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“HIM We Preach”

Colossians 1:28, *“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”.*

- **Jesus – Names & Titles in the New Testament**
- **Baptism**
- **The Beginning of the Gospel**
- **Jesus, Son of God**
- **All things New**
- **A People Sanctified**
- **The Church from House to House**

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THE CHURCH BUILT ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

INTRODUCTION

Colossians 1:28

"Him (Christ, Messiah) we preach; warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we might present every man perfect in Messiah Jesus"

- This is the theme of the school

Acts 9:20 & 22

- ❖ Paul immediately preached Christ as the Son of God and that Jesus is the Christ

Colossians 1:15-18

- ❖ Jesus, the Son of God, is the "image (full expression) of the invisible God"
- ❖ He is the "Firstborn over all creation", giving us a great hope for the future
- ❖ All things were created by, through and for Jesus the Son of God
- ❖ **John 14:6** – God, the Father, is only ever known through Jesus the Christ
- ❖ He is before all things (He is before all men and women, He rules over them)
- ❖ In Him all things consist (creation would disappear if He took away His word)
- ❖ He is the Head of the body, the church
- ❖ He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead
- ❖ Jesus has pre-eminence in all things
- ❖ We must believe what the Scripture actually says – no other thing has the pre-eminence

THE PATTERN

Ephesians 1:21

- ❖ Jesus is above every name
- ❖ No other god or religion compares
- ❖ Jesus has pre-eminence, is above all other names in this age and in the age to come

v.22 – God put all things under Christ's feet

- God gave Christ as "Head over all" to the church
- the One who is the Head of the church is already Head over all other powers
- (**Matt.28:18** – Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth, absolute power)
- Jesus is given in that authority and power to us the church
- This is what it means to call Jesus "Lord"
- **1 Cor.12:3** – can only call Jesus "Lord" by the Spirit of God

v.23 - The church is His Body

- The church is the fullness of Him who fills all in all
- "church" – Gk. "ecclesia" = called out ones, members of His Body

1 Corinthians 12:12

- ❖ Body has many members
- ❖ But the Body remains One body
- ❖ So also is Christ/Messiah

v.13 – By one Spirit we were all baptised into One body

- whether Jews or Greeks
- we are One in Messiah!
- we all drink into One Spirit
- we are not a Jewish or Gentile church, we are the Body, we are One in Messiah
- Holy Spirit must be present at baptism (**Acts 19:1-6**) to bring us into the Body
- It is a spiritual body

Ephesians 4:4-6 - One Body, One Spirit...

Now we are positioned to drink into the Spirit, restored to the tree of life, able to drink of God, able to grow up in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:18 - God has "set" the members in the Body just as He pleased

- God places us where He wants to

1 Corinthians 12:28 - God has set appointed ministries in the Body to function

- for the purpose of bringing the Body to full functional maturity

Ephesians 1:23 - His Body "fills the all in all"

- ❖ We are to go forth, going forward, advance and fill!

Who is this Christ whose Body is the fullness of Him?

He is Jesus the Messiah – **Acts 2:24-26, Acts 9:20-22**, proving Jesus is the Messiah, the Promised One, the Anointed King, the One enthroned in heaven the proof that Jesus is ruling and reigning is the release of the Holy Spirit – **Acts 2:33**

WHO IS THE CHURCH?

- ❖ everyone who has been blessed to believe in Jesus

Ephesians 1:3-14 = benefits of believing in Jesus

- ❖ we are also able to be given the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, understanding and knowledge of Jesus and His purposes (**Eph.1:17-19**)

The church is the New Covenant people, the people who partake of the Lord's Table (**Hebrews 8:8-13**)

Ephesians 2:11 - Gentiles in flesh

- ❖ **v.12** – without Messiah
- aliens from commonwealth (the common wealth of the country is shared among all the citizens) of Israel
- we had no rights as citizens in that community
- Gentiles were strangers from covenants of promise (e.g. Abrahamic covenant)
- Gentiles had no hope; without God in the world

God had entrusted to the Jews the word of truth, so they had hope

v.13 – But now in Christ/Messiah Jesus

- we who once were far off have been brought near by blood of Christ
- the difference is the blood of Christ (not the blood of bulls and goats)
- **Rev.1:5** – washed from our sins in His own blood (Jew and Gentile washed)
- **1 John 1:7** – blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (fellowship with each other can only happen through the blood)
- **1 Peter 1:19** – blood of Christ, as of a lamb – redeemed only by blood of Messiah
- **1 Peter 1:2** – sprinkled with the Blood of Jesus Christ – only the elect who have been sprinkled with blood of Jesus can receive grace and peace
- **Hebrews 13:20** – blood of everlasting covenant, this blood makes the Abrahamic covenant now work, now all nations can be blessed (**Gen.22**), accessible now to Jew and Gentile, we call all come to God through blood of Messiah
- Hebrews 13:12** – only blood of Jesus sanctifies the people
- Hebrews 11:28** – kept the sprinkling of blood, pointing to blood of Christ
- Hebrews 10:19** – boldness to enter holiest by blood of Jesus
- everyone can come if they come through the blood of Jesus

CONTINUING IN THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:14

- ❖ Christ Himself is our peace
- ❖ Made both (Jew and Gentile) One, breaking down middle wall of separation

v.15 – abolished the “law of commandments contained in ordinances”

- Jesus got rid of this to “create in Himself One New Man from the two”
- making peace

v.16 – Christ reconciled both (Jew and Gentile) in One Body

- there is only One Body
- reconciled in One body to God through the Cross
- if we lose the basis and foundation of the blood of Christ, God will not be happy with us

v.17 – peace to both Jews and Gentiles

v.18 – we both (Jews and Gentiles) have access by One Spirit to the Father

- we have same Father by Spirit

We have access through the Man, Christ

v.19 – no longer strangers, aliens/foreigners

- we are now citizens, in the commonwealth
- who are the saints? Those who belong to God and are set apart to Him, being holy, walking in obedience to word of God
- we are now in the household, the family of God

v.20 – we are being built

- learning how to found our lives on the right foundation
- we are only really discovering apostles and prophets again today

- we are discovering the foundation
- Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner – the origin, the arch corner

v.21 – in Him the whole building is fitted together

- we are to grow, that means we do not have it all figured out
- we need to be willing to grow, to change, to come to deeper understanding
- do not be rebellious or proud
- destroy the filters that you have in your own mind and break out and grapple with the Word

v.22 – growing into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

- a tabernacle for God to indwell by His Spirit
- **1 Peter 2:5** – the spiritual house that is being built by spiritual lively stones
- make sure that your worship is not exclusive but inclusive to others
- our ways are to be based on an active, living relationship with Jesus Christ
- I want to be part of this church

Ephesians 3:2 - Paul had received a dispensation of grace to share the mystery

- ❖ We are first to receive the mystery, right into our spirit
- ❖ No revelation is private, it is to be shared so all can get it

v.5 – this mystery is the plan behind the building

- we must know the plan, we must know the right foundation
- then what we minister will be real and it will stand and people will change and grow
- it is being built in the Spirit and according to the mystery of God coming in the flesh

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 - Paul as an apostle knew to lay the right foundation

- that foundation is Jesus the Messiah

Ephesians 3:6 - Gentiles are “fellow heirs” (nothing less but sharing in the same)

- ❖ Fellow heirs with the Jews
- ❖ Of the same Body
- ❖ Partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel (**Gen12:1-3, Gal.3:8**)

v.7 – Paul was a minister by the gift of grace of God given by the effective working of His power

- we are to know this as ministers
- grace is not weak, it releases the effective power of God in you so you can do the work

v.8 – now Paul is able to preach the unsearchable riches of Messiah

v.9 – this mystery goes right back to God’s intended purpose in creation (**Gen.1:28**)

- when God created all things through Jesus Christ, He placed the tree of life there
- they wanted a quick fix and went to wrong tree

- there is a fellowship in this mystery of Christ, our heart awakens, we see, it transforms our lives, we have purpose

v.10-11 – this eternal purpose has been accomplished by Jesus Christ

- we now need to enforce and step into what He has done

Ephesians 3:14-21

- ❖ Paul's prayer reveals God's program
- ❖ Father of Lord Jesus
- ❖ Father of heaven and earth
- ❖ Ministers to us from riches of glory
- ❖ Strengthens us by Spirit in inner man....
- ❖ Christ in our hearts through faith
- ❖ Knowing dimensions of His love
- ❖ Filled with fullness of God
- ❖ This is all easy to God

Ephesians 4:1-3

- ❖ keep the unity (oneness, sameness) of the Spirit
- ❖ this does not mean being nice to people with wrong doctrine and practice
- ❖ this means endeavouring to be one with other believers in the Spirit

v.4-6 – these are the seven ones

- they are the basis of Christian theology
- Jesus gave five gifts for us to understand these seven ones

v.7-16 – how the five ministries were released to function to bring maturity

v.17-32 – instructions on living as the new man

- learning to put off and put on
- get under the Word and wash in the water of the Word

Ephesians 5:1-17 - walk in love, light and wisdom

v.18-21 - continually being filled with the Spirit

v.22-33 - behaving as the Bride; being submissive

Ephesians 6:1-9 - instructions on sound doctrine; how to behave

v.10-20

- the church at war but living in victory
- how to win the wrestling with principalities and powers
- instructions to stay in the victory even while the battle is going on
- all the armour is how to stay in victory in the battle
- these instructions are given to us personally as members of the Body
- the gospel, the mystery has to be declared, spoken, revealed

JESUS – NAMES AND TITLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 2:9-11

We have been immersed into the fullness of God by being immersed into Jesus the Messiah. He is God in the flesh. It is only in Him that we can know God.

The big issue is 'Who is Jesus?'

Pray for the mystery of who Messiah is, to be made known.

It is all about Jesus. He is the central figure through the ages.

The Scriptures (from Genesis to Revelation) testify of Jesus (**Jn.5:39**)

What is in a name?

- ❖ revealing the nature and character of who that person is
- ❖ brings us into a deeper knowledge of who that person is

Acts 5:42

- ❖ daily in the temple and in every house they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Messiah

1) THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL

Luke 2:25

- Simeon (means God hears or hearing God) was waiting for the Consolation of Israel

(comfort, solace, the refreshment)

Isaiah 40:1-4

- ❖ speak comfort to My people Israel (John was preparing the way for Messiah)
- Jesus is the Consolation of His people.

Rev 19:10

- ❖ the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus
- ❖ it comforts, encourages and builds up God's people (**1 Cor.14:3**)
- ❖ when you testify of Jesus, it brings consolation

Acts 4:36 - Barnabas means the son of consolation (encouragement)

Acts 9:31 - walking in the comfort (consolation) of the Holy Spirit

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Comfort (*paraklesis*) - a calling alongside to help, a strengthening presence

Romans 15:5

- ❖ the God of patience and comfort (encouragement)
- ❖ God is an encourager

❖ We will be patient and encouraging one another when we know Him

2 Corinthians 1:3-6

- Jesus is the great encourager when you are going through tribulation

2) THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH

Luke 1:78

- ❖ Jesus is the Dayspring (the Dawn) from on high
 - ❖ The dawn releases hope of a new day
 - ❖ Messiah is the dawn of a new day, the dawn of a whole new creation
- Dayspring** – means a rising of light (sun or stars), by implication the east

Malachi 4:2

- ❖ the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings
- ❖ the Dayspring releases healing
- ❖ it is a new day - the Sun of Righteousness is rising

2 Peter 1:19

- we have the prophetic word confirmed
- Peter saw the Dayspring, he saw the glory coming forth from Jesus the Messiah
- the Morning Star rises in your hearts (the day is dawning, the darkness is just about over)

Rev 22:16 – Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star

The Morning Star rising in our hearts is the sign of the Dawn, the Day coming

The foundation is Jesus the Messiah.

3) THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL

Luke 2:32

- ❖ Jesus is a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles
- ❖ Jesus is for all people
- ❖ He is the glory of His people

Psalms 3:3 – He is my glory and the lifter of my head

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 - Jesus is the Lord of glory (the owner and possessor of glory)

Hebrews 2:10 - Jesus is bringing many sons to glory

Colossians 1:27 - the glory of this mystery is Christ (the Messiah) in you, the hope of glory

Hebrews 1:3 - the Son of God is the brightness of His glory

- Jesus is the express image of God's person

4) JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF LIFE

Acts 3:15

- ❖ Jesus is the Prince of Life
 - ❖ He is the Originator of Life
- (1 **Peter 3:18** – Jesus was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit – He died in the flesh but God cannot be killed)
- Prince** (Gk - *archegos*) – means the chief leader, the author, the originator, one that takes the lead, the pioneer
- ❖ if we follow Jesus, we find life

Acts 5:30-31 - God has exalted Jesus to His right hand, Prince and Saviour

Isaiah 9:6 – Prince of Peace; (prince does not mean the son of a king, but the chief leader)

Hebrews 2:10

- ❖ the captain (the prince, the author) of our salvation
- ❖ Jesus pioneered the way through suffering in order to bring many sons to glory

Hebrews 12:2 - looking unto Jesus the author (originator) of faith
If you need faith, go to the originator of it. Jesus can release faith to you.

- ❖ Jesus is also the perfecter of faith.
- ❖ We need to look to Jesus.

5) THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

- ❖ Jesus is the Lamb of God
- ❖ He takes away the sin of the world
- ❖ John saw Him as the Lamb (one mightier who would baptise with fire and with the Holy Spirit)

Revelation

- ❖ Jesus is called the Lamb many times in the book of Revelation
- ❖ Many times referred to as an infant Lamb (**Rev 6:16**)
- ❖ Nothing evil can stand in His presence
- ❖ He is full of goodness

Revelation 13:8

- ❖ this Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world
- ❖ God knew what would take place and provided a Lamb
- ❖ This is an everlasting foundation

Revelation 5:6

- ❖ a Lamb stood in the midst of the elders and the Throne
- ❖ He had 7 horns (he had all power and authority)
- ❖ He had 7 eyes (the seven spirits of God – the fullness of the Spirit)

Rev 7:16-17 – the Lamb shepherds us and leads us to living fountains of water

Revelation 14:1 – the Lamb is on Mt Zion (position of all power and authority)

Rev 17:14 – the Lamb overcomes the enemies

❖ Those who are with Him are called, chosen and faithful

Rev 19:7, 9 – the Lamb has a wife

6) JESUS IS THE SON OF MAN

John 6:27

- ❖ Jesus is the Son of Man
- ❖ He will give food that doesn't perish
- ❖ God the Father has set His seal on Him (He represents the Father)

John 3:13

- ❖ He who came down from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven
- ❖ He is on earth and in heaven at the same time
- ❖ Jesus as the Son of Man is God on earth (heaven on earth)

John 1:51

- ❖ angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man
- ❖ heaven opened
- ❖ the Son of Man is the connection point (the house of God, the gate of heaven – **Gen.28:12**)
- ❖ when we get joined to Jesus we become that connection point

John 3:14

- the Son of Man must be lifted up, die on the Cross

John 8:28

- ❖ when you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I Am
- ❖ He is the eternal God

John 6:53

- we are to eat His flesh and drink His blood

1 Cor 15:47

- the second Man is the Lord from heaven
- His origin was not of the dust
- He is the Lord from heaven

Daniel 7:13-14

- ❖ one like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven
- ❖ to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom
- ❖ God had to become a Man and gain that authority as the Son of Man
- ❖ Now there is a Man who has all authority (a Man on the throne of God) – **Matt. 28:18**
- ❖ We can now receive the kingdom (we are joint heirs with Jesus)

Matthew 26:63-64

- you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven (fulfilment of Dan 7:13)

ESTABLISHED IN THE GOSPEL

Romans 16:25-26

- ❖ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ...

These verses reveal 5 realities of how we get established in the gospel

Established GK SC#4741 – means to set fast (Luke 9:51),
Lit. to turn resolutely in a certain direction, Fig. to confirm

2 Peter 1:12

- established in the present truth
- God wants us established in the present truth (the gospel of Jesus Christ)
- the present truth is the word that God is emphasising today
- the apostolic restoration is bringing us back to Jesus the Messiah (this is the present truth)

Luke 22:32

- ❖ part of establishing is strengthening
- ❖ when you are established, you become very strong (not easily moved)

James 5:8

- ❖ establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand (1 Thess 3:13)
We need to have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church and become established in the present truth.

God wants a people willing to move forward (a people who are growing).

We are to be established:

1) ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL

- ❖ What gospel do you believe?
- ❖ Whose gospel do you follow?
- ❖ Do you receive the gospel that Paul the apostle wrote about?
- ❖ Paul made the gospel his own
- ❖ He was willing to live and die by the gospel he preached
- ❖ The gospel is to become part of us (a life that we are in)

Galatians 2:14

- ❖ these verses show Paul's heart for the gospel
- ❖ we need to be straightforward about the truth of the gospel (not being hypocrites)
- ❖ we need to speak what the gospel says (don't water it down)

Galatians 1:6-10

- ❖ beware of different gospels (they are numerous)
- ❖ some want to pervert the gospel of Messiah
- ❖ Paul said, 'If anyone preaches any other gospel, let him be accursed'.
- ❖ Seek to please God, not men

2 Timothy 2:8 – The simplicity of the gospel

- The gospel is about Jesus the Messiah
- Jesus was born according to the promise made to David
- He rose from the dead
- Paul was willing to suffer for the gospel
- The word of God is not chained

Is your gospel concerning Jesus the Messiah?

- ❖ He (Jesus) has destroyed the works of the devil – **1 Jn.3:8, Col.2:15**

2) WE ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PREACHING OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

- ❖ God establishes us through the preaching of Jesus
- ❖ 1 Cor 3:11 – Jesus is the only foundation

Titus 1:2-3

- ❖ God manifests His word through preaching
- ❖ The word needs to be preached in order to manifest
- ❖ We get established through the preaching of Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ Something happens when we share with others (we become more established (convinced, persuaded))

John 1:1

- ❖ God was the Word
- ❖ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
- ❖ When we preach the word, God manifests
- ❖ The world will see His glory as the word is preached and made manifest
- ❖ **2 Tim 4:2** – preach the word in season and out of season

3) WE ARE ESTABLISHED ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY (kept secret since before the world began but now made manifest)

Rom 11:25

- ❖ Gentiles are being brought in, grafted into the Root (Messiah) – **Rom.11:16-17**
- ❖ we can be part of the branch
- ❖ the mystery is that Jews and Gentiles can be joined and grafted into Christ, by believing, by faith

Ephesians 1:8-10

- ❖ that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and on earth – in Him (it is in the Messiah)
- ❖ Jesus came to reveal the mystery
- ❖ Apostles and prophets are making known the revelation of the mystery

Galatians 3:26-29

- ❖ you are all sons of God through faith in Messiah Jesus
- ❖ when we were immersed, we were clothed in Messiah
- ❖ there is now no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female
- ❖ we are all one in Messiah
- ❖ we no longer regard others according to the flesh – this is the mystery

1 Tim 3:16

- God was manifested in the flesh... (the mystery of godliness)
 - Jesus is God in the flesh
 - His nature is God
 - the church is a new man, created in Messiah Jesus
- God now wants to manifest in the body of Messiah in the earth.

4) WE ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES BEING MADE KNOWN TO ALL NATIONS

Luke 24:44-45

- ❖ all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms (the Old Testament) concerning Jesus
- ❖ Jesus opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures
- ❖ We need to be making known the prophetic Scriptures
- ❖ Make known to all nations the fulfilment of the prophetic Scriptures in Jesus

1 Cor 15:3-4

- Jesus' death, burial and resurrection was according to the Scriptures

Acts 8:35 – Philip preached Jesus beginning from the book of Isaiah

The ministry of the church is to all nations. We need to be established in going out to all nations.

Romans 1:5 – we do this through grace and apostleship

- ❖ making known the prophetic scriptures

2 Peter 1:16-19

- eyewitnesses of His majesty
- Jesus received honour and glory from God the Father
- we have the prophetic word confirmed
- Jesus is the confirmation of the prophetic Scriptures

5) WE ARE ESTABLISHED ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT OF THE EVERLASTING GOD FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE FAITH

- ❖ God wants nations walking in obedience to the faith

Romans 15:18-19

- ❖ signs and wonders are for the purpose of bringing nations to the obedience of the faith
- ❖ this is according to the commandment of the everlasting God

Mark 16:15 - we are to preach the gospel to every creature

Matthew 28:19-20 - make disciples of all the nations

- ❖ Jesus is with us as we do this
- ❖ This is according to the commandment of the everlasting God

Isaiah 2:2-4 – A prophetic picture of nations in obedience to the faith

- ❖ the mountain of YHWH's house shall be established on the top of the mountains
- ❖ the house is the church of God (**1 Tim.3:15**), above all powers, on Mt Zion (**Eph.1:21-23, 2:6**)
- ❖ all nations shall flow to it
- ❖ He shall teach us His ways and we shall walk in His paths = discipleship (**Matt.28:19-20**)
- ❖ A picture of nations becoming obedient to the faith

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL

The apostolic restoration is a call back to the pattern of the Scriptures

- ❖ Noah's Ark had to be built according to the pattern
- ❖ Tabernacle built according to pattern
- ❖ Temple pattern given to David to instruct Solomon how to build
- ❖ The Scriptures tell us the pattern of how to build the church

Acts 3:19-21

- ❖ We need to repent and change our minds so we can receive the restoration
- ❖ We need to return to the truth so our sins can be blotted out
- ❖ This is so God can send Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ We are living in the latter days

1 Corinthians 12:28

- we need to look again to God given appointments in the church, not man made positions

We need to discover the glory of Messiah

Most of church does not really know who Jesus is

Matthew 16:13-18

- ❖ one man's revelation of who Jesus is changed history
- ❖ Jesus only needed one man to get the revelation in order to start building His church

THE BEGINNING OF GOSPEL

Mark 1:1

- ❖ "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"

When did the gospel begin?

Gen. 1:28

- ❖ when God blessed Adam and Eve to fill the earth with children who would be sons of God, in image of God
- ❖ this is bringing God's kingdom into the creation
- ❖ this is foundation of gospel, the "creation mandate"
- ❖ "fruitful, multiply, fill earth, subdue and have dominion"
- ❖ The "gospel of salvation" is only mentioned once

Genesis 3:15

- ❖ Seed of woman will bruise head of seed of serpent
- ❖ Messianic reference to Jesus the Redeemer, defeating Satan

Galatians 3:6-8

- ❖ God preached the gospel to Abraham

- ❖ Nations are included in the promise given to Abraham
 - ❖ Sons of Abraham are those who are of faith
 - ❖ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles/nations (those not of Israel) by faith
 - ❖ In Abraham, all the nations will be blessed
- v.9** - those of faith are blessed with believing Abraham

The gospel is all about Jesus the Messiah

- ❖ **Jn.1:12, Eph.2:8** – is received by faith
- ❖ The gospel is a revelation of faith in who Jesus is

Romans 4:13

- ❖ promise that Abraham would be **heir of the world** (promise was not only a small bit of land in the Middle East, but the whole world)
- ❖ faith is key to righteousness and righteousness is given through gospel, this is how to inherit

Genesis 12:1-3

- ❖ the promise given to Abraham
- ❖ Abraham will become a great nation, I will make you a blessing
- ❖ The great nation is the holy nation (**1 Pet.2:9**), that believes in Messiah – this is the nation of faith, who believe in Messiah Jesus
- ❖ **Matthew 1:1** – Jesus is called the “Son of Abraham” (a reference to the one who will inherit all nations) and “Son of David” (kingdom)
- ❖ Who is meant to be a blessing to the world today? It is the church
- ❖ Blessing comes through Messiah, the Seed of Abraham (**Gal.3:16**)
- ❖ The Seed (descendants) of Abraham are the heirs, it is the sons of God through faith, those in Messiah (**Gal.3:26-29**)
- ❖ Corporately we are the heirs of God, the One New Man, called to inherit now

“I will bless those who will bless you and I will curse those who curse you”

- ❖ this is talking about Abraham’s descendants, us who believe

Genesis 15:1-6

- ❖ This is where Abraham really gets saved
- ❖ Abraham annoyed that his servant will be heir
- ❖ “Look now toward heaven and count the stars” – so shall your descendants be
- ❖ Abraham believed in YHWH, and God accounted Abraham righteous
- ❖ This is a core Scripture concerning faith
- ❖ Abraham believed the gospel, that he would have a multitude of descendants rising up in the earth
- ❖ Later in chapter 15 God cuts a covenant to confirm the promise
- ❖ God promises the land in the inheritance

Genesis 16

- ❖ Abraham had a false doctrine moment
- ❖ He started to believe and practice a different gospel and tried to do it his own way
- ❖ Brings forth a son through a wrong relationship – Ishmael
- ❖ The church has been doing this generation after generation

THE GOSPEL IN PSALM 2

- ❖ an amazing preaching of the gospel
- v.1** – nations are in trouble (just like today), rising up against God
- v.2** – kings of earth and rulers counselling against YHWH and His Messiah, nations in rebellion
- v.3** – they want to change laws, they want to stop obeying the word of God
- v.4** – He who sits in the heavens laughs in the face it
- v.5** – then God will speak in His wrath
- v.6** – God’s answer, He has set His King on His holy hill of Zion
 - this is done
- v.7** – Messiah speaks, He is the Son
- v.8** – Nations belong to Jesus the Son of God (**Matt.28:18-20**)
 - Jesus sent out His apostles to declare His rulership
- v.9** – Son, Messiah, shall break the nations with a rod of iron
 - **Rev.2:26-28** – overcomers will have power (authority to exercise power, governmental power) of nations according to Ps. 2:9, main enemy is Jezebel (control, domination, intimidation)
 - all false things built by man can be broken in pieces by that rod

MARK 1:1 - WHAT IS THE BEGINNING?

1. - Mark says it began in the prophets

Malachi 3:1

- ❖ My Messenger (Malach = angel) will be sent
- ❖ Not a heavenly Messenger, He will be on the earth
- ❖ He will prepare the way before Me (God)
- ❖ Refers to John the Baptist preparing the way before the Messiah
- ❖ The Lord will come to His temple
- ❖ The Lord is the “Messenger of the covenant”

Mark 1:3

- ❖ Quotes **Isaiah 40:3**
- ❖ this is the voice of one crying in the wilderness
- ❖ “Prepare the way of YHWH (LORD)” – He is a personal God with a personal name (**Ex.3:13-14** – I AM – He is known by His name)
- ❖ Who is Mark saying John is preparing the way for? It is YHWH
- ❖ The Messiah is YHWH in the flesh
- ❖ This is the Beginning – it is the foundation of the gospel
- ❖ **Matt.3:3** – John was spoken of in **Isaiah 40:3**, he was preparing the way for YHWH
- ❖ **Lu.3:4-6** – prepare the way of YHWH, prophetic language was speaking of a spiritual reality (repentance from having high places of pride)
- ❖ **Jn.1:22-23** – John the Baptist testified of himself that he was fulfilling **Is.40:3**
- ❖ 4 times in 4 gospels it says that John the Baptist came to prepare the way of YHWH, who is known as Jesus

John also testified that the Messiah, Jesus, would be the Baptiser with the Holy Spirit
- **Acts 2:33** – confirmed by Peter on day of Pentecost, Jesus poured out Holy Spirit

2. - Jesus came for baptism, Mark.1:9

- ❖ Jesus is personally establishing the foundations of the Christian life
- ❖ Here He is establishing baptism by immersion in water (like **Acts 8:35-38**)

v.10 – Holy Spirit came at Jesus' baptism – again establishing foundations of Christian life - **like Acts 19:1-6**

The example of Jesus is perfect example of baptism

3. - Jesus sent into wilderness by Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan for 40 days, Mark 1:12-13

- ❖ we must understand that Jesus the Messiah in the flesh overcame the devil
- ❖ this demonstrates for us as believers who are baptised and filled with Holy Spirit can overcome the devil in the earth
- ❖ Jesus won in every area
- ❖ This is the beginning of the gospel
- ❖ We are set free from demons and lusts of flesh by the gospel
- ❖ Jesus then came out of wilderness in power of Spirit (**Lu.4:14**)

4. Jesus Himself came preaching the gospel, Mark 1:14-15

- ❖ gospel of kingdom preached
- ❖ kingdom of God is at hand
- ❖ "repent and believe in the gospel"

This is the beginning of the gospel

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

"**Gospel**" = a good message, initially it meant the reward received
101x translated "gospel"

The verb means "announce good news", to preach the gospel

"gospel" comes out of Roman Empire, meaning good news

- ❖ the good news was the news of a great victory being won by a general
- ❖ also the good news was of a new emperor/king

There has been a great victory

There is a new King

JESUS! He destroyed the devil and is the King!

The reward of believing the gospel is that you are conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love (**Col.1:13**)

1. beginning of G – Mk.1:1
2. the G of kingdom – Matt.4:23
3. G of peace – Rom.10:15
4. G of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – Mk.1:1
5. G of God – 1 Thess.2:9
6. G of Christ/Messiah – Rom.1:16
7. G of His Son – Rom.1:9
8. G of the glory of Christ – 2 Cor.4:4

9. glorious G of the Blessed God – 1 Tim.1:11
10. G preached to every creature – Mk.16:15
11. G preached to the poor – Mat.11:5
12. G preached in temple – Lk.20:1
13. G preached in towns, villages, cities, regions
14. God preached G to Abraham – Gal.3:8
15. G is preached by Holy Spirit – 1 Pet.1:12
16. preach G free of charge – 1 Cor.9:18
17. those who preach G should live from the G – 1 Cor. 9
18. entrusted with G
19. believe the G
20. called by G
21. obey the G
22. truth of G is to continue
23. know the mystery of the G
24. G is hid to perishing
25. testify to G of grace
26. minister the G
27. fullness of blessing of G – Rom.15:29
28. striving for the faith of the G
29. serving with my spirit in the G – Rom.1:9
30. serving as a son with me in the G
31. labour together in the G
32. share in sufferings for the G
33. G is power of God to salvation
34. G of your salvation
35. begotten through G
36. fellowship in G
37. do not move away from hope of G
38. G for circumcised and G for uncircumcised is same G
39. no other G
40. not pervert G of Christ
41. woe is me if I do to preach G
42. confirm G in chains
43. life and immortality brought to light through G
44. Jesus raised from dead according to my G
45. everlasting G

DREAMS AND VISIONS

Hearing the Voice of God

God speaks very often through dreams and visions

God reveals His plans and will through dreams

Dreams very often are given to direct us, show future for us

Have experienced that this gift of hearing God through dreams gets imparted

Must know the Word and have relationship with Him to be able to interpret dreams

JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION

Hebrews 1:1-3

- ❖ God has spoken to us through Jesus, the Son
 - ❖ God still speaks to us through Jesus
 - ❖ God spoke in diverse manners in times past through the prophets
- Sometimes we look at the prophets in the Old Testament as something extra special because they could hear God
- ❖ now through Jesus, we are in a better place than the Old T prophets
 - ❖ we have Jesus living inside of us, we can all hear from God all the time
 - ❖ we must be a Spirit-filled believer

Hebrews 12:25-26

- ❖ We need to heed the voice of God when He speaks
- ❖ God keeps speaking through His Son Jesus

God speaks through the Bible

Open your Bible and read and that is God speaking to you

Dreams and visions also are God speaking to us

We need to learn to heed the voice of God

Then we will be prepared and ready when we listen

We must take care to listen to Jesus and not miss what He is speaking

We can know the things that God is going to do in our life, in His church – **Amos 3:7**

We should not be afraid of this reality in the church

Mostly dreams are given for your own benefit

1 Kings 19:11-13

- we must hear the still small voice
- even in realm of dreams and visions, we must hear the still small voice
- we are in time and season where God is teaching us to hear this still small voice as the church
- God was not in the big manifestations and moves of God's power

- even in big experiences very often there is not a deep intimate knowledge of His character
- God wants relationship, we all have to develop the relationship
- we do this through receiving the Scriptures as God speaking to you
- we also need to start talking to Jesus very simply

Devil can also give us dreams
 This is oppressive, depressive, condemning
 We must refuse these dreams

We can also have dreams from our own soul life
 God can still use these dreams to help us

There are warfare dreams that happen
 These alert us to what we need to pray about

Acts 2:14-21

- ❖ dreams and visions come as a result of the Holy Spirit being poured out
- ❖ anyone who has the Spirit of God has the potential to hear from God in dreams, visions

God even speaks to people in dreams who do not know Him
 But especially we who believe can live in this area
 God shows us things to come but we do not need to make things happens but simply believe what He spoke and be faithful to follow Him
 The Holy Spirit never fails

SOME EXAMPLES FROM BIBLE

1. Vision – 2 Samuel 7:12-17

- ❖ this was given by word and vision to Nathan the prophet
- ❖ this was a prophecy about Messiah – came in a vision

2. Acts 10:9-16 – vision given to Peter

- ❖ vision given to show Peter that he was to go and preach to Gentiles

3. Genesis 28:10-22

- ❖ this was a dream given to Jacob concerning the house of God, the gate of heaven
- ❖ we see awesome revelation of New Testament house of God
- ❖ God shows awesome things in dreams

4. Daniel 2:26-36

- ❖ Daniel sought God to know the dream and interpretation of King of Babylon's dream
- ❖ Dreams reveal how God deals with nations and God's plans

5. Matthew 1:18-21

- ❖ angel of Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph to explain to him to take Mary as wife and realise the child in Mary's womb was from God

6. Matthew 2:13-15

- ❖ angel appeared to Joseph again in a dream
- ❖ this was to direct them to be in safety
- ❖ important situation in God's salvation plan – directed through dream
- ❖ this brought to pass the word that was written through prophets before
- ❖ we do not want to miss what God is doing, so take heed to the dreams He gives

Dreams are also for the building and edifying of the church, the house of God

- ❖ we know what to do next

Dreams are for guidance in life

Dreams are for warning us

If you are having dreams and visions it is a good sign God is wanting to use you in His plans

Be faithful with the little and He will give you more

INTERPRETING DREAMS

Genesis 40:8

- ❖ Joseph was another man known for dreams and interpretation
- ❖ Interpretations belong to God
- ❖ There is not one certain method of interpreting dreams – God is able to give interpretation
- ❖ We have Holy Spirit so He can interpret for us
- ❖ This is part of our normal Christianity, dreams, visions and hearing from God the interpretation

Acts 16 – Paul with Macedonian call, obedient to God's voice

There is a release of this gift for all of us to be tapped into through faith

It is a good practice to write down the dream or vision and to reflect back on it later and learn the language of it.

JESUS

HIS CONCEPTION AND BIRTH

Matthew 1:18-19 - Mary found with child of Holy Spirit

Luke 1:31,35 - Will be called the Son of God

Jesus had a step father - Matthew 1:20: that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit

Then the angel proceeded to tell Joseph that the Child would be divine and fulfil Scripture

❖ **Matthew 1:22-23**

❖ Jesus fulfilled the prophecy from **Isaiah 7:14**

Both Mary and Joseph were told of the importance of the name of this Child

❖ He would be called JESUS (**Matt.1:21, Lu.1:31-33**)

Jesus was circumcised the 8th day according to the law of Moses, **Luke 2:21**

Jesus was then dedicated in the Temple – “presented Him to the Lord” – **Luke 2:22-24**

❖ this is the basis for dedication children

Luke 2:25-35

❖ It had been revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until had seen the Lord’s Messiah

❖ Simeon prophesied when he saw the Child Jesus

❖ The salvation prepared before the face of all people’s

❖ Simeon prophesied of Jesus’ future being quite tumultuous

Luke 2:36-38

❖ Anna was a prophetess

❖ Anna gave thanks to the Lord (YHWH) and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem

❖ There were always God seekers in the temple

Matthew 2 – Wise men, likely they were Gentiles

v.1-2 – They were looking for the King of the Jews

- they had seen the star in the East and they knew that a great King was born

- as they inquired for where He was, all Jerusalem, including King Herod, were troubled

v.3-6 - they inquired of Jews where Messiah would be born

- they quoted **Micah 5:2:** – speaks of the birth in Bethlehem, a great Ruler, “whose goings forth are of old, even from everlasting (lit. the days of eternity)”

- The Messiah comes from eternity

v.7-11 - when they found Jesus, they fell down and **worshiped Him**
- we should never worship a man, a human, let alone a Child (**Matt.4:10**)

Luke 2:41 – Now when Jesus was 12years old

v.42 – Parents went every year to Jerusalem for Passover

- now possibly Jesus' first time
- was a special time of Jesus' growth – Jewish 'Bar-Mitvah' age
- coming into young adulthood
- Jesus comes into the house of God, His Father

v.48-49 - Mary was very concerned as to Jesus' whereabouts

- Jesus had an amazing response
- Jesus was discovering His Father and discovering His calling, His destiny
- But now it was time to go back home and be trained
- now 18 years of training to be ready for His great mission

Mark 6:3 - Jesus was known as a Carpenter

- ❖ He had 4 brothers and at least 3 sisters
- Jesus was Man, He was born in the flesh

Romans 1:3

- ❖ God's Son, Jesus, was born of the Seed of David according to the flesh
- ❖ Both Joseph and Mary were of David's lineage

Matthew 1:23 – Immanuel, "God-With-Us"

- ❖ **2 Jn.7-9** – Jesus the Messiah (who is God) came in the flesh
- ❖ The One born to Mary is a Saviour, Messiah the Lord – **Luke2:11** – Messiah is the Lord, God
- ❖ If we deny and do not teach Jesus is the Messiah who came in the flesh, we are a deceiver and an anti-Christ
- ❖ The Man we call Jesus, is actually the Christ, who is God manifesting in the flesh

THE NAME OF JESUS

- ❖ "Jesus" is from Gk "Iesous"
- ❖ The Gk "Iesous" is trying to bring the Hebrew word into Greek
- ❖ In Heb. "Yeshua" = 'He shall save'
- ❖ "Yeshua" is shorter version of "Yehowshuwa" = 'Yehovah saves'
- ❖ When we see "Jesus", we are saying that YHWH, the Eternal God, is my Saviour, saves me
- ❖ Jesus is the Son of the Father, they are One, He is my Saviour
- ❖ Jesus is the One who saves us
- ❖ In name of Jesus we are saved, heal the sick, cast out devils and baptise
- ❖ All New Testament Scriptures are written in Greek = "Iesous"
- ❖ Some from Messianic movement become very strict about having to call Jesus "Yeshua"
- ❖ We do not need to call Him "Yeshua" if we have known Him as Jesus

- ❖ This should not be a stumbling block – we are One new Man believing in Jesus (**Eph.2:15, 3:6**)
- ❖ Gentiles do not need to become Jews to become pleasing to God
- ❖ **Acts 15:23-29** – letter given to churches when confronted with the issue of Gentiles in the church

Jesus is the name above every name

Acts 2:36

- ❖ This Jesus has been made both “Lord and Christ”
- ❖ “Lord” – in Hebrew “Adonai” – only ever used in referring to God
- ❖ YHWH is Adonai
- ❖ This Jesus is “Adonai and Messiah”

Philippians 2:6-11

- ❖ God has highly exalted Jesus
- ❖ God gave Him the name above every name
- ❖ At the name of “Jesus” every knee shall bow
- ❖ Confess “Jesus the Messiah is Lord (adonai)”

Revelation 19:16

- ❖ Jesus is the Lord of lords
- ❖ He is the Adonai of all Adons

We have failed to translate the name YHWH in the Old Testament

- ❖ In English Bibles “YHWH” is translated as “LORD”
- ❖ This follows a tradition that developed after the time of **Malachi** being written
- ❖ The Jews stopped saying the name for fear of saying it wrongly
- ❖ The Jews began to translate it as “Adonai” meaning “Lord”
- ❖ YHWH is the Lord but it is not His name
- ❖ They also called Him “Ha Shem”, “the Name” instead of saying His name
- ❖ Over 6800 times He is called YHWH in Old Testament
- ❖ It means “I AM” – **Ex.3:14**

A most ridiculous translation

Psalms 110:1

- ❖ “The LORD said to my Lord”
- ❖ Literally, “YHWH said to the my Lord”

Exodus 3:13-14

- ❖ God commissions Moses at burning bush
- ❖ God said “I AM who I AM”
- ❖ Tell them “I AM has sent me...”
- ❖ **V.15** – this is His name forever, YHWH
- ❖ there are debates over whether it is Yahweh, or Yehovah
- ❖ it seems most likely God was called “Yahweh”

From Old Testament to the New

What is the name in New Testament?

- ❖ What was the name of the Child, the Son? – Jesus
- ❖ What is the name over all names? – Jesus

- ❖ Jesus is the person, He is the Christ
- ❖ We are not to take the name of "Jesus" in vain

1 Timothy 3:16

- the mystery = God manifest in flesh
- this is Jesus
- this makes **Acts 2:36** make a lot of sense
- Jesus is **Lord** = Adonai
- Jesus is **Messiah** = the promised One, King, God

WHY DID MEN WORSHIP JESUS ON THE EARTH?

Jairus, the ruler of synagogue worshiped Jesus

- ❖ He believed that Jesus was the Messiah
- ❖ Jews expected Messiah to be God
- ❖ If Jesus is the Messiah, that means He is God
- ❖ **Jn.20:28** – "My Lord and My God" – Thomas worshiped Jesus, realised Jesus was Lord and God

GOD'S NAME IS "I AM"

Jesus called Himself many times "I Am"

John 8:53-58 – disputing about who Jesus is

- ❖ not even 50 years old and He had seen Abraham
- ❖ before Abraham was "I AM"
- ❖ **v.59** – the response was to stone Jesus, kill Him

Jesus identified Himself as "I AM" many times

- ❖ many translations add word "*He*" to "I AM" when in the Greek there is no "*He*"
- ❖ **John 18:4-6** – the "He" is not there, the NKJV puts the "He" in italics to show it is not in original Greek manuscript
- ❖ When Jesus said "I AM" they fell back to the ground
- ❖ For a moment the Godhead manifested in Him and the power of God caused the soldiers to fall back

Luke 22:70-71

- ❖ Literal = "You say because I AM"
- ❖ The reaction = they could kill Him
- ❖ In Greek "Ego Eimi" = I, I AM (emphatic I AM)
- ❖ "Eimi" by itself means "I am" but when "Ego" put with it, it becomes emphatic

Mark 14:61-62

- ❖ Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
- ❖ Jesus answered "I, I AM"
- ❖ **Jn.5:17-18** – Jesus said "My Father is working and I am working – calling God "Father" was making "Himself equal with God" – their reaction was to kill Him
- ❖ to say Jesus was "the Son of the Blessed" was to be equal with God

Matthew 14:27

- ❖ at 3am Jesus comes walking on water and disciples are terrified thinking He was a ghost
- ❖ Jesus spoke literally "Take courage, I AM"
- ❖ **V.28** – Peter then responded "If You are, command me to come"
- ❖ Faith is based on what we hear, Peter heard Jesus say "I AM"

EXAMPLES OF I AM SAYINGS OF JESUS

John 4:25-26

John 8:24, 28

John 13:19

There are 7 I AM sayings in John

Jn.6:35 – I AM the Bread of Life

Jn.9:5 – I AM the Light of the World

Jn.10:7 – I AM the Door of the Sheep

Jn.10:11 – I AM the Good Shepherd (Ps.23)

Jn.11:25 – I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Jn.14:6 – I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jn.15:1 – I AM the true Vine

Jesus is God, absolute and complete

Jesus is our great God and Saviour

- ❖ In New T Jesus called "Saviour" 16x
- ❖ 7x God in general called "Saviour"

Titus 2:13

- ❖ looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory (glorious appearing) of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ
- ❖ Jesus Christ is our great God and Saviour

2 Peter 1:1b - by righteousness of God and Saviour, Jesus the Messiah

WHO IS JESUS?

Revelation 1:5

- ❖ Jesus = Christ, faithful witness, firstborn from the dead, ruler over the kings of the earth
- ❖ **V.6** – also He loves us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, makes us kings and priests

v.7 – Jesus comes on clouds

v.8 – I AM the Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, One who is, who was, who is to come, the Almighty

v.18 – Jesus is the One "who lives", has keys of Hades and death

Revelation 22:13

- ❖ I AM the Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last
- 22:16** – I AM the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star

BAPTISM

The power and reality of baptism

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ These are the words of Jesus
- ❖ This is Jesus' command
- ❖ Jesus has **all authority in heaven and earth**
- ❖ Jesus spoke these words after rising from the dead and after appearing for forty days to the disciples
- ❖ This is the authority that Jesus commissioned the apostles in
- ❖ We desire to see this authority released in the earth
- ❖ The authority is found by receiving it to do what He said to do, "make disciples...baptising...continuing in the Word
- ❖ This is to go to every nation

Baptism brings us into His authority

After the work of the Cross and resurrection, Jesus commanded baptism

Baptism – means to immerse

- ❖ it is to be immersed into Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

John 13:38

- ❖ Jesus told Peter he could not follow Jesus into death at that time but that he would follow Him afterward

Jesus finished the work through His death, burial and resurrection, now we can enter into this through baptism

Mark16:16

- ❖ He who believes and is baptised will be saved
 - ❖ If not believe will be condemned
 - ❖ Believing and baptism go together, baptism must be by faith
- v.17** – believers (those who believe and are baptised), will cast out demons, speak in new tongues, be protected, heal the sick with laying on of hands
- these signs are all signs of authority
 - believing and being baptised releases the authority to do the work of Jesus
 - we are immersed into the authority of Jesus the Messiah
 - we are immersed into His name, so we can walk in all of His authority
- v.19-20** – Jesus is not just sitting in heaven silently
- The Lord was working with them and confirming the Word through accompanying signs
 - Jesus will work with us as we are obedient to the command of Jesus
 - baptism is from Jesus

The authority of Jesus is released in the earth through

- i) making disciples
- ii) baptising
- iii) teaching

Matt.28:19

What name are we to baptise in?

Philippians 2:9-11

- ❖ God has given Him the name which is above every name
- ❖ The name is "Jesus" – at this name all should bow in all of creation
- ❖ Every tongue should confess "Jesus Christ is Lord"
- ❖ This is the name which gives glory to God the Father
- ❖ This is "the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

WHAT NAME DID APOSTLES BAPTISE INTO?

Acts 2:38

- ❖ repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of **Jesus the Messiah**
- ❖ brings remission of sins
- ❖ releases gift of Holy Spirit
- ❖ we are baptised into Jesus the Anointed King, the authority of the King Jesus
- ❖ repentance, a change of mind, a change must take place before baptism (choosing Jesus)
- ❖ all who believe and desire to change are welcome into Jesus

v.39-41

- 3000 souls were added through baptism
- they were added not through signing up, filling out commitment cards or putting up hands but through baptism
- **1 Cor.12:13** – by One Spirit we are baptized into the Body of Messiah

v.42

- response to being added through baptism
- they continued steadfastly...
- they became a part of the teaching (apostles' doctrine) – Mt.28:20

Why is baptism in the name of Jesus important?

Acts 19:1-6

- ❖ these are believers, so Paul thought they would have been baptised
- ❖ but what were they baptised into because they did not know of Holy Spirit
- ❖ disciples are baptised, disciples are immersed in something
- ❖ they were baptized into John
- ❖ Paul realized they needed the real baptism – John's baptism was a preparation baptism, to prepare the people for the Messiah, Jesus
- ❖ **V.5** – they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus
- ❖ This was into the name of Jesus
- ❖ **V.6** – now they got filled with Jesus and spoke with new tongues (walking in sign of **Mk.16:17**, authority released in them)

- ❖ **V.8** – then Paul spoke boldly in the synagogue for 3 months
- ❖ now he was teaching them
- ❖ **v.10** – teaching for 2 years, making disciples, teaching those who were baptised

There is a restoration of baptism

The measuring line must be adhered to, sticking to the Word

Then the ministries can function and bring in a multitude of souls

Let go of your own ways, be part of His dragnet, the way Jesus commissioned us

Hebrews 6:1

- ❖ foundations must be set
- ❖ we must understand the “doctrine of baptisms”

Galatians 3:26-27

- ❖ faith first
- ❖ baptised into Messiah is to be clothed with Messiah
- ❖ We are clothed in authority
- ❖ We put on Messiah at our baptism

v.28

- through baptism into Messiah we lose all fleshly distinctions
- leave all other identities behind
- this is the One Body that is not confused about who we are

2 Corinthians 5:16-18

- this is what our baptism did
- we regard no one according to the flesh
- this is the way the world works, labelling according to the flesh
- baptism breaks us free from this

v.17

- if in Messiah, we are a new creation
- this is the new creation, the new you coming forth, in the image of God, in Messiah
- we are all one, perfect equality in Christ

OLD TESTAMENT SHADOW

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

- children of Israel led out of Egypt by Moses
- all baptized into Moses
- we are baptized into a person
- they were under Pharaoh’s authority before as slaves
- now they were immersed into Moses’ authority
- there was the Spirit of God there also, the cloud

Hebrews 11:27-29

- ❖ faith, believing
- ❖ Egyptians were drowned in the sea – they had no faith
- ❖ Can only be baptized by faith into the name

- ❖ We must have faith in Jesus

Exodus 14:13-14

- ❖ salvation/deliverance accomplished
- ❖ will not see the Egyptians anymore forever
- ❖ YHWH will fight for you
- ❖ Context of "baptism into Moses in the sea"
- ❖ Jesus accomplishes the deliverance, He will fight for you

POWER OF BAPTISM

Romans 6:1-2

- ❖ we are not to continue in sin
- ❖ we are not going to try extra hard not to sin
- v.3** – the answer is we have died to sin, we die at baptism
 - we are immersed into Messiah's death
 - how can we live in what we have died to
 - what was Messiah's death? He bore our sicknesses, our griefs, our sins, our transgressions
 - we are immersed into this!
 - **Hebrews 2:14-15** – through death, Jesus destroyed him who had the power of death, the devil
 - through baptism into death of Messiah we enter into the victory of Jesus' death over the devil
 - Jesus releases us from bondage to fear of death – it is in baptism, being immersed in this release!
 - Jesus fought for us and we enter it through immersion

Romans 6:4

- ❖ we were also immersed into the resurrection of Messiah
- ❖ it is the glory of the Father raising us into newness of life
- ❖ baptism releases the power to walk in the new life
- ❖ **Col.2:12-14** – buried with Him through baptism, raised with Him through faith in working of God (in resurrection)
- ❖ through baptism we are made alive together with Him, forgiven all trespasses, wiped out handwriting of requirements...
- ❖ Jesus did it at the Cross but we receive it through baptism
- ❖ **Col.2:15** – Jesus disarmed principalities and powers, made a public spectacle of them
- ❖ Jesus triumphed for the whole world to enter in

Romans 6:5

- ❖ united in likeness of His death
- ❖ also united in likeness of resurrection (**1 Pet.3:21-22** – baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all powers made subject to Him)
- ❖ **Eph.2:5-6** – this is where you are, made alive together with Messiah, raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Messiah Jesus

Romans 6:5-11

- ❖ we are freed from sin
- ❖ no longer slaves of sin
- ❖ death no longer has dominion
- ❖ reckon yourself dead to sin
- ❖ reckon yourself alive to God

Jesus accomplished all this at the cross and we enter into His victory through faith and baptism!

v.12

- do not obey sin in its lusts
- this is a reality
- we are to continue in the teaching of baptism after we are baptised

v.13-14

- walk free from sin
- present your members to God as alive to God, instruments of righteousness
- not under law but under grace
- baptism ushers you into grace!
- baptism brings you into grace to walk free from sin

Ephesians 2:8-10

- ❖ by grace you have been saved through faith
- ❖ we can walk in His works now, not our own, this is GRACE!
- ❖ not of works
- ❖ we are His workmanship
- ❖ let us walk in the grace, not under trying to obey God, but obeying through grace

Let us walk in the reality and authority of our immersion into Christ!

Let us go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the Messiah, teaching them all things.

Jesus promised as we do this, "lo, I, I AM with you always even till the end of the age." –Matt. 28:20

- ❖ This is the work of Jesus ushering in the end of the age
- ❖ Come and enter into this work as Jesus disciples

ALL THINGS NEW

Revelation 21:5

- ❖ Behold I make all things new
- ❖ These words are true and faithful
- ❖ It is done!
- ❖ I am the Beginning and the End

Things are still outworking, but it is done. (**John 19:30** – Jesus said, “It is finished.”)

Ephesians 3:11

- ❖ God’s eternal purpose has been accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord
- ❖ It is done!

We are coming into the finished work,
Jesus has made all things new.

New – Gk SC#2537 kainos

- ❖ means new (especially in freshness)
- ❖ that which is unaccustomed or unused
- ❖ not new in time (meaning recent)
- ❖ new as to form and quality
- ❖ of a different nature from what is contrasted to the old
- ❖ new in condition

We are in days of restoration.

1) NEW DOCTRINE

Mark 1:25-27

- ❖ What new doctrine is this?
 - ❖ With authority He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey
- This new doctrine comes with power and authority. Evil spirits have to go.

John 6:63

- ❖ Jesus said, “Eat My flesh and drink My blood”
- ❖ This doctrine is eternal life
- ❖ Jesus’ words are spirit and they are life

Acts 17:18-19

- ❖ he preached Jesus and the resurrection (life)
- ❖ may we know what this new doctrine is!
- ❖ It is Jesus and resurrection life

2) NEW COVENANT

Matthew 26:28-29

- ❖ this is My blood of the New Covenant, shed for many for the remission of sins

- ❖ I (Jesus) will drink it **new** with you in My Father's kingdom
- Do you partake of His table (the new covenant)?
- It is spiritual food and spiritual drink, we drink it **new** with Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:3-6

- you are an epistle of Christ, written by the Spirit
- this new covenant is in the Spirit
- this new covenant is far better than the old
- God makes us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant
- the ministry of the Spirit is more glorious

V9 – it is a ministry of **righteousness** that exceeds much more in glory

V18 – we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord

The New Covenant is actually changing us.

Hebrews 8:6-13

- ❖ Jesus is Mediator of a better covenant
- ❖ Established on better promises

The promises are:

- ❖ His law put in our minds and written on our hearts
- ❖ He will be our God and we shall be His people (identity in Him)
- ❖ All shall know Him, from the least to the greatest (all can have a personal relationship with YHWH)
- ❖ Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more (total remission of sins)
- ❖ The first covenant has been made obsolete (ready to vanish away)

3) NEW CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:16

- from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh (race, religion etc.)
- we no longer know Christ according to the flesh (not as a natural man, not as a Jewish race man)
- Messiah came to bring forth a new creation
- we all need to get into the second Adam (the Lord from heaven – God in the flesh

1 Cor.15:47)

V17 – if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation

- ❖ we need to learn how to walk in the new
- ❖ old things have passed away, behold all things have become new (**Rev 21:5**)

In the Messiah, I am a new creation. We need to believe it.

V18 – now all things are of God (the new is of God)

- ❖ God was in the Messiah reconciling the world to Himself
- The new creation is reconciled to God in the Messiah.

We have been baptised into all the fullness of God (**Col.2:9-13**)

V21 – **righteousness** is a characteristic of the new creation

Galatians 6:14-16

- ❖ the world has been crucified to me and I to the world
- ❖ we can boast in the cross
- ❖ what matters is whether or not we have entered into this **new** creation – not our natural condition of Jew or Gentile
- ❖ we are to walk by this rule (we are now new creations – no longer seeing things after the flesh)
- ❖ peace and mercy are part of this new creation
- ❖ peace and mercy be upon the Israel of God (all true believers in Christ are the Israel of God)
- ❖ the Israel of God are those who are in the new creation

Gen 32 – Jacob had a wrestling, he would not let God go until He blessed him. God changed his name – no longer Jacob (a deceiver, trickster) but Israel, which means “Prince with God”, an overcomer, prevailer.

Rev 2:17, Rev 3:12 – a **new** name given to those who overcome (a new nature, a new character)

Jacob’s nature was changed. He was given a new name.

There is a **new name** for everyone – the Israel of God

4) NEW MAN

Ephesians 2:14-15

- ❖ He created in Himself **one new man**, making peace
- ❖ One new corporate man made from the two (wall of separation broken down)
- ❖ The nature, form and quality has changed – **a new man**, no longer Jew nor Gentile but a new creation man

Ephesians 4:13

- ❖ one new man growing to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah (a revelation of Messiah Himself)

Ephesians 4:17-19

- ❖ talks about the old (alienated from the life of God)
- ❖ the truth is in Jesus
- ❖ **v22** – put off the old man and be renewed (remade, fresh) in the spirit of your mind
- ❖ put on the new man (not a flesh man)
- ❖ the new man is created according to God in true **righteousness** and holiness

Mark 16:17

- **new** tongues (a new language, a spiritual language)
- there are new tongues for a new creation man

5) A NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH

2 Peter 3:10-13

- we are to walk in holy conduct and godliness (this will preserve us)
- everything that is unholy will be burned
- the heavens (the realm of principalities and powers – **Eph.2:2-3**) will be dissolved, being on fire
- the fire of God’s judgment will burn all this up

- We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness** dwells

Colossians 2:8, 20 – elements = basic principles (rudiments), teachings of the world, doctrines of demons, deceiving spirits

Galatians 4:3, 9

These are the elements that will melt with fervent heat.

All the fullness is in Messiah. He is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:16-17 – the substance is of Christ (Messiah), we are not of religious observance

When Jesus was baptised, **the heavens were opened (Matt.3:16-17)** This had not happened for 4000 years since man disobeyed God in the garden and the heavens closed over man.

Jesus came and He lived under an open heavens, a new heavens. He made the earth new around Him (healing, delivering)

When we come into Christ, we come under that open heaven. A new heavens and we can begin to see the new earth coming forth.

He has made all things new!

6) THE NEW JERUSALEM

Rev 21:1-2

❖ New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband

Galatians 4:23-26

- ❖ this new Jerusalem is attached to the new covenant
- ❖ symbolic of the two covenants (one that gives birth to bondage, one of promise)
- ❖ the Jerusalem that now is, is in bondage with her children
- ❖ But, the Jerusalem above is free (not in bondage – a new creation)

Isaiah 65:17 onwards – Jerusalem created to be a praise and a place of rejoicing

Hebrews 12:22

- ❖ we are meant to be part of the New Jerusalem already
- ❖ we have come to the heavenly Jerusalem
- ❖ we have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God

There is a new Jerusalem in this new creation.

The new Jerusalem is prepared as a bride (**Eph 5:22-23** – speaking of Messiah and the church)

The bride is the church. The church is the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 19:7-8

- ❖ the marriage of the Lamb has come and His wife has made herself ready
- ❖ fine linen = **righteous** acts of the saints
- ❖ this bride is a people
- ❖ this bride is a city
- ❖ it is the glory that makes the new Jerusalem what it is (a glorious church without spot or wrinkle – **Eph.5:27**)

Ephesians 2:6

❖ we have been raised up to sit with Christ in the heavenly places

The word is washing and preparing us that we may be a glorious church (**Eph.5:26-27**)

We are being prepared and we shall be revealed from heaven (the glory seen in His people)

Now we are singing a new song!

Rev 5:9-10 – singing a new song

- ❖ we are redeemed from all nations by the blood
- ❖ we are now kings and priests
- ❖ we now rule in the earth!

CHRIST THE TRANSLATION **OF MESSIAH**

Apostles are called and anointed to preach Jesus the Messiah

When we stop preaching Jesus Christ we end up preaching false doctrines

Now there are lots of people calling themselves "apostles" who are not preaching Jesus Christ and they have soured and poisoned some people

1 Corinthians 3:11

- there is only one foundation
- it is Jesus the Messiah

Christ = an appellation (a special name), an epithet (a word added to a name to describe what that person is) of the name of Jesus

Christ = translation of "Messiah"

The name is Jesus

The title is Christ

Most of us have never been taught about Jesus being the Messiah

- ❖ grapple with this reality, it is the core message in the Bible – that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah

Jesus is called "Saviour" 16x

God in general called "Saviour" in New Testament 6x

"Christ" is more than 550x in New Testament

This is primary education in Christianity, learning Jesus is the Messiah/Christ

Many theologians only talk about the Word of God, but do not actually speak the Word of God

Matthew 16:13-19

- ❖ Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
- ❖ Could say Jesus was going on a break up north to Caesarea Philippi, but it was actually very purposeful
- ❖ This city represents the city of man's government, a city dedicated to the glory of Roman Empire
- ❖ Near this city there was a cave called "Gates of Hades", an occult place, witchcraft

v.14 – they answered that people thought He was one of the prophets

v.15 – Jesus then asked the disciples who they thought He was

v.16 – Simon (which means "Hearing") Peter answered

- "You are the Messiah, the Son of Living God"
 - He is the One that Peter learnt about in Sabbath school
- v.17** – this revelation came from heaven, from Father
- Peter knew the Messiah would be the Son of God, He knew the Scriptures
 - the revelation was that God identified in Peter's understanding that the Man standing before Him was that One!!!!

John 1:19

- ❖ the testimony of John the Baptist
 - ❖ priests sent to ask John "Who are you?"
- v.20** – John confessed "I am not the Christ"
- since days of Magi, wise men, came when Jesus was a Child, there was talk of Messiah
- v.21** – they asked if John was Elijah – John said he was not
- Are you the prophet? John said he was not

- v.41** – Andrew found Simon his brother and said "We have found the Messiah (which is translated "the Christ")"
- here we see that Messiah is translated "Christ"
 - the original word is "Messiah"
 - we need to re-discover this word and its meaning, as this is who Jesus is
 - will you join in this restoration

John 4:25

- ❖ Samaritans knew that "Messiah is coming" (who is called "Christ")
 - ❖ When Messiah comes He will tell us all things
- v.26** – "I, I AM, the One speaking to you"

Jesus is the Messiah – this is the word with power, authority and meaning

Christ in Gk = "Christos" , but this word had no historical meaning in Greek
 Messiah has 4000 years of history behind it, this is why it has power and authority

Matthew 16:18

- ❖ Jesus confirms Peter as "Peter", a small rock or stone
- ❖ Jesus said that the revelation Peter received is the "Rock" on which Jesus will build His Church (ecclesia)
- ❖ Gates of Hades (place of dead, authority of hell, darkness)
- ❖ Up until time of Jesus, Satan had control of death
- ❖ Since Cross, Jesus has keys (authority) of Hades and death
- ❖ So church has authority over these authorities

1 Corinthians 10:4

- the spiritual Rock that followed children of Israel was Christ
- The Rock is Messiah
- that Rock was with the children of Israel in the wilderness
- **1 Cor.3:11** – no other foundation

Matthew 16:19

- ❖ in the context of church having authority over hell
- ❖ Jesus gives Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven
- ❖ Whatever you bind or loose on earth, will have been bound or loosed in heaven
- ❖ We release what is already being done in heaven
- ❖ "loose" means to untie, to open the prison door
- ❖ "bind" has sense to forbid, close

Where did Peter get the information from that allowed God to give him the revelation that Jesus was the Messiah?

2 Samuel 7

- David wants to build God a house
- Prophet Nathan was spoken to by God that David would not build God's house but God would build David a house (a dynasty) – **v.11**

v.12 – God promises to set up David's seed after him

- This One would come from David's body
- His kingdom will be established

v.13 – the son of David would build a house for God's name

- God will establish the Throne of the Seed of David's kingdom **forever**
- who is the Seed? Yeshua Ha Mashiach
- this throne is forever – not Solomon's

V14a – the son of David would be the Son of God

- ❖ God would be His Father

Son of God is the Messiah, the Son of David

v.16 – David's house and kingdom will be established forever

(1 Chron 17:12-14 – promise to David is repeated)

Psalm 2 – Messianic Psalm

v.2 – nations acting against YHWH and against His Messiah (Anointed)

v.6 – God has set His King (Messiah, Seed of David) on Mt Zion

"set" = install

v.7 – prophetically now it is the Messiah speaking

- YHWH has said to Me (Messiah, King), "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"

- So the Messiah is the Son of God

v.8 – God told the Messiah to ask Him for the nations and the earth

This is how Peter knew the Messiah would be the Son of God

- ❖ God gave Peter the revelation that these Scriptures were speaking of Jesus

"Church" = ecclesia, which has to do with government

- ❖ Jesus first mentions "church" when Peter got that revelation
- ❖ Jesus said He could build His government on the revelation that He is the Messiah, the Son of God
- ❖ "ecclesia" was the government of a city-state

- ❖ If we get this revelation of Jesus we get the keys of kingdom to exercise high level governmental authority
- ❖ God is restoring the understanding of "church" so we can be restored

Isaiah 35 – awesome prophetic picture of restoration [do a study of this chapter looking up all the cross references]

- ❖ **v.1-2** = restoration of creation
- ❖ **v.3-6** = restoration of people
- ❖ **v.7** = restoration of creation
- ❖ **v.8-10** = restoration of God's people, church

"Christos" = smear or rub with oil, by impl. to consecrate to an office or service, means "anointed, Messiah, an epithet of Jesus, the Christ"

- ❖ epithet = additional part to a name that describes who the person is
- ❖ "Christ" is a revelation of who Jesus is

Hb #4899 – Maschiach – anointed, usually a consecrated person i.e. a king or priest, but specifically referring to the Messiah

Who is Christ? It refers to the Messiah, the Anointed One

This epithet "Christ" is added to the name "Jesus" to constantly remind us of who Jesus is, He is the Anointed One, the Messiah

"Christ" is not a surname but a description

WHAT DID FIRST APOSTLES PREACH ABOUT "CHRIST"?

Acts 2:14-36

- v.22** – Jesus of Nazareth, a Man, the testimony of His wonderful ministry
- v.23** – speaks of crucifixion, put to death on Cross, it was the will of God, and at same time done by lawless people
- v.24** – God raised Jesus from dead
 - loosed birth pangs
 - Jesus not held by death
- v.25-28** – quotes **Psalm 16** confirming the Messiah would die and rise again
- v.29** – Peter explains that this Psalm was speaking of Messiah and not David, as David was still dead
- v.30** – David was a prophet (prophesied in Psalms)
 - God swore an oath to David through Nathan the prophet in **2 Sam.7:12-14**
 - proved that Messiah would be raised up to sit on the Throne
- v.31** – David foresaw this
 - that Messiah would rise from dead
- v.32** – This Messiah is Jesus
 - God raised Jesus
 - the witnesses were Peter and the other 11 apostles and many others
 - God fulfilled David's prophecy
- v.33** – Jesus was exalted (lifted to higher place in authority, power and riches) to the right hand of God (**Mk.16:19, Eph.1:20, Heb.1:13, 1Cor.15:25**)

- this Messiah Jesus has now received the highest position in the whole universe
- Jesus received from Father the promise of Holy Spirit
- the promise was that God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh
- this promise is fulfilled through the Messiah Jesus
- this promise being poured out is proof that Jesus is the Messiah and at the right hand of God
- now Jesus fulfilled what John the Baptist said, that the Messiah would baptise with the Holy Spirit (**Matt.3:11**)

v.34-35 – Peter then quotes **Psalm110:1**

- where is the Throne of Jesus the Messiah? At God's right hand
- prophetically it is the Throne of David

v.36 – God has made Jesus both Lord (Adonay) and Mashiach (Messiah/Christ)

Messiah refers to the promised son of David

This Messiah would have all power and authority – **Matthew 28:18**

When church comes to understand the title and office of Messiah then she will walk in a much greater dimension of authority and victory in the earth

Is Jesus yet to become King?

No way – He is already King

Jesus is not coming to be King

He is the King already

Even the wise men knew He was

Isaiah 9:7

- ❖ speaking of the Son of God
- ❖ of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end
- ❖ upon the Throne of David and over His kingdom (the kingdom of the Son)
- ❖ David's kingdom was always a type, a shadow
- ❖ The true David is the Messiah
- ❖ Messiah is the substance

HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT OF MESSIAH INCREASE TODAY?

Through us who are being obedient to Him

- ❖ all nations shall bow the knee sooner or later – **Phil.2:9-11**
- ❖ through us preaching the gospel of Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ not just preaching "Saviour" but making Him known as the Messiah, the King
- ❖ out of Messiah's authority He told us to make disciples (**Mt.28:18-20**)
- ❖ this is His governmental authority and mandate – make disciples
- ❖ we have all authority to make disciples because that mandate came from the King
- ❖ when we bring people to Jesus the Messiah they receive Peace
- ❖ it is a kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit
(**Rom.14:17, Is.9:6**)

What is the Bible teaching us in **Matt.16:16-19**?

- ❖ Jesus can build His ecclesia on the revelation of Jesus being the Messiah (the King with all authority)

- ❖ Keys of kingdom of heaven is not a natural kingdom

What did Peter do on day of Pentecost?

- ❖ Peter used the keys to open the door of the kingdom to people
- ❖ It was the "Peter package" – "repent, believe, be baptised in name of Jesus the Messiah, receive gift of Holy Spirit"
- ❖ Peter did the same in Samaria (**Acts 8:16-17**) and in Cornelius' house (**Acts 10:24-48**) – Holy Spirit released
- ❖ Lots of spiritual warfare comes from ignorance of Jesus being the Messiah

Once Pentecost has come what did the disciples do?

Mk. 16:20

- ❖ Lord was in heaven but working with the apostles who were preaching the gospel
- ❖ They preached to Jews first
- ❖ They then preached in Samaria
- ❖ Finally they got to the Gentiles in Cornelius' house
- ❖ Now the revival was among the Gentiles
- ❖ **Acts 11** – now Jews and Greeks are together in the church
- ❖ **Galatians 2:7-8** – confirmation that Paul's apostleship was to the Gentiles
- ❖ **Gospel to Jews then Samaritans then to Gentiles**
- ❖ But God never meant for Gentiles to swamp the church with Gentile ways
- ❖ In these days we are in restoration of Messiah so Jews will come in

SONSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-5

- ❖ we have been predestined to the adoption as sons through Jesus Christ
- ❖ it is God's good pleasure for you to walk in the adoption as a son
- ❖ It is His will

We should find out about the adoption if God wants us to walk in it

"adoption" – Gk 'huiiothesia' – placement as a son

- ❖ much "church teaching" says we are "adopted as children"
- ❖ this is wrong as we are born again to be children of God
- ❖ adoption has to do with being placed as a son in maturity

PARABLES OF TARES AND WHEAT

Matthew 13:24-30 (parable), **36-43** (explanation)

- ❖ it has been given to disciples to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God (**Matt.13:11**)
- ❖ Jesus spoke to those outside in parables (**Matt.13:34-35**)
- ❖ We need to ears to hear what the Spirit is saying
- ❖ When we are born and baptised in the Spirit, we can understand the Word of God

Parable – Matt.13:30

- ❖ Let both (tares and wheat) grow together until harvest
- ❖ Tares and wheat both grew together
- ❖ Reapers are to gather tares and bind them in bundles, then gather wheat into barn
- ❖ Key word is "Growth"
- ❖ We must be growing in the grace and knowledge of Lord and Saviour Jesus..

2 Peter 3:17-18

- beware not to fall from your own steadfastness
- but grow in grace and knowledge of Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ
- if not growing we are in danger of being led away in error
- by growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus will not be led away in error

We need to be sharing the Word with others

Growing into the place of a son has got to do with not being self oriented

Babies are self-oriented

Sons are concerned about others

GROWTH

1 John 2:12-14

- 3 stages of growth to maturity

a) LITTLE CHILDREN – know sins are forgiven for His name's sake (**Jn.3:16**, **Mk.16:16**), know Father (in family of God)

- feed on milk of the word – **1Peter 2:2** – as newborn babes we are to desire the pure milk of the word so we can grow
- it is God's purpose for us to grow
- the milk of word is foundations (**Heb.6:1-2**)
- need to be discipled (**2 Tim.2:2** – we need discipleship until we can teach others)

Hebrews 6:1-3

- what happens to a building without proper foundations? It will fall down
- we need to be taught ABCs of the gospel, of the kingdom so we can function as disciples in the kingdom
- the goal is "to go on to perfection"
- these are the beginning teachings of Messiah, the elementary principles of life in Messiah
- we will go on to perfection if God permits, if the foundations are laid properly

Hebrews 5:12-14

- these ones were meant to go on
- they were meant to be teaching
- but they had still need of milk and not solid food, they were still babes
- solid food belongs to those of full age, they are able to discern between good and evil because they were discipled in the Word
- they can detect good and evil by being in word of righteousness
- if we are not growing we need people to come and keep telling us

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

- carnal rather than spiritual people
- babes in Christ because of envy, strife, divisions according to what man they followed
- still arguing, walking in flesh
- they had not entered sonship

b) YOUNG MEN – strong, overcome wicked one through word abiding in them

- these walk in a level of maturity

Galatians 4:1-7

- coming to place of maturity/sonship is when you come to the place of receiving the Spirit of Sonship

Luke 3:21-22

- the example of Jesus at His baptism
- This is when Jesus was around the age of 30 (**Lu.3:23**)

- when He was 12 years of age He was looking to get into His Father's business (young man stage of growth)
- now at 30 years He came for baptism
- heaven's opened
- Holy Spirit descended
- Voice said, "You are My Beloved Son..."
- Jesus was always the Son of God from conception onwards
- But at the Baptism of Jesus, He was stepping into the place of maturity, He stepped into sonship, into the adoption
- this was to fulfil all righteousness (**Matt.3:15**)
- from that point on Jesus began to walk in all He was called to do
- He was now a mature Son
- Then He was able to overcome the devil in the wilderness, in the earth
- Jesus stepped into His destiny

- c) Fathers – know Him who is from the beginning
- natural growth is a picture of our spiritual growth

Matthew 13:30

- ❖ both grew together until harvest
- ❖ as we grow to maturity, we walk in our inheritance and all that God has purposed for us

1 Peter 1:3-5

- we walk in our inheritance as sons
- this inheritance we have as mature sons is incorruptible, undefiled, does not fade away
- it is reserved in heaven for us
- **Eph.1:3-23** – this is our inheritance, every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, our inheritance as sons

When Jesus was baptised, He knew the approval of the Father

As sons, we know the approval of the Father

- ❖ we receive courage, security, identity

Romans 8:12-17

- ❖ For some, we grow into that place of sonship
- ❖ For others it is an experience that happens in an instant
- ❖ Spirit of Sonship enables us to cry out "Abba, Father"
- ❖ Sonship is as we grow on to maturity to walk in security with Father, walking in victory over devil, inheriting the glory

Matthew 13:36-43

- ❖ Jesus gives interpretation
- ❖ Sower of good seed = Jesus
- ❖ Field is world = Mk.16:15

- ❖ Good seed are "sons of kingdom", ones who are born again and have entered kingdom and have received Spirit of Sonship
- ❖ Tares are sons of wicked one
- ❖ Enemy = devil
- ❖ Harvest = end of age
- ❖ Reapers = angels/messengers
- ❖ In our time we can see the wheat and tares
- ❖ At end of age the two become very different, easily recognizable
- ❖ Sons of kingdom will bear much fruit (**Jn.15:16** – fruit remains)
- ❖ You will know them by their fruit
- ❖ Tares first gathered into bundles – where word is not taught, apostasy, those who do not want truth, homosexuality
- ❖ Other groups where there are disciples wanting to grow, being taught the Word
- ❖ Messengers will gather out of kingdom all those who offend and those who practice lawlessness
- ❖ These will be burned
- ❖ But righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of Father
- ❖ This is the mature, those walking in sonship
- ❖ **2 Cor.3:18** – by beholding the glory of the Lord we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord – we will shine forth

THE CHURCH – FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

Matthew 18:20

- ❖ where two or three are gathered together in Jesus name, Jesus is there in the midst (the I AM is in the midst)
- ❖ dedicated cathedrals, temples have missed the point
- ❖ there are no such things as holy buildings in the New Testament
- ❖ we are the holy temple, we are living stones

Hebrews 9:11

- ❖ There is a more perfect sanctuary, it is in heaven and we access it through the blood of Jesus
- ❖ **V.12** – Jesus took His blood into the Most Holy in heaven
- v.24** – Jesus entered into heaven itself, not the copies
 - we are not to be involved in copies, types and shadows
 - we are to involved in Christ, in reality
 - we are no longer looking for altars or special buildings, but we are looking for Christ
 - **Col.1:13** – we have been conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love by being born again
 - we are there

Colossians 1:4

- ❖ the only way to God is through “faith in Messiah Jesus”
- ❖ no other way
- ❖ not through buildings, not by believing in the “Father, Son and Holy Spirit”
- ❖ it is through faith in Jesus, the Messiah

THE CHURCH IS A BODY

1 Cor.12:18

- it pleased God to set us in the Body as a member

1 Cor.14:26

- when we come together each one is to have something to contribute
- each member able to function and contribute

1 Cor.12:28

- God has also set ministries in the church

Apostles wrote the letters to churches of cities

Acts 15:23

- ❖ church in Jerusalem was led by apostles and elders
- ❖ this was so even by **Acts 11:30**
- ❖ apostles raised up elders

- ❖ two of the elders were actually prophets (Judas and Silas)

Acts 13:1

- ❖ church in Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers
- ❖ there were 5 men listed
- ❖ leadership/eldership were these ones
- ❖ out of that team, Paul and Barnabas sent out as apostles

CHURCH IN ROME, CHURCH IN EPHESUS, CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

Where did these large churches meet?

Acts 2:46

- ❖ they met publicly in the Temple
- ❖ daily breaking bread and meeting in the houses (sharing meals, praising God, praying...)

Acts 14:21-23

- ❖ Paul and Barnabas were preaching and making many disciples
- ❖ They then followed up the disciples, bringing strong teaching
- ❖ They ordained/appointed elders (plural) in the city churches
- ❖ The elders were to continue the work of discipleship

Acts 20:20 – In Ephesus

- ❖ they met publicly and from house to house
- ❖ **Acts 19:8-10** – shows the public ministry was at the school of Tyrannus, reasoning daily
- ❖ Paul would have ministered in the house meetings in the night

The development of mega churches has not basis in Scripture

- ❖ this style will keep Christians as babies and dependent upon the up front ministry
- ❖ Jesus ministered to large crowds but in **Jn.17** Jesus reported about how He brought up the 12 disciples
- ❖ The work of the ministry is to equip the saints and get every saint functioning (**Eph.4:12**)

They met in houses

This meant that every person saved was included in the daily life of the church
Some nations have prohibited the building of church buildings – so they meet in houses

The building up of each saint works best in a smaller meeting

Church in the city meets in many houses with a common eldership

Matt.10, Luke 10

- ❖ sending out of 12 and 70
- ❖ **Luke.10:5** – told to enter a house, speak peace to the house
- ❖ the practice on knocking on every house not necessarily the right way

- ❖ but we are to go 2 by 2 and find the house of peace, willing to receive the sent ministers

Acts 16

- ❖ Paul met Lydia by the river bank
- ❖ Lydia's heart was opened by the Lord and she asked Paul to come to her house with her family
- ❖ Lydia's house was the friendly house, the church was established in Philippi
- ❖ Church is established in friendly houses

References to different fellowships in the church of Rome

Romans 16:5 – greet the church in their house (Priscilla and Aquila)

- ❖ church was meeting in the house

v.10 – Household of Aristobulus

- group of brethren meeting with Aristobulus

v.11 – Narcissus a house church leader

v.14 – brethren with them (another functioning group of brethren)

v.15 – all the saints with them, seems like a large house church

Paul greeted house churches and their leaders

WHERE WAS THE FIRST HOUSE CHURCH?

Adam and Eve meeting in the cool of the evening with YHWH (**Gen.3:8**)

- ❖ seems like YHWH used to turn up and teach them
- ❖ the "house church" is the meeting place with God (**Matt.18:20**)
- ❖ no good leaving the house meeting

Gen.3:24 – God set up cherubim, guarding the way to tree of Life

- there was a sanctuary where Adam and Eve and their children could meet with God at the sanctuary
- **Gen.4** – Cain and Abel both had a personal relationship with God
- they spoke with Him and brought sacrifices to the Sanctuary, where the tree of life was
- There is a model here, Adam as the father taught his family how to come to God
- the house church leader is to teach the pure word to the family of God

Gen.5

- ❖ genealogy names key sons through Seth
- ❖ They brought up their sons in the knowledge of God
- ❖ These things are taught in the house, as a family

Religious Christianity is focused on going to the church building, learning catechism, rather than growing up in a household that is taught the Word in the house

Godly line from Seth to Noah represents ongoing training in the knowledge of God and His redemptive purposes

Noah and his family all involved in building the ark of salvation in his generation

Be the church in the house
Reach the neighbourhood...

Our work in these days is to build an ark of salvation in our generation
= planting the church in friendly houses in every place

ABRAHAM

Gen.18:19

- ❖ God chose Abraham because He knew Abraham would teach his own household well
- ❖ God knew Abraham would be the church in his house
- ❖ As soon as God speaks Abraham would obey
- ❖ This qualified him to be the father of many nations
- ❖ The blessing comes through Messiah, for every family

The church is to be planted in the home, it is a family church

Gen.18:1-15

- ❖ three men (two angels and YHWH) turned up at Abraham's house meeting
- ❖ God came for lunch
- ❖ They broke bread together
- ❖ Prophecies the Word of God about Sarah bringing forth a son

Exodus 12

- ❖ Israelites were living in Egypt in households
- ❖ **V.3** – "A lamb for a household"
- ❖ **V.4** - optimum number of people for a household (they could eat a lamb)
- ❖ God provided a Lamb for a house
- ❖ For every fellowship of God's people there is a Lamb!
- ❖ The Lamb is Jesus, the Son of God
- ❖ Each household is provided for and authorised to have the Lord's Table (**Acts 2:42**)
- ❖ 2 or 3 will do for a start
- ❖ Salvation for every house

MOSES' INSTRUCTION FOR HOUSE CHURCH

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- ❖ declaration of fundamental truth of God – "YHWH is one"
- ❖ love Him with everything – this is the big challenge to teach our children to love God without it being an obligation (we do this by showing them how to)
- ❖ we are to teach the Word diligently from dawn to going to sleep time
- ❖ we are to be talking with them about the Lord, praying etc.
- ❖ put up Scriptures everywhere

- ❖ encourages us to focus on Jesus

ESTABLISHING THE HOUSE CHURCH

Luke 10

- ❖ principle of sending out two by two
- ❖ if possible have someone with you
- ❖ for ministers this is a wonderful opportunity to take a disciple with you to learn how to do it

v.1 – 70 were to go into every city before Jesus face
= evangelism

v.2 – Jesus told us then to pray for labourers, more workers
- begins with prayer

v.3 – warning that we are being sent as lambs among wolves
- do not be shocked

v.4 – do not go as missionary tourists
- do not carry money bags can be taken a few ways

v.5 – peace will rest on the house of peace
- not necessarily a Christian house
- a house that receives you

v.6-7 – minister from that house
- house to house can spread very quickly

v.8-9 – heal the sick, preach the kingdom of God

Do not compare the “church” you have known in the past with what Jesus has told us to do in these verses

v.10-12 – if rejected, shake off the dust of your feet

v.16 – If we are heard they will hear Jesus, if rejected, they are rejecting Jesus and the One who sent Him

v.17-20 – We have authority in being sent, and Jesus will increase our authority
- we do not move, the devil has to move
- these 70 were disciples on mission (not necessarily any particular ministry)
- devil is not allowed to hurt you, resist him
- rejoice that your name is written in heaven

FUNCTIONING IN THE HOUSE CHURCH

Foundations laid on day of Pentecost (**Heb.6:1-2** are all in Peter’s preaching in **Acts 2**)

- ❖ this was foundation of church being laid
- ❖ we need to check foundations

Acts 2:42

- continue steadfastly – fully committed, devoted, need a regular full-on commitment to the things of the faith to fulfil the purpose
- apostles’ doctrine – revelational teaching brought by apostles
- fellowship – committed sharing together of first church to make sure everyone’s needs are met

- iv) breaking of bread – the communion table
- v) prayer – having daily prayer, and we are to teach disciples how to pray (many churches do not teach how to pray, it is only for the professionals)

Results of continuing steadfastly in the four works

1. Acts 2:43

- ❖ great fear came on them
- ❖ result was mighty signs and wonders in the midst

2. Acts 2:44

- ❖ true community emerged

3. Acts 2:45

- ❖ needs of community met by brethren selling goods

4. Acts 2:46

- ❖ sharing meals, breaking bread...in the house

Many churches authorise home meetings but not the breaking of bread

- ❖ where we break bread is the church and many big churches are afraid of other churches rising up, they keep control of the house meetings

Instead of cell groups we are to plant multiple house churches

Acts 4:23

- ❖ they prayed late in the night
- v.24** – noisy in the house
- v.31** – renewed boldness in the house by the Spirit
- v.32** – they were one heart and shared everything
- v.33** – preached with great power as a result
- v.34** – much giving and money laid at apostles' feet

They did not cease

Acts 5:42 - daily in the house

CHRIST REVEALED

Luke 24:13

❖ two on the road to Emmaus

v.16 – their eyes were restrained from seeing and knowing who Jesus was

How did Jesus open their understanding and unveil their eyes?

v.25 – slow of heart to believe in all the prophets have spoken

v.26-27- beginning at Moses and all the prophets He expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (Jesus)

- Christ has entered into the glory

- Messiah has been glorified

- by us having our eyes opened we can enter the glory

v.37-38 – disciples still struggling with unbelief

v.44-45 – all things must be fulfilled in Moses, Psalms and prophets concerning the Messiah

- Jesus will open our understanding to comprehend the Scriptures

1. GOD, THE CREATOR

In Moses (Torah), prophetic Scriptures and Psalms

Genesis 1:1

❖ God created the heavens and the earth

Isaiah 40:28-29

❖ The Everlasting God, YHWH, the Creator of the ends of the earth

Psalms 104:30

❖ You send forth Your Spirit, they are created and You renew the face of the earth

Christ fulfilled

Revelation 4:2, 11

❖ You are worthy O Lord

❖ You created all things

❖ And by Your will they exist and were created

John 1:10

❖ He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him

Colossians 1:15-17

❖ He is the image of invisible God

❖ By Him all things were created...all things were created through Him and for Him

❖ Son of God is Creator

❖ In Him all things consist

Ephesians 3:9

- ❖ God created all things through Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:1-3

- ❖ speaking of the Son of God
- ❖ through Son of God, God made the world/ages
- ❖ Son of God upholds all things by word of His power (God speaks through His Son)

Christ is the Creator

Fulfilled in us

2 Corinthians 5:17

- In Christ, we become a new creation
- Christ is the Creator and when we enter into Him we are new creations

Ephesians 2:10

- ❖ we are His workmanship
- ❖ created in Christ Jesus – new creations

Ephesians 4:24

- ❖ we are to put on the new man which is created accorded to God in true righteousness and holiness
- ❖ when Christ comes in we are created according to God

1 Peter 4:19

- we are to commit our souls to a faithful Creator
- this Creator is neither weary nor faints
- in knowing the Messiah as the faithful Creator, He will give strength to the weary
- He has the power to speak His word and bring forth the heavens and the earth

2 Peter 3:12-13

- In Christ we are part of seeing this new creation come forth
- we look for promise of new heavens and new earth

2. THE SEED, HIS VICTORY, THE BLESSING

Moses, Prophets, Psalms

Genesis 3:15

- ❖ God spoke to the Serpent
- ❖ Enmity between the Seed of woman and seed of serpent
- ❖ Seed of woman will bruise (strike) head of Serpent

Habakkuk 3:13

- ❖ went forth for salvation with Your Anointed (Messiah)
- ❖ you struck the "head" from the house of the wicked
- ❖ same "head" as "head of serpent"

Genesis 22:17-18

- ❖ The Seed promised to Abraham

- ❖ Blessing I will bless you
- ❖ Multiplied the Seed
- ❖ The Seed shall possess the gates of the enemy
- ❖ In the Seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed

Christ fulfilled

Matthew 1:20-21

- ❖ that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ this is the Seed of the "woman"
- ❖ this was a supernatural conception, a virgin bearing a Son
- ❖ His name will be JESUS
- ❖ This is the way Jesus crushed the head of the Serpent, by saving us from our sins

Colossians 2:14-15

- ❖ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, He nailed it to the cross
- ❖ Jesus disarmed principalities and powers, made a public spectacle of them
- ❖ He crushed the head of the Serpent

1 John 3:8

- Jesus dealing with sin is stomping on the devil
- For this purpose the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil (sin)
- Jesus fulfilled Gen.3:15

Ephesians 1:20-23

- ❖ the foot was on the head of the Serpent in Genesis 3:15
- ❖ Here we see the fulfilment in Christ, all things under His feet
- ❖ He is "head over all things"

Galatians 3:16

- The Seed is Christ/Messiah

Fulfilled in us

1 Peter 1:23

- born again of incorruptible seed
- we have the incorruptible seed in us

1 John 3:9

- if born of God does not sin
- for His Seed remains in Him
- we enter into the fulfilment of the Seed being in us
- Christ, the Seed, does not sin and He is in us

Colossians 2:9-10

- ❖ In Him dwells all fullness of Godhead bodily
- ❖ We are complete in Him who is the Head of all principality and power
- ❖ Christ is the head of demonic powers, and our position is in Him

- ❖ The enemy is now under our feet

Galatians 3:29

- ❖ if we are Messiah's we are Abraham's Seed
- ❖ we are inheritors of the Promise
- ❖ we have the promise of Satan being under our feet

Now the Seed releases blessing to all the earth

Romans 15:29

- ❖ we come in the **fullness of the blessing of Messiah**
- ❖ the blessing is bringing the revelation, message of Christ
- ❖ those who receive Him are blessed forever
- ❖ we are a blessing to all the nations

3. THE KING AND HIS DOMINION

Moses, Prophets and Psalms

Genesis 49:10

- ❖ promise given to Judah
- ❖ Judah came from lineage of David
- ❖ Kings will come from Judah until SHILOH comes
- ❖ To SHILOH will be the obedience of the people
- ❖ SHILOH = Him whose right it is to rule

Daniel 7:13-14

- ❖ Son of Man, everlasting dominion, everlasting kingdom
- ❖ One will come and all peoples nations, languages shall serve Him

Zechariah 9:9-10

- ❖ Behold, your King is coming to you
- ❖ Lowly and riding on a donkey
- ❖ He shall speak peace to the nations
- ❖ He shall have dominion everywhere, from sea to sea and to the end of the earth

Psalms 72:8-11

- ❖ dominion from sea to sea and to end of the earth
- ❖ enemies of His shall lick the dust of the earth
- ❖ all kings shall bow before Him
- ❖ all nations shall serve Him

Fulfilment in Christ

Luke 8:1

- ❖ Jesus went through every city and village (His dominion is in every place)
- ❖ He went preaching the kingdom of God

v.4 – they came from every city

- to Him shall be the obedience of the people
- obedience is to hear under the Word

Luke 4:40-41

- ❖ Messiah had dominion

- ❖ Jesus had dominion over all sickness and over all demons

Matthew 21:1-5

- ❖ Jesus fulfilled **Zechariah 9:9-10** perfectly
- ❖ He came as King riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey

John 18:37

- ❖ Jesus is a King
- ❖ It was for this reason Jesus was born and came into the world
- ❖ Jesus is the Promised King

Fulfilled in us

Acts 17:6-7

- ❖ when we know the King and His dominion it causes a stir in the world
- ❖ they "turned the world upside down"
- ❖ there is another way, another King
- ❖ Do we have that confession?
- ❖ We live by the rule and the reign of another King
- ❖ We are to be loyal to the King

John 3:3,5

- ❖ we must be born again to see the kingdom of God
- ❖ we must be born of Spirit to enter the kingdom of God
- ❖ The King has brought a kingdom that we can receive and enter

We live in His authority and dominion

Luke 9:1-2

- ❖ Jesus gives His disciples power over all demons and disease and sickness
 - ❖ Jesus sends us to preach kingdom of God and heal the sick
- v.6** – they went everywhere preaching gospel and healing
- this dominion is to spread to every place on the earth

Romans 1:3-5

- ❖ Seed of David according to flesh (**Gen.49:10**)
- ❖ Is Son of God
- ❖ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship to bring obedience to faith among all nations for His name
- ❖ We receive His ability and authority to see nations come to obedience (to SHILOH)

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ How do we bring nations to obedience to Jesus the King?
- ❖ Jesus has all authority (**Dan.7:13-14**) and sends us in that authority to make disciples of all nations
- ❖ We are to disciple, baptise and teach
- ❖ As we are obedient to Jesus, the King, the nations will become obedient to Him

4. THE GLORY

Prophetic Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-2

- ❖ Glory has risen upon you (His people)
- ❖ Glory seen upon us
- ❖ Glory does not descend, but rises upon us

Zechariah 2:1-5

- ❖ measuring Jerusalem
- ❖ Jerusalem shall be as towns without walls because of so many people
- ❖ YHWH will be a wall of fire around Jerusalem and the Glory in her midst
- ❖ The City of God is His people the Bride
- ❖ YHWH is the Glory in the midst!

Exodus 33:18

- ❖ show me Your glory!

v.22 – YHWH will pass by

34:5-7

- ❖ YHWH descended in the cloud
- ❖ Glory is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abounding in goodness in truth....
- ❖ YHWH proclaimed His glory

Exodus 40:34

- ❖ Tabernacle had been completed
- ❖ Glory of YHWH filled Tabernacle

Ezekiel 43:4-5

- ❖ glory came into house
- ❖ glory of YHWH fills the house

Christ fulfilled

Luke 2:30-32

- ❖ Jesus as an infant taken up in the arms of Simeon
- ❖ The "Glory of your people Israel"
- ❖ Christ is the glory of His people

John 1:14

- ❖ Word became flesh and dwelt among us
- ❖ Beheld His glory
- ❖ Glory full of grace and truth (**Ex.34:5-7**)

Hebrews 1:3

- ❖ Son of God is the "**Brightness of His glory**"
- ❖ When we see Jesus, we see the Glory
- ❖ And the glory is rising upon us!

2 Corinthians 4:6

- knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ
- we see the glory in the face of Jesus!
- that glory spoken of in the Old T is seen in Jesus

Matthew 17:1-2

- ❖ Jesus was transfigured, changed, before the three disciples
- ❖ His face shone like sun
- ❖ His clothes became as white as light
- ❖ When Tabernacle was complete in Old T, the glory filled
- ❖ Jesus was the Tabernacle on the earth, the glory filled this Tabernacle
- ❖ Glory of YHWH was unveiled in Jesus!

When Jesus died and raised and ascended to heaven He has raised up a many membered Body (Tabernacle). Now the glory is to fill us!

Fulfilled in us

John 17:20-24

- ❖ Jesus prays for those who will believe in Him through apostles' word
- ❖ The glory which was given to Jesus, He gives to us!
- ❖ This makes us one
- ❖ We are to behold His glory
- ❖ The glory makes us perfect in one, as Father and Messiah are one
- ❖ As we receive the apostles' doctrine, we are able to receive the glory

Colossians 1:27

- ❖ to the saints God willed to make known the riches of the glory
- ❖ Christ in you (church), the hope of glory
- ❖ Together, Christ is in the midst of us and His glory is to fill us

Ephesians 5:27

- ❖ Christ will present us (Bride Church) to Himself a glorious church
- ❖ A church full of His glory
- ❖ When the church is mature and complete, we will fully manifest His glory

2 Corinthians 3:18

- with unveiled face behold as in a mirror the glory
- we change from glory to glory by the Spirit
- when we turn to Christ the veil is removed

The Glory is rising upon us
The Glory shall be seen upon us
The Glory, the Messiah has come!

DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Living together as Christians

God has ordained us to be a community – a body.

Together, with all the saints, we are able to comprehend the love of God (**Eph 3:17-19**).

We need all the saints.

Ephesians 3:17-19

- ❖ rooted and grounded in love (a choice)
- ❖ that we may be able to comprehend with all the saints, the love of Messiah
- ❖ this love passes knowledge
- ❖ that we may be filled with all the fullness of God (only happens in Christian community)

Many Christians just live their own lives and only go to church a couple of times a week.

God wants to change us and open our hearts to reach out to those around us. We are not to live separately.

We have to learn to open up more. God wants to break us out of a focus on individual time.

Matthew 13:37-38

- ❖ He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man
- ❖ The field is the world
- ❖ God wants to plant us in the world
- ❖ Where we are planted, God wants a community to rise up
- ❖ A community walking in peace and joy with one another
- ❖ Others will see and want to be a part of the community

Do you know where you are planted?

We need to know where we are planted.

God is sowing His good seed (sons) into the world.

Begin to reach out from there.

Matthew 18:20

- ❖ where 2 or 3 are gathered together in Jesus' name, He is there in the midst. This is the beginning of the community
- ❖ the Christian community is meant to be the church
- ❖ the church today has become an organisation rather than a community

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-10

- ❖ pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as in heaven
- ❖ the kingdom is righteousness, joy and peace coming to where you are
(**Rom.14:17**)
- ❖ prayer leading into evangelism
- ❖ pray and listen for how to reach out into the community

1 Tim 2:1-7

- pray for all men
- pray for those living next door to you
- pray for people by name
- God will open a door for you to begin to reach out to them
- pray for those in authority
- pray that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life

Jesus will give you boldness and courage to reach out in the community where He has planted you.

We need to know that we are sent there.

Pray for salvation and deliverance for those around you.
Pray for God to bring the right ones into your neighbourhood.

Christian community begins in prayer and evangelism.
We need to be focused on reaching out (purposeful).
People need to know that you are a Christian. They need to know your motivation.
As we develop community, people want to be a part of it.

John 13:35 – people will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another

Acts 2:40

- ❖ be saved from this perverse generation
- ❖ there was already a community of 120 at this time when Peter was preaching
- ❖ Peter preached Jesus, sharing why this community was speaking forth the wonderful works of God
- ❖ Peter was not alone, a community backed him up
- ❖ There was a fellowship already for them to join
- ❖ Jesus had developed a Christian community of 120 disciples
- ❖ God wants us ready to receive people into a functioning community
- ❖ People can't live by just meeting on a Sunday
- ❖ Those who receive the word are baptised into Christ and added to the community (body of Christ)
- ❖ We need to offer daily fellowship in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking bread and prayers
- ❖ This community needs to begin in our own homes.
- ❖ We need to be willing to forgo our own time and space

- ❖ Baby Christians need a lot of time given to help and support them
 - ❖ **V.42 – apostles’ doctrine** – this community functions in the sharing of the word of God daily
 - ❖ **Fellowship** – participating together in each other’s needs, contributing (we are to be good stewards of what we have)
- Acts 6** – a daily distribution of food (practical help) (**Rom 12:11** – distributing to the needs of the saints)
- ❖ practical help is never to take away from the primary focus of ministering the Word
- Acts 4:32** – the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul
- ❖ neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own
 - ❖ God wants us to have this attitude, being willing to share what we have
- The result of this fellowship, was that God was in the midst.

If you have a community behind you, you will be bold to witness (**Acts 4:33**)

KEYS TO FUNCTIONING IN COMMUNITY

1 John 1:7

- if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin
- be real and transparent about what is going on
- don’t let things fester
- don’t allow any root of bitterness to spring up
- we then have power to overcome the devil

Rev 12:11

- they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb (walking in the light, allowing the blood to cleanse us)...
- they overcame by the word of their testimony and by not loving their lives to the death

- ❖ There will be a greater level of spiritual warfare as true Christian community develops

Have you developed a community that new Christians can be a part of or are you still just going to church?

You can begin to branch out where you live.

Functioning Community gathered around Jesus

Hebrews 10:19-25

- ❖ having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus
- ❖ a new and living way...through the veil, that is, His flesh
- ❖ partaking of the body and blood of Jesus – regularly accessing the Holiest into our natural realm
- ❖ draw near with a true heart (in sincerity)
- ❖ in full assurance of faith (believing that God can do awesome things)
- ❖ hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience
- ❖ bodies washed with pure water (the Word – apostles’ doctrine)

- ❖ hold fast the confession of hope without wavering (if we don't hold fast, we will drop out)
- ❖ He who promised is faithful
- ❖ Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works (this is fellowship)
- ❖ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (remain in fellowship)
- ❖ Exhort one another

Start to seek God afresh in your area. Pray into the area and seek God as to how you might reach out.

Christian community is the answer for the world to be saved from the perverse generation they are in.

JESUS, SON OF GOD

1. THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD

Ephesians 4:11

- ❖ Jesus gave five nominated gifts when He ascended
- ❖ Apostles, prophets...

v.13 – these gifts will continue until we all come to the unity of the faith and to the **knowledge of the Son of God**

At salvation we have a revelation from the Holy Spirit that Jesus is the Son of God

- ❖ we may not understand fully what that means but we know it by revelation and conviction

Most Christians have not been able to declare to Muslims and Jews the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God

2. FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Foundational understanding of Jesus is that He is the Messiah, the Son of God –

Matthew 16:16-18

- ❖ Jesus builds His church on this revelation

3. THE GOSPEL CONCERNING THE SON OF GOD

Mark 1:1 – the gospel is of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

- ❖ gospel is about both of these realities concerning Jesus

4. CREATIONALLY, MAN WAS MEANT TO BE THE SON OF GOD

Man was created originally in the image and likeness of God – **Gen.1:26-27**

- ❖ Also in **Gen.5:1-2** – man was made in the likeness of God
- ❖ Seth, his son, was in the likeness and after the image of Adam (who was after the likeness of God)
- ❖ **Luke 3:38** – Adam was a son of God, even in natural lineage Jesus is Son of God
- ❖ sons are not born, they are made, they are appointed (son is not meaning a male child, we are born a child, but we must come to sonship, becoming a son)
- ❖ Jesus was begotten, not made
- ❖ Adam was made
- ❖ Jesus was eternal, He was in the form of God from eternity (**Phil.2:6, Micah 5:2**)

5. SON OF DAVID, SON OF ABRAHAM

Matthew 1:1

Jesus is son of David – **2 Sam.7:12-14**, Jesus is One promised to David

Jesus is son of Abraham – **Gal.3:16** – Seed of Abraham is Messiah, Christ, Jesus is promised Seed of Abraham

6. ISAIAH'S PROPHECY

Is. 9:6

- ❖ child born
- ❖ son given (at the age of maturity)
- ❖ government on His shoulder
- ❖ Jesus was given as a Son at His baptism, Spirit of God remained on Him fully, public acknowledged by Father as the Son
- ❖ As the Son Jesus is Mighty God, Everlasting Father...

Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:23

- ❖ He is the promised Son of a virgin
- ❖ He is "Immanuel" – God-With-Us
- ❖ Jesus is God coming into the world
- ❖ He was born of a woman, but came from heaven

Hosea's prophecy

Hosea 11:1

- ❖ "Out of Egypt I called My Son"
- ❖ **Matthew 2:13** – this Scripture was fulfilled in Jesus' early childhood
- ❖ This was referring to Jesus being the Son of God
- ❖ Jesus was a Child coming out of Egypt, but God still called Him a "Son"
- ❖ Within the Child is innate power to become the Son, given by God

Galatians 4:1-2

- ❖ But the child needs to grow if he is to inherit

7. TESTIMONY OF JESUS HIMSELF

John 5:17

- ❖ questioned Jesus after a healing on the Sabbath
- ❖ "My Father has been working until now and I have been working"
- ❖ **v.19** – Son does what He sees Father do

John 14:8-9

- ❖ He who has seen Me (Jesus), has seen the Father
- ❖ Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus
- ❖ Keep receiving the Word

John 5:22-23

- ❖ Jesus said that all should honour the Son
- ❖ If honour is not being given to the Son than people are getting off track
- ❖ If no honour to the Son, then people are dishonouring the Father

CONSIDER THE SON OF GOD

Hebrews 1

- ❖ written to Hebrews, Jewish people who have believed in Messiah
- ❖ but not fully understood the fulfilment of the Scriptures in Jesus

❖ all chapter one is devoted to explaining the Son of God

1. v.1-2

- God spoke in times past by the prophets
- Now **God speaks through the Son**
- We can only come to the Father through the Son – **Jn.14:6**
- Holy Spirit comes to us through Jesus
- If you do not know the Son, you do not have the Father
- **1 Jn.2:23** – whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; if you acknowledge the Son then you have the Father also
- **1 Jn.4:15** – whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, then God abides and lives in us and we live in God
- **1 Jn.5:12** – If you have the Son, you have life; if you do not have the Son, you do not have life

2. v.2 - Son is appointed heir of all things

Psalm 2:7-8

- ❖ Messiah is declared as the Son of YHWH
- ❖ He inherits all nations and the earth – He is heir of all things

Romans 8:17

- ❖ as children of God we heirs, and joint-heirs with Messiah
- ❖ Messiah inherits all things

3. v.2 - Through whom (the Son) also He (God) made the world

John 1:3

- ❖ The Word, who is the Son, created all things

Colossians 1:16

- ❖ by Him (the Son) all things were created, all things created through Him and for Him

4. v.3 "who being the Brightness of Glory"

- ❖ when God became a man in His Son, Jesus, we beheld His glory

John 1:14 – that glory is full of grace and truth

John 1:18

- ❖ Son declares the Father
- ❖ The Son is the manifestation of the glory so that we can see the glory

2 Corinthians 4:6

- we can only see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

5. v.3 "Son of God is express image of His (God's) person"

- ❖ the Person of God is fully expressed in Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ the image means the very manifestation of Him

Colossians 1:15

- ❖ Son is the image of the invisible God
- ❖ Invisible God is now seen in Jesus the Messiah

John 14:9

- ❖ If you see Jesus, you see the Father
- ❖ Father is not someone separate, not a different person

2 Corinthians 4:4

- Christ, who is the image of God
- Son is express image of the person of God

Nowhere in the Scripture is God referred to as more than one person
No other way to know God except in Jesus, the Son of God

6. v.3 Son of God "upholding all things by the Word of His power"

Colossians 1:17

- ❖ everything is held together in the Son
- ❖ all things consist in Him
- ❖ all life is upheld by the word of the Son of God

Ps.33:6 – word of YHWH brought forth the heavens and earth

7. v.3 Son of God "purged our sins"

1 Tim.1:15

- Messiah came to save sinners

1 John 3:5

- God was manifested in the Son to take away our sins
- in Him is no sin

Hebrews 10:12

- ❖ this Man, Messiah Jesus, offered one sacrifice for sins forever

8. v.3 Son "sat down at the right hand of Majesty on high"

Hebrews 10:12

- ❖ sat down at right hand of God waiting till His enemies are made His footstool

Revelation 3:21

- ❖ where is "right hand"?
- ❖ Jesus sat down on Father's Throne
- ❖ We can sit there with Him

Ephesians 1:20-21

- ❖ Jesus raised to sit at right hand far above all authority and power
- Son sits with the Father
At right hand, means all the authority

9. v.4 Son "so much better than the angels, obtained a more excellent name than they"

Cults like Jehovah Witness say Jesus is an angel

- ❖ Jesus is better than all the angels

Proof from Old Testament that Son is better than angels

Psalm 2:7 – this never spoken to an angel, but was referring to Jesus

- ❖ Jesus the Messiah is the Son of God

10. Son of God is God in the flesh

2 Samuel 7:14a, Psalm 2:7

2 Samuel 7:12-16, 1 Chron.17:10-14

- this promise was that son of David would be Son of God
- this was not spoken to an angel but to the son of David

11. Jesus the Son of God is to be worshiped

v.6

- when God brings "Firstborn" into the world
- "let all the angels worship Him (the Son of God)"
- ❖ If Son is worshiped He must be God

John 9:35-38

- Jesus found the blind man
- Jesus asked Him "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
- Blind man said "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him"
- Jesus told Him He was talking to him
- the man believed and fell down and **worshiped Him**

Man worshiped Jesus in the earth when they recognized He was the Messiah = God in flesh

Matt.2:11 – wise men worshiped Jesus

Matt.9:18 – ruler of synagogue worshiped Jesus

Matt.14:33 – disciples worshiped Jesus

12. Son is addressed as God, having a throne and a kingdom

v.8

"But to the Son He says, "Your Throne O God is forever"

- ❖ The Son is God
- ❖ The Son's Throne is God's Throne
- ❖ He rules in righteousness and hates wickedness and lawlessness
- ❖ "God has anointed the Son of God with oil of joy"
- ❖ Through Son of God we receive the anointing of joy
- ❖ **John 3:13** – Jesus speaking to Nicodemus that He as the Son of Man has descended from heaven and is in heaven at the same time – Jesus is God in heaven and is God in the flesh on the earth

- ❖ we can also experience this as a born again, Spirit-filled person (God lives in us and lives in heaven, I am on earth and my spirit is in heavenly places with Jesus)

13. Son of God is LORD, YHWH, who laid the foundation of earth

v.10

- And: "You YHWH, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth"
- So the Son is YHWH
- Son is YHWH, the Creator
- Son will remain, He is unchanging, He is from eternity
- Jesus returned to glory after being on the earth (**Jn.17**)

v.13 - God never spoke **Ps.110:1 to an angel**

- angels are there to help people come to Jesus (**v.14**)

The role of five ministries is to make this revelation of Jesus the Son of God known to all the saints

John 1:1-14 - Word is God, He created all things

- Word, who is God, became flesh
- God came into the world
- He came into the world, the world was made through Him and the world did not know Him (**v.10**)
- God came into His own creation in flesh and blood

1 Timothy 3:16

- most of church has been taught that God is three persons
- the mystery is not that God is three, but that He is One
- God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the mystery is He is One – **Deut.6:4, 1 Jn.5:7** – YHWH is one, the three bearing witness in heaven are One
- by the time Mohammed came on the earth, the doctrine of Christ was no longer preached, it was replaced with doctrine of trinity
- doctrine of trinity is an intellectual doctrine to try and help people who are not born again understand God

2 John 9

- if we transgress the doctrine of Christ we will not have God
- if we abide in the doctrine of Christ we have both Father and Son
- if we have the true doctrine of Messiah, we have the Father and Son

Colossians 2:2

- ❖ the mystery of God is both of Father and of Messiah
- ❖ we can only know the Father through Christ

Father is God

Christ is God

Holy Spirit is God

How many Gods? One

Colossians 2:8-9

- ❖ do not be cheated by philosophy of men (like "trinity" teaching)
- ❖ all fullness of God is in Messiah
- ❖ **v.10** – we are complete in Messiah

We need five ministers to come to help us know Son of God so we can come to fullness of Christ, who is fullness of God

Be always looking for Jesus and you will not get lost

1 Timothy 3:16

- mystery of Godliness

v.15 – Paul writing to Timothy to let him know how to conduct himself in the house of God, the pillar and ground of truth

- the truth should be found in the church
- the church is the house where God dwells
- this church is where people will find the truth of God

v.16 - THE MYSTERY IS:

a) God was manifested in the flesh

- the incarnation
- God (the Almighty, the Creator) became a man, Jesus
- **Jn.1:14** – Word (God) became flesh and dwelt among us
- Jesus is not "Son of God biologically" but is "begotten", God entering into flesh
- from conception He was to be known as Son of God
- **1 Jn.1:1-3** – Jesus is described as that which was from the beginning
- the apostles heard, saw and touched Him
- Jesus was the "Life manifested"
- **Philippians 2:5-6** – Christ Jesus, being in the form of God
- Jesus was God, before He came into the earth He was God and when He came into the earth He remained God, but now in flesh
- **1 Corinthians 15:47** – second Man is "Lord from heaven"

b) God was Justified in the Spirit

1 John 4:2-3a

- every spirit that confesses that Jesus the Messiah has come in the flesh is of God
- the confession is that Jesus the Messiah is God coming in the flesh
- the Spirit of God witnesses to the reality that Jesus is God in the flesh

How was Jesus justified by Spirit as Son

Luke 1:35 – By Spirit at conception

Matt.3:16-17 – at baptism

Romans 1:4 – by resurrection

c) Seen by angels

- **Lu.1:35** – angel at conception
- ❖ **Lu.2:9-13** – angel spoke to shepherds
- ❖ **Matt.4:11** – in wilderness

- ❖ **Lu.22:43** – in garden
- ❖ **Lu.24:4-6** – at resurrection
- ❖ **Acts 1:9-11** – at ascension

d) **preached among nations**

- you are proof because you heard it

e) **believed on in the world**

- you are proof because you believed

f) **He was received up in glory**

Acts 1:9 – cloud received Jesus out of their sight

Acts 7:56 – Stephen saw Him in the glory

Confessedly, without controversy, no argument

- this Jesus is God manifested in the flesh, the Son of God

CONTRASTING NEW AND OLD

NEW COVENANT

Romans 9:4

- ❖ the adoption belonged to the Israelites as a nation
- ❖ the Shekinah, the Glory belonged to them
- ❖ covenants, law, temple worship, promises, patriarchs
- ❖ Christ came according to the flesh from Israel, He is the eternally blessed God

Old Covenant in its time was glorious

2 Corinthians 3:7-8

- Old covenant had a glory
- it was a wonderful thing at its time
- Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, it had such glory

Hebrews 8:7-9

- ❖ in the beginning, the Old Covenant was a covenant of death but it had a wonderful glory and pointed to wonderful things

The scene that Jesus came into

- ❖ the religious system that Jesus was born into was corrupt, hard, brittle, without mercy, money making, family business run by high priest family
- ❖ it was far removed from the time of Moses
- ❖ it was a burden rather than a blessing
- ❖ it had become awful

Jesus' statements

Matthew 15:7

- ❖ Jesus talking to Scribes and Pharisees (**v.1**)
- ❖ At this time Judaism was horrible and corrupt
- ❖ Jesus called them "pretenders, hypocrites"
- ❖ **V.8-9**, men had added commands to the law of Moses, it had become a great burden
- ❖ **V.11-14** – Jesus told His disciples to disregard the shepherds of His day, let them be uprooted
- ❖ **V.15-20** – Jesus teaches on what really defiles a man

Matthew 21:10

- ❖ the city was wondering "Who is this?" when Jesus was coming into Jerusalem
 - ❖ the priests and Pharisees were troubled
 - ❖ the crowd replied "This is Jesus, the prophet from Galilee" (**v.11**)
- v.12-13** – Jesus cleansed the Temple
- This was God's house, it had degenerated into a place of thieves
 - not like the former days
 - the Old Covenant had degenerated into this

Matthew 21:33-46

- ❖ Pharisees understood the parable
- ❖ This parable was directed at the religious leaders of His day
- ❖ They did not really care for the law of Moses in purity

Matthew 23:1-2

- ❖ Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat
 - ❖ Do what they say but not what they do
- v.13** – woe to them, they shut up the kingdom of heaven
- see the righteous anger in Jesus
 - the Old Covenant was coming to an end
 - the new was coming

v.14-31 – a picture of the oppressive spiritual atmosphere that had come about under the Old Covenant

What Jesus said and did was “new” and “fresh”

Even Peter in **Acts 10**, struggled greatly and was bound in the Old Covenantal mind set

What God was going to do was totally new
He was not going to make the Old Covenant better
He was going to make the Old Covenant obsolete and replace it with something completely fresh and new

Matthew 9

v.1-2 – had anyone ever said anything like this before

- this Man could heal by forgiving sin

v.3 – Scribes only thought it was blasphemy

v.4-8 – This was new

- Jesus was ushering in a new covenant that would be inaugurated at His death
- but already the new was coming
- forgiveness, healing, mercy

v.9

- This was new
- no self-respecting Rabbi would ever ask a tax collector, a collaborator with the Romans, to be a disciple
- Jesus was breaking the hard religious system that only looked on the external

v.10

- Jesus ministering to tax collectors, sinners
- this was totally new
- there was no mercy in the religious system

v.11-13

- the sick need a doctor
- sinners need help and repentance
- learn mercy
- the new thing

v.14-15

- disciples John come on the scene
- we and Pharisees fast but Jesus' disciples do not do it
- fasting has to do with mourning, relationship, spending time with God

v.17 – do not put new wine into old wineskins

- new wine must be put in fresh, new wineskins
- Jesus was about to inaugurate a new covenant
- this new wineskin would be built according to God's pattern and would not split nor break

v.18-26

- raised a girl from dead
- lady with issue of blood healed

v.33 – this never seen in Israel

JESUS WAS USHERING IN A NEW DAY, A NEW AGE

Isaiah 43:18-21

- ❖ Do not remember the former things
- ❖ Do not consider the old
- ❖ I do a new thing
- ❖ It will bring much praise to God

Isaiah 25:6-8

- ❖ A feast on Mt Zion
- ❖ YHWH will destroy on this mountain the covering cast over all people
- ❖ He will abolish death forever, swallowing it up
- ❖ Prophet is forecasting a time under a new covenant, there would be a feast
- ❖ There will be a release of the Spirit, new wine, new oil, a feast

If there had to be a new covenant there had to be a new wineskin to contain it

Prophetic Scriptures

Isaiah 55:1

- ❖ Ho (wait and listen)
- ❖ Come and buy wine and milk without money

v.2 – there is a time of our souls being delighted in fatness

Revelation 22:17

- ❖ whoever desires, let him come
- ❖ thirsty ones come
- ❖ take the water of life

John 3:16

- ❖ there is an invitation in the new covenant to partake of new life

John 2:18-20

- ❖ what miracle can you do to show us you have authority
- ❖ "Destroy this Temple and I will raise it in three days"
- ❖ He spoke of a new temple
- ❖ The temple of His Body

Colossians 1:18

- ❖ Jesus is Firstborn from the dead
- ❖ Jesus rose and brought forth the new temple, the new body
- ❖ The new wineskin had begun
- ❖ This new wineskin would contain the truths of the new covenant, the gifts of the Spirit, of relationship, of reconciliation to God, an intimate personal relationship (**Jer.31:33-34** – they shall all know Me)
- ❖ This was entirely new that all of us now can come into a living relationship with YHWH

God is not concerned about whether you are a Jew or Gentile of whatever

- ❖ The issue is, are we a new creation?
- ❖ The new is so new that it does not only do away with the bad of the old, it does away with the good of the old – it is completely new
- ❖ Jesus is bringing forth a new creation
- ❖ This new does away with all distinctions, it is completely new
- ❖ If we are in Christ, we are a new creation – religious, cultural things, good or bad, have to go

2 Corinthians 5:17

- new creation altogether
- the old previous model is done away with
- the fresh and new has come

Romans 8:29

- ❖ predestined, destined from the beginning, to be conformed (molded) into the image of the Son
- ❖ Christ is the new creation
- ❖ Does He carry anything from the past? He rose as a life-giving Spirit
- ❖ He rose different
- ❖ Jesus was the last Adam, He has become a life-giving Spirit, a new Man
- ❖ We do not need to be bound by anything in the world
- ❖ We can live exactly 100% the way God wants
- ❖ Christ is forming the new creation man in us

New Wineskin will be built according to New Covenant truth

Ephesians 2:14-15

- ❖ one new man, one new quality of humanity, created in Messiah
- ❖ peace will only ever come through this new creation, through Messiah
- ❖ **v.18** – Jesus opened up for us a new and living way, by the Spirit giving us access to the Father

- ❖ His broken body was the veil that was torn to open the way up for us into the Holiest

v.19-22

- The New wineskin is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets
- this is an entirely new building
- Jesus prophesied the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (**Mt.24:3**)
- Jesus told them that the house in Jerusalem under the Old Covenant would be left desolate
- this new temple will grow, and be a dwelling place for God in the Spirit

This house is being built in an entirely new way – five ministries to build it up –
Eph.4:11-13

This new wineskin is being built a different way, the people of God all being equipped and perfected to function

Eph. 4:13 – we are to attain oneness, unity in the faith

- ❖ we are to attain to Messiah's perfection
- ❖ this is the quality of the new wineskin that can contain the Spirit without measure
- ❖ it must be built His way, according to His pattern

1 Peter 5:1-4

- in this new covenant church, this new wineskin there will be elders with a heart for God's people
- a house that shares the nature and likeness of the Son

Jesus talked about a new commandment

John 13:33-34

- ❖ this is a new commandment
- ❖ love one another as I have loved you
- ❖ to love one another does not seem new
- ❖ the "new" part is "as I have loved you"
- ❖ the characteristic of the new wineskin is God's love

1 John 4:18-21

- no fear in love, dread does not exist
- full grown love expels fear out doors
- we love Him, because He first loved us
- if we love God that will manifest through love for our brother

Jesus said "Love your enemies"

- ❖ this was entirely new

The hallmark of disciples will be the love for one another

What is the characteristic that always accompanies of God's love?

- ❖ it is called truth
- ❖ truth always accompanies love

Ephesians 4:15-16

- ❖ speak the truth in love
- ❖ let us grow up in every way into Him who is the head
- ❖ love will always speak the truth
- ❖ truth is always to be spoken in love, not destructive
- ❖ God is love (agape), a New Testament revelation
- ❖ Love one another "as I have loved you"

Ephesians 5:1-2

- ❖ be imitators of God
- ❖ as children imitate their father
- ❖ as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us

God is building a new wineskin
In this new wineskin, all things are new!

FAITH AND PATIENCE

KEYS TO INHERIT

We have great need of faith and patience.

Patience needs to be outworked in our lives if we are to inherit what God wants.

Will the Son of Man really find faith on the earth when He comes?

Revelation 13:6-10

- ❖ the beast speaking blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven (this thing is already around)
- ❖ today it is very controversial to mention the name of Jesus in public settings
- ❖ we, who are born again, baptised and raised up are those who dwell in heaven (**Eph.2:6**)
- ❖ it was granted to the beast to make war with the saints
- ❖ authority was given him over every tribe, tongue and nation
- ❖ those who are not of the Heavenly Man will worship the beast
- ❖ here is the patience and the faith of the saints
- ❖ difficult times await God's people
- ❖ we need patience and the faith (this will enable us to get through the storm, to navigate through)

Patience – Gk SC#5281 – (*hupomone*)

Lit. means to abide under, to stay under, to remain, to undergo, to bear trials, to have fortitude

It means a cheerful endurance (a hope and expectancy in it), constancy

We have the Rock (Jesus) living inside us. He is not moved by anything.

Faith – Gk SC#4102 – *pistis*

- ❖ means persuasion, conviction, constancy in profession

Revelation 14:6-12

- ❖ a messenger having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth
- ❖ worship Him who created heaven and earth and the sea
- ❖ Babylon is fallen
- ❖ The context of this passage is judgment falling on the world system
- ❖ Those who worship the beast have no rest, tormented
- ❖ **V.12** – Here is the patience of the saints, here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus

We are to be preaching the everlasting gospel in the midst of the judgment.

God is looking for a people who will stay steadfast, even in the midst of judgment around them.

Noah preached righteousness to his generation. He was not touched by that judgment. He was patient and remained steadfast.

God's commandment

Mark 16:15-20

- ❖ go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature
- ❖ keep the commandment of God

Matt 28:18-20

- ❖ go into all the world and make disciples

What is the faith of Jesus?

Hebrews 12:1-2

- ❖ lay aside every weight and sin
- ❖ run with endurance (patience) the race that is set before us
- ❖ looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of **faith**
- ❖ Jesus endured the cross

Faith and patience were keys to Jesus inheriting the throne.

Jesus knew how to **endure in faith**

Jude 3 - the faith once for all delivered to the saints (keep the faith of Jesus)

Galatians 2:20

- ❖ I have been crucified with Messiah, it is no longer I who live but the Messiah who lives in me
- ❖ I live by **the faith of the Son of God** who loved me and gave Himself for me
- ❖ Jesus' faith will bring us through

We need to know how to handle persecution.

Ephesians 3:12-13

- ❖ I have boldness in the Messiah
- ❖ I have access in the Messiah Jesus
- ❖ With confidence in Messiah Jesus
- ❖ Through **the faith of Him** (not through my own faith)
- ❖ No matter what is going on, we can access God boldly
- ❖ Do not lose heart
- ❖ Tribulation is for the sake of the saints, for their glory

Patience and the kingdom

Revelation 1:9

- ❖ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus the Messiah
 - ❖ A companion in the tribulation, kingdom and patience
- Jesus functioned by faith and patience.

Here we see a link between patience and the kingdom.

More of the kingdom of God will manifest in our lives as we endure.

2 Timothy 2:12

- if we **endure**, we shall also reign with Him (this is speaking of inheriting the kingdom)
- inheriting the kingdom will take endurance/patience

Inheriting through the Word of His patience

Revelation 3:10-12

- ❖ because you have kept My command to persevere
- ❖ lit. 'because you have kept the word of My patience' (it is His patience)
- ❖ this endurance is actually empowered by Jesus
- ❖ Jesus endured for the joy set before Him
- ❖ I (Jesus) will guard and protect you from the hour of trial
- ❖ **V.11** – Behold I am coming quickly
- ❖ Hold fast what you have
- ❖ There is a crown for him who overcomes – the inheritance
- ❖ An overcoming person will become a pillar (**steadfast**)
- ❖ I will write on him the name of My God (blessing)
- ❖ I will write on him My new name

Faith and patience working together

Luke 8:11-15

- ❖ the seed is the word of God
- ❖ v.15 – the ones that fell on the good ground hear the word of God (**Rom.10:17**) with a noble and good heart (faith), they bear fruit with patience
- ❖ the word will bear fruit if you **endure** in it
- ❖ bear fruit with **patience**

Romans 5:1-5

- ❖ justified by **faith**
- ❖ we have peace with God through Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ through Jesus we have **access by faith into this grace**
- ❖ **faith** is the doorway to receiving more grace
- ❖ we stand in it
- ❖ we rejoice in hope of the glory of God
- ❖ we also glory (boast) in tribulations
- ❖ tribulation produces **patience** (endurance)
- ❖ the pressure is to push us into **perseverance** (pushing us to access the Throne of grace)
- ❖ we can be delivered in the midst of tribulation and we can persevere through it
- ❖ **perseverance** produces character (approved character)
- ❖ character then produces hope (more of the glory)
- ❖ **v.5** – Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **the inheritance** received through faith and perseverance is the character of Messiah and the love of God being poured out into us

James 1:2-4

- ❖ count it all joy when you fall into various trials

- ❖ count it all joy (reckon it/ make a decision)
- ❖ in light of what will be produced
- ❖ the **testing of your faith produces patience**
- ❖ God wants a pure faith (**1 Peter 1:6-7**)
- ❖ **V.4** – let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking nothing

- The riches of full assurance of the knowledge of the mystery of God (**Col.2:2**)
- we get to know God by the experience of the trials that we face

We can be empowered by God to have patience

Colossians 1:10-11

- ❖ pray for this to be developed in your life
 - ❖ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, fruitful in every good work
 - ❖ strengthened with all might (empowered with power) according to His glorious authority (governmental power)
- (**2 Cor 12:12** – one of the signs of an apostle is perseverance)
- empowered for all patience and endurance
 - for all longsuffering with joy (a cheerful endurance) – this has to be supernatural
 - pray this regularly for yourself

Inheriting the promises

Hebrews 6:10-12

- ❖ God is not unjust to forget your work and labour
- ❖ God wants us to show the same diligence until the end (be consistent)
- ❖ Do not become sluggish
- ❖ **Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises**

Patience - Gk *makrothumia*

- ❖ longsuffering, the ability to endure persecution

James 5:7-11

- ❖ we need this patience until the coming of the Lord
- ❖ we are going to inherit the coming of the Lord
- ❖ wait patiently
- ❖ establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand
- ❖ grumbling is a symptom of impatience
- ❖ take the prophets as an example of suffering and patience (e.g. the perseverance of Job)
- ❖ stick with God until you get the answer (Job persevered and received an inheritance – knowledge and revelation of God)
- ❖ stay in faith
- ❖ Job received a double portion (became a son)

What is the promise?

- ❖ we have great promise of knowing God even as we are fully known (**1 Cor.13:12**)
- ❖ **Psalm 2:7-8** – inherit the nations
- ❖ **Hab 2:14** – knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea
- ❖ **Dan 7:18, 21-22** – the kingdom is promised to us

Inheriting the kingdom through faith and perseverance

2 Peter 1:5-11

- add to your **faith** virtue
- to virtue knowledge
- self-control
- **perseverance**
- character
- brotherly kindness
- love

You will bear fruit if you do these things. Start with faith and endure with patience. An abundant entry will be supplied to you into the everlasting kingdom.

THE EMERGENCE OF FIVE FOLD GIFT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Hebrews 13:8

- ❖ Jesus the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever

Also we will be looking at other ministries that arise in the book of Acts

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ the foundation of the house hold of God is the ministries of apostles and prophets who lay foundation of Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ the pattern is revealed in Ephesians for how to build God's house
- ❖ Jesus the Messiah is the Chief corner, we are built into Him
- ❖ Jesus is also the "Capstone" or head of the church also (**Zech.4:7**)
- ❖ Jesus is foundation, corner and capstone or head of the house

Haggai 2:9 the glory of this latter house will be greater than the former

- ❖ in this place will be peace
- ❖ there is a glory that will be put on the "latter house"
- ❖ This house that was built in days of Zechariah, Haggai and others, has no record of being filled with the Glory
- ❖ This house was there in Jesus' day – He still called it "My Father's house" and "House of Prayer"
- ❖ When Solomon completed building in his day, the Glory came
- ❖ There is no mention however of the Glory filling the house in Haggai's day
- ❖ It could be referring to the church being the "latter house"

There was never really a church like what we read about in the book of Acts in the last 1900 years

There have been remnant groups that have experienced similar moves of the Holy Spirit

Acts 3:19-21

- ❖ repent, be converted so that sins be blotted out
- ❖ times of refreshing may come from the Presence of the Lord
- ❖ That He might send Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ Jesus is retained or received in heaven **until** times of restoration of all things
- ❖ Church must be restored according to the pattern for Jesus to be able to come
- ❖ Will not be a denominational church but the church that is the Body of Messiah

THE NAMING OF THE 12 APOSTLES

❖ **Mk.3:16-19**

❖ **Mt. 10:2-4**

❖ **Luke 6:14-16**

- ❖ These lists include Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus
- ❖ Jesus had told them to wait in upper room for Holy Spirit
- ❖ Holy Spirit showed that Judas must be replaced, another to take the 12 th place as an apostle of the Lamb (**Rev.21:14**)

❖ **Acts 1:21-22** – replacement had to have been with Jesus from baptism of John all the way till Jesus ascended

- ❖ All the 12 needed to be witnesses of the resurrection
- ❖ Matthias was appointed in the will of God
- ❖ **V.26** – numbered with the 11, = 12 apostles again

Revelation 21:14

- ❖ where the 12 are called the “twelve apostles of the Lamb”
- ❖ foundation of walls of holy city are names of 12 apostles

These were the founding apostles of the church appointed by the Lord

Are there other apostles in Bible?

What sort of apostles are they?

They are referred to in **Ephesians 4:11**

= ascension gift apostles (given in Jesus’ ascension – **Eph.4:8-10**)

All apostles are chosen in the will of God, not appointed by man (read introduction to all Paul’s letters)

- ❖ it is a specific calling, will surely be sorely tested

TWELVE APOSTLES - Acts 2:14

- ❖ Peter stood up with the 11 other apostles
- ❖ They worked as a team
- ❖ In agreement with each other

Acts 2:42

- ❖ all the apostles were busy with the 3000 teaching the apostles’ doctrine/teaching

v.46 – this doctrine was taught from house to house

- each apostle was very busy teaching all the new disciples

Acts 6:4

- ❖ apostolic priorities
- ❖ apostles must give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word
- ❖ Word comes out of prayer
- ❖ In the Tabernacle prayer is at the golden altar right in front of the Ark
- ❖ Prayer is where revelation comes from
- ❖ Prayer is private, the Word comes publicly

DEACONS - Acts 6:1-3, 5-7

- ❖ problem with discrimination in distribution of food
- ❖ not desirable for apostles to leave word to serve tables
- ❖ another ministry rising = serving tables
- ❖ they had to be good men, good reputation, filled with Holy Spirit
- ❖ they appointed 7 men
- ❖ laid hands and set them in place to be "deacons" = ones who run errands, wait on tables
- ❖ Philip and Stephen were two of these seven
- ❖ They both moved into other gift ministries

Acts 6:5 MIRACLE WORKER

- ❖ Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit
- Acts 6:8** – Stephen moved in power and faith
- ❖ gift of faith
 - ❖ ministry of "worker of miracles" – **1 Cor.12:28**
 - ❖ got martyred

PHILIP - AN EVANGELIST

Acts 8:1

- ❖ persecution arose and many disciples scattered
- v.4 – disciples went everywhere preaching Word**
- apostolic people who were discipled, many such people among us
- v.5** – one of deacons called Philip "preached Messiah" to Samaria
- v.6-8** – heard preaching, miracles happened, demonized set free, healing
- one man full of Holy Spirit can preach Messiah effectively
- great joy in that city
- v.12** – people believed Philip's preaching, were baptized
- Philip is doing work of **evangelism**

Acts 21:8

- ❖ Philip is called an **evangelist**
- ❖ Another new ministry emerged
- ❖ He was a deacon, but the ministry of **evangelist** came forth
- ❖ Do not despise being a table waiter

Acts 8:16

- ❖ but Philip did not get them filled with Holy Spirit
- ❖ Peter and John got down to Samaria, sent by Jerusalem
- ❖ Found all the believers and laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit
- ❖ They spoke with tongues and/or prophesied

Philip then left the revival in obedience to the Holy Spirit to go to a desert area on the road and met Ethiopian man

Acts 8:26-40

- ❖ Philip on mission

- ❖ Preached Jesus to the Ethiopian man
- ❖ This led to baptism
- ❖ When you preach the gospel it should lead to their baptism
- ❖ **V.39** – evangelists can access special transport! Caught away by Spirit
- ❖ **V.40** – found in Azotus
- ❖ **Itinerant ministry**

So far in Acts

- = **12 apostles**
- = **7 deacons**
- = **1 or 2 miracle workers**
- = **a martyr**
- = **an evangelist**
- = **apostolic disciples able to preach**

Acts 9 – story of Saul coming to Jesus

v.10 – A CERTAIN DISCIPLE (Ananias) given an awesome commission to minister to Saul/Paul

- disciples with no particular office or ministry can effectively preach, heal, baptise and fill others with Holy Spirit, and follow them up
- disciples who have been discipled effectively in apostolic reality
- these are disciples who are sent
- be a sent one
- be committed, submitted and accountable so you can be sent

Acts 10

Peter uses **the keys of kingdom** given to him in **Matt.16:19**

- ❖ **v.34-43** – Peter preached Jesus to the household
 - ❖ **v.44** – all of them received Holy Spirit
 - ❖ **v.48** – baptised believers, they became functional member of church
- (Acts 19:1-6** – Paul used keys to found the church in Ephesus)

Acts 11:1

❖ **apostles and the brethren = the church**

v.19-21

- more unknown disciples doing mighty works of ministry
- expelled from Jerusalem by persecution
- they went to many places
- firstly preaching to Jews only
- but then began preaching to Gentiles as well
- first true expression of church made up of Jew and Gentile was found in Antioch

What is ministry of disciple?

Preach gospel, make disciples

This is example of apostolic people

Disciples who are discipled will actually effect apostolic ministry

Acts 11:22

- ❖ this was heard in Jerusalem
- ❖ Barnabas sent to check it out
- ❖ **Acts 4:36** – Joses was called Barnabas = “Son of Consolation/encouragement”
- ❖ **Barnabas** had calling to be a prophet
- ❖ “**nabi**” is word for “prophet”
- ❖ “**bar**” is “son”
- ❖ He was “son of a prophet”
- ❖ **Barnabas was sent as “an apostolic delegate”**, sent by apostles to do work of apostle

Acts 11:24

- ❖ Barnabas was good man, full of Holy Spirit and faith
 - ❖ Great many added to Lord
 - ❖ Barnabas functioning as effective evangelist
- v.25-26** - Barnabas realized there was some need in Antioch
- he went to get Saul knowing he would be useful there
 - **taught** the brethren there

v.27 – now some **prophets turn up** from Jerusalem

- they were sent by apostles in Jerusalem

v.28-30

- Agabus named as a leading prophet
- **Prophets** have a name, they are sent, they can speak a vision from the Spirit
- that word is to be judged by brethren if to be received, then acted upon
- offering made as result of that vision to help saints in Judea
- **Deut.18:15-22** – prophets who speak are known by their word coming to pass
- **1 Cor.14:29** – should judge word of prophets

Now we have PROPHETS

MINISTRY OF PASTORS

Who are pastors?

No one besides Jesus is actually named as a Pastor in New Testament

We do find apostles appointing and ordaining elders

Is being an “elder” a ministry?

It is not necessarily a five fold minister

Acts 20:28

- ❖ elders are overseers
- ❖ they are to “shepherd/pastor/feed/tend” flock of God
- ❖ this is pastoral ministry
- ❖ elders are meant to be pastors
- ❖ they may not be the five fold gift of “pastor” but they are to pastor the flock

Acts 13:1 PROPHETS AND TEACHERS were the gift ministries that were leading the church in Antioch

- ❖ one of them was a black man, Simeon who was called Niger (black)
- ❖ **now we have “teachers”**
- ❖ Saul was one of them, part of ministry team in Antioch

Overseers = Gk "episkopos", bishop, meaning an "overseer", supervisor

- ❖ the emphasis is on being able to watch over, to see above the flock
- ❖ distinct role of elders is to oversee and supervise and watch over the flock
- ❖ **Heb.13:7** – the overseer is accountable to God for the souls that are in their care

Can women be elders, pastors or apostles?

Acts 18:26

- ❖ Priscilla had important role of ministry
- ❖ Church in Corinth and Rome met in her house (with her husband)

3 Jn.1 - this "elect lady" is exercising oversight and bringing up children

Romans 16:1-2

- ❖ Phoebe is a helper of many
- ❖ Phoebe was a "servant", a deacon

Romans 16:7

- ❖ Andronicus and Junia are of note among the apostles
- ❖ This means they are apostles
- ❖ Junia is a female name
- ❖ Junia seemed to be an apostle

NOW, MORE APOSTLES IN NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 13:2-4

- ❖ Holy Spirit through prophets calls Paul and Barnabas to be apostles
- ❖ **Acts 14:14** – clearly identified as apostles (ascension gift)

Acts 15:22, 32

- ❖ Judas and Silas mentioned as prophets

General leadership to local churches given to pastors

Signs of apostles

- ❖ they talk a long time
- ❖ they raise the dead
- ❖ they get whipped and beaten
- ❖ they bring forth trained disciples through teaching centres like in Ephesus

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of God is God's eternal purpose

Matthew 6:9-10

- ❖ Jesus taught us to pray for His kingdom to be established on the earth

The heavenly realm is to be established on the earth

John 3:3,5 – we are born again to see and enter the kingdom of God (a spiritual reality, it does not come with outward observation)

The kingdom of God is to be our priority – **Matthew 6:25-33**

- ❖ not worried or concerned about what the world is worried about
- ❖ seek kingdom on the earth
- ❖ Our heavenly Father will take care of our needs

GOD'S PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING

Psalm 33:11

- ❖ the counsel of YHWH stands forever
- ❖ His plans stand for all generations
- ❖ God's plans for the earth and His kingdom are forever
- ❖ God is unchanging in His purposes and plans

Isaiah 45:18

- ❖ God created the earth for a purpose
- ❖ The earth is very much a part of God's plan
- ❖ Earth was not created in vain (it was created for a purpose)
- ❖ He formed it to be inhabited (God wants to plant, place a certain type of people in the earth)
- ❖ He created the earth to be inhabited by sons of God

Isaiah 46:10-11

- ❖ none like God (**v.9**)
- ❖ He declares the end from the beginning
- ❖ God will bring this to pass
- ❖ From the beginning God has declared things that are yet to come to pass, He will bring it to pass
- ❖ His counsel will stand
- ❖ Do we believe He will do this?

The beginning

What was the commission at the beginning?

Genesis 1:27-28

- ❖ God created man in His own image, male and female

❖ Man bears the image of God

❖ **God blessed them**

Five fold commission

- a) fruitful
- b) multiply
- c) fill earth
- d) subdue
- e) have dominion

God wanted and wants to rule the earth through man, with His authority and His dominion

They were created in relationship with God, living in His presence

Sin entered through Adam's disobedience

Corruption and decay and death entered the world and the earth was now under a curse

Man's authority was surrendered to the devil

- ❖ **Luke 4:5-6** – the devil received the authority from mankind
- ❖ man now took on devil's characteristics
- ❖ but Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega and knows all things from beginning to end

Numbers 14:21

- ❖ this is an oath that God swore
- ❖ "AS truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of YHWH"
- ❖ Jesus will accomplish the plan
- ❖ This was declared after sin came into the world

Provision was made to accomplish this!

Ephesians 3:11

- ❖ God's eternal purpose was accomplished in Christ/Messiah Jesus
- ❖ Jesus was foreordained before the foundation of the world
- ❖ It is through Jesus that God fulfils His eternal purpose

1 Corinthians 15:47

- first man was of earth, made of dust
- second man was Lord from heaven

v.49 – we are to bear the image of the heavenly Man

- no longer have to bear the image of the man of dust which was corrupted
- this is the restoration, being fully in His image and likeness
- the heavenly Man is the "express image of God's person" – **Heb.1:3**
- **2 Cor.4:4** – Christ is the image of God, so when we are in His image, we are in the image of God

Hebrews 2:3

❖ a great salvation, a great deliverance that has happened

v.5-8 – quoting from **Psalm 8**, revisiting the way God made man, that He wants to rule through sons

- God wanted man to walk in this authority and dominion

We do not yet see all things under man's authority

v.9 – But we see Jesus!

- we see Jesus, the One who came as a man, all things in subjection under Him

- when Jesus rose from the dead, He is now seated at right hand with all power and authority (**Eph.1:20-21**)

v.10 – now we see what Jesus accomplished

- He is firstborn over all creation, firstborn from dead, got the victory over the devil as a man and is now able to "bring many sons to glory"

v.11 – We are one with Him, He is not ashamed to call us brethren

- we do not yet see this complete, but we see Jesus!

Romans 8:27

❖ Spirit of God in us, makes intercession for saints

❖ Intercession is according to God's will (to bring many sons to glory)

v.28 – He will work all things for good to those called according to His purpose

v.29 – Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren

- God foreknew and predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son

- that we might be as Jesus is

v.30 – bringing many sons to glory

- the earth shall be filled with the glory through the sons

- sons are to multiply and fill the earth

Ephesians 1:4-5

❖ chosen before the foundation of the world

❖ chosen in Christ/Messiah

❖ to be holy and without blame through Jesus the Messiah

❖ predestined to adoption (placement) as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself

❖ this is God's eternal purpose

Galatians 4:4-5

❖ the reason for Jesus redeeming us was that we might receive adoption as sons

❖ this happened in the fullness of time, at God's right time

❖ because we are sons we have a cry in our spirit "Abba Father"

What are sons like?

We need to look at the pattern Son, Jesus

Jesus is the Firstborn

❖ sons are mature

❖ sons know Him who is from the beginning

❖ sons have dominion, they walk in the authority of their Father

❖ sons reflect glory of God

❖ sons walk under open heavens

God wants earth full of sons, walking under open heavens

Isaiah 53

v.5 – forgiveness, cleansing from sin, healed

- this is for a purpose

v.8 – who will declare His generation?

- the generation of Jesus

- there is a generation, Jesus is the Firstborn among many brethren

v.10 – It pleased God to bruise Him (accomplishing His good pleasure)

- Messiah shall see His Seed

- He shall prolong His days

v.11 – Messiah would see the labour of His soul

The Sons of God are the Seed of Messiah, Messiah's generation

❖ This is what Jesus was labouring for

❖ We were redeemed for a purpose

Isaiah 54:1 quoted by apostle Paul in **Galatians 4:27**

❖ Paul is speaking of the sons of promise (those born by the Spirit)

❖ This is in reference to the sons of promise, the sons of God

Isaiah 54:1 This was not a natural thing; It is of the Spirit

v.2 – enlarge the place of your tent

v.3 – you will expand, the descendants will inherit the nations

- the sons will inherit the nations

This is the seed (the new creation) that Jesus was labouring to bring forth. Sons of promise born of the spirit

Sons who will fill the earth and inherit all nations (the kingdom of God)

Romans 9:24-26

❖ Paul quotes from the book of Hosea and explains that this passage is referring to the sons of the living God

❖ sons will come forth from every nation, not only Jew, but Jew and Gentile

❖ "sons of the living God" are of all nations

v.23 – this is to make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy

- we are the vessels of mercy that God prepared beforehand for His glory

(predestined plan)

- we are called 'sons of the living God'

Hosea 2:19-23

❖ God makes a covenant with His people (Jew and Gentile – as seen in Rom 9:24-26)

❖ betrothed to God in righteousness, justice, lovingkindness and mercy

❖ all shall know YHWH

v.21-22 - Jezreel = "God will sow"

- In the day God makes the covenant (through Jesus) for everyone to know Him
- In that day God will answer; God will answer the heavens
- heavens will answer the earth; the answer is "**God will sow**"

v.23 – what is God sowing? He sows His Bride; He sows His sons; this is Jew and Gentile. God's answer is to sow sons in the earth – the establishing of the kingdom of God in the earth

The earth answers with grain, new wine and oil

❖ **Romans 8:19-21**

- ❖ When sons are sown in the earth, the earth will answer
- ❖ The earth answers the sons with fruitfulness, being delivered from the curse, delivered into the glorious liberty of the children of God

Matthew 13:24

Jesus is teaching His disciples on the nature of the kingdom of heaven

- ❖ parable is about the kingdom of heaven
- ❖ kingdom is like a man who sowed good seed in His field
- ❖ enemy is also at work sowing tares
- ❖ both are allowed to grow together until harvest

v.36-43 - Jesus interpreting the parable

- The Sower is the Son of Man, Jesus the Messiah, the accomplisher of God's eternal purpose
- good seeds are sons of kingdom
- the field is the world (the earth)

Kingdom of God is about the earth having sons of the kingdom sown in it

- ❖ the wicked are also sown but distinction will be clearer as we come to end of age (harvest time)
- ❖ all lawlessness gathered out of kingdom, in the earth
- ❖ there is a time of growth
- ❖ at the end of age there will only remain sons of kingdom, sons of God will shine forth as sun in the kingdom, in the world

Psalm 37:22

- ❖ those blessed inherit the earth
- ❖ those cursed by God will be cut off, destroyed from the earth

v34-36 – you shall see the wicked cut off

- ❖ sons of wickedness rise
- ❖ they will be no more, will not even be able to find them

What we need to be doing?

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ go forth in the authority of Jesus

- ❖ make disciples, baptise (when baptised we put on Messiah, become a new man, bearing the image of heavenly), teaching them to observe (to grow to maturity, to be placed as sons of God)
- ❖ God wants to rule through His people, His sons
- ❖ God created the earth to be inhabited
- ❖ Jesus laboured to redeem us to bring many sons to glory
- ❖ Seek first the kingdom of God – see sons of God planted (sown) in the earth

BEATITUDES IN REVELATION

There are 7 beatitudes in the book of Revelation. They put us in a blessed state.

1) REVELATION 1:3

- ❖ blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written in it
- ❖ as you hear, it will produce faith

Blessed – Gk *makarios*

- ❖ means supremely blessed, fortunate, well off, a position in which congratulations is in order

Revelation 1:1

- ❖ context of the book is the revelation of Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ the unveiling of Jesus the Messiah will bless you
- ❖ **v.2** John in writing this is bearing witness to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus the Messiah, this is what this Book is about

Revelation 19:10

- ❖ the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus

We are blessed if we keep those things that are written in this prophecy (we will be able to guard and keep the testimony of Jesus in our lives)

The time is near (at hand – James 5:8).

Have an attitude of reading and hearing what is written in this book.

2) REVELATION 14:12-13

- ❖ blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on
- ❖ Revelation 5 – the Lamb who was slain now standing in the midst of the throne; we are blessed from that time on

Rest – describes a cessation from toil, a refreshment, an intermission

Hebrews 2:14-15

- ❖ Jesus partook of flesh and blood that He might destroy him who had the power of death (the devil) and release us from bondage
- ❖ There is no fear in death any longer, we are blessed when we die in the Lord

We need to have this attitude – blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

When did we die?

In baptism – **Romans 6:3-5,11**

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

- How do we die in the Lord?

- we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us
- always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus
- a daily dying to be going on in the Lord
- in Christ, we have died (through baptism)
- that the life of Jesus might manifest in our lives towards others – this is the blessing released

2 Cor 5:14-15

- if one died for all (Jesus), then all died – **we are dead**
- that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who loved them and gave Himself for them
- it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me (**Galatians 2:20**)

In this place of dying in the Lord, there is a rest from your labour, ceasing from our works

This beatitude is not just for when we die physically.

1 Cor 15:31 – Paul said, “I die daily”

Even if we do die physically, there is a blessing (a rest, an intermission)

1 Thess 4:14-15 – we rest until we come with the Lord

3) REVELATION 16:13-16

- ❖ there is a gathering of the enemy in these days against God and against His Messiah
- ❖ Behold I am coming as a thief
- ❖ Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments

Matt 24:42

- ❖ Watch
- ❖ You do not know what hour your Lord is coming
- ❖ Be sober, be watching
- ❖ Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and His purposes
- ❖ **V.43-47** – be on guard (take every day seriously)
- ❖ Be ready
- ❖ Remain expectant
- ❖ Remain faithful
- ❖ Feed the house of God with the right food (you will be blessed)
- ❖ Rightly divide the word of truth
- ❖ Watch and guard the doctrine (no other doctrine – **1 Tim.1:3**)
- ❖ Be watchful in prayer (**Matt 26:41**), to not fall into temptation

We are blessed if we keep our garments.

Matt 22:11-12 – parable of the wedding feast (we need to have the right garments on)

Galatians 3:27 – if anyone has been baptised into Messiah, he has put on Messiah – Messiah is the clothing we need

Colossians 3:9-13

- ❖ put off the old man with his deeds
- ❖ you have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him
- ❖ do not be labelled by anything else, except the Messiah
- ❖ put on the Lord Jesus the Messiah and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil its lusts (**Rom 13:14**)
- ❖ put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, forgive, put on love – these are the garments to keep

These garments are washed – white (**Rev.7:14**)

Don't be found naked and ashamed (your flesh hanging out).

Don't be walking in the works of the flesh.

Gen 2:25 – before the man and woman sinned they were naked but not ashamed (they were clothed with the glory, in the presence of God)

- there was no impurity (lust of the flesh)

Gen 3:10 – Adam was afraid of the presence of God because of the flesh nature
God made a sacrifice and clothed Adam and Eve with the sacrifice

We are also able to be clothed now with the Messiah – the sacrifice

4) REVELATION 19:9

- ❖ blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb
- ❖ **v.7-8** – His wife has made herself ready
- ❖ the wife of the Lamb (a people made ready to marry the Lamb)

Ephesians 5:26-27

- ❖ this is the sort of person who is blessed
- ❖ that He (Messiah) might sanctify (set apart, made holy, separated) and cleanse her by the washing of the water by the word
- ❖ a people who are sanctified and cleansed by the ministry of word – the “rhema” word coming from the mouth of the Lord (**Ephesians 4:11** – 5-fold ministers)
- ❖ That He might present her to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle
- ❖ Spots are the false doctrines and false teachers (**2 Peter 2:13**)

John 15:3 – you are already clean because of the word that I have spoken to you

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

- jealous with godly jealousy
- I have betrothed you to one husband
- that I might present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah
- the gospel is profound and deep, yet simple and single
- don't be receiving the preaching of another Jesus or a different gospel
- Paul wanted them to be that bride prepared for the marriage supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:8

- ❖ arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright (the righteous acts of the saints)
- ❖ a people who are doing the good works that God prepared beforehand for them to walk in (**Eph.2:10**)

In **Revelation 18** we read of Babylon falling. This blessed people have come out of Babylon. Their eyes are now fixed on Jesus.

5) REVELATION 20:6

- ❖ Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection
- ❖ The second death has no power over them
- ❖ They shall be priests of God and of Messiah
- ❖ They shall reign with Him

Rom 6:3-5 When were you raised?

- ❖ we have been immersed into the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah
- ❖ raised in the likeness of His resurrection
- ❖ you rose in baptism, now walking in the power of the resurrection

Ephesians 2:1,5-6

- ❖ a spiritual resurrection

Romans 8:11

- ❖ the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you

John 11:25-26

- ❖ Jesus is the resurrection and the life – He lives in us

The second death has no power over these blessed ones.

John 3:16 – whoever believes in Jesus will not perish, they will have everlasting life – if we believe the 2nd death has no power over believers

They shall be priests of God and of Messiah

Revelation 1:5-6

- ❖ He has made us kings and priests to His God and Father
- ❖ I have been made a king and a priest to Messiah's God and Father

Revelation 5:9-10

- ❖ redeemed by His blood
- ❖ we have been made kings and priests to our God
- ❖ we shall reign on the earth

1 Peter 2:5, 9

- we are a holy priesthood and a royal priesthood

They shall reign with Messiah a thousand years

Romans 5:17

- ❖ reign in life through the one, Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ by the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness

There is already an aspect of us reigning with Him already. Don't get too caught up on the literal time frame of 1000 years

2 Thess 2:6-12 – talks about he who restrains being taken out of the way

When was the devil bound and his power destroyed?

Jesus destroyed the devil and disarmed principalities and powers, making a public spectacle of them.

Satan will be allowed to gather nations for the final judgement

6) REVELATION 22:7

- ❖ blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book
- ❖ we are told this at the beginning and at the end of the book of Revelation
- ❖ personal responsibility (it is a personal decision **v.11**)

7) REVELATION 22:14

- ❖ blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city
- ❖ we are to preach, baptise, teach, make disciples, to love (= do His commandments)
- ❖ What is the blessing of doing His commandments? We have the right to the tree of life.
- ❖ As we walk in His commandments, we partake of His life (**Galatians 6:8** – reap life)

Revelation 2:6-7

- ❖ to him who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God
- ❖ repent and do the first works (doing His commandments)
- ❖ continue in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (**Acts 2:42**)
- ❖ the deep things of God are made known at the tree of life (**2 Cor 12:4**), the mysteries revealed

Final blessing – to enter through the gates into the city

(Gates named after the 12 tribes) – each gate is representing an experience that causes us to grow in maturity in Messiah

We can enter the fullness of Messiah by entering all the gates of the city!

These are the blessed attitudes – 7-fold!

PASSION, COMPASSION, THE ZEAL AND FIRE OF GOD

We are to have a passion for the lost

We are to have a compassion to look after them

Then God will release the zeal and fire from heaven upon us

If we present ourselves a living sacrifice then God will provide the fire for the sacrifice

God wants us to be a people of purity of heart, mind and holy in imagination

The church in general does not have the fear of God

Without the fear of God we will not have wisdom, knowledge and understanding

Sometimes people talk too much, they are hiding something

Passion for the lost

- ❖ when we have this passion we will be compelled and moved forward
- ❖ this is part of apostolic DNA
- ❖ we must be diligent about the work of the Lord, not 99% but doing 110%
- ❖ we are to go the extra mile
- ❖ this year is something special
- ❖ our God is like a lion, like the Lion of Judah, roaring
- ❖ we are to go forth
- ❖ the only thing stopping us is ourselves
- ❖ throw away stinking attitudes

Luke 14:33,35

- ❖ must be willing to forsake everything to be a disciple
- ❖ keep saltiness
- ❖ we need to let go of things in our lives that keep us from being a disciple
- ❖ keep in mind who we are serving
- ❖ He will send you to the lost, to the nations

We need the burden for the lost in our heart

We need to have the kind of passion the apostle Paul had

Before he came to the Lord he had a passion to destroy the church

Paul had a zeal in his heart

Have you got a talent or ability in you that can be used for the kingdom of God?

- ❖ than decide to use it

We have to pray and seek the Lord for the burden for the lost in our heart

Matthew 18:11-14

- ❖ Shepherd leaves 99 sheep to look for the one
- ❖ We must follow up and encourage the flock
- ❖ **1 Peter 5:8** – there is an adversary, like a roaring lion looking to devour, he singles you out (weak, young, isolated)
- ❖ We have to go after the lost
- ❖ Teach the flock how to walk in the ways of the Lord
- ❖ It is not will of Father in heaven for one of the little ones to perish
- ❖ We have to go after the lost
- ❖ The apostolic spirit and calling, we have to decide to fulfil it, all of us
- ❖ All of us need to decide to fulfil the commission

Let us pray for more labourers for the harvest

- ❖ roll up your sleeves and get working yourself

John 4:35-37

Ephesians 5:14-16

- ❖ we need to be awake
- ❖ we are children of the light
- ❖ be productive, be awake
- ❖ awake you who sleep, rise from the dead
- ❖ walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise
- ❖ stop acting like a fool
- ❖ redeeming the time, for the days are evil
- ❖ we need to redeem the culture, no longer dancing the creation but the Creator
- ❖ we dance for Him

We need fire in our heart and fire in our bones

We need fire burning and consuming our sin

Jeremiah 20:8-9

- ❖ do you have that fire in your bones?
- ❖ Fire of God's word
- ❖ Church needs to get on fire
- ❖ We need the new wine in a new wineskin
- ❖ We laugh at the enemy
- ❖ We can laugh at death and disease
- ❖ When we get drunk on the new wine nothing bothers us anymore
- ❖ Stop relaxing

Luke 3:16

- ❖ we are to be consumed
- ❖ we are to be a burning torch
- ❖ the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit is here, He is where 2 or 3 gather in His name (**Matt.18:20**)
- ❖ Word is a seed but sometimes our head is like a coconut – we need the fire to crack us open to allow the tree to grow
- ❖ We need to get rid of ungodly imagination and have a holy imagination

Hebrews 12:29

- ❖ Our God is a consuming fire
- ❖ Are you consumed by the fire?
- ❖ God knows where we are at

Doors of opportunity in life will open this year
New ministries will be released this year
New areas of ministry will come forth

Acts 7

- ❖ when Stephen was getting stoned to death
- ❖ the heavens opened
- ❖ Saul/Paul was there, he was wreaking havoc
- ❖ Everything changed when he met Jesus

Do not go with the flow
Do not compromise
We are to please God not man

A PEOPLE SANCTIFIED

Nobody is a lone ranger, we need each other

Vision of a wall of fire surrounding the people worshipping the Lord

Gold – represents the anointing

Red – Blood

Nothing could penetrate the fire

The people in the midst of the fire were safe and secure and they were a worshipping people

They are of one heart, one mind, one accord

They dwelt in the midst of burnings

Zechariah 2:5 - God says He will be a wall of fire all around us

❖ He will be the Glory in the midst

❖ God is the Fire (**Heb.12:29**)

The people are the Church worldwide; They are the called out ones, chosen ones

They are burning for Jesus; They live, dwell and remain in the fire

They have been made holy, sanctified; It is a holy fire, a holy God

Purged, cleansed, dwelling among the coals of the fire

Ezekiel 1:4-5 - he saw a "whirlwind"

❖ look at the coming whirlwind

❖ it was a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself

❖ likeness of four living creatures in there, like men

v.13 – their appearance was light burning coals of fire, torches

- fire was bright, out of the fire was lightning

This fire never stops burning; This is a hot place to be

v.24 - the noise of wings of living creatures was like many waters, like voice of Almighty

v.25 - a voice came

v.26 - above them was the likeness of a Throne

- in the midst of all of this holy fire there is a Throne

- on Throne was likeness of a man

- a burning Man

v.27 - His waist upward was like Fire

- His waist downward, appearance of Fire

- This Man is on Fire

v.28 - like a rainbow around the Throne

- this is appearance of likeness of Glory of YHWH

- this is God appearing

Ezekiel's response was to fall on His face

❖ he was afraid, the fear of God

- ❖ when John saw Jesus in all His glory he fell down as dead
- ❖ this is the awesome place of the fear of God
- ❖ He is Holy; He is King; He is to be revered

Ezekiel 2 v.2 – Spirit entered Ezekiel and this Man spoke to him

- word of God comes from the midst of the fire
- Ezekiel did not get himself up, it was only by the Spirit picking him up
- we need empowerment of Spirit of God to enable us to stand in this holy place
- it is a Man on the Throne

Exodus 24:17 Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu saw God

- ❖ The sight of the glory of YHWH was like a consuming fire
- ❖ We need to see this holy God
- ❖ He is a friend but not “our mate”

Exodus 20:18 after God gave Moses the ten commandments

- ❖ people witnessed the...mountain smoking
 - ❖ the people trembled and stood afar off
- v.19** - they wanted Moses to speak on their behalf
- they knew the fire would cause them to die
 - to enter the fire there is a death that needs to take place
 - we need to die to our self, crucifying our flesh, being identified with Jesus on Cross

Exodus 3:2-6 Angel of YHWH appeared to Moses in a flame of fire

- ❖ Bush burned with fire, but bush not consumed
- ❖ This is a supernatural fire
- ❖ Are you willing to turn aside to see the fire?
- ❖ YHWH called to Moses from midst of fire in midst of bush
- ❖ The place is holy ground
- ❖ Moses hid his face, was afraid to look upon God
- ❖ The burning Man was revealing Himself to Moses

Genesis 19:24 Sodom and Gomorrah being destroyed

- ❖ YHWH rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah
- ❖ Fire came from YHWH, out of the heavens
- ❖ This fire brought judgement and cleansing, and sanctification
- ❖ It burns all that is not of Him
- ❖ He will not tolerate strange fire
- ❖ There must only be holy fire in the house of God

The fire sets us apart and makes us holy

- ❖ Are you willing for the fire to come into you?
- God wants us to have a revelation of His holiness

WHO CAN DWELL WITH THIS HOLY FIRE?

Isaiah 33:14

- ❖ who can dwell with devouring fire?

- ❖ Who can dwell with everlasting burnings?
- ❖ Are you willing to dwell with this fire?

v.15 - those who walk righteously; those speaking uprightly

- despising gain of oppressions, no bribes; this person will dwell on high (with God)
- Bread will be given, water sure; this is holiness, clean hands, clean mouth

God is looking for people individually and a people (corporately) to dwell with
People like Moses who are willing to come up into the fire

1 Peter 2:9-10 - God has a chosen generation

- He has chosen us
- this burning God chose us
- we have obtained mercy
- we can come in by the mercy of God

Sanctified = to hallow, to set apart, to dedicate, to consecrate, to make holy

- ❖ can we do this ourselves?
- ❖ not by the flesh

HOW ARE WE MADE FIT TO LIVE AND DWELL WITH THIS HOLY GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE FIRE?

John 15:5

- ❖ without Jesus, you can do nothing
- ❖ we need to abide and let Him do the work in us

Colossians 1:27

- ❖ the key is entering into the mystery
- ❖ Christ in you; the hope of glory

Having Messiah living in us is how we are made holy

It is allowing Him to be King and letting Him take over our life, every part of us

He wants to consume all of us

He is the Fire, He is in us, the Fire is in us

He comes to consume the dross

He takes up residence as the King; The burning Man is in us

The Law showed that we can never succeed in making ourselves holy

Messiah came as a Man, so that He could come and dwell with us and make us holy

Let Jesus burn up all the wrong stuff

Through new birth, baptism and laying on of hands we are made new, a new creation, made holy, a sanctified people, the Burning Man living in us

Total authority is now in us; A new kingdom reigns in us

Old kingdom is finished; We serve the King of Glory

When He comes in He begins the work of sanctifying us

We are partakers of His nature

Do you want the Man of Fire? Yield to Him and let Him burn

- ❖ He loves us

The God of fire transforms and changes us

Jesus has eyes that are flames of fire; This awesome and terrible God is a God of love

WHO IS DOING THE WORK?

Hebrews 13:20

- ❖ God of peace, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, makes us complete in every good work to do His will
- ❖ He works what is pleasing to Him
- ❖ God does the work

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 - God of peace is sanctifying us completely

- spirit, soul and body set apart
- God is faithful and He will do the work
- we need to yield

Philippians 2:13 - God works in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure

- ❖ He causes our will to be conformed to His will so we are willing to do what He wills

Philippians 1:6 - confident that He who began the good work will complete that work

- ❖ God promises to sanctify us
- ❖ He wants a people who He can entrust with the gospel, no strange fire
- ❖ HE wants to deliver the nations into freedom

HOW DOES HE DO THIS WORK?

Isaiah 4:4

- ❖ by the Spirit of judgement
- ❖ by the Spirit of burning
- ❖ purged

v.5 - then glory will cover His people

- the glory will be revealed

John 17:17

- ❖ sanctified by the truth
- ❖ God's word is truth
- ❖ As we are faithful to remain in the Word, it will sanctify and set us apart from the filth of the world
- ❖ The Word is alive, living
- ❖ Faith comes by hearing the Word

Acts 26:15-18

- ❖ sanctified by faith in Me (Jesus)

- ❖ when Lord appears to us there is a purpose to His appearing
- ❖ it is to make us a minister, a witness, of what we have seen and the things that Jesus shows us
- ❖ believing God, believing who Jesus is, sanctifies us
- ❖ walking in that truth sets us apart

Exodus 29:42-43

- ❖ sanctified by My glory
- ❖ the Glory sanctifies the Tabernacle (we are the Tabernacle)

Ephesians 5:25-26

- ❖ sanctified, cleansed by washing of water by the word
- ❖ Jesus is doing this work
- ❖ Word washes us, makes us clean and sets us apart
- ❖ It is supernatural

v.27 – the reason is for Jesus to present us to Himself a glorious church

We need to believe Jesus

Believe the Word

Believe He will sanctify us

We need a revelation of who Jesus is in us

The Consuming Fire lives inside of us

We will be fearless, great faith, walk on water, heal sick, cast out demons, preach boldly

He is the Fire surrounding us

He is the Glory in our midst

All the fullness of Godhead is in us through Messiah

Hebrew 1:7

- ❖ He makes His ministers flames of fire

He wants to breathe on us to re-ignite the fire, the passion, the zeal

Jesus wants to reveal Himself today as the Man of Fire

Jeremiah 20:8 – Fire in our bones, it is the Word not being able to be contained in us any longer

- ❖ we must go out with the Word
- ❖ we will not be able to stay quiet, we must preach the gospel

STAYING ON TARGET

Habakkuk 2:14

- ❖ earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of YHWH as the waters cover the sea
- ❖ this is the target

THE KNOWLEDGE

- a) **Colossians 1:9** – pray to be filled with the **knowledge of His will**
- b) **Colossians 2:2** – **knowledge of the mystery** of God, both of the Father and of Christ (**2Jn.9**) – we need this knowledge to hit the target

GLORY

- a) **Hebrews 2:10** – bringing many **sons to glory**, this is the target, this is God's purpose through Jesus' suffering
- b) **1 Corinthians 2:6** – we come to the glory through the **wisdom of God in a mystery**, God ordained this before the age for our glory
- ❖ we have to grow up by not remaining babes on the milk, but receiving the mature wisdom of God
- ❖ the church must come to the knowledge and wisdom of God and declare it (**Eph.3:8-10**)
- c) **Ephesians 5:27** – a **glorious church**, Jesus does this by washing us by the water of the word (rhema – comes on you today and must be obeyed, **v.26**)
- d) **Colossians 1:27** – Paul was a minister making known the **mystery of the glory** to the nations, Christ/Messiah in you, the **hope of glory**

YHWH

- ❖ He is the "I AM", the Eternal One, no beginning, no end, the Self-Sufficient One, Self-Existent One
- a) **1 Timothy 3:16** – Messiah is the Eternal One, God, manifesting in the flesh
- b) **John 1:1** – The Word (the Communication, the Logos, the spoken word) was God
- ❖ God and the Word are the same
- ❖ **V.3,10** – The Word is Creator
- ❖ **V.4** – The Word is the Life
- ❖ **V.5** – The Word is the Light
- ❖ **V.14** – **The Word became flesh** and dwelt among us (Jesus of Nazareth)
- ❖ **V.18** – The Son who became flesh reveals God, makes God known

COVERING THE EARTH

Isaiah 4:4-5

- ❖ we must be purged of blood guilt
- ❖ purged by spirit of judgement and burning
- ❖ the law is the tutor of God to bring us to repentance
- ❖ very often we want forgiveness without repentance
- ❖ the law judges us and shows us we are sinners
- ❖ spirit of judgement is necessary
- ❖ spirit of burning
- ❖ then YHWH will create above Mt Zion smoke and fire
- ❖ For over all, the glory there a covering
- ❖ It is the covering of the glory that comes when we repent under conviction of the spirit of judgement of burning

Isaiah 25:6-8

- ❖ YHWH is making a feast on Mt Zion
- ❖ Mature wine (on the lees)
- ❖ He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people and the veil that is spread over all nations
- ❖ God will destroy the old covering
- ❖ He will do it through us speaking the truth
- ❖ The Word, the Sword of the Spirit, is our one weapon we can use to destroy the enemy
- ❖ God will swallow up death forever
- ❖ He will wipe away our tears

WATERS COVER THE SEA

Ezekiel 47:1

- ❖ there was water flowing under the threshold of the house facing east
- ❖ the water comes from the Throne of God and will cover the earth

v.5

- the river was too deep, could not cross, just have to flow with it

v.7

- there were many trees on either side

v.8-9

- flows to the sea, the seas, waters are healed
- when water flows out from SHILOH to the nations it will bring healing
- **Jn.7:38** – out of belly of believers will flow rivers of living water, thirsty can drink, it is the Spirit-empowered Word
- the river is the Word coming by the Spirit from the Throne
- everything was healed wherever the river went, never underestimate the power of the Word

v.12

- along the bank of the river on either side was all kinds of trees bearing fruit every month
- fruit is food, leaves for medicine/cures

- trees of righteousness, saints who have drunk deeply of the river

THE BOW

Hb. 'A weapon of war'

- ❖ a bow is what you shoot arrows with
- ❖ What is the bow? It is the Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20, Mk.16:15-20, Luke 24:44-49, John 21:15-17

Mark 16:15-20

- ❖ evangelism, preaching gospel
- ❖ baptising believers
- ❖ signs following believers, gifts of Spirit
- ❖ Jesus works with us from heaven

Luke 24:44-49

- ❖ prophetic commission
- ❖ understanding the prophetic Scriptures of Jesus the Messiah in the Old T
- ❖ on that basis we go preaching repentance and remission of sins to all nations in Jesus name
- ❖ wait for Holy Spirit empowering

John 21:15-17

- ❖ pastoral, feeding and tending lambs and sheep
- ❖ part of commission
- ❖ "feed" = teacher

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ apostolic, sent in all authority to make disciples of all nations
- ❖ baptise and teach (teachers are back in here)

ARROWS

What arrows are you going to shoot from the bow, making disciples?

- ❖ preach
- ❖ baptise
- ❖ teaching them line upon line
- ❖ bring them into the fellowship
- ❖ breaking bread, Lord's Table
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Ministry of gifts (**1 Cor.12:7-11**)

PREPARATION/TRAINING

The target is **Hab.2:14** but also everything that we do must come out of **Hab.2:14**

- ❖ to be effective in making disciples we have to start where Jesus told us to start
- ❖ after making disciples we need to prepare and train them to go out

Discipleship is learning, being taught the Word

- ❖ **Isaiah 50:4-5** – the Lord gives us the tongue of a disciple (learned, Hb. 'limmud') that we should know how to speak a word in season
- ❖ God awakens our hear to hear as a disciple (learned)
- ❖ **V.6** – do not turn away in face of persecution

Isaiah 8:16

- ❖ Bind up the testimony
- ❖ Seal the law (teaching, instruction) among disciples

Disciples have been taught and received the Word

Isaiah 8:20

- ❖ to the law and to the testimony
- ❖ no light if not speaking this Word

Training

- ❖ this is training people to speak the Word
- ❖ **Acts 5:42** – publicly and house to house we are to preach and teach Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ **Acts 8:4** – disciples went out everywhere preaching the Word
- ❖ Make the Word your own

Equipping

- ❖ learning to minister in the Spirit
- ❖ getting into the flow of the Spirit, teaching by the Spirit
- ❖ Holy Spirit does this for you as you desire to be an able workmen

2 Corinthians 3:2-3, 5-6

- ministry of the Spirit
- this cuts across dry, intellectual presentations of the Word
- we learn to step out on the water
- we are not adequate of ourselves
- our sufficiency is from God, God makes us able and adequate as ministers of New Covenant by Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- the manifestation of the Spirit comes through at least 9 gifts to build up and profit all the brethren
- if you are blocked in these, seek God, probably a spiritual blockage from the past that needs repentance and renouncing

Understand 5 ministries of Ephesians 4:11

- ❖ we must teach on these five ministries

FOUR WONDERFUL WORDS

1. Commitment

- ❖ to Jesus and the call
- ❖ this means you love Jesus
- ❖ this means you love the Word

- ❖ this means you love the work of the ministry

2. Submission

- to the Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 3:7-8**)
- receiving the one that God sends
- easily taught and corrected
- **1 Kings 19:12, Isaiah 30:21**
- hears the still small voice

3. Accountability

- ❖ means repentance and being willing to change to do things God's way
- ❖ learning conduct in house of God
- ❖ obedient to faith, reports back on the exploits in the faith
- ❖ willing to travel to minister to one person
- ❖ **Acts 14:27** – Paul and Barnabas were accountable to report back
- ❖ accountable with finance

4. Apostleship – being sent with apostolic authority

- ❖ only willing to send people who are committed, submitted and accountable
- ❖ we do not send people who are doing their own thing

Need to be trained to be sent

John 17:18

- ❖ Jesus sent apostles as He was sent by Father

Romans 10:14-17

- ❖ people will not hear unless there is a preacher
- ❖ preachers must be sent
- ❖ how many preaching around the world are actually sent
- ❖ what fruit is coming forth?
- ❖ We want fruit that remains
- ❖ We must be properly linked in the Body to be a sent one
- ❖ Norm for baptism is they are baptised in Jesus into a community of believers

Luke 10:17-19

- ❖ example of disciples sent and reporting back
- ❖ gave report to Jesus of the authority they had over demons
- ❖ Jesus then gave them more authority

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