of God is the church of the Living God the pillar and ground of the truth

- **The House is the Church!**

Ezekiel is prophesying of a time of restoration – God coming to dwell in a new house

Jesus prophesied before His death of the house of God that "not one stone would be left upon another" (**Matthew 24:2**)

– He also said at another time, 'destroy this temple and in three days I shall raise it up' – **John 2:16-21**

- Jesus was speaking of His Body, not just His physical body but the Body of Christ, the House!

God is raising up apostles and prophets today to describe the house to the house

**Ezekiel 43:1** he brought me to the east gate

(**Genesis 3:24** – Cherubim placed at the east of the garden of Eden – guarding the way to the Tree of Life) – Cherubim cover and guard the glory

**Ezekiel 10:18** The glory of Yahweh departed from the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubim – the glory left the old house

**Ezekiel 11:1** at that time there were wicked men ruling at that gate – the people could not access the glory

- We have the promise that the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former – **Haggai 2:9**

**Ezekiel 43:2** the glory of God came from the way of the east, there was the voice like the sound of many waters (**Revelation 1:15** – 'His voice is as the sound of many waters') – the glory of the God of Israel is a person! Jesus the Messiah (**Luke 2:32** – the glory of Your people Israel)

- the earth shone with His glory (**Habakkuk 2:14**)

## **What is the glory?**

**Isaiah 60:1** – 'The glory of Yahweh is risen upon you'  
Glory – 'Chavod' weightiness, that which is substantial, heavy, splendour, honour, power, wealth, excellence  
- The Glory is the Substance of God

### **God is preparing a house for His glory**

**Hebrews 1:3** – The Son is the brightness of glory

### **The glory is not a thing but it is a person!**

The glory stands, the glory moves, the glory speaks

- One of the names of God is the Excellent Glory – **2 Peter 1:17**

**2 Corinthians 4:6** – The glory is seen in the face of Jesus Christ

**Exodus 34:5-7** Moses crying to God 'please show me Your glory' – **Exodus 33:18**

- Yahweh proclaimed the name of Yahweh  
'Yahweh, I Am God, **Merciful, Gracious, Longsuffering**, abounding in **Goodness** and **Truth, keeps Mercy** for thousands, **Forgiving** iniquity, transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty (He is **just and He will judge**) – 8 facets of the Glory
- this is the glory of God

**John 1:14** – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us – we beheld His glory **full of grace and truth** – the glory summed up!

**Ezekiel 43:3-5** The glory of God came into the house

- Through gate that faces east
- The Spirit lifted me up – the Glory of God filled the house

**Exodus 40:33-35** Moses given instructions for building the tabernacle

- Moses finished the work
- The cloud rested above the house and the **glory of God filled the tabernacle**

**2 Chronicles 5:13-14** The dedication of the temple of Solomon

- Trumpeters and singers as one (120 of them – **2 Chronicles 5:12, Acts 1:14**)

- The house was finished and the cloud came and the glory filled the house of God

- When the glory filled the house the priests could not continue ministering (**Ephesians 4:11-13** – The ascension gifts of Christ are given until...we come to maturity, then there is no need for ministry)

**Ezekiel 43:5** The Spirit lifted me up

- To understand the house of God we need to be lifted up by the Spirit. It is only by revelation, by the Holy Spirit that we can see and understand the House of God (**Revelation 4:1-2**)
- The Spirit lifts us up into the inner court
- It is a spiritual house, we can only access by the Spirit (**1 Peter 2:5, Ephesians 2:18**)

- Zechariah prophesied 'it's not by might nor by power but **by My Spirit** says the Lord' – it is by the Spirit that the house is built!

**Ezekiel 43:6-7** This is the place of My throne

- The place of the soles of My feet
- Where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever

**The House of God is:**

**The place of His Throne**

- The place of God's authority, government, Kingdom
- In the midst of the House of God is to be His throne

**Isaiah 66:1** – 'Heaven My throne, earth is My footstool, where is the place of My rest?'

**v2.** 'on this one I will look, him who is of a poor and contrite spirit, who trembles at My Word' – God will live and dwell with this person

- this is the material that God's house is made of – a people who are of a poor and contrite heart.
- God shall dwell in this place
- This is where God shall put His throne

**Genesis 28:12** – 'Jacob dreamed and a ladder was **set up on the earth and it's top reached to heaven** and there the messengers were ascending and descending on it. Yahweh stood above it'

**V17.** 'Jacob said, how awesome is this place. This is none other than the house of God, the gate of heaven'

**The house of God is a picture of:**

- The kingdom of heaven coming on the earth
- This dream was talking of the seed of Abraham – the sons (**v.13-14**)
- The house of God is where heaven and earth come together
- The Kingdom is manifested by His throne – **Heaven is His Throne, it is connected to the earth in the house of God**

**Jeremiah 17:12** – 'a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary'; We were made to dwell at His throne

**The Throne is a:**

**Psalms 18:14** – throne of righteousness and justice

**Hebrews 4:16** – Throne of grace

**Psalms 45:6** – your throne O God is forever – it is eternal

**Ephesians 2:6** – We are raised up to sit together with Christ in the heavenly places – on His throne

- God needs a house to execute His will in the earth

**Ezekiel 47:1, 7-9** – The river of God comes from the throne (**Revelation 22:1-5**)

- The Throne is in the house!

- It is a reality now.
- in the midst of His house the river flows forth from His throne – from the midst of His people – **John 7:38**

### **The place of the soles of His feet**

- God walks in His house
- A footstool is a place to rest your feet
- God wants a place of rest in the earth

**Psalm 99:5** - We are to worship at His footstool – on the earth  
 - **God wants worship to come to Him from the earth**

**Psalm 110:1** – Yahweh said to My Lord sit at My right hand til I make your enemies your footstool  
 - **The enemies of God in the earth are to become a place for God to rest His feet**

- We are the body of Christ – we are His feet
  - All His enemies need to be under our feet
    - God from the beginning has wanted to walk on the earth
- Genesis 3:8** – Adam and Eve heard the sound of God walking

**Romans 6:13**– present members of our bodies as instruments (weapons) of righteousness  
 God wants to walk in the earth through our feet

### **Isaiah 60:13-14**

- 'I will make the place of My feet glorious'
- 'The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing before you at the soles of your feet'
- We are the place of the soles of His feet – His enemies will bow to God in us!

**It is the place where I will dwell in the midst forever**  
**Numbers 10:12**

Dwell - 'settle down' Heb 'Shachan': to dwell, to abide, remain, to stay, tabernacle

**Matthew 18:19-20** – 'where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am there** in the midst of them'

**Ephesians 2:22** – 'We are to grow up to be a dwelling place for God in the spirit'

**John 14:23** – 'if anyone loves Me... we will come and make our abode (home) in him'  
 - We are the Dwelling!

### **Ezekiel 43:7**

- No more shall they defile My holy name
- He will be perfectly represented, His name hallowed and honoured
- No more harlotry – no more worshipping idols

- No more of your carcasses of your kings on the high places – people who have gone before and died and that people have followed rather than God
- The house of God is not stuck in a denomination named after man
- We are to follow Jesus

**V8.** – ‘their threshold against My threshold’

- ‘their doorpost against My doorpost’
- we are not to build the house of God our way. We need to build it His way
- When we do it our way there will be a wall between us and God

**V9.** – ‘let them put their harlotry and carcasses far away from Me’ – repentance, change, decide to do things His way

- God will come and dwell in the midst forever

**V10.** ‘Describe the house to the house’

- that they are ashamed of their iniquities – to bring them to repentance
- let them measure the pattern
- There is a pattern how the house is to be built. What is the measure? It is the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Ephesians 4:13**)
- There needs to be a pattern people
- A house built according to the word of God

**1 Corinthians 3:10** – apostle Paul as a wise master builder laid the foundation. Apostles have wisdom from God to see how the house is built

**V11.** ‘If they are ashamed of all that they have done...’ – you can only make this known to repentant people

1. Make known to them the design of the house (**1 Corinthians 3:11, Ephesians 2:20**) – Foundation and building
2. Make known its arrangement (**Ephesians 4:11-14**) – ministers are to equip/arrange the saints in order
3. Make known its exits and its entrances – we need to know how to enter the house of God (through the Door – **John 10:9**) and then how we are to go out (sending people out – making disciples)
4. Make known its entire design (**Acts 20:27**) – the whole counsel of God
5. Make known all its ordinances, forms and laws – we need to make known how people are to conduct themselves in the house of God (**1 Timothy 3:15, 1 Corinthians 12:28**) and the order of appointment
6. Write it down in their sight – We have the Word of God (**Ephesians 3:2-5**)

***We need to describe the house of God to the house of God so that we can become the house of God***

# **The Heavens**

## **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This teaching is to show us what God is doing through the church that has come into discipleship (knowing what the Word says)

### **Ephesians 3:10**

#### **v.8**

- "preach" means 'to trumpet'
- we are to trumpet among the nations the unsearchable riches of Messiah

#### **v.9**

- to make 'to see' = revelation
- of the mystery = the secret/hidden wisdom that God ordained for our glory (**1**

**Corinthians 2:7**), He is bringing many sons to glory – **Hebrews 2:10**

- from the beginning of the ages (the beginning of created time – **Genesis 1**)

this knowledge of the mystery was hidden in Christ Jesus (in the Tree of Life)

- Adam and Eve took an easy fix, they were deceived and seduced into the demonic realm, they did not seek for the knowledge of the mystery

#### **v.10**

- this is for the purpose that now by the church He will make known the manifold wisdom of God to principalities and powers **in the heavenlies**
- through the "called out" people of God

**Which heavens are the principalities and powers in?**

**What is the 1<sup>st</sup> heavens? – blue sky, sun rising, stars, the created heavens, created for "times and seasons"**

### **2 Corinthians 12:1-4**

#### **v.1-2**

- a man was caught up to the **3<sup>rd</sup> heaven**
- Paul did not know if he was in the spirit or in the body

#### **v.4**

- he was caught up into **Paradise**
- Paradise is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heavens
- he saw and heard things he had to keep secret, "inexpressible things not lawful for a man to utter"

**Who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heavens?**

**Realm of heaven where God dwells**

**Where the Throne is**

**1 Kings 8:27, Psalm 115:16 "heaven of heavens"**

**Where is the 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens?**

- between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>
- realm of **principalities and powers, thrones, dominions**

### **Where is the church?**

- the church is on the earth
- church is in the world – Gk 'cosmos' = world system
- that world system is destined for hell, it is run by the 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens, the rulers of the darkness of this age
- there is no hope in that system

### **John 3:16**

- God so loved the world that He gave His Son to save us from the world
- He came to plant His church in the earth, in the world

### **Daniel 10**

#### **v.10**

- a hand touched him

#### **v.12**

- 21 days it took for the prayer to be answered
- he was heard from the first day but it took a while for the answer to come

In **v.5** this amazing man appeared to Daniel

#### **v.13**

- Prince of kingdom of Persia withstood this man
- Michael came and helped
- he took 21 days because the Prince of Persia in the **2<sup>nd</sup> heavens, a principality**, fought with this angel and withheld him for that time
- there was a blockage between Daniel (man of God) on earth and the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven

#### **v.20**

- after dealing with Prince of Persia he would have to deal with the Prince of Greece
- **Principalities are over nations, kingdoms**
- Michael was there to help, "one of the chief princes"
- there was a war in the heavens that did not involve us
- Daniel was not fighting the principalities, Michael and this angel were

We as the church are on the earth and we pray to God in heaven  
Are we heard? Can rulers stop our prayers? No, the Blood of Jesus is on the mercy seat!

This has changed the heavens for us!

For the believer there is no interference from 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens, there is an open heavens over the believer

### **Why does the church need to come to the mature understanding of the mystery?**

#### **Ephesians 3:10**



- so that the manifold wisdom of God (in the heaven of God – 3rd) can be made known by the church (on the earth – 1st) to the principalities in the **heavenlies** (the demonic heavens)
- as the church grows up into maturity our prayers and our preaching (through the knowledge of the Word in discipleship) it begins to make known the manifold wisdom into the heavenly
- our prayers become more concerned with the **kingdom of heaven/God**, it is being preached in the earth
- the realm of the heavens becomes more and more filled with the knowledge of God, the glory
- principalities and powers then get pushed out

### **Ephesians 6:12**

- we do not wrestle against flesh and blood
- against **principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly realm**

### **Ephesians 1:20-21**

- power of God worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him (on the Throne) at right hand in heavenlies (3<sup>rd</sup> heaven)
- Far above **principality, power, might, dominions**
- **Jesus is also above every name – 'Allah', 'Buddha', 'Krishna', 'Baal', 'Islam', 'communism', 'atheism', 'idols'....**
- **Acts 4:12 – no other name**

### **v.22**

- God has put all things under Christ's feet
- made Christ "head over all things" – He is the chief of all the 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens
- Christ as the head over all things has been "given to the church"

### **v.23**

- the church is "the Body of Him" – the Body of the Messiah, the Head over all things
- the time is coming and now is when the principalities and powers have to bow the knee to Messiah through the Church
- **Luke 10:17** – even the demons are subject to us in name of Jesus – demons are on the earth
- church is "body of Him who fills all in all"
- this is the church filling the heavenlies with the manifold wisdom of God

This has been accomplished by Jesus dying on the Cross and being raised from dead and taking blood into 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven

- **Colossians 2:15**, principalities and powers are disarmed by blood washed believers who enforce the victory

# **Confessing Christ**

## **1. PETER'S CONFESSION**

**Matthew 16:13-19** Who do you say Jesus is?

**v.16** – You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God

**v.17** – revealed by Father in heaven  
- this confession is so powerful

**v.18** – upon that confession Jesus said He would build His church in the earth

**v.19** – Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter

- one man can change history, one man with a revelation is greater than 10,000 with a doctrinal stand – God only needs one man

**Acts 2:36** Peter had a very important and primary role; Peter in the will of God was the spokesperson

**v.14** – the 12 were in one accord but Peter was the one who stood up, he had the keys

**v.36** – God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord and Christ**

- **"Lord" = supreme authority**
- **"Christ" = Messiah, great King who would come to deliver His people**
- this is the full covering – **Isaiah 32:1-3** – this is the Man who is the covering
- **Lord Jesus Christ**

## **2. BELIEVER'S CONFESSION**

**Romans 10:8** – word is near you, in your mouth and heart

**v.9** – if you **confess** the **Lord Jesus** with your mouth and believe in your heart that **God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved!**

- this is the power of the believer's confession

## **3. ETHIOPIAN'S CONFESSION**

**Acts 8:36** – see, water! What hinders me from being baptised

- if you believe with all your heart you may be baptised

**v.37** – **"I believe that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God"**

- whoever receives Jesus believing on His name is born of God

## **4. THE BLIND MAN'S CONFESSION**

**a) Matthew 9:27** two blind men followed Jesus crying out, **"Son of David, have mercy on me"**

- **Matthew 1:1** – Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, is the **Son of David, Son of Abraham**. This meant that they believed this Jesus was the **Messiah**

**b) Matthew 15:22** – **Canaanite woman's confession**

- woman of Canaan said, **"Lord, Son of David"**
- Canaanite woman confessed Jesus as the Lord, the Messiah!

## **5. CENTURION'S CONFESSION**

**Matthew 8:8-9** Centurion called Jesus, **"Lord"** – maybe means "sir"

- Told Jesus to just **"speak the word"** and his servant would be healed

- Roman Centurion recognized the Lordship (great authority of Jesus in the flesh)

## 6. PAUL'S CONFESSION

**Acts 9** Paul was formerly called "Saul". Saul was going to arrest Jews who were following this "sect" that worshiped Jesus.

**v.3-4** light from heaven comes on him

- voice calls to him
- Saul said "**Who are You, Lord?**" - called Him "Lord"

**v.5** – "**I am Jesus**" he heard the voice say

**v.17-18** – baptised, healed and filled with Spirit

**v.20** – immediately preached the **Messiah/Christ, that He is the Son of God**

**v.22** – proving this Jesus is the **Christ**

- this is the confession that overcomes all other confession
- that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

## 7. CONFESSIONS OF JESUS

**John 8:24** If you do not believe that **I, I AM**, you will die in your sins

- Jesus confessed Himself to be the **I AM**
- He confessed He is God, the Eternal One in the flesh

**John 8:28** when you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that **I, I AM...**

- Jesus again confesses that He is the **I AM**

**John 8:56-58** Abraham rejoiced to see My day

- Jews ridiculed Him saying He was not even 50 years old, how could He see Abraham
- before Abraham was born, **I AM**
- the Jews picked up stones to throw at Him
- Jesus just walked through the midst of them
- That confession in that moment caused the power and glory of God to manifest and an awesome miracle happened – He just walked through the midst of a crowd that picked up stones to stone Him
- He did not just "say it", He "confessed" it
- Confess the name!

**John 10:11 I, I Am the Good Shepherd**

- The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep

Jesus said many **I AM confessions**

**I, I AM the Bread**

**I, I AM the Light**

**I, I Am the Door**

**I, I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

**I, I Am the true Vine**

**I, I Am the Way, the truth, the Life**

**Mark 14:61-62** Are You the **Christ, Son of the Blessed?**

- Jesus said, "**I, I Am**" (Gk. 'ego eimi')

- You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the **Power**
- Jesus gave the good confession

## 8. OUR CONFESSION

**Matthew 10:32** if you confess Him before men, Jesus will confess before the Father; if you deny Him, He will deny you.

- This can happen in any situation – when you confess Christ you feel great, if you do not take the opportunity, you feel horrible

**John 9:22** Jews had agreed that if anyone **confessed** Jesus was the Christ would be put out

**John 12:42** many believed in Him but did not **confess Him** lest they be put out of synagogue. We must be willing to confess Christ even if it means being kicked out

## 9. CONFESSION OF WHOLE CHURCH

**Philippians 2:9-11** This is a confession for the whole church to make

- That God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name above every name
- Every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father**
- We all need to know that confession
- "confession" means to 'speak the same word as'

**Romans 14:11** Every knee shall bow to Me; Every tongue shall **confess to God**

**Romans 15:9** Nations will glorify God; It is written "**For this reason I will confess to You among the nations...**"

## 10. SICK PERSON'S CONFESSION

**James 5:14-16** part of healing process is to "**confess your trespasses to one another**" and pray for one another, that you may be healed

- 'iniquity' – the immoral nature within, perversity, twisted aspect of our nature
- 'transgression' – breaking the law
- 'sin' – any offense
- When we want to be healed sometimes we need to confess our faults to someone, a trusted elder, so that deep inner things can be healed

**1 John 1:9** if we **confess sins** Jesus is faithful and just to forgive the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

## 11. THE SPIRIT'S CONFESSION

**1 John 4:1-4** test the spirits, whether they are of God; many false prophets around

**v.2** – any spirit that **confesses that Jesus Christ came in the flesh is of God**. what does this mean? if do **not confess** this it is the spirit of the anti-Christ

Who is Jesus? – He is the Son of God, God manifest in flesh

- He is the Christ, the Son of God (**2 Samuel 7:12-14**)

Jehovah's Witness have an anti-Christ spirit. They accept Jesus but they do not confess that He is God manifest in the flesh

**2 John 7-9** deceivers have gone out who **do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh**. There is a reward for believing and confessing the truth

- if we do not **abide in the doctrine of Christ you do not have God**
- those bringing false doctrine need to be warned, not "blessed"

## **12. THE GREAT CONFESSION**

**1 Timothy 3:16** Without controversy; great is the mystery of Godliness

- God was manifested in the flesh (in and through Jesus)
- Justified in the Spirit (by conception – **Luke 1:35**, baptism – **Matthew 3:16-17**, resurrection- **Romans 1:4**)
- Seen by angels (conception, birth, temptations in wilderness, Gethsemane, rose from dead, ascended)
- Preached among the nations (we are proof of this)
- Believed on in the world
- Received up in glory

# The Day of the Lord

**Matthew 24:37** – the coming

**Luke 17:26** – the days of the Son of Man

- The “**Coming**” is referred to as “the **days** of the Son of Man”

**Day** – Hebrew SC#3117 – ‘yom’

- comes from a root word meaning ‘to be hot’
  - a day literally or figuratively
  - a space of defined time
  - Greek SC#2250 – ‘hemera’
  - Means ‘a day’, also a ‘day defined by what is happening in that time’
- A time when the Lord is doing something particular

**Genesis 1:8**

- this day was defined by an evening and a morning – a 24 hour day

**Genesis 2:2-3**

- the seventh day – a day of rest
- there is no record of an evening or a morning, it is an eternal day defined by what is happening on it – “rest”

**Hebrews 4:4-7 – speaking of the seventh day rest**

- it was prophesied that they (the unbelieving children of God) would not enter the rest of God

**v.7** – God designates a certain **day** – ‘today’

- the seventh day is open to anybody who will hear His voice and enter the rest by faith
- the seventh day speaks of entering God’s rest
- this day is a “day” we are in now, it is a “day” of hearing His voice, believing and entering the rest (**Romans 10:17**), you can enter this “day” today!

**v.10** – he who has entered His rest has ceased from his works as God did from His – this is the true Sabbath “day”

**Genesis 1:5 – “Day” first mentioned**

- first mention of the word ‘day’
- God called the “light” **day**
- The day has got to do with “light”
- There was no sun, no moon and no stars
- the day is not to do with physical light
- supernatural light
- revelational light

**2 Corinthians 4:6**

- the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
- the **light** is called **day** and the day is to shine in our hearts, it is a day of the glory being revealed and shining in our hearts

**2 Peter 1:19**

- there is a **dawning of the day** that happens in us
- Jesus is the bright and Morning Star - **Revelation 22:16**
- the morning star rises in our hearts **as the day dawns**

**v.16-18** – the prophetic word was confirmed – they saw it, they saw Jesus as the fulfilment of the Word – by heeding this Word we will see the day dawn!

**Gen 1:5** – God separated the light from the darkness

- the Day is set apart from the night – there is no night in the holy city (**Revelation 21:23-25**), it is in the Day

**Psalms 119:130** – the entrance of **Your words bring light** and understanding to the simple

- as we heed the word, light comes into us and we end up walking in the day
- receiving the word brings light (this light is called day)

**1 Thessalonians 5:5**

- you are all **sons of light** and **sons of the day**
- we have **been begotten of the day and of the light**
- if we are a son of the light, we carry light
- if we are a son of the day, we carry the day
- God wants the earth full of sons of light and sons of the day
- not of the night, not of darkness

**John 1:1-5**

- in the beginning was the Word
- the life was the light of men
- the Word brings light, the light is called day
- the light entered the world by the Word

**1 John 1:5**

- God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all

When the light is in us, we begin to manifest the day.

**The Day in the Old Testament**

**Proverbs 4:18-19**

- the way of the just (righteous) shines ever brighter unto the **perfect day**
- **there is a perfect day to appear**
- if we are walking in the way of righteousness (being disciples) we are walking on a path that is shining ever brighter

When we walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses us (**1 John 1:9**)

**Ezekiel 13:3-5**

- on the **day of Yahweh** there is a battle
- there is meant to be a people who can stand in that day
- the false prophets had not helped the people to stand
- **Ephesians 6:13** – the armour of God enables us to stand in the **evil day**
- The **day of Yahweh is a day of standing**
- **Revelation 16:14** – the battle of the **great day of God Almighty**

- the day of the great battle is at hand – forces of the devil have been mustering and we must be ready for this day that is upon us in the nations

### **Obadiah 15**

- the **day of Yahweh** upon all the nations is near
  - a **day of judgement**
  - a day for all the nations
- v.17** – on Mt Zion there shall be deliverance in that day
- they shall possess their possessions – the inheritance received
  - **Hebrews 12:22** – Mt Zion is a spiritual reality, a place we have come to by revelation
  - The house of Jacob a fire
  - The house of Joseph a flame
  - Fire and flame speaks of judgement
  - The house of Esau speaks of the man of the flesh
  - The flesh is going to be burnt up by the house of God in that day, the **people who are a fire and a flame**
- V.21** – deliverers shall come to Mt Zion to judge the mountains of Esau
- The kingdom shall be the LORD's
  - The kingdom will be manifest in that day when Esau (the flesh) is judged by the deliverers who have come to Mt Zion – **Matthew 13:43**

### **Malachi 3:2**

- God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way before Him according to this verse (**Mark 1:2**)
- Who can endure the **day of His coming**?
- Who can stand when He appears?
- There is an appearing on this day
- He is like a refiner's fire – **it is a day of refining**
- The baptism of fire refines us to get us ready for the day – **Luke 3:16**
- Purifying His priesthood – we are His priesthood (**1 Peter 2:9**), we are in the **day of refining**

### **Malachi 4**

- **The day** comes, burning like an oven
  - all the wicked will be as stubble – they will be burnt up
  - no trace of the wicked will be left – this is a **day of judgment**
- v.2** – but to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings – **a day of healing and salvation** for those who fear the name
- full of the abundance of His word
- v.3** – you shall trample the wicked
- they shall be ashes under your feet
  - a righteous people walking over all the wickedness – God's people are again the ones who trample the wicked in that day
- v.4** – prepare for the day by coming back to the word (remember the Law of Moses)
- we need to be preaching the word of truth – bring light
  - Elijah the prophet will be sent before the **great and dreadful day of Yahweh**



- He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers
- God is releasing the spirit of sonship in our hearts – **Romans 8:15**
- God is forming a family again – fathers and sons (responsibility positions in the family) – not institutions
- We need to receive the spirit of sonship to prepare for the dreadful day

## **The Day in the New Testament**

### **The day is a day of wrath**

#### **Romans 2:5**

- the **day of wrath and revelation** of the righteous judgment of God
- we prepare for this day by repenting and changing our mind when we hear the word of God
- a period of wrath and God's judgment

## **The Last Day**

### **John 6:39-40**

- I will raise him up at **the last day**
- This is a day to look forward to
- We will be raised up – resurrected (**John 11:24**)

### **John 12:48**

- the word that I have spoken will judge him in **the last day**
- we have opportunity to repent before the last day and obey the Word

## **The day of the Lord Jesus Christ**

### **1 Corinthians 1:6-8**

- the testimony of Christ confirmed in you
- we can be eagerly waiting for more unveiling of who Christ is
- revelation – immediate and progressive unveiling
- **in the day**, in the light, we will be found blameless as the testimony of Christ is confirmed in us

### **1 Corinthians 5:5**

- ...that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus (the destruction of the flesh)
- no flesh can stand in His presence on the **day of the Lord Jesus**

### **Philippians 1:5-6**

- He who has begun a good work in you will complete it **until the day of Jesus Christ**

There is a day coming that is completely characterised by Jesus Christ.

We are being brought into that day, being made perfect for that day

### **Philippians 1:9-10**

- that you may be sincere and without offense **until the day of Christ**
- approving things that are excellent, this is showing us how to be ready for the Day

### **Philippians 2:14-16**

- do all without complaining or disputing
- that you may become blameless and harmless

- holding fast the word of life
- cause the apostolic ministers to rejoice **in that day**

### **The day of salvation – 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (now is the day)**

#### **The day**

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15** (the day will declare each one's work – it will be revealed by **fire**)

- to be rewarded, the work you have done needs to stand the test of that day, the day of fire to test our works in the Lord

**Romans 13:11-14** – time to awake out of sleep

- The night is far spent, **the day is at hand**
- Cast off the works of darkness, put on the armour of light
- **Walk properly, as in the day** – our behaviour is to be decent, befitting the Day we are being prepared for
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil its lusts
- We need to be walking properly already so we can be found walking in that Day

#### **The day of redemption**

**Ephesians 4:30** – The Holy Spirit has sealed us for the **day of redemption** (**Romans 8:23**)

#### **The day of the Lord**

**2 Peter 3:8**

- with the Lord **one day is as a thousand years**
- **a thousand years is as one day** – let's not be dogmatic and rigid about the 1000 years mentioned in **Revelation 20**, maybe it is referring to the day of the Lord?!
- God does not want anyone to perish

**v.10 – the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night

- the heavens (principalities and powers) will pass away on that day
- the elements (**Colossians 2:8, 20; Galatians 4:3** – basic elements of the world, principles, the world system) will melt
- we are to be looking for and hastening **the coming of the day of God**
- make sure our conduct is befitting that day – it is a **day of a new heavens and a new earth**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-10** – **the day** will not overtake you as a thief for you are sons of the day and sons of light (**v.4-5**)

***We are to be people who walk in the light, walking in that day so that when the day dawns we are prepared***

# Prayer – 1 Timothy 2:1-9

## **1 Timothy 2:1**

### **i) supplications**

### **ii) prayers**

### **iii) intercessions**

### **iv) giving of thanks**

4 aspects of prayer in the one verse

- i) supplications – serious form of prayer, pleading, making petitions, desperation and urgency about it
  - **Hebrews 11:6** – diligently seeking God
  - **Hannah** was making supplications at SHILOH – **1 Samuel 1**
- ii) prayers – this is the general one, addressing your wishes to God, dialogue with God, 2 way communication, we have an expectation that God will answer and speak to us, it involves listening to God
- iii) intercessions – Esther is a clear example of intercession
  - she went on behalf of the people of Israel at the time before the King
  - the act of going between
  - they go before God on behalf of others, very often because of a critical situation
  - includes petitions
  - representing someone else's need
  - it is unselfish
- iv) giving of thanks – **Philippians 4:6**, through prayers and supplications with giving of thanks make requests known to God
  - it stirs up faith
  - thanks can be remembering what He has done at Calvary
  - we enter His gates with thanksgiving in our hearts – it is a highway into the house of God

Who are we to pray, supplicate, intercede and give thanks for?

a) All men!

b) For kings (**v.2**), [Prime Ministers, Presidents, Premiers]

c) All who are in authority [in prominence], principals, chief of police, mayors, vice chancellors of universities

The result/fruit of the prayer?

- that we may lead:

**a quiet life** – no arguing, violence, no war, no gangs fighting

**a peaceable life** – similar, lack of war, safety

**godliness** – people recognising who Jesus, growth of godly people, believers in the nation

**reverence/dignity/respect** – respecting people, respect for elders, respect for teachers, parents

**v.3-4**

- For this (the answers of our prayers, the result) is good and acceptable in the sight of our God and Saviour
- it is good to walk around the neighbourhood praying for your neighbours
- this works

What should we be praying for?

- God desires all men (that we are praying for) to be saved by coming to the knowledge of the truth
- If the leaders of nations and prominent people get saved they will be able to be led by the Holy Spirit

**v.5** a marvellous statement of the basic truth of the gospel

- "There is One God"
- There is One Mediator between God and men
- He is the Man Christ Jesus
- He is actually God, in the Man Christ Jesus
- this is the message
- He wants this message declared over all the nations

**v.6** This Man, Christ Jesus, gave His life a ransom for them all!

- this is to be testified in due time
- somebody has to tell somebody
- we need to tell them that there is only One God and One Mediator...
- **Hebrews** tells us we have a better covenant than anything else

Where, when should this prayer be made?

This should be a vital part of gathering with the saints

At least every Sunday but should be whenever you meet

This is a radical step for Christians everywhere to actually do this

Paul told us to pray and told us the results we can expect, that this is good and acceptable to God, that He wants all saved and to know the truth and that

**somebody needs to testify**

**v.7 – for this reason I was appointed**

- a preacher
- an apostle
- a teacher of the Gentiles
- he is part of the answer to the saints praying
- God raises preachers, apostles, teachers in response to our prayers for the "all men" in our nation who can testify to the truth
- in this verse Paul had to contend for his apostleship, people were questioning his apostleship
- he said "I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying"
- apostles need to know they are apostles by God's appointment

**v.8** "I desire that the men everywhere pray"

- result is that I want you to do it, pray
- "I want you to lift up **holy hands**"

**without wrath** (left hand) – no unforgiveness, get rid of desires for vengeance, cannot lift up a "holy" hand if you are carrying wrath

- "wrath" = anger seeking revenge

**without doubting** (right hand) – believing God will really hear my prayer, deal with doubts, take up shield of faith to quench darts of doubt

**v.9** in like manner the women ought to pray

- women should dress modestly so that when you lift your hands you don't show your belly

The wonderful answers to these prayers is that God keeps raising preachers, apostles and teachers

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## **SOME UNDERSTANDING ON WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

**1 Timothy 2:10** dressing modestly is right for those "professing godliness" = confessing their faith

**v.11** "learn in silence with all submission"

- "silence" – does not mean dead silence but quietly
- same here goes for men, if men are being loud and talking while someone is sharing the Word then they need to be quiet also

**v.12** "I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man but to be in silence"

- Paul is talking to Timothy whom he left with responsibility of the Ephesian church and many others

**Women were very much included in Paul's ministry as an apostle**

- Priscilla and Aquila were a couple that Paul had a lot to do with – seems like the woman "Priscilla" was the minister
- Romans 16:7 – Andronicus and Junia (a female name) are apostles
- Paul talks of Phoebe, a servant of the church (Romans 16:1-2)
- Lydia was the host of the church in the house in Philippi (Acts 16)

**A particular woman**

- I do not permit "a woman" = singular, a particular woman
- she was teaching nonsense – teaching that Eve was created first and Adam was first begotten of Eve
- it was "a woman" that was giving Timothy trouble
- I do not permit a woman to "teach in such a way that usurps the authority of the man" – e.g. Jezebel and Ahab. The problem with the particular woman was that she was teaching false doctrine and in so doing, usurping Timothy's authority.

**v.13** Adam was formed first then Eve

- this is such a simple thing to say – why did Paul say it? Because that was the false doctrine being taught by the woman

**v.14** Adam was not deceived; he openly rebellious; Adam disobeyed God

- the woman was deceived

- In New Testament, who brought sin into the world? Answer: Adam; the blame was on Adam, not Eve

- in fallen man came a hatred of women

- many cultures and societies have an inbuilt hatred for women and oppress them terribly

- Adam was culpable because he should have taught and pastored his wife and established her in the truth. Instead he joined with her

**v.15** she (still talking of Eve) will be saved in child-bearing

- which Child – the Christ-child

- Adam could not be entrusted to father the Messiah

- Adam's seed had been corrupted; he could never produce a Godly seed

- in **Genesis 3:15**, God said, the Seed of the Woman will crush the head of seed of Serpent. The Seed is going to come through the woman, because God was going to place that seed in the woman by the Holy Spirit.

- the Woman will be saved in bearing the Christ-child

- if they (Adam and Eve/Men and Women) continue in faith

# **Building the House**

## **Ezekiel 43:10-11**

'son of man describe the house to the house of Israel....let them measure the pattern...make known the design of the house'

The gospel of the Kingdom prepares us to be a dwelling place of God, so that we can now be the house of God – God comes to live in us.

(Acts 2:38) – **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, God dwelling in you!**

## **How is God building His house?**

### **Exodus 25:8-9**

- 'Let them make Me a sanctuary (holy place) that I may dwell among them'
- Make it **according to the pattern** that I show you
- God has always desired to dwell in a house

### **1 Chronicles 28:11-12**

- David gave his son Solomon the plans for all that he had by the Spirit
- The house of God is built by the Spirit – by revelation

**v19.** 'Yahweh made me understand in writing'

- David was able to write down the plans

### **Zechariah 4:6**

- Zechariah prophesied 'not by might, nor by power but by My Spirit'
- the house of God is built by the Spirit, not by human power or might

## **In New Testament**

### **1 Timothy 3:15**

- The house of God is the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth
- This is to be our confession!
- **The house = the church**

### **Hebrews 3:6**

- Christ as a Son over His own house – **whose house we are**
- We are the house corporately
- In the house are many dwellings (you and me) – **John 14:2**
- Christ came to raise up a corporate house
- We need to learn how to be built together as His house
- We can only come to maturity together

## **The Design of the House of the New Testament**

### **Matthew 16:16-18 – The house is built on the Rock - Christ**

- Peter's confession of Jesus
- 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'

- Jesus said to Peter, 'Upon this **Rock** (The revelation of who Jesus is) **I will build My Church**
- **The church is the house**
- The wise man builds his house upon the rock (**Luke 6:46-49**)
- Jesus is building a house on the Rock that will stand
- **The Rock is Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4)**
- There is no other foundation (**1 Corinthians 3:11**)
- **apostles are being restored to the church to re-lay the foundation of Jesus the Christ**

**Ephesians 2:20 – the house is built on a solid foundation of the ministries of apostles and prophets**

- The church **is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone
- Have we been building according to the pattern? We need to return to the pattern Jesus has given us
- Jesus gave the ministries of apostles and prophets to be foundation ministries
- The foundations connect the building to the Rock
- The house is not built on individual people but on the revelation and ministry that they bring of Jesus the Messiah

**1 Corinthians 3:10**

- apostles are wise master builders who are given grace by God to lay the foundation of Christ
- this is why we need apostles restored to the church, so that we can be built on the right foundation

**Acts 2:42** apostles bring the Word that Jesus gave to them – the apostles' doctrine

**Hebrews 6:1-2** The apostolic ministry lays the foundations of our faith – the elementary principles of Christ

- a) repentance from dead works
- b) Faith toward God
- c) Doctrine of baptisms
- d) Laying on of hands
- e) Resurrection of dead
- f) Eternal Judgement
- g) Go on to perfection

**Ephesians 2:20 – Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone – we must all measure up and into Him**

- Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone
- **Christ is the Rock and He is the corner**
- The Chief Cornerstone allows the building to be built straight and proper

**We now need some stones for the building of the house: 1 Pet.2:4-5**

- Coming to Christ as to a Living Stone.....**we as living stones** are being built up a spiritual house



- We need **evangelists** to go out and gather living stones that can be built into the house of God

**Acts 8:12** – evangelists preach the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ

- those who believe are baptised (**Mark 16:16**)
- It is only through faith in Jesus and by being baptised into Christ that we are placed into His house – **1 Corinthians 12:13, 18**

We now need the ministry of the **pastor (1 Peter 2:2** – the milk of the word, **Psalms 23** – nurture, bringing healing, deliverance, restoration) and the **teacher** to help ground and grow the living stones

- teachers teach the word of God – discipleship
- The Rock is laid in Zion
- The house of God is built in Zion
- We are growing up in Zion – **Hebrews 12:22**

### **Isaiah 2:2-4**

#### **A house of Discipleship**

- In the latter days the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established on top of the mountains and be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow to it.
- Many people shall come and say 'Come let us go up to house of the God of Jacob'
- He will teach us His ways
- We shall walk in His paths
- This is discipleship
- Out of Zion the law (teaching) shall go forth – disciples who are trained and sent out with the Word

### **1 Timothy 3:15**

- We are to learn how to **conduct ourselves in the house of God**
- We are changing – going on to perfection, learning how to behave
- Learning how to put on the new man (**Colossians 3:9-12**)
- The house of God is a community functioning together (**Acts 2:42-47**)
- teachers bring the meat of the word

To grow to maturity we need the ministry of apostles and prophets (**Zechariah 4** – apostles, the builders, lay the foundation and lay the capstone, the final stone to be put in place to finish the building)

### **Ephesians 3:5**

- the revelation of the mystery is revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets
- to experience the hidden wisdom of God and His glory we need the revelation of the mystery made known to us (**1 Corinthians 2:6-7**)

### **Ephesians 4:14-15 – we are to grow up into Christ – the Head**

- We should no longer be children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine
- We need to speak truth in love
- **Grow up in all things into the Head – Christ**
- The house of God is growing up into Christ **in all things**

**Ephesians 4:13** – we are to grow up and come to:

- The unity of the faith
- Knowledge of Son of God
- Measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**
- **Christ is the measure, the Rock, the Cornerstone, the Head**

#### **Where is the Head?**

- Christ as the Head is at the right hand of God – at the throne
- The house is on the earth and it is connected to the head who is in heaven
- In the house of God there is an open heaven
- From the throne the river proceeds – it comes from the threshold of the house
- Apostles have the ministry of prayer and the word (**Acts 6:4**)
- The apostolic ministry is the ministry that is before the throne
- Growing up in the revelation of the mystery brings us into the fullness of Christ – a broad place
- The church makes known the mystery to the principalities and powers in the heavenly realm - **Ephesians 3:8-11**
- The glory comes down from the Head – Kingdom authority

#### **Genesis 28:11-17**

Jacob's dream

- Jacob saw the stone
- He put the stone at his head
- God spoke to Jacob through a dream
- Jacob saw a ladder that was **set up on the earth** and **its top reached into heaven**
- Angels/Messengers of God **ascending and descending on that ladder**

#### **v.13-14.**

- 'Your descendants like the sand on the seashore' – it was a revelation of the seed of Abraham – **the sons of God**
- In worship and by the preaching of the Word we get caught up to the throne and then we come down in His authority to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven – we can be seen as the angels/messengers, ascending into heavenly places with Jesus and being released from the glory to bring God's will on earth
- This is the house of God, this is the gate of heaven
- Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of heaven – to release the authority of the kingdom

#### **Isaiah 2:4**

**The result of this House being established:**

- There is a sending forth from the house
  - 'He shall judge between the nations and rebuke many people'
  - They shall no longer use their weapons for war but they shall be used for farming
  - The kingdom of God on earth – the peace of God manifest
- Zechariah 4:7** – The house of God is complete with shouts of 'grace, grace to it'
- The glory comes to fill the house

- This is the body of Him filling the all in all – **Ephesians 1:23**  
**Colossians 1:27** - Christ in you the hope of glory fully manifested

***This is the house of God being built according to the pattern  
- If we follow the pattern and build according to all that Jesus has told  
us we shall come to perfection – to the fullness of Christ  
There is no other way!***

# The Commission

## **Ephesians 4:11**

- ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher given to the church by Jesus the Messiah

We are in days of restoration, the ministries are being restored

Some say that since 1950s there has been restoration of these ministries each decade

e.g.

1950s – ministry of **evangelist** very publicly restored like Billy Graham, William Branham (before he went off track)

1960s – ministry of **pastor** restored, better known, not “reverends” etc

1970s – ministry of **teacher** publicly restored through people like Derek Prince, Ern Baxter

1980s – ministry of **prophet** publicly restored like Paul Cain, “school of prophets” started to rise up, one of failures was that they did not prophesy the restoration of the apostolic ministry (meant to be like John the Baptist)

1990s – ministry of **apostle** publicly being restored

What we talk about commonly today only a few decades ago was not talked about at all

Talking about the five ministries is relatively new

We must base what we believe on the revelation of the Word

## **Matthew 16:15-18**

- what was the revelation that Peter got?
- He understood that what was written about the Messiah
- His revelation was that Jesus was that Messiah that he was looking for, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophetic Scripture, **2 Samuel 7:12-14**
- Peter had a revelation on that which was already written
- “revelation” is the Holy Spirit showing you what is already written, revealing Jesus through what is written
- We need to be people of the Book, people of the revelation
- When we go to the Bible, do not read what you already believe, but believe what you read
- We must receive it from the Word

## **e.g Matthew 24:40**

- one taken and one left
- what is the context?
- coming will be like the days of Noah (**v.37**)
- life going on as normal
- until flood came and took them all away – the wicked
- who is taken? The wicked

- who is left? The righteous to inherit the earth (**Psalm 2:8** – nations and earth belong to Jesus the Messiah)
- great judgment in the coming of the Son of Man

We are commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations  
We are committed to that task and will not relent

### **Matthew 16:18**

- upon this "Rock" I will build My "church"
- "church" , Gk "ecclesia" – comes from Athens in 5<sup>th</sup> century BC and it refers to the "government" of Athens
- All male citizens had the responsibility to gather together and make the decisions
- Government of Athens was the responsibility of the "ecclesia"
- The "ecclesia" was the "called out ones", ones called to assemble to make governmental decisions for the city
- This is the background of the word "church"
- Even in Acts 17 Paul declared that this God does not dwell in temples made with human hands
- We are the church

### **We began the school with the Creational Mandate**

#### **Genesis 1:28**

- i) **be fruitful** – spiritual sons in many nations now,
- ii) **multiply** – in some regions in Australia and overseas, those spiritual sons are having spiritual sons that are going further into nations
- iii) **fill the earth** – It is now time to "fill the earth", to overcome the devil we first need to fill the earth with sons, we must fill the earth with godly sons, not necessarily a majority but so that every area of society has a witness to Jesus Christ through sons
- iv) **subdue the enemy**
- v) **have dominion**

**Theme of school overall = "Called by the Excellent Glory"**

#### **2 Peter 1:17**

- the name of God was called "**the Excellent Glory**"
- the voice that spoke on the mountain

**The Glory is a person – Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed King, He is the Glory**

### **Matthew 16:19**

- This one, Jesus the Messiah, releases the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Even yesterday God released us to intercede for the Prime Minister and the nation of Australia

As the people of God we are to take responsibility for our nation and the nations!

- **Matthew 28:18-20**, we are responsible for the nations
- God is using us as part of His remnant church in the earth exercising the will of God in earth as it is in heaven
- The primary focus is seeking first the kingdom of heaven, the government of God being revealed in the earth (**Matthew 6:33**)
- We are not seeking to go to heaven but see His kingdom come on earth

### 1. There is no other name

**Acts 4:12** – no other name for salvation except the name of JESUS (**v.7-10**, Jesus the Christ of Nazareth)

- in Hebrew it is "Yeshua Ha Maschiyach"
- Jesus = Yeshua = Yahweh saves
- This name includes: healing, is to be upheld, if you love Jesus you will talk about Him, saved in that name, baptised in that name, demons cast out in the name (**Mark 16:15-18**)
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are revealed in the name of Jesus (**Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38**)

**2 John 9** – if we do not abide in the doctrine of Christ we do not have God

- **Do not be deceived** "Allah" is not "God", it is the name of the Muslim's god
- "Allah" is not the "Elohim" of the Bible
- If you do abide in doctrine of Christ you have the Father and the Son
- Can only know Father by knowing Jesus
- Can only receive Holy Spirit by knowing Jesus
- Where do all false religions come from? The devil

### 2. Zechariah 3

- prophecy to Joshua the High Priest

**v.1-2**

- God said to the devil that this man belongs to Me

**v.3-4**

- Joshua was in filthy garments
- God removed his iniquity and clothed Joshua in rich robes

Satan has been cast down to earth and is accusing "the brethren", the High Priest But Yahweh says that He takes away our iniquity, we become a new person in clean, rich robes

**v.6-10**

- Joshua has been saved, justified, he is in the new man
- "if you keep My command then you shall judge My house"
- elders are to oversee the house, for the well being of all the souls
- "you shall have charge of My courts" – so that even Satan will be totally subdued there
- High Priest given authority to order the house of God
- individual High Priest becomes a company, a band of disciples, like minded people (**v.8**)
- this **the Branch** – **Isaiah 11:1**, Messiah is the Rod that becomes fruitful to be a Branch
- **the Branch** is a many-membered Body of Christ

- in **Acts 2,3,4** the **Branch** came forth as a wondrous sign in the earth, the emerging branch, a Messianic community in the earth
- who is the Stone? **It is the Messiah (v.9)**
- He has "seven eyes" – He is the fullness of God dwelt in Him – **Colossians 2:9**
- He is the Stone that the builders rejected
- now the iniquity is to be removed from the land in **one day** – this is the **Day of Atonement**, all sin in the earth taken away forever, no need to sin, we begin to live for the Body, the brethren
- in that day, everyone will invite his neighbour under his vine and fig tree, living in security with his family, no fear (**v.10, Micah 4:4, 1 Kings 4:25** – spoken of in the time of Solomon, a Messianic picture of what is coming on the earth)
- this is a kingdom peace, security and provision
- we can be living in this reality now

### **3. The Conduct of apostolic ministry** **Acts 14:21-22**

- i) the ministry of Paul and Barnabas was itinerant, from city to city, we need to be willing to move house to house
- must break out of the mold that we "go to church" at some fixed address
- it is house to house
- ii) we preach the gospel  
**Acts 5:42, 8:12, Matthew 4:17**
- iii) made many disciples  
primary work of apostolic ministry
- iv) exhorted disciples to continue in the faith, prophetic ministry, foundations laid, giving vision for hope of gospel, resurrection (inheriting a glorious body)
- v) warned disciples that it is through many tribulations that we enter the kingdom of God, "tribulation" means "pressure", how are you handling it? It is to be used to bring us to glory, be ready for martyrdom, we are scared of martyrdom because of living such a pampered life

### **4. Study to show yourself approved** • this is preparing for ministry • confidence to speak the word of God **2 Timothy 2:15**

- diligent means to work hard, apply yourself
- study the Word
- let the Word interpret the Word
- sacrifice leisure time and study
- commit to being a Mary and not a Martha
- better to have "Lord's Table" than to have dinner

### **5. The Apostolic Base** • we need to establish apostolic bases • we need to join with those who can establish them • from these bases disciples are going out

- e.g. Maxwell going to Mozambique from Malawi, Michael from Ghana going to Benin...

## **Acts 19**

### **v.1-2**

- found disciples and asked them about Holy Spirit, they had never heard

### **v.3-4**

- asked them about their baptism
- told them more accurately, spoke of Jesus

### **v.5-6**

- they were baptised in Jesus name
- they were filled with Holy Spirit

**v.7** – Paul had made some disciples to form the foundation of the apostolic base in Ephesus (there were 12)

### **v.8-10**

- discipleship began to happen
- initially Paul went to a “local church” to preach the kingdom
- after being spoken evil of he departed and he **withdrew the disciples**
- big difference between denominational approach to the Word and an apostle speaking the Word
- they began meeting daily in the “school of Tyrannus” reasoning in the Word, for 2 years
- this continued for 2 years
- there were a bunch of disciples with him for that time
- our apostolic base is “multi-campus”, it moves around
- all who dwelt in Asia (Roman Province where Ephesus was capital) heard the Word of Lord Jesus
- whole province was soaked with the Word

### **v.11-20**

- God was penetrating the city of Ephesus through “unusual miracles” coming through Paul
- word of God began to deal with the occult problem in the city
- it breaks the strongholds of the devil
- word of Lord grew mightily and prevailed

### **v.20-23**

- commotion was caused
- clash of kingdoms
- public riots
- church in Ephesus went on

***Let us go on!***