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WHO IS JESUS

Growing in the knowledge of Him

This book is to help serious disciples come to ***“know Him who is from the beginning”*** (1Jn.2:13a,14a). The apostle Paul cried out saying, ***“that I may know Him”*** (Phil.3:10a). He had also said, ***“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord”*** (Phil.3:8).

God wants growth

God wants us to grow in the ***“grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”*** (2Pet.3:18). It is not academic knowledge of Jesus that we need. We need a revelational and experiential knowledge that comes to us by the Spirit of God breathing upon His Word and making it come alive to us.

Understanding our destiny

The more we know Jesus, the more we will understand our destiny in God’s plan. As we look into Jesus’ face, we will see the ***“the light of the knowledge of the glory of God”*** (2Cor.4:6) and that glory will change us ***“into the same image from glory to glory”*** (2Cor.3:18). It is this “knowledge of the glory” that is to cover the earth ***“as the waters cover the sea”*** (Hab.2:14). Our destiny is to be ***“conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren”*** (Rom.8:29).

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Going deeper!

It is time for the Church in all the nations, every serious disciple of Jesus the Messiah, to go deeper and come to maturity ***“in the knowledge of the Son of God”*** (Eph.4:13b).

Jesus explained this mystery in the awesome, provocative, heaven and earth shaking words, ***“I and My Father are One”***.

All the fullness dwells in Him

It is time to press into Jesus, for ***“in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and we are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power”*** (Col.2:9-10).

The mystery of God

It is time for His people to attain to ***“all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”*** (Col.2:2-3).

Knowing and understanding the mystery of Christ

Jesus explained this mystery in the awesome, provocative, heaven and earth shaking words, ***“I and My Father are One”*** (Jn.10:30). When Jesus pronounced these words the Jews who were with Him wanted to stone Him. The Jewish faith was based on the Scriptural confession, ***“Hear, O Israel: The LORD [the Eternal One] our God, the LORD [the Eternal One] is One!”*** (Deut.6:4). They knew what Jesus was saying!

Join in this awesome journey of discovering the fullness of God in the One whom was Sent to us, Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Many have studied the book of Revelation with a view to interpret where we are in the “end times”. Many assume that the book’s primary purpose is to tell us about cataclysmic events that will take place in the 21st Century. The apostle John, the writer of the book, was given a message that was and is relevant to every generation of believers and he gave us the purpose and message of the book in the first phrase, ***“The Revelation of Jesus Christ...”***

The unveiling of the true God

The word “revelation” in Greek is the word “*apocolupsis*” and literally means “*disclosure*”. In Vine’s Expository dictionary it is given the definition :- It “*depicts the progressive and immediate unveiling of the otherwise unknown and unknowable God to His Church*”.

Knowing Jesus brings strength

John said that this book was ***“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place”*** (Rev.1:1). This book is primarily an unveiling and revealing of who Jesus is to His Church which will give to them confidence and assurance when going through the ***“things which must shortly take place”***. Those who ***“know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits”*** (Dan.11:32). We know our God by knowing Jesus Christ by revelation.

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So instead of looking for science fiction type cataclysmic events, we should be looking for a deeper disclosure, unveiling and uncovering of the person of Jesus Christ. We need a revelation of Jesus the Messiah if we are to continue in the Lord in these last days.

Becoming like the One we worship

We must know Him for who He is and not what people may make Him out to be. We will become like who we worship. It is easy for us to worship a God whom we have imagined or created. It is easy to set up denominations and Church organisations that choose to worship Jesus their way. Jesus said, ***“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”*** (Jn.4:24). We must know Him in truth. To worship Him in truth is to worship Him according to who He has revealed Himself to be through His Word. ***“Your word is truth”*** (Jn.17:17).

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord”

Predestined to be changed

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2Cor.3:18). As the truth of the Lord Jesus is made known, His glory is unveiled to us and we are changed to be like Him. This is God’s ultimate purpose, ***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son”*** (Rom.8:29).

The Son of God revealed in you

The more Jesus is revealed to us, the more He will be revealed through us! Paul said to the Galatians, ***“But when it pleased God... to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles...”*** (Gal.1:15-16). God wants to reveal His Son to you so that His Son might dwell in you. When He dwells in you He will then be revealed in you that you might preach Him to the nations. It is time for a **Revelation of Jesus Christ!**

Chapter 1

THE FAITHFUL WITNESS

Revelation 1:5

“...from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood...”

In this verse there are five aspects of who Jesus is that we need to explore. He is the:

- 1) Faithful witness,
- 2) Firstborn from the dead,
- 3) Ruler over the kings of the earth,
- 4) One who loved us,
- 5) One who washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Let us look at these one by one and be drawn more deeply into our relationship with Jesus.

What is a witness?

The word “*witness*” is the Greek word “*martus*” where we get the English word “*martyr*” from. It means –

“One who testifies to the truth he has experienced, a witness, one who has knowledge of a fact and can give information concerning it.” [Word Wealth in New Spirit filled Life Bible, Rev.1:5]

Jesus was the ***faithful witness*** of the truth He had experienced concerning God. It is written, “***A faithful witness does not lie***” (Prov.14:5). Not only was Jesus a witness but He was a ***faithful*** witness. We can trust everything He has told

us concerning God and we can trust Him in every way that He witnesses to us of God.

Jesus' witness certifies that God is true

In John's gospel it is recorded that John the Baptist testified of Jesus saying, ***"He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true"*** (Jn.3:31-33).

Receive Jesus' testimony

"Without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh..."

As the faithful witness Jesus testifies to us of heavenly things. This is because He is from ***"above"*** and ***"comes from heaven"***. Jesus came down from above. Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, ***"The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven"*** (1Cor.15:47). Jesus is not of this world. He came from heaven.

When we receive His testimony we certify and agree that ***"God is true"***.

The word ***"true"*** is the Greek word ***"alethes"*** and it means –

"Genuine, real, true, ideal, manifest, unconcealed, actual."
[Word Wealth in New Spirit Filled Life Bible, Rom.3:4]

When we receive the testimony of Jesus we agree that Jesus is genuinely, really, truly and actually God being manifest and unconcealed to us. The apostle Paul wrote that, ***"Without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh..."*** (1Tim.3:16). Jesus is the reality and Substance of God who appeared in human flesh.

Christ Jesus was in the form of God

The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians saying, ***“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man...”*** (Phil.2:5-8a).

Christ Jesus, before coming as a man, was in the ***“form of God”***! He then took on the ***“form of a bondservant”*** and was found to be in the earth appearing as a man.

He is God
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entered into
humanity,
witnessing of
who He is to
earthly
creatures.

The One who came down from heaven was also in heaven

There is an amazing statement by Jesus found in **John 3:13**. Some more modern translations lack the end part of this verse and therefore miss out on an extraordinary revelation. Jesus said, ***“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.”*** Jesus said this in the context of telling Nicodemus of being born again and wanting to be able to explain to him ***“heavenly things”*** (Jn.3:12).

Jesus was in heaven and on earth at the same time!

This is awesome! How could Jesus be in heaven and on earth at the same time? It was because He is God Himself who entered into humanity, witnessing of who He is to earthly creatures. Therefore Jesus could witness and testify of heavenly things while He was on the earth, simply declaring what He was seeing ***“the Father do”*** (Jn.5:19).

Jesus witness' of the Father

Because Jesus was God He could be the faithful witness of the Father, manifesting Him to us so that we can ***“know Him***

who is from the beginning” (1Jn.2:13a,14a). As a witness Jesus fully declared the Father, as it is written, ***“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (Jn.1:18).*** God is invisible but He has a faithful witness to who He is – the Man Christ Jesus.

The Father Himself was witnessed to be in Him

When Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father, Jesus’ response was, ***“Have I been with you so long and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in My Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me...” (Jn.14:9-11a).***

His name will be called Everlasting Father

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seen the
Father

Jesus as the faithful witness fully revealed the Father. Isaiah said that ***“Unto us a Son is given...And His name will be called...Everlasting Father... (Is.9:6).*** If you see Jesus for who He is and receive His testimony, you will receive the Father and agree that God is real, actual and unconcealed in Jesus. Jesus said, ***“I and My Father are One” (Jn.10:30).***

Having the witness in yourselves

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater, for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son” (1Jn.5:9-10). Believing in Jesus as the faithful witness is believing in God.

The result will be that you will have the witness of the Holy Spirit in you for ***“the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”*** (Rom.8:16).

Jesus witnessed the good confession

When apostle Paul was writing to Timothy he exhorted him to be like Jesus the faithful witness by saying, ***“I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate...”*** (1Tim.6:13).

Jesus witnessed to be “not of this world”

When Jesus was brought before Pilate He was asked, ***“Are you the king of the Jews?...What have you done?”*** Jesus answered, ***‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here’*** (Jn.18:33, 35c, 36). Jesus witnessed that He was from another ***“world”***, another dimension; from a place that is not ordered like the present world system.

Jesus is the faithful witness of God’s voice into this earthly realm, leading us into all truth!

Jesus witnessed to the truth

Pilate then asked, ***“Are you a king then?”*** Jesus answered, ***‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice’*** (Jn18:37-38). Jesus’ reason for coming into the world was to bear witness to the truth. He witnessed that He was a king. He came into the world to be a faithful witness to the truth and reality of His kingdom.

Jesus is the witness of God's voice

Jesus is the witness of a whole new creation and of a whole new way of life. If you have a heart that desires truth and reality – you will hear His voice. The voice of Jesus is the voice of God – ***“God...spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Heb.1:1-2a).*** Jesus is the faithful witness of God's voice into this earthly realm, leading us into all truth!

Faithful and True – The Word of God

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Finally, in John's revelation of Jesus Christ he saw, ***“heaven opened, and behold a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True...and His name is called the Word of God” (Rev.19:11, 13b).***

Jesus is the ***“the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn.1:14a).***

The ***“Word”*** in Greek is ***“logos”*** which means –

“A transmission of thought, communication, a word of explanation, an utterance, a discourse, divine revelation, talk, statement, instruction, oracle, divine promise, divine doctrine, divine declaration”
[Word Wealth in New Spirit Filled Life Bible, Acts19:20]

Jesus is God's communication of Himself to us

The “Word” is God's communication, His word of explanation, His oracle, His discourse and instruction. This “Word” was in the beginning and was ***“with God, and the Word was God” (Jn.1:1).*** This Jesus is God's communication, God's explanation of Himself, His instruction to us and His divine revelation to us. Jesus is the faithful witness of God and His witness is ***“Faithful and True”***.

- **A witness is One who testifies to the truth he has experienced**
- **If we receive Jesus' witness we agree that God is True and Real**
- **Jesus was in heaven and on earth at the same time**
- **Jesus is God who humbled Himself and became a man**
- **The Father was in Jesus and Jesus witnessed to this**
- **Jesus witnessed the good confession to Pilate**
- **Jesus is the Faithful and True witness of God**
- **Jesus is God's Word, explaining and communicating God to us**

Chapter 2

JESUS CHRIST – THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD

Jesus – the first to conquer death!

The literal, physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crux of the Christian faith. ***“If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!...But now Christ is risen from the dead and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep”*** (1Cor.15:17,20). Jesus is the firstfruits. This means He is the first to rise from the dead. If He is the first it means that there will be a harvest to follow.

Conquering death means conquering sin

By Jesus gaining victory over death it means that He has conquered sin in humanity. ***“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”*** (Rom.6:23). Sin brings death. If there was no sin, there would be no death. ***“And you know that He [God] was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin”*** (1Jn.3:5). Jesus was ***“delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification”*** (Rom.4:25). Jesus took away sin to give us eternal life!

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The power of an endless life

Now that Jesus is the Firstborn from the dead we can be ***“...saved by His life”*** (Rom.5:10c). Jesus died because of our sin but He was raised from the dead because ***“in Him there is no sin”***. Therefore He has ***“the power of an endless life”*** (Heb.7:16b).

The Resurrection proves that Jesus is the Son of God

The fact that Jesus rose from the dead in eternal life proves He is the Son of God, God in the flesh. ***“...His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”*** (Rom.1:3-4).

Power to lay down His life and take it up again

“Declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”

When Jesus spoke to the Jews about being the Good Shepherd He told them, ***“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father”*** (Jn.10:17-18). Jesus declared His complete authority over death. He was not killed against His will but He laid

down His life so that He might take it again and become the ***Firstborn from the dead.***

Knowing the Resurrection

When Jesus learned of the death of his friend Lazarus He went to the town of Bethany and met Lazarus' sister Martha. Martha believed that whatever Jesus asked of God, God would give Him. Jesus tested her confession by saying, ***“Your brother will rise again”*** (Jn.11:23). Martha knew the reality of the doctrine of the resurrection and said, ***“I know that He will rise again in the resurrection at the last day”*** (Jn.11:24).

The Resurrection is a Person

Her doctrine was correct but Jesus wanted to take her deeper and make her understand the personal nature of the

doctrine she believed. The resurrection is not primarily an event or simply a Biblical doctrine – the Resurrection is a Person! Jesus answered her, ***“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*** (Jn.11:25-26). Jesus is the Resurrection Himself. In Him is resurrection life which is eternal life! Do you believe in the One who is the Resurrection? By trusting in Him, this life which conquers death will come into you. Then you will know that you ***“shall never die”, “For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him”*** (Lu.20:38).

Christ is the Resurrection

Martha answered Jesus’ question with an amazing confession of faith, ***“Yes, Lord, I believe You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world”*** (Jn.11:27). The resurrection proves Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God. Martha knew that only God in the flesh could be the Resurrection!

The One who holds the keys of death and hell

When John received the ***Revelation of Jesus Christ*** he said, ***“When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death’”*** (Rev.1:17-18).

‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death’

Jesus is the First and Last – this means He is the Eternal One. He is the One who became a man and died but now lives forever! Because He conquered death He now holds the keys,

which is the authority, over death and the realm of the dead, Hades.

No more fear of death

“In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Heb.2:14-15).

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence”

As we receive the One who is the firstborn from the dead, we will no longer being bound by fear to the devil who once had the power over death! We can look forward into eternity now, walking with the One who has all the authority over life and death!

The Firstborn from the dead is the Head of the Body

When Paul wrote to the Colossians he said of Jesus the Son of God, ***“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence” (Col.1:18).*** By

being the firstborn from the dead He now has the right to have first place in the church and in everything. The One who rose victorious from the grave is also the head of His body, which is the Church.

There is only One Head

It is interesting that in today's church world there are many denominations that are built around men's teachings and doctrines instead of having Jesus as the Head. Many look for headship in a particular leader or denominational covering.

There is only One Head and it is the One who was the first to rise from the dead!

Resurrection life flows from the Head into the body

“Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God” (Col.2:18-19). Any doctrine,

vision or teaching which does not release the resurrection life of the Head, Jesus, will cheat you of growth in God. We are to grow in resurrection life and we do it by holding fast to the Head.

“And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man”

Growing up in the power of His resurrection

The apostle Paul told the Corinthians that we ***“by speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the Head – Christ” (Eph.4:15).*** Paul made it his goal in life to ***“know Him and the power of His resurrection...if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection of the dead” (Phil.3:10a,11).*** We are to grow in the knowledge of Him and this will cause us to grow in the power of His resurrection.

He is the Firstborn of many brethren

If Jesus is the firstborn it must mean there are others to join Him! ***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Rom.8:29).*** As the firstborn from the dead, Jesus is the Life-Giver and we are changed by this life into the same image, ***“And so it is written, ‘The first***

man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man” (1Cor.15:45,47,49).

The Firstborn over all creation has the right to inherit all things

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Col.1:15). The title ***“firstborn”*** speaks of Jesus as a man having the right of inheritance as a firstborn son. In this verse it is showing Jesus to be the firstborn who is ***“over all creation”***. **Jesus has been given all of creation!**

Jesus has authority over all creation!

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creation”**

Jesus the Firstborn is the beginning of a whole new creation

After Jesus rose from the dead He said, ***“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me...”*** (Matt.28:18). As the firstborn Son, God has made Him ***“heir of all things”***

(Heb.1:2b). When Jesus rose He brought forth a whole new creation. ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things have become new” (2Cor.5:17).***

Joined with Jesus the Firstborn through baptism

This mystery of being one of His ***“brethren”*** is actually realised through baptism, ***“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection” (Rom.6:4-5).*** We are united with Him in His resurrection!

Members of the Church of the Firstborn

Through baptism into Christ we become members of His body, the church, ***“For by One Spirit we were all baptized into one body” (1Cor.12:13).*** This makes us partakers together with Christ having ***“come...to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven...” (Heb.12:22a, 23).***

Joint heirs with Him

The right of inheritance of the firstborn has also been imputed to those who are members of His body, the church of the Firstborn! ***“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” (Rom.8:16-17b).***

- Jesus is the first Man to conquer death
- The resurrection proves Jesus to be the Son of God
- The Resurrection is a Person named Jesus
- Jesus holds the authority over Death and Hades
- The firstborn from the dead is the Head of the Body, the Church
- He is the firstborn of many brethren
- He has the right of inheritance
- He is over all creation
- We are joined with Him through baptism
- We are members of the Church of the Firstborn

Chapter 3

JESUS CHRIST – THE RULER OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH

Jesus is the Promised King

It was prophesied in the Psalms that God would bring forth a ruler who would come from King David's lineage who would be King over all the earth. ***“My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. Also I will set his hand over the sea, and his right hand over the rivers. He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my***

He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, my God and the Rock of my salvation.’ Also I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth”

Father, my God and the Rock of my salvation.’ Also I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth” (Ps.89:24-27).

The Ruler will come in the name of God, He will witness of God as His Father, He will be the Firstborn, and will be ***“the highest of the kings of the earth”***! Jesus Christ is the Promised King!

Balaam saw Him coming!

When Balaam was hired by the King of Moab to curse the children of Israel in the wilderness, he found that he could not curse God's people and instead he prophesied of the king who would come, ***“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near: A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy the sons of tumult”*** (Num.24:17).

This prophecy could be seen as fulfilled in David's life when he rose to be king and defeated Moab (**2Sam.8:2**). But there is also a deeper fulfilment in Jesus the Messiah, who is of

the seed of David according to the flesh, who is the **“Bright and Morning Star”** (Rev.22:16c) whom John saw in his **“Revelation of Jesus Christ”**.

The wise men followed the Star

Around the time of the birth of Jesus, a star appeared and **“wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him’”** (Matt.2:1-2). The wise men knew that the appearance of the star was the sign that **“a Sceptre [symbol of kingship] shall rise out of Israel”**. They knew that the King of the Jews had been born and they wanted to **“worship Him”**.

“They saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him”

Wise men worship Him

David prophesied in the Psalms concerning the Messiah, **“Now, therefore, be wise O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little”** (Ps.2:10,12). It is a wise thing to kiss (worship) the Son!

Men from the East recognized the King

When the wise men from the East had come to the house where Jesus was, **“they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him”** (Matt.2:11). These men knew that Jesus should be worshiped as the **“ruler over the kings of the earth”**.

Worship is for God alone

When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness, the devil said He would give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would **“fall down and worship me”** (Matt.4:9b). Jesus responded, **“Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you**

shall serve” (Matt.4:10). Jesus knew worship was for God alone. When the word **LORD** in capital letters appears in the Bible, it is translating the name of God which is **Yehovah or Yahweh** which means **the Eternal One, the “I AM”**. We are only to worship the Eternal God!

The King is Yehovah, the Eternal One, in the flesh

The fact that Jesus was worshiped by the wise men and nothing was done to stop this is proof that this king is the Eternal One in the flesh! David prophesied in another Psalm, **“Who is this King of glory? The LORD [Yehovah] of hosts, He is the King of glory” (Ps.24:10).** Jesus is the King of glory!

“Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose going forths are from of old, from everlasting”

The King is from Eternity

The prophet Micah also prophesied this awesome reality saying, **“But you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose going forths are from of old, from everlasting” (Mic.5:2).**

In the **New Spirit Filled Life Bible**, there is a note in the margin that the word **“everlasting”** is literally **“the days of eternity”**. The Ruler who would come was from the days of eternity and **“He shall be great to the ends of the earth; And this One shall be peace” (Mic.5:4b-5a).**

The Son is on the Throne of David and is the Mighty God

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the Son of God in this way: **“the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the**

throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forevermore” (Is.9:6-7). The King who will be seated on the throne of David is the ***Mighty God, the Everlasting Father!***

The Branch of David will be Yehovah

Jeremiah prophesied of a glorious age in which the Messiah, the King would come. He said, ***“Behold the days are coming,’ says the LORD [Yehovah], ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgement and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is the name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS [Yehovah Tsidkenu]”*** (Jer.23:5-6).

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The Eternal God is the prophesied King

Jeremiah clearly prophesies here that the king will be Yehovah our righteousness! The Branch that will come from David will be Yehovah! The King from David’s lineage will be the Eternal God entering the world to reign in righteousness!

The Revelation of Jesus Christ – the Root and Offspring of David

Jesus revealed Himself to the apostle John saying, ***“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star”*** (Rev.22:16).

Jesus was before and after David

Jesus is not only from David's lineage but He is also the **Root** of David's lineage! He not only came after David but He was before David. He is the One who made David king and He is the One who is the fulfilment of David's kingdom which is actually the kingdom of God! **Jesus the King is Yehovah, the Eternal One coming into the world to be ruler over the kings of the earth!**

The Root of David is worthy to release God's judgements

Knowing Jesus
as the Christ is
knowing Him as
the *ruler over
the kings of the
earth!*

The apostle John also noted that there was One who was worthy to open the scroll of God's judgements. ***"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals'"*** (Rev.5:5). This One has the authority to loose and release God's judgements!

Authority given to those who see Jesus as the Ruler

When Peter received the revelation of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Jesus said to him, ***"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"*** (Matt.16:19).

Knowing Jesus as the Christ means knowing Him as the ***ruler over the kings of the earth!*** With that knowledge the authority of His kingdom is given. His reign is to be seen on the earth now through His people, the church!

The Rulership of the Branch

Isaiah also prophesied of the Branch when he said, ***“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse [David’s father], and a Branch shall grow out of his roots” (Is.11:1).*** This Ruler will cause true judgement to come in the earth. This will bring about God’s righteousness and peace. The result of this kingdom will be, ***“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD [Yehovah] as the waters cover the sea” (Is.11:9).***

We see ***“the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ” (2Cor.4:6b).***

The Branch is also the Root

Isaiah then said, ***“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious” (Is.11:10).*** The Branch is also the Root! He is the banner! All nations, the Gentiles, shall seek Him.

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The ruler of this world has been cast out

Jesus said, ***“Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself” (Jn.12:31-32).***

Jesus lifted up – a revelation of the Eternal God

Jesus as King triumphed over the devil by being lifted up on the cross. ***“He made a public spectacle of them [principalities and powers] triumphing over them in it [the cross]” (Col.2:14).*** Jesus said that through Him being lifted up on the Cross we would receive a revelation of who He is as the

Eternal God. He said, ***“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM...”*** (Jn.8:28).

Jesus rules now over the kings of the earth

The year 2011 saw many shakings in the earth and in the political sphere with several dictators coming to their demise. David prophesied of the Lord, the Messiah in the Psalms saying, ***“The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries”*** (Ps.110:5-6).

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Jesus exalted to the right hand

Jesus is the ruler over the kings of the earth now. It is still wise to worship Him as His judgements are in the earth. He is ruling and reigning now. Peter said the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is proof that Jesus is on the Throne, ***“Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear”*** (Acts2:33).

The result of Jesus’ reign will be peace

When His judgements are complete ***“He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head”*** (Ps.110:7). There will be peace as a result of His reign and Jesus will be exalted in all places as the Head!

- **Jesus is the Promised King**
- **He was the One promised to be the Star**
- **Wise men worship Him**
- **Jesus the King is Yehovah in the flesh**
- **The King is from Eternity**
- **He is the Root and Offspring of David**
- **He is the Branch of Righteousness**
- **He is ruling and reigning now**
- **Jesus Christ is the Ruler over the kings of the earth**

Chapter 4

JESUS CHRIST – HIM WHO LOVED US

Jesus is the full expression of the God who is Love

“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1Jn.4:8). Jesus as God manifest in flesh is the expression of true love in the flesh. This One who is the ruler of the kings of the earth is the One who loves us.

God demonstrates His love toward us through Jesus Christ

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, ***“But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom.5:8).*** The awesome love of God is demonstrated to us by God becoming a man and dying for us on account of our sin.

“...And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”

By His love we come alive with Jesus and live by His life

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...” (Eph.2:4-5). The means by which God brings His love to us is by Jesus Christ and this love draws us into union with Christ, calling us out of sin and into life.

“...and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal.2:20b).

The love of Jesus Christ compels us to love others with the gospel

The love of God revealed in Christ Jesus changes us! ***“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh”*** (2Cor.5:14-16a).

Jesus’ love does not allow us to do whatever we want – His love convicts and challenges the way we live.

Christ’s love causes us to see the world differently, no longer ***“according to the flesh”***. We begin to see everybody through the eyes of His love – not judging people in sin but loving them by calling them out of sin and warning them of the consequences.

Jesus’ love is real and uncompromising

Jesus’ love ***“does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth”*** (1Cor.13:6). Jesus’ love does not allow us to do whatever we want – His love convicts and challenges the way we live. Jesus loves us by telling us the truth about ourselves – not indulging our own selfish desires and ambitions.

The love of Jesus in action

When Jesus met the rich young ruler, He was asked by this man ***“Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*** So Jesus said to him, ***“Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God”*** (Mk.10:17b-18).

Jesus was desiring to give this man a revelation of Himself. This man wanted eternal life but he did not yet recognise the One who was standing before him. Jesus then tells the man some of the commandments to keep (v.19) and he answers ***“all these things I have kept from my youth”*** (v.20).

Jesus' response is interesting, ***"Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, 'One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow Me' (v.21).***

Jesus loved this man

Jesus loved this man and this love was demonstrated by Jesus challenging the very attitudes of his heart and by calling him out of his selfish lifestyle into discipleship, ***"take up the cross and follow Me"***.

Jesus rebukes and chastens the ones He loves, expecting repentance

Jesus loves us as a Father and when we are not burning brightly for Him, He says to us, ***"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent" (Rev.3:19).***

Jesus challenges luke-warmness

Jesus spoke this to the church in Laodicea which was luke-warm in its affection for Christ. They thought they were rich but they were actually ***"wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked"*** (v.17).

Jesus warns us to be zealous and repent

This is a warning for the "contemporary church" that has a fixation on financial prosperity, thinking Jesus is a means to become "healthy, wealthy and wise". Jesus, out of His love, will rebuke and chasten this sort of church and call her to ***"be zealous and repent"***.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent"

Receive His loving correction as sons of God

"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For

whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives” (Heb.12:5-6).

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”

His love trains us in righteousness

As we learn to receive His loving correction, remember, ***“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it” (Heb.12:11).*** The Love of Jesus is to train us in righteousness!

Jesus laid down His life for us as an example of how to love

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1Jn.3:16). This is the definition of love. On the night Jesus was betrayed He washed His disciples’ feet and told them, ***“For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (Jn.13:15).***

All will know we are His disciples

Later, on the same night He said, ***“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn.13:34-35).*** We are to love as Jesus did, serving each other and laying our loves down for one another. We no longer live for ourselves ***“but for Him who died for us and rose again!”***

- **Jesus is the full expression of the God who is love**
- **God demonstrates His love toward us in Christ**
- **The love of Jesus Christ becomes our motivation to love others by sharing the gospel with them**
- **Jesus rebukes and chastens the ones He loves**
- **Jesus loves us as the Father**
- **We are to receive His loving correction**
- **Jesus laid down His life for us to give us an example of how to love**
- **When we love this way we show ourselves to be His disciples**

Chapter 5

AND WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD

The power of the blood

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness, taking away of sin]” (Heb.9:22).

The blood of Jesus is the only substance that can remove sin.

Jesus’ blood is the blood of the Everlasting Covenant

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will...” (Heb.13:20-21a). God is able to work in us His will through the blood of the everlasting covenant!

The blood of Jesus is the only substance that can remove sin

We are to continually remember the blood of the New Covenant

“In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

(1Cor.11:25) We are to remember His blood at the communion table, celebrating that we have been washed from our sins by His own blood.

The blood of Jesus cleanses our hearts so that we can serve God

“Having our hearts sprinkled [by the blood of Jesus] from an evil conscience...” (Heb.10:22b). Our conscience cannot become clean with anything else besides His blood. Under the Old Covenant the blood of animals was used as a

shadow of the blood of Jesus Christ. The book of Hebrews says that if the blood of these animals was able to purify the flesh ***“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*** (Heb.9:14)

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin when we walk in the light together

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1Jn.1:7). The blood of Jesus will only work when we come to the light and be honest about our sin. The result of being honest and admitting our sin is that we can then experience true fellowship with the rest of Christ’s Body and we will be cleansed from all the filth.

The blood of Jesus will only work when we come to the light and be honest about our sin.

Jesus’ blood speaks better things than that of Abel’s

“But you have come...to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel” (Heb.12:22a,24b). Abel was Adam and Eve’s son who was murdered by his brother Cain. Abel’s blood cried out to God for justice. ***“The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground”*** (Gen.4:10). Jesus’ blood cries out for mercy and salvation. As Jesus was dying He said, ***“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”*** (Lu.23:34).

The blood of Jesus justifies us

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Rom.5:9). An easy way to understand the word “justified” is to

say “just as if I had never sinned”. As a result of Jesus’ blood washing us clean God makes us just as if we had never sinned.

We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph.1:7). Redemption means that we have been purchased to become His possession. The cost or price of this redemption was His blood. ***“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1Pet.1:18-19).***

Jesus has redeemed us by His blood so that we can become sons and receive the inheritance.

Redeemed to become sons of God

Redemption also means to be brought back to our inheritance and position as sons. Jesus has redeemed us by His blood so that we can become sons and receive the inheritance. ***“God sent forth His Son...to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption [placement] as sons” (Gal.4:4a,5).***

The Church was purchased by the blood of God in the flesh

“...to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts20:28b). The blood of Jesus was clean and pure because it was the blood of the One in whom God was made flesh.

The blood of Jesus reconciles all things to God

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself,

by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross” (Col.1:19-20)

We are brought near to God through His blood

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph.2:13). It is now possible for us to enter a wonderful relationship with God as our Father because of the blood of Jesus.

When the blood of Jesus works in our lives by taking away our sin, the devil no longer can accuse or condemn us. His power over us is taken away!

Washed by His blood to become kings and priests

“And washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father” (Rev.1:5-6). Jesus washed us from our sins for the purpose to make us kings and priests. This means that Jesus has cleansed us so that we can ***“reign in life through the One, Jesus***

Christ” (Rom.5:17b). As kings we are to reign with Him executing His will in the earth. As priests we are to minister to God and to those around us, serving in the gospel.

By Jesus’ blood we can enter the Holiest place in the universe!

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way...” (Heb.10:19,20a). As a result of the shedding of Jesus’ blood we now have access to the Holiest place, the place of God’s throne. We can stand in the full presence of God because the blood has washed us from our sins.

We overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb

“And they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death” (Rev.12:11). The devil is called ***“the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night” (Rev.12:10).*** When the blood of Jesus works in our lives by taking away our sin, the devil no longer can accuse or condemn us. His power over us is taken away! Let the blood of Jesus work in your life so that you can overcome the wicked one!

The blood of Jesus:

- **takes our sins away**
- **cleanses our hearts from an evil conscience**
- **is the blood of the New and Everlasting Covenant that God has made with men**
- **works in our lives when we walk in the light**
- **justifies us – making us just as if we had never sinned**
- **redeems us to God so we can become sons of God**
- **brings us near to God**
- **washes us so we can be kings and priests**
- **gives us entry into the Holiest place**
- **gives us the victory over the devil**

JESUS CHRIST – THE ONLY FOUNDATION

No other foundation

It is imperative in these last days that we take heed to the doctrine taught by the apostles. We must ***“contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints”*** (Jude 3). The faith that was delivered to the saints was the ***“apostles’ doctrine”*** (Acts 2:42). In this faith there is only one foundation. ***“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”*** (1 Cor. 3:11).

Teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ

The early apostles did not preach any other doctrine. ***“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ”*** (Acts 5:42). They made disciples to Jesus by laying the foundation of who He is and ***“teaching them to observe all things that I [Jesus] have commanded you [the apostles]”*** (Matt. 28:20a).

The goal of perfection in Christ

Much of the church has wavered in these days because they have not simply been preaching Jesus as the Scriptures present Him. When we do preach Him we come to a deeper knowledge of the Son of God that brings us ***“to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*** (Eph. 4:13). The apostle Paul knew the secret to coming to maturity in Christ. He said, ***“Him [Christ] we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”*** (Col. 1:28).

Seeing Him as He is

The goal is perfection in Christ. The way to this perfection is to see Him as He is because ***“we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is”*** (1 Jn. 3:2). It is only as He is revealed that we can become

like Him. The apostle John wrote the book of **Revelation** so that we could have Jesus revealed to us as He is!

Receive apostles and prophets

May your heart be stirred to know Jesus more deeply by revelation. Allow the fullness of who He is to be made known to you. Receive the foundation ministries of apostles and prophets in these last days because they have been given grace to unfold the mystery of Christ (**Eph.3:5**). The house of God is built on the foundation of apostles and prophets (**Eph.2:20**). This means that God has graced the apostolic and prophetic ministries to bring forth the foundational revelation of who Christ is to the church.

Have the right confession

In the Old Testament the central confession of the people of God was found in **Deuteronomy 6:4** ***“Hear, O Israel: The LORD [Yahweh] your God, the LORD [Yahweh] is one!”*** Many people these days like to confess particular church “confessions”. It is much better to simply confess and agree with the Word of God. In the New Testament a wonderful confession is found in **1Timothy3:16**. Memorize this and confess it with all confidence.

“And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh

Justified in the Spirit

Seen by angels

Preached among the Gentiles

Believed on in the world

Received up in glory”

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, grant to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him [Christ Jesus].

A POEM FROM THE LORD

**There is a new day in the gospel
A time of victories to be won
Of being led by My Spirit
A time to overcome**

**Jesus is leading His army
His voice is very strong
He is leading us to battle
With the word of God as our weapon**

**I see Him on the white horse
He is called Faithful and True
His name is the Word of God
And He is looking to get into you**

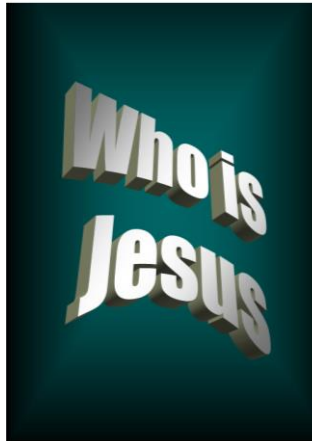
**Receive Him into your life
The Author and Perfector of faith
He will judge all the wicked
But to you He will show grace**

**The message is to pierce
The hardest of hearts
My word is fire, it is a rock
It never misses the mark**

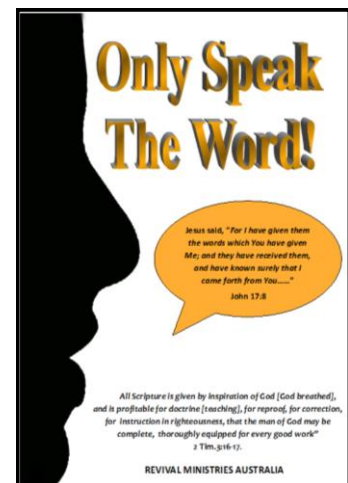
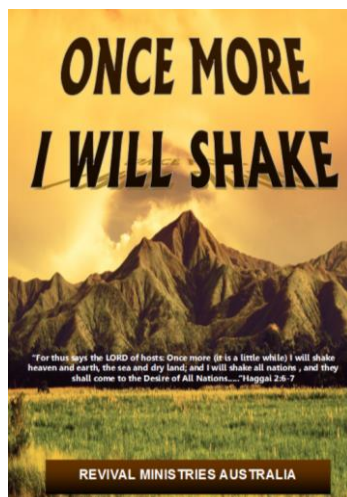
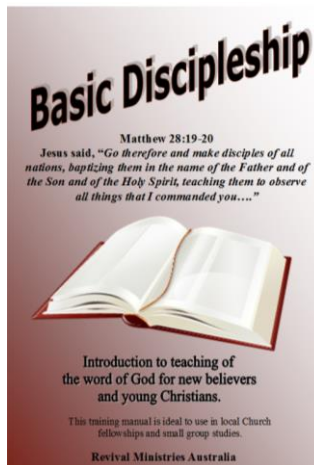
**By My word the worlds were formed
By My voice all things hold together
By My word preach the gospel
And release My will forever!**

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