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# **GOSPEL REALITIES**

## **Kingdom realities**

### **20th Century**

- ❖ was evangelical move
- ❖ included Pentecostal and Charismatic revival
- ❖ this was all about the "gospel of salvation"
- ❖ people were happy to have a "heavenly hope", "going to heaven"
- ❖ the enigma - only problem was that they did not want to die!

God created us to want to live in the earth

### **End of 20<sup>th</sup> century**

- ❖ start of people talking about a "kingdom message"
- ❖ started to talk about the kingdom of God here and now, entered into by experience here on the earth (**John 3:3-6**)
- ❖ we are born again into this kingdom to see and enter it
- ❖ **John 1:12-13, Romans 8:16** – born again to be children of God

Evangelical church was focused on mission

- ❖ people have got "saved", baptised and filled with Holy Spirit

### **WHAT IS THE GOSPEL OF THE SCRIPTURE?**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- ❖ we entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the emerging apostolic company, kingdom proclaiming church
- ❖ we felt in the Lord to not call ourselves a "church" because of the range of meanings that can have nowadays
- ❖ "church" can be a building on the corner, a denominational institution...
- ❖ Evangelical church in general has refused the kingdom message and refused apostles and somewhat prophets also
- ❖ Evangelical church did not make disciples
- ❖ Primary commandment to the church is to "Go and make disciples of all nations..."

#### **Matthew 28:19**

- ❖ Most do not know the "eternal purpose of God" (**Eph.3:11**)
- ❖ The call is to follow Jesus – **Matthew 4:19** – Jesus will make us "fishers of men"

**Evangelical gospel** taught us to live a good life so we would not miss out on heaven

**Apostolic gospel** is "grow up and become the sons of God and walk in His inheritance in the earth"

Restoration of all the gift ministries has happened – time to receive apostles

There has been a shift from evangelical gospel to the emerging apostolic

### **MATTHEW 1:1**

- ❖ the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham
- ❖ Jesus = "Yahweh saves" – the Saviour

- ❖ Christ = Anointed One, Anointed King, the Expected and Promised One, the greater Son of David

### **Son of David**

- ❖ **Mark 10:46-52** – Blind Bartimaeus knew that Jesus was the “Son of David”
- ❖ This meant he knew Jesus was the Messiah, the Anointed Promised One
- ❖ Who is David? He is the great King
- ❖ Christ comes in the governmental lineage, He is the greater King!
- ❖ He is the One promised to David in **2 Samuel 7:12-14a**
- ❖ God told David that when he would die (rest with his fathers) that God would set up a Seed, a Son, after him and God would establish His kingdom
- ❖ The same one who would have a kingdom would also build the house of God – **Matthew 16:18** – build the church
- ❖ This One’s kingdom would be forever – not talking about Solomon
- ❖ This One would be the Son of God
- ❖ The Christ would be the Son of David, would rule and reign forever and would be God’s Son
- ❖ Son of God means God came into flesh
- ❖ **Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:20,23** – Son conceived by Holy Spirit, God with Us, the Creator of the Universe coming into flesh, coming into His own world that He created

### **Is Jesus on the Throne?**

#### **Acts 2:33**

- ❖ Jesus was exalted to the right hand, crowned King, ruling from the Throne
- ❖ He received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit and poured out the Holy Spirit – this fulfilled **Matthew 3:11** – the Messiah would baptise with Holy Spirit and fire

### **Son of Abraham**

Why does Matthew call Jesus the Son of Abraham?

Who is Abraham?

- ❖ as a young man he was called “Abram” – exalted father
- ❖ **God changed it to “Abraham” – father of nations**, he is identified with nations
- ❖ Father of faith
- ❖ Father of all who believe, whether Jew or Gentile
- ❖ He is our father

### **TRUE MESSAGE OF “CHRISTMAS”**

- ❖ God came into the world
- ❖ **Micah 5:2** – Ruler in Israel will come out of Bethlehem
- ❖ His goings forth are from of old, “from the days of eternity”
- ❖ Jesus came from the eternal realm, He is an eternal being
- ❖ **Philippians 2:6** – Jesus Christ, who being in the form of God
- ❖ **In eternity He was in the form of God**

Without knowing who Jesus really is we have a sub standard gospel

- **Acts 5:42** – in midst of persecution the apostles “daily in the temple and in every house, did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ”

## **Luke 1:31-32**

- His name shall be called JESUS
- JESUS is shorter version of "Y'hoshua" which is "Yeshua" which means "Yahweh is Salvation"
- He will be great and be called the "Son of the Highest"
- the "Son of" means "the same as", the same characteristics
- "Son of the Highest" = the One revealing the Highest, El Elyon
- Lord God will give Jesus the Throne of His father David
- He will reign forever over the house of Jacob (referring to all people who need to repent and be transformed into Israel)

## **THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHANGED HISTORY**

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

- When Jesus came for baptism John first refused, saying he wanted to be baptised by Jesus
- Jesus' fulfilled "all righteousness" through that baptism
- Jesus fulfilled the Law
- all had sinned and no one had walked completely righteously
- **Matthew 5:17** – Jesus came to fulfil the teaching of Moses, the Law
- He began to fulfil this by being baptised, fulfilling all righteousness
- our baptism by genuine faith in Jesus, also fulfils all righteousness
- we were baptised as sinless people, the blood had washed us by faith
- the result of Jesus' fulfilling all righteousness? An open heaven and the Holy Spirit being poured out upon Him without measure and remaining on and with Him
- from Adam until the baptism of Jesus, the heavens were closed
- but now Jesus as a Man in the earth walked under an open heaven
- it closed for 3 days while Jesus was in the tomb
- Now it is open forever to those who are in Him

**1. Through Jesus' baptism righteousness was fulfilled**

**2. The heavens opened**

**3. The Holy Spirit came, and remained**

## **Jesus is seated far above**

### **Ephesians 1:20-23**

- When Jesus raised and ascended, seated at right hand of God in heavenly places far above all rule and authority and every name
- **Ephesians 2:6** – we are seated with Him, raised up with Him, in the same place
- Jesus has been given as the "Head over all things" = head over all rule and authority, all enemies
- as head over all things He is given to the "church"
- principalities and powers cannot block you from God, they have no authority in the kingdom of God

Jesus came as a Man and by His death and resurrection all enemies were defeated

### **Hebrews 2:14-15**

- ❖ through death Jesus "destroyed him who had the power of death"
- ❖ "destroyed" = his authority and power has been destroyed, he has no power to oppress, depress or harass you

## **Colossians 2:11-15**

- ❖ Jesus "disarmed principalities and powers"
- ❖ Jesus took their power away!
- ❖ He made a spectacle and open show of them
- ❖ Jesus humiliated them, stripped them naked of all their power

Jesus' death was not only to forgive our sins but so that we could be filled with the Holy Spirit

In Judges many awesome stories of people stirred and moved upon by the Spirit

- ❖ Samson a type of Christ, in death He destroyed the power of the enemy

Jesus died on the Cross for us to be able to experience the infilling of the Holy Spirit  
The kingdom of God is experienced in the Spirit

- ❖ it is not of this world – **John 18:36**
- ❖ we walk by the Spirit in the kingdom in righteousness, peace and joy in the Spirit – **Romans 14:17**

## **Next assignment for Jesus after baptism**

- go into the wilderness and defeat the devil as a Man in the earth
- Holy Spirit "drove" Jesus into the wilderness – **Mark 1:12**
- Jesus spent 40 days in preparation for a 3 round fight
- Jesus got a knockout in every round
- every baptised, Spirit-filled believer has the ability to have victory over the devil
- we enter into the battle in victory

## **Matthew 6:10**

- ❖ Jesus teaches us to pray for his kingdom
- ❖ The gospel is all about God's will being done on the earth as it is in heaven
- ❖ It is heaven coming to earth

The Gospel is all about preaching, the kingdom, Messiah, another realm

- ❖ even the realm of creation is waiting expectantly for the sons of God to manifest – **Romans 8:19**

The gospel is all about the sons of God being revealed

- ❖ it is not Jesus coming back but the sons arising that will deliver creation

## **Romans 8:29**

- ❖ we are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son
- ❖ called, justified and glorified!
- ❖ So we can walk in the glory on the earth – **Habakkuk 2:14**
- ❖ we grow up to be glorified in the earth

**MARK 1:1** - the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God

## **The Beginning**

- ❖ is in the Old Testament Scriptures, which are the Scriptures
- ❖ Mark refers to **Malachi 3:1 & Isaiah 40:3**
- ❖ Mark refers to the prophet talking about a messenger sent to introduce the real Messenger/Angel of the Covenant
- ❖ Then Mark points to the prophet Isaiah talking about a voice in the wilderness preparing the way for YHWH to come
- ❖ John the Baptist was sent to make the way for the Eternal God coming in the flesh!



### **Galatians 3:7-8**

- ❖ The sons of Abraham are those who are of faith
- ❖ The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand**
- ❖ The gospel began with Abraham saying, "In you all the families/nations of the earth will be blessed"
- ❖ Jesus is the Messiah of God for all nations, this is the gospel
- ❖ A Hebrew is someone who crossed over
- ❖ **V.9** – those of faith are blessed with believing Abraham
- ❖ Initial problem with church was that Jews did not want Gentiles who were not converted Jews being accepted in the church
- ❖ Those of faith are of his Seed

### **Galatians 3:16**

- ❖ The Seed of Abraham is singular, and it is Christ
  - ❖ Jesus is the Seed of Abraham
- v.29** – if you belong to Christ then you are Abraham's Seed and heirs of the promise

This is a big shift in our generation. Understanding the realities of the gospel in a fresh way with an enlarged perspective.

# **WHO IS JESUS?**

## **OUR CONFESSION**

God is calling for people who will be wholly committed and can be sent into the world as witnesses of Jesus the Messiah.

- A people who can stand and speak when needed

### **1 Timothy 6:12**

- fight the good fight of faith
- lay hold on eternal life
- keep up the confession of your faith without wavering (this is a daily battle)
- Jairus had a confession of faith (Mark 5:21-34), Jesus stopped Jairus from making a bad confession. He told him not to be afraid but to believe.
- It is in the confession of faith that we actually lay hold of eternal life.
- Keep the confession of who Jesus is in the midst of whatever situation you are going through.
- Jesus never changes.
- When you make the confession of faith, you lay hold of something

### **v.13 – God gives life to all things**

- even Christ Jesus witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate

### **v.14 – the Lord Jesus will manifest His appearing in His own time**

- Jesus the Messiah is the blessed and only Potentate (Sovereign)
- Jesus has all the ability and power

### **Potentate – *dunastes***

- ❖ to do with dynasty
- ❖ means a prince in terms of power
- ❖ a high officer, a ruler

The gospel is all about Jesus Christ the Son of God (**Mark 1:1**). The preaching of Jesus the Messiah is being restored in these days. We need to believe in His name – who Jesus is. Everything flows out of the revelation of who Jesus is.

**Colossians 2:9** – all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Christ

**1 Tim 6:15** -Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords

**v.16** – He dwells in unapproachable light

**(Acts 9:5** – Jesus is the Lord, the One who dwells in unapproachable light)

Saul was transformed when he encountered Jesus

**v.16 – Power - *kratos*** – to Jesus belongs everlasting power (dominion, a ruling and reigning authority)

Jesus is the ruling authority NOW.

## **What is your confession?**

**1 John 4:15** - whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God

**Confess** – SC#3670 Gk *homologeō* – means to speak the same thing, to agree with

- ❖ to declare openly, to profess
- ❖ to assent, i.e. to covenant or to acknowledge

We access who Jesus is and make covenant through our confession.

When you agree with who Jesus is, you are able to access the promises of the covenant.

## **Romans 10:9-10**

- ❖ if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
- ❖ confessing that Jesus is the Lord (the owner and possessor of all)
- ❖ Jesus rules and owns everything
- ❖ The ends of the earth are His possession (**Psalm 2:8**)
- ❖ Abraham met Melchizedek who blessed him in the name of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth (**Gen 14:18-19**)
- ❖ All souls are Mine (**Ezekiel 18:4**) – The “Lord” owns everybody
- ❖ It is good for us to submit to the One who is possessor of all

The word *confess* has the connotation of “a binding public declaration by which a legal relation is contractually established” (Kingdom Dynamics SFLB)

- ❖ If we confess Jesus before men, He will bring us into the covenant.
- ❖ When we come to Jesus, confessing Him, something solid is established (a covenant is established)
- ❖ Jesus is our Father now. He takes responsibility for us. We are His by covenant.
- ❖ In the New Covenant we just need to agree with God. He will do it. He says ‘I will...’ (**Hebrews 8:10-12**)

## **Matthew 1**

**v.1** – Jesus is the Son of David, the Son of Abraham

- God has made an everlasting covenant – the sure mercies of David (**Isaiah 55:3**)
- our confession needs to line up with the word of God
- Jesus will stop and respond to us as we confess who He is
- our confession releases who Jesus is to us

**v.18-20** - an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream

- the angel reminded Joseph of his own identity (Joseph, son of David)
- Jesus was conceived (begotten) by the Holy Spirit
- the angel told Joseph that the origin of the Child was the Holy Spirit
- this is heaven entering earth and flesh
- this is the beginning of the reconciling of all things (heaven and earth together in Christ – **Colossians 1:20**)

**v.22-23** - all this was done so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled

- the Scriptures actually testify of Jesus (**John 5:39**)
- Immanuel = God-With-Us (**Isaiah 7:14**)
- God, by His Spirit, entered into human flesh

**John 1:1** - in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God

**v.14** – the Word (who is God) became flesh and “dwelt” (tabernacled, pitched His tent) among us

- ❖ this refers back to when the LORD pitched His tent and was with His people in the wilderness
- ❖ we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth
- ❖ Jesus is God who became flesh (God who pitched His tent among us)

**v.9-11** – He is the true (real, genuine, authentic) light, which coming into the world, gives light to every man

- ❖ He was in the world, and the world did not know Him
- ❖ But to as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God
- ❖ All the fullness of God was in Him

### **Luke 1:30-31**

- ❖ **Matt 1:21** – call His name JESUS for He will save His people from their sins
- ❖ When we confess Jesus, we are making a covenant with Him who saves and delivers, the one who liberates you from oppression, the one who heals and restores (spirit, soul and body)
- ❖ Whoever calls on the name of Jesus will be saved (it is a binding declaration) –  
**Romans 10:13, Acts 4:12**

### **Isaiah 9:6**

- ❖ a confession of the Son
- ❖ unto us a Child is born (**Isaiah 7:14**)
- ❖ unto us a Son is given (Jesus was given as the Son at His baptism when He was 30yrs old)
- ❖ the Father confessed Jesus to be His Son
- ❖ the government will be upon His shoulder
- ❖ the name of the Son will be called Wonderful (Judges 13:18)
- ❖ His name will be called Counselor, Mighty God (God the Hero and Champion), Everlasting Father (Father of Eternity), Prince of Peace
- ❖ Jesus said, ‘If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father’ (**John 14:9**)

# **THE GOOD CONFESSION**

O Man of God, the Good Confession

## **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Flee from error, greed (is any form of self-seeking, covetousness), harmful lusts, love of money; pursue righteousness (a God lover), godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness

It is in this context that we fight the good fight of faith

How do we train to fight? By fleeing some things and pursuing others because you love God

- ❖ lay hold on eternal life – do not let it come out of your focus
- ❖ **Jude 20-21** – “looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life
- ❖ we are meant to experience eternal life every day
- ❖ when did you confess Christ? Sooner or later you have to go public!

**v.13** - we are in the sight of God

- even out of the garden of Eden they were in the Presence of God
- Cain killed Abel in the Presence of God
- Cain left the Presence in **Genesis 4:16**
- Do not switch off out of the Presence, stay in eternal life
- God is there all the time; we are in the sight of Jesus

## **Jesus' good confession**

**John 18:36**

- ❖ My kingdom is not of this world
- ❖ My kingdom is not from here

**v.37** - I am a king

- if you of the truth you can receive the confession of Jesus as the King, the Messiah

**1 Timothy 6:12** - we are called; what is the calling?

**Acts 13:48b** – as many as had been appointed to eternal life, believed

**Ephesians 1:4-5** – you were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blame...predestined to the adoption as sons

- ❖ this is our calling

There needs to be a pioneering people, a spearhead people, forging the way

## **1 Timothy 6:14**

- keep this commandment without spot
- “commandment” = commission, injunction (calling on a higher authority), an authoritative prescription
- “without spot” = with clear conscience, God wants to cleanse us from an evil conscience (a conscience remembering your failures and sins)
- baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God (**1 Peter 3:20-21**)

- that baptism out of a good conscience places us in the resurrection far above angels  
We are to keep this commandment "until the Lord of us, Jesus Christ appears"

### **Titus 2:12-13.**

- ❖ live soberly, righteously and godly in present age
- ❖ looking for blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ
- ❖ the blessed hope – **Colossians 1:27**
- ❖ looking for His appearing

### **1 Timothy 6:15** - who is "He"?

- in context it is the Lord Jesus Christ
- on earth Jesus said that Father was only One who knew the time of coming
- now the Lord Jesus will manifest His appearing in His own time

### **He is the "Blessed" and only Potentate**

#### **Romans 9:4-5**

- ❖ a list of wonderful things that God gave the Israelites
- ❖ He gave them the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the service, the promises, of whom are the fathers
- ❖ According to the flesh, Christ, who is over all
- ❖ Messiah is over all, eternally blessed God
- ❖ Messiah is the eternally "Blessed" God

### **Mark 14:61**

- ❖ High Priest said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
- ❖ Here, the "Blessed" is God
- ❖ In **Romans 9:5** the Messiah is the Blessed
- ❖ In **1 Tim.6:15** the Lord Jesus is the Blessed
- ❖ **v.62** – Jesus said, "I AM" – the name revealed to Moses in **Exodus 3:14**

- ❖ **John 8:58** – before Abraham was I AM (**Matt.14:27**)

- ❖ **"Potentate"** – a very powerful person, no one to compare, Sovereign – **Acts 8:27** – Eunuch had great authority
- ❖ "King of kings and Lord of lords", also in **Revelation 19:16**, name is written on His thigh (the One who is on the White Horse, His name is the Word of God)
- ❖ The Rider of the White Horse had a bow in **Rev.6:2**

**John 1:18** – No one has seen God at any time but the only begotten Son, who is the bosom of the Father, He has explained, declared and revealed Him

### **Abraham was called a Hebrew, one who crosses over**

- ❖ Abraham crossed over the river to get out of Iraq and then would have crossed the Jordan to go into the land
- ❖ Are you a Hebrew?
- ❖ Hebrew is not ethnicity or family, not a race
- ❖ From the day he crossed over he became a Hebrew
- ❖ They were known as Hebrews after Abraham crossed over
- ❖ Abraham by ethnicity was a Syrian, but he became a Hebrew by obeying God and stepping into the land of inheritance

- ❖ Abraham is not only heir of the land (in Israel), he is the inheritor of the world (**Romans 4:13**)
- ❖ We are to possess the world for God's kingdom

**1 Timothy 1:17** - Now to the King eternal!

- Christ is the Anointed King; He is immortal (cannot be killed); invisible
- to God alone who is wise

**1 Timothy 1:11** - do you know the "Blessed God" and His gospel; this is sound doctrine

### **Crossing Over**

We come to know Him who is from the beginning

**1 John 2:12-14**

- Fathers, you know Him who is from the beginning
- Fathers are those who know God, the eternal One, they have crossed over, they are Hebrews

### **Deuteronomy 6:4**

- ❖ YHWH is our God, YHWH is one
- ❖ We are to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, strength
- ❖ This revelation is crossing over

**Who is God?** As early as **Genesis 2:4** God is identified as YHWH Elohim

### **This personal God spoke to Abraham as a friend**

- ❖ the Jews are the enemies of the gospel because they get offended
- ❖ but they are beloved by God for the sake of the fathers – because God is good friends with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- ❖ And God is a faithful friend

He is not only the great Creator God

He is not just a theological concept

He is the eternal God from whom and to whom all things live

### **Abraham, the Hebrew, is the one who crossed over**

What do we have to cross over?

We need to "cross over" to enter into the purpose of God

God wants to raise up a remnant church that Jesus can be seen in

We are to be a pattern people to show the way

What is the river? It is the river of revelation – in the days of Gideon, 300 went through the test to bring about God's purpose for all His people, they became "Hebrews"

It is the river of revelation of who Jesus is, it flows from the throne of God

Many speak from the Bible but do not mention Jesus

Is it possible to love God without Jesus? No, you cannot actually know God without Jesus

**2 John 7-9** – abide in the doctrine of Christ and you will have God

Sons are begotten; Children are born

**Hebrews 2:10** – Jesus went to the Cross to bring many sons to glory

- ❖ we are to pursue the glory

- ❖ the Glory dwelt in the Tabernacle with Israel in the wilderness
- ❖ we need to stay with the Glory

**Revelation 2:4-5** – Jesus was not prepared to have a love-less relationship with a church that was working hard for Him

**Hosea 6:1-3** – are you pursuing the knowledge of Jesus?



# **APOSTLES' DOCTRINE**

What is the "doctrine" of the Scriptures that we should be adhering to?

## **Deuteronomy 32:2-4**

- ❖ Let my teaching/doctrine drop as the rain
- ❖ My speech distills as the dew...

## **Acts 2:42**

- ❖ they continued steadfastly in the **apostles' doctrine**
- ❖ **Revelation 2:4-5** – they had left their first love, they were told to repent and do the "first works"
- ❖ What are the first works? To continue in i) apostles' doctrine, ii) fellowship of the saints, iii) breaking of bread/Table of the Lord, iv) prayers together
- ❖ You will not stray from Jesus if you continue this

## **What is the apostles' doctrine?**

### **Matthew 28:20**

- ❖ the apostles were "teaching them to observe all things" Jesus commanded
- ❖ He said He would be with us till the end of the age, when Jesus appears

## **Acts 5:28**

- ❖ "you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine..."
- ❖ They were "teaching in this name" (Jesus)
- ❖ The apostles were teaching the commands of Jesus, and preaching Jesus is the Christ...
- ❖ All through Acts they were continually proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God, alive from the dead

Do you love the Bible? Ask God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to understand the Scriptures

## **1 Timothy 1:8-11**

- The "Law" in Hebrew is "Torah", which means teaching, doctrine, instruction (**2**

**Timothy 3:16** – All Scripture – Genesis to Revelation – is inspired of God and profitable for **doctrine**, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness)

- The Law is good if used lawfully
  - the Law is not for a righteous person, because they are forgiven and have sins washed away and are living by faith in the Living God
  - righteous sons of God do not need the law because Jesus fulfilled the law becoming the sacrifice
- "the law is for the sinner, sound doctrine is for the saints"

Sound doctrine has got to do with how to behave and conduct ourselves in all relationships

"Sound doctrine" is according to the glorious gospel of the Blessed God!

### **Acts 5:41**

- ❖ apostles had just been beaten by the authorities
- ❖ they rejoiced they were counted worthy to suffer for Jesus

### **v.42** - and so they continued "daily"

- daily in the temple and in every house, they did not cease/stop teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ; without ceasing
- are you serious about being a minister of Jesus Christ

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

- ❖ "the faith" = the doctrine, the beliefs you come to know in Christ, the torah
- ❖ We learn to defend the hope that is in us
- ❖ It is being in an argument without getting angry and losing peace, standing ground for what you know is truth
- ❖ Contending earnestly means you will probably offend a lot of people

### **Apostle Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles**

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

- ❖ Paul dwelt 2 whole years in his own rented house
- ❖ What was he doing? Preaching the kingdom of God, explaining how God's government is real and to be experienced every day
- ❖ Teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, giving the revelation of Jesus
- ❖ Paul did not have lots of his own personal wealth

### **Acts 8:12** - What did Philip preach? He had been a disciple of the apostles and a deacon in Jerusalem

- ❖ He preached the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ; This is the gospel

### **Important expression of doctrine**

#### **2 John 7-9**

- they do not confess Jesus Christ coming in the flesh
- these are deceivers and anti-Christ
- they do not receive Jesus Christ as God coming in the flesh
- Jesus Christ is the Living Doctrine
- what makes you a deceiver? Denying Jesus Christ came as God in the flesh

**(1 Cor.12:28** – apostles are first to be the progenitors and custodians of the doctrine!)

### **v.8** - go for the full reward and do not lose what you worked for

### **v.9** - whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine/teaching of Christ, does not have God

- if you abide in the doctrine of Christ, you will have the Father and the Son
- in late 3rd, then 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries, bishops came up with "creeds" – let us stick with the apostles' doctrine
- Father is revealed in the Son; knowing the Son is the only way to know Father
- This is a primary doctrine that needs to be taught in the church worldwide
- God is revealed fully in Jesus
- The Son is the emanation, the full expression of God

**1 Timothy 1:3** - charge some that they teach **no other doctrine**

- there is no other doctrine
- what doctrine have I been taught?
- most of us have not received sound doctrine
- there are not "many forms of teaching"
- there is only one, the faith, the apostles' doctrine

**1 Timothy 1:9-10**

- law is for sinners, is relevant for our society here in Australia
- they need the law of God to convict them of their wretchedness, so they can turn to God in repentance (**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)

**Sound doctrine** is according to the glorious gospel of the Blessed God

- ❖ this doctrine has been committed to us
- ❖ we must receive sound doctrine to live the new life, to tap into the glorious gospel of the Blessed God

**1 Timothy 4:6**

- if Timothy instructs others in apostolic teaching then others will be "nourished in the words of faith and in the good doctrine which you have carefully followed"
- good doctrine satisfies you
- and this helps you reject profane and old wives' fables

**Acts 13:12** - the proconsul was astonished at the "teaching/doctrine of the Lord"

- ❖ he believed
- ❖ the doctrine = "the straight ways of the Lord" (**Acts 13:10-11**)

**Acts 17:19** - May we know what this new doctrine is...

- ❖ The doctrine here was the "resurrection"

**Romans 6:17** - obey from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered/entrusted

- ❖ you have been entrusted with the doctrine, handle it as something precious
- ❖ no longer a slave of sin if you obey the doctrine
- ❖ in the context, the doctrine is baptism

**Romans 16:17** - note those who cause divisions and offenses

- ❖ do not live by the offense, but by sound doctrine
- ❖ this is contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them
- ❖ offended people will try to spread the offense and it creates a toxic atmosphere
- ❖ we are to judge situations by the doctrine you have learned

**Matthew 22:33** - they were astonished at the doctrine of Jesus about the resurrection

**Luke 4:31-32** - Jesus went from place to place teaching the doctrine

- ❖ Teachers are itinerant

**Mark 1:27** - the doctrine casts out demons

## **What is not apostles' doctrine?**

### **1. Matthew 16:11-12**

- ❖ beware of the leaven of Pharisees
- ❖ meaning to beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Saducees

### **2. Ephesians 4:14**

- ❖ no longer children tossed about by every wind of doctrine

### **3. Mark 7:7**

- ❖ teaching as doctrines the commandments of men
- ❖ this causes vain worship

### **4. 1 Timothy 4:1**

- ❖ doctrines of demons
- ❖ food laws, forbidding marriage etc are doctrines of demons

### **5. Hebrews 13:9**

- ❖ beware of various and strange doctrines
- ❖ Jesus the Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (**v.8**) – the eternal reality of Jesus
- ❖ Good for the heart to be established by grace, not foods

### **6. Revelation 2:14-15**

- ❖ doctrine of Balaam and Nicolaitans
- ❖ Balaam = prophesying for profit, immorality, sorcery, consulting demons for knowledge
- ❖ Nicolaitans = those who control and conquer the people of God, ordained clergy rule the people
- ❖ Jesus hates this doctrine

**Mark 4:2** – Parables are part of doctrine

## **John 7:15-18**

- ❖ Jesus did not have a "tertiary education", never associated with a famous Rabbi
- ❖ How did He know letters?
- ❖ "Letters" is similar to a degree in modern world
- ❖ "Doctrine is not Mine but His who sent Me" – it is doctrine of God!
- ❖ How do you know the doctrine of God? By being a person seeking to do God's will
- ❖ Then you will know if the doctrine is from God or their own
- ❖ Is tempting to take some glory of what we think we know
- ❖ Doctrine of God should be spoken clearly so all can understand, doctrine is known by revelation, not by normal educational means

## **1 Corinthians 14:26**

- each one has a "teaching/doctrine"
- this is an understanding of the Word that has been given to you by the Spirit

## **1 Timothy 4:13** - give attention to 3 things

1. Reading = public reading of Scriptures
2. Exhortation = preaching
3. Doctrine = teaching

**1 Timothy 4:16** - take heed to yourself and to the doctrine  
- if we continue in the doctrine people will be saved

**1 Timothy 6:1** - employees count their bosses worthy of all honour so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed (**Psalms 138:2**)  
- we will stumble others if we do not behave according to the doctrine

**1 Timothy 6:3** - doctrine accords with godliness

**1 Timothy 5:18** - labour in word and doctrine – receive double honour

**2 Timothy 4:2** - Preach the Word  
- convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching/doctrine  
- when you teach doctrine, you teach yourself

**Titus 1:9** - holding fast the faithful word that by sound doctrine you can exhort and convict

**Titus 2:1,7-8**

It is awesome to study doctrine  
Law/Legalism is for sinners

**Sound doctrine is for the saints**

# **KEEP YOURSELVES FROM IDOLS**

## **1 John 5:20-21**

- we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ
- This is the true God and eternal life
- The Son of God, Jesus Christ, is the true God
- Eternal life is not something, it is someone – Jesus
- v.21 – Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.
- don't worship anything else but the Son of God

Word Wealth – **Mark 12:30** (SFLB)

**Mind** (Understanding) – *dianoia*

- ❖ lit. means 'a thinking through'
- ❖ suggests understanding, insight, meditation, reflection, perception, the gift of apprehension

We are to lay hold of and apprehend the true God by laying hold of the Son of God

## **1 John 5:20**

- that we may know Him

**Know** – Gk SC#1097 – *Ginosko*

- ❖ it means to know absolutely, to recognise, to understand completely, the sense of knowing with observation and experience

When we come to know the Son of God, we come to know God absolutely. The Son of God is the plumb line (the standard). We will be able to discern what is of God and what is not.

Luke writes that he has received perfect understanding at the beginning of his gospel.  
(**Luke 1:3**)

**True** – SC#288 – *alethinos*

- ❖ true in the sense of being real, ideal, genuine and authentic

## **1 John 1:1-3**

- John had deep understanding and revelation of Jesus
- He knew Him who was true
- He knew Him who was from the beginning
- the life was manifested as a person; - it is real, they saw and heard
- truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ

## **1 John 5:20**

- that we may know Him who is true

Anything that is not the doctrine of Christ (**2 John 7-9**), is not the true doctrine.

## **What is an idol?**

**Jeremiah 10:8** - a wooden idol is a worthless doctrine; an empty and worthless teaching

**Idol** – Heb SC#6086: means a tree, wood, sticks

### **Jeremiah 10:2-7**

- ❖ the customs of the people are vanity (empty)
  - ❖ these idols cannot speak; they cannot do evil or good
  - ❖ But there is none like YHWH; YHWH is great, King of the nations
- v.10** But YHWH is the true God; He is the everlasting King

What doctrine are you eating? An idol is a worthless doctrine. Are you feeding on the doctrine of Christ?

**Lev 19:4** - do not turn to idols

**idol** Heb SC#457 – *eliyl*: lit. means good for nothing, vain, vanity, nought

**Zech 11:17** - same word for 'idol' used

- ❖ Woe to the worthless shepherd; They leave the flock
  - ❖ They only care for themselves (not real or genuine)
- v.16** – he rips off the sheep, he looks to feed only himself (the doctrine of Balaam)

**Rev 2:14** – **what is the doctrine of Balaam**

- ❖ they put a stumbling block before the children
- ❖ teaching and preaching a mixture (bring compromise and false comfort)
- ❖ good for nothing

An idol is not just an object, but **a doctrine that causes you to worship something that is not the true God**. There are so many idols in the Christian world. Don't turn to nothing, turn to the real God.

**Mark 7:7** - in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men; this causes people to worship something other than the true God

**Exodus 32:2-5**

- ❖ Aaron received the gold from the hand of the people and made a molded calf
- ❖ They called the molded calf YHWH
- ❖ Christian idolatry

By forming a denominational doctrine, we make an idol. Keep yourselves from idols and come to the real God who is living and active.

In this day, God is restoring to us the apostles' doctrine (a return to the Scriptures).

**Job 13:4** - the word 'idol' is used here

- ❖ You are all worthless physicians
- ❖ Idols forge lies, they give the wrong image of God

**Jeremiah 14:14** - the plural form of the word idol

- ❖ they prophesy a worthless thing
- ❖ false prophecy causes people to worship an idol

**Rev 19:10** – we are to prophesy Jesus

## **Habakkuk 2:18-20**

- ❖ What profit (benefit) is the image?
- ❖ A molded image is a teacher of lies
- ❖ These idols are teachers of lies, no substance to their doctrine
- ❖ But YHWH is in His holy temple, listen to Him

## **Zechariah 10:2**

- ❖ for the idols speak delusion, they comfort in vain
- ❖ they tell false dreams, envisioning lies
- ❖ they have no shepherd

## **Idols – teraphim**

- ❖ lit. means a healer, a household idol, a spirit, a demon

## **There is such a need for true doctrine.**

### **1 Corinthians 10:14** - - flee from idolatry

- **v.16** – run to the Table of the Lord, eat and drink of Jesus
- come to the altar from which you receive the true God
- His words are Spirit and they are life (**John 6:63**)

## **Rev 2:20**

- ❖ the prophetess Jezebel seduces God's people to eat things offered to idols and commit sexual immorality
- ❖ she speaks as a prophetess
- ❖ she tries to undermine authority and manipulate
- ❖ beware of Jezebel, she will try to get you to eat something offered to an idol

## **2 Cor 11:2-4**

- the heart of an apostle – 'I am jealous for you with godly jealousy'
- in the beginning, the devil deceived Eve to eat something offered to an idol (she listened to the wrong doctrine and ate from the wrong tree)
- we need to eat what was sacrificed to God
- we need to eat and feed on Jesus, then we will know the true God
- When the Son of Man is lifted up, then you will know that I AM (**John 8:28**)

## **2 Cor 11:3-4** - Three things mentioned

1. another Jesus
2. a different spirit
3. a different gospel

We are not to put up with these things.

Before Paul met Jesus, he worshiped an idol. He did not know Jesus. He worshiped the wrong "image of God"

## **Colossians 2**

**v.1** – the apostolic conflict (struggle)

**v.2** desiring the brethren 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

- ❖ the conflict is to bring people into the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ

**v.3** - in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

- ❖ the manifold wisdom of God is in the Messiah (**Eph.3:10**)



**v.4** – beware lest anyone deceive you with persuasive words (worthless doctrines)

**v.5** – we are to teach faith in Christ

- ❖ there is no other foundation other than Christ (**1 Cor 3:11**)
- ❖ we are to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord (this brings us into the mystery of God)

**v.8** Don't be cheated through philosophy and empty deceit, the basics principles of this world (the doctrines of demons), not according to Christ

- ❖ It is all about Christ
- ❖ We need to preach Christ

**V.9** – In Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

- ❖ God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself (**2 Cor 5:19**)
- ❖ We are complete in Him (Christ)
- ❖ The preaching of who Jesus is needs to be restored

**Little children keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**

# DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

## **Hebrews 6:1-2**

- ❖ leaving the "doctrine" (NKJV 'discussion')
- ❖ of the "elementaries" of Christ
- ❖ let us go on to perfection (maturity)
- ❖ not laying again the foundation of "repentance from dead works" (a practice, not a doctrine)
- ❖ of faith toward God (a practice, a reality)
- ❖ of the "doctrine of baptisms" – a doctrine
- ❖ of laying on of hands (again a practice more than a doctrine)
- ❖ of the resurrection of the dead (a doctrine)
- ❖ and of eternal judgement (a reality, not really a doctrine, it comes as the consequence for your behaviour)

"*Baptisms*" – not normal word for baptism

- ❖ the normal word for baptism Gk#908 "baptisma" = process of immersion, submersion and emergence
- ❖ verb = Gk#907 "baptizo" – to make overwhelmed, fully wet
- ❖ "Baptisms" = Gk #909 "baptismos" – refers to ceremonial washings
- ❖ This is why "baptism in Holy Spirit" is not being spoken of in the "doctrine of baptisms"
- ❖ Washings under the law is washing in water

## **Matthew 28:19**

- ❖ Lord Jesus commanded baptism
- ❖ In **v.18** – Jesus established He had all authority
- ❖ Make disciples of all nations **baptising** them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ❖ **Mark 16:15-16** – He who believes and is **baptised** will be saved

## **Who do you preach to someone to get them saved?**

- ❖ We preach Jesus
- ❖ Peter preached Jesus on day of Pentecost and told them "Repent and ...**be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ...** (**Acts 2:38**)
- ❖ Baptism is a fundamental issue in the church
- ❖ It needs to happen to bring someone fully into Christ

## **Peter Package – Acts 2:38**

1. Repent – change your mind to believe in Jesus
2. Be baptised...in the name of Jesus Christ for remission (cutting off) of sins
3. Receive Holy Spirit

## **Matthew 28:19** – who did Jesus speak to?

- ❖ to the apostles; after the resurrection, last instructions before ascending to Heaven
- Baptising them in the **name** of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

## **Word Wealth John 12:13**

- ❖ Gk. "onoma" – common in Hebrew (Shem) and Hellenistic Greek used 'onoma' for all that the name implies, such as rank and authority...synonymous for a person

### **Baptising in the name**

- ❖ is it "names" or a "name" (singular)
- ❖ is there a name which reveals Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- ❖ Moses needed a name! Not enough to say "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" – he needed a name
- ❖ God said to tell that "I AM" sent you
- ❖ Not enough to say "baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" – must ask "what is the name?"
- ❖ Apostolic faith and reality was stifled very early on in the church – **3John9**

## **Peter and the apostles were there to hear Jesus give the command for baptism**

This could have been 40 days after His resurrection

- ❖ 10 days later the Day of Pentecost came
- ❖ Peter baptised **in the name** that reveals the fullness of the Godhead
- ❖ He baptised in the **name of Jesus**
- ❖ Jesus is the emanation of God, the express image of God, the fullness
- ❖ **Hebrews 1:8, 10** – The Son is called God, the Son is called Yehovah/Yahweh

Somewhere between Malachi and when Jesus came the Jews stopped using the name YHWH and called Him "Ha Shem" (the Name) or "Adonai" (the Lord in all His glorious attributes)

- ❖ they lost their personal contact with God
- ❖ they lost their personal relationship with Him

### **"Baptising in the name"**

- ❖ what is Jesus talking about
- ❖ **Deut. 6:4** – Yahweh is one
- ❖ the fullness of the Godhead was in Christ bodily – **Colossians 2:9**
- ❖ baptism in Jesus the Messiah puts you in Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ❖ His name is **JESUS** – **Matt.1:21**

## **Philippians 2:9-11**

- ❖ God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name above every name...
- ❖ That at the **name of Jesus** every knee will bow

The formula needs to be examined by Scripture – what do the Scriptures say?

**Acts 2:38,42** – name of Jesus Christ, filled with Holy Spirit and they continued in the first works

## **Acts 8:12, 16**

- ❖ those who believed Philip as he preached kingdom of God and name of Jesus they were baptised
- ❖ v.16 – they had been baptised in the **name of the Lord Jesus**

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

- ❖ Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian
- ❖ What hinders me from being baptised?
- ❖ When you preach Jesus do people want to be baptised?
- ❖ Qualification for baptism = believe in Jesus Christ with all your heart
- ❖ "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God" – I believe "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" – **2 Corinthians 5:19**
- ❖ What name do you think Philip baptised in?

### **Acts 9:3**

- ❖ Saul is on the way to arrest more Christians
- ❖ Light shone on him, heard the voice, Saul said "Who are You, Lord"
- ❖ He knew the voice was the Lord
- ❖ "I AM Jesus"
- ❖ What name do you think Saul got baptised in in **Acts 9:17?**
- ❖ After Saul is baptised he preached immediately in the synagogues that Messiah is the Son of God and Jesus is the Christ

### **Acts 10:44-48**

- ❖ Holy Spirit fell on all hearing the word from Peter
- ❖ Gift of Holy Spirit poured out
- ❖ He baptised them in **the name of the Lord**

### **Acts 16:31-33**

- ❖ believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved...
- ❖ immediately he and his family were baptised
- ❖ what name? who was preached?

### **Acts 19:4-5**

- ❖ Paul found disciples of John the Baptist
- ❖ Believe on Christ Jesus
- ❖ Baptised in **the name of the Lord Jesus**
  - **In the Gospels** – Jesus tells us what to do
  - **In the book of Acts** – apostles show us how to do it
  - **In the Epistles** – apostles teach why we do it

## **THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISM**

### **Romans 6:3**

- ❖ baptism is a death experience, dying with Jesus, baptism into death
- ❖ we are baptised **into Christ Jesus** = apostolic application of Jesus' command

**v.4** – we are buried with Him – submersion

**v.5** – emergence in likeness of His resurrection

**v.6** – understanding old man was crucified with Him

- body of sin done away with
- no longer slave of sin, have victory over sin

**v.7** – dead men cannot sin

- baptised people die with Christ
- I died at my baptism so I am free of sin

**v.8** – we live with Him now every day

**v.9** – death has no dominion over Jesus and we are to be hidden in Him

**v.10** – He died to sin once for all

**v.11** – reckon (to consider) yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord

**Galatians 2:20** – we died on the day we were baptised, that is the truth no matter how you feel

### **1 Peter 3:18-21**

- Christ was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit
- Jesus the flesh and blood Man died
- but according to the Spirit He was made alive
- by the Spirit Jesus then went down and preached to the spirits in prison
- these spirits were disobedient in the days of Noah and God had to wait – “the Divine longsuffering waited”
- finally eight souls **were saved through water**
- now there is an “antitype” (a corresponding thing with water that saves us)
- that is “baptism which saves us”
- it is not the removal of the filth of the flesh – only the blood can get rid of the filth of the flesh
- but the answer of a cleansed, good conscience toward God is to look for baptism
- baptism has to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ who has gone into heaven
- angels, powers subject to Christ (**Ephesians 1:21**)

**Doctrine of “baptisms”** – ceremonial washings in water

❖ **Eph.4:4** – there is only One baptism

❖ what is the doctrine of “baptisms” [washings]?

❖ There are three washings in the Scripture that we can learn from

❖ John’s baptism, Jesus’ baptism and the believer’s baptism

#### John’s Baptism

❖ was the will of God to point people to the Messiah

❖ for repentance

❖ it was a preparation for Messiah

#### Jesus’ Baptism

❖ being washed by John (the real High Priest from the house of Aaron) to be the High Priest

❖ heavens opened, Spirit of God poured out without measure and remaining with Him

❖ fulfilled all righteousness

#### Believer’s Baptism

❖ we get all of John’s and Jesus’ baptism put together

❖ repent, so that we can get into Christ, be filled with the Spirit

❖ baptised into Christ, into His Body (**1 Cor.12:13**)

# SONS OF GOD (APOKALUPSIS)

You were created to be a son of God (able to inherit, in the image and likeness of God).

## **Romans 8:18-19**

- ❖ the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us
- ❖ the glory is to be revealed in us
- ❖ our destiny is to reveal God's glory in the earth
- ❖ **v.19** – all of creation eagerly waits for the manifestation of the sons of God
- ❖ all creation is in expectation (longing for)

Our job is to prepare the earth for the coming of the Lord.  
Sons of God reveal the glory of the Lord in the earth.

## **Isaiah 26:16-18**

- ❖ the people of God had not fulfilled their destiny
- ❖ they had not accomplished deliverance in the earth
- ❖ they brought forth wind
- ❖ **Rev 12** – a woman brought forth a Man Child (a corporate entity – those who keep the commandments and the testimony of Jesus)
- ❖ God's plan was always to bring forth a son – a corporate son manifesting His glory in the earth
- ❖ When the sons of God are manifesting, it is an apocalypse

## **1 Kings 19:19-21**

- Elijah commissioned to find Elisha
- Elijah needed to raise Elisha (He needed to raise a son).
- Elijah passed by Elisha and threw his mantle on him
- Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah
- Elisha cut ties, he was now a disciple of Elijah
- Elijah means 'my God is YHWH'
- Elijah was a walking prophetic message
- Elisha means 'my God saves'
- **v.21** – Elisha learnt how to serve (he became Elijah's servant)
- Jesus calls us to come and learn from Him (**Matt 11:28-29**)

## **2 Kings 3:11**

- Elisha poured water on the hands of Elijah (personal servant)
- likewise Timothy ministered to Paul and served him (**Acts 19:22**)
- Elisha was known as someone who attended to the needs of Elijah

## **2 Kings 2**

- v.2 – Elisha was not willing to leave Elijah
- v.3 - the sons of the prophets told Elisha that his master would be taken away from him
- v.4 – Elisha would not leave Elijah
- We need the heart of Elisha too, a heart that won't settle when there is something more

- v.5-6 – Elisha had many opportunities to stay where he was, but he chose to go on with Elijah
- he did not settle for Pentecost, he knew there was something more to enter into
- he stood by the Jordan (the place of crossing over) - it was time to cross over

### **Joshua 3:3-5**

- ❖ in order to enter the promises and to enter the land, we need to follow the glory (the Ark of His Presence) through the Jordan
- ❖ Are you following the glory?
- ❖ Go after the glory
- ❖ **v.4** – you have not passed this way before (entering into a new reality in God)
- ❖ **v.5** – sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow YHWH will do wonders among you
- ❖ God said, 'Moses My servant is dead'
- ❖ Joshua took the people in as a generation of sons

### **2 Kings 2**

- v.8 – the two of them crossed over on dry ground
- v.9 – when they had crossed over, Elijah asked Elisha what he wanted (ask)

### **Psalm 2:7-8** – Ask; sons get to ask

- ask of Me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, the ends of the earth for your possession
- Jesus was at the Jordan being baptised when the Father declared, 'This is My beloved Son'
- at the Jordan, YHWH says 'Ask'
- the firstborn son got a double portion for his inheritance
- Elisha wanted the right of a firstborn son (a double portion); he had asked a hard thing
- he firstly had to see what Elijah had seen (it is by revelation)

**Revelation** (apocalypses) – means to take off the cover, to unveil, to disclose something that was previously hidden

God wants to fully take off the cover. He wants everyone to see the glory being manifested in you.

The glory was always in Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the waters of baptism at the Jordan, He saw the heavens open. We have to see (revelation).

### **2 Kings 2**

- **v.11** – Elisha saw a chariot of fire with horses of fire
- he saw; his eyes were opened
- he cried out, 'My father, my father...'; maybe he saw the God of Elijah
- he saw, he got a revelation
- Jesus began to manifest as the Son after He came to the Jordan river after "He saw" the heaven opened, and the Spirit come upon Him
- Ezekiel also saw the heavens open (Chapter 1)
- Ezekiel saw visions of God, the appearance of a throne, the appearance of the likeness of the Son of Man above the Throne (**Ezekiel 1**)

- ❖ Elisha became a son
- ❖ He had to see his Father and get to know Him
- ❖ He saw Elijah no more
- ❖ He took his own clothes and tore them into pieces
- ❖ Pentecost is awesome, but there is something more – a revelation of your Father

**v.13-14** – Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and struck the water

- ❖ Now the spirit of sonship can rest upon Elisha
- ❖ **John 20:17** – Jesus said, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God'
- ❖ the spirit of personal relationship with YHWH
- ❖ The spirit of Elijah (My God is YHWH) rested on Elisha
- ❖ Elisha did not raise a son

From Jesus' baptism, He began to manifest as the Son.

**Luke 3:38** – Adam described as the son of God (he was in the image and likeness of God)

- ❖ God has always wanted sons.
- ❖ He wants sons to fill the earth, to subdue and have dominion
- ❖ Sons were created to bring into creation the manifest glory of the eternal God
- ❖ That's why all creation is waiting (**Romans 8:18-19**)
- ❖ Sons bring deliverance and change where they are planted

The manifestation of sons is not for a future time. We can begin to walk in it now.

Jesus was made perfect through sufferings. He is the author of eternal salvation.

The Mount of Transfiguration happened before the resurrection. Even Elijah and Moses appeared with Him.

There is another feast to come to - The Feast of Tabernacles.

## **Romans**

- ❖ in **Chapter 1 and 2** we realise that we are guilty under sin
- ❖ he is setting the scene for the gospel
- ❖ we are all guilty (Jew and Gentile)
- ❖ **Ch 3** – there is an answer (sacrifice)
- ❖ **Ch 4** – we need to believe in Jesus, believe that He rose from the dead so that we can be justified
- ❖ **Ch 5** – faith brings us into grace
- ❖ We can go through sufferings knowing that we are being made more like Him
- ❖ **Ch 6** – baptism places us into the power of the resurrection
- ❖ **Ch 7** – the struggle (internal battle)
- ❖ Realising that we are accountable to God
- ❖ The answer is faith in Jesus which brings us into grace
- ❖ **Ch 8** – there is now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Jesus, who walk according to the spirit
- ❖ Learning how to get the victory
- ❖ We have the spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus
- ❖ Sons are no longer walking in a sin consciousness
- ❖ Sons walk in freedom



### **Romans 8:9-11**

- ❖ we are not in the flesh if the spirit of God dwells in us
- ❖ the Spirit of God = the Spirit of Messiah
- ❖ we are His
- ❖ there is only one Spirit
- ❖ if you have the spirit of Messiah in you, you are His
- ❖ we are not that old person any more, we are His
- ❖ it is time to be released from the struggle
- ❖ **v.10** – if Christ is in you (by the Spirit), the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness (**Colossians 1:27**)
- ❖ **v.11** – the power of the resurrection manifesting in you by His Spirit
- ❖ **v.12-13** – just obey the Spirit of God instead of trying to focus on not doing something
- ❖ as you are obedient to the Spirit of God, His glory manifests
- ❖ He breaks through whatever was covering His glory before
- ❖ **v.14** – for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God [**John 5:19** – a son only does what he sees his father do]
- ❖ We are to be led by the Spirit – only doing what Jesus would do
- ❖ **v.15** - we did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear (legalism, fear of death); we have received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'

To receive the Spirit of adoption is not receiving a different spirit. It is receiving the Spirit in such a way that enables us to manifest as a son.

We are welcomed in to the fellowship of the Father & of His Son Jesus Christ: **1John 1:3**

**Romans 8:16** – the Spirit bears witness that we are children of God

**v.17** – we are joint heirs with Christ - sons know that they have an inheritance [the inheritance of Christ is the nations – **Psalms 2:8**]

- sons are to inherit the nations

- we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together - the suffering is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us

**Heb 1:3** – Jesus the Son of God is the brightness of glory, the express image of His person

### **Galatians 1:15-16**

- ❖ it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through grace, to reveal His Son in me
- ❖ we are to preach Him among the nations
- ❖ Jesus living in and through us is the One we preach
- ❖ God manifests His word through preaching; If we preach the Son, He will manifest

It is time to come to the Jordan and be a part of the deliverance of creation. No longer death and decay but life and peace.

# **LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH**

## **Text - 1 Corinthians 12:28**

**1Cor.12:3** – cannot call Jesus “accursed” by the Holy Spirit, can only call Jesus “Lord” by the Holy Spirit

- **v.4-11** – revealing gifts of the Spirit for the profit of the Body
- **v.12-26** – bringing out revelation of the Body, what it is
- **v.27** - “you are the Body of Christ/Messiah”
- Messiah – Jesus is the Messiah: His name is Jesus and He is the Christ/Messiah

## **Acts 2**

- ❖ Peter sent to release the Jews into the kingdom
- ❖ Peter had been given the keys in **Matthew 16:19** by Jesus
- ❖ The key was **v.16-18** – the revelation that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God
- ❖ God used Peter sovereignly on the Day of Pentecost to bring 3000 souls into the kingdom, he preached Jesus

## **Acts 8:4-5**

- ❖ Philip preached “Christ” to them
- ❖ **John 4:25-26** – Samaritans knew Messiah was coming – it was Jesus the “I AM”, they had an expectation

## **Acts 10:36**

- ❖ peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all
- ❖ He must be God, Supreme Ruler of all [**Philippians 2:9-11** – God gave the Jesus the name which is above every name, at name of Jesus every knee will bow in heaven, earth and beneath earth]  
[**2 Peter 1:1** – Jesus Christ is the great God and Saviour of us]
- ❖ **He is Lord of all**

**Acts 10:38** – God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with Holy Spirit and power and went about doing good and healing all who are oppressed by the devil

- No altar call, they all started speaking in tongues, were filled with Holy Spirit

**v.34** – God shows no partiality, He respects any people who fear Him and work righteousness

- Peter then commanded them to baptise in the name of the Lord (**v.48**)

## **1 Corinthians 12:28**

- God has set in the “church”
- English word “church” does mean a building but this is scripturally incorrect
- “Church” is Gk “ecclesia” which means “assembly, congregation”, speaking of the people
- God has set in the assembly 1<sup>st</sup> apostles, 2<sup>nd</sup> prophets, 3<sup>rd</sup> teachers, miracles, healings, helps, administrations/governments, varieties of tongues

This is a conglomerate verse

Draws from gifts mentioned in **Ephesians 4:11** and **1 Corinthians 12:8-10**

**Administrations/Governments** is only mentioned here, is a gift to administrate ministries, oversee finances

**Helps** - serving and helping in the ministry  
Administrations and helps are roles of the deacon

**1 Corinthians 12:28** – is not a hierarchy but it is an order of appointment by God, an order of leadership. If no apostles there is no “Moses”, no leader

**“Prophets”** are there to keep church on track, part of apostolic team

**Apostles, Prophets and Teachers** are responsible to bring the Word to the Church

- ❖ Evangelists and Pastors are not responsible to come up with doctrine
- ❖ Philip, named evangelist (**Acts 21:7**), first evangelising in **Acts 8** was discipled and brought up by apostles in Jerusalem
- ❖ He is the model evangelist, was thrust out, forced out into the ministry
- ❖ Some of the same disciples that were thrust out ended up preaching in Lebanon, Syria (but only to Jews, **Acts 11:19**)
- ❖ But then later in the chapter the breakthrough came to preach to Gentiles also

The next major breakthrough was to go to “Asia”, into “Ephesus”

- ❖ Paul wanted to go in **Acts 16** but was forbidden by the Holy Spirit (**v.6-10**)
- ❖ **Acts 19** – Paul gets to Ephesus and begins a training school (**v.8-10**), awesome miracles and breakthrough in region, the Word of the Lord prevailing there (**v.20**)

Interesting that Pastors and Evangelists are not in list in **1 Cor.12:28**

- ❖ they are taught by apostles, prophets and teachers the apostolic doctrine
- ❖ Bible schools now have teachers put in place by pastors and bishops
- ❖ Apostles bring the fundamental message of the gospel, the revelation of the gospel
- ❖ Prophets bring understanding
- ❖ Teachers teach the truth they have been taught (**2 Tim.2:2**)

No matter what the ministry is they are to teach the apostles’ doctrine

- ❖ the grace and presentation of the message may be different depending on the ministry but the doctrine is the same

**Ephesians 4:11**

- ❖ Christ Himself (not church leadership) in His ascension (**v.8**) gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- ❖ Christ gave the gifts in His ascension
- ❖ Paul was an “ascension gift” apostle

**Why are gifts given?**

**v.12** - they are to equip/perfect/set in order the saints to function

- ❖ to build up the body

**v.13** - till we all come to unity of faith, knowledge of the Son of God to a perfect man

These ministers must do the work of the ministry (**v.12**)

- ❖ "for the work of the ministry"
- ❖ Who has to do the work of the ministry to perfect and edify the saints? The apostles, prophets...
- ❖ All these 5 ministries come from heaven

### **We need to keep ministering till...**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> signpost of maturity

- ❖ "unity of the faith" – coming to agreement on what we believe according to Word of God

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> signpost of maturity

- ❖ "to the knowledge of the Son of God"

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> signpost of maturity

- ❖ "to a perfect Man" – as a Body, fully lining up to Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ A perfect corporate expression of Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ People should see Jesus in the Body of Messiah

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

- what is the house of God?
- it is the "church of the Living God"
- the "church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth"
- is the truth alive in you? Is the living pillar of truth alive in you?
- do you know how to conduct yourself in the house of God?

What is the truth found in the church of the Living God?

**v.16** – The mystery of Godliness, it is without argument/controversy

- i) God was manifested in the flesh
- ii) justified in the Spirit (bore witness at conception, baptism and resurrection that Jesus is Son of God)
- iii) seen by angels – they kept turning up (conception, birth, protecting Joseph, Mary and Jesus, wilderness, garden, resurrection, ascension)
- iv) preached among the nations – the message is now proclaimed
- v) believed on in the world – we are the proof, the changed lives with God living in us
- vi) received up in glory – ascended, at right hand of God

### **Miracles**

- ❖ workers of miracles are appointments of God, they come after apostles, prophets and teachers
- ❖ they were mentioned previously in **1 Corinthians 12**

**1 Cor. 12:4** – spiritual gifts (**1 Cor. 12:8-10**)

**1 Cor. 12:5** – ministry gifts (**Eph.4:11**)

**1 Cor. 12:6** – "motivational" gifts (**Rom.12:6-8**) – you should ask which one of these gifts has been in your life since birth?

Miracles comes from **1Corinthians 12:8-10**

- ❖ word of wisdom
- ❖ word of knowledge

- ❖ faith
- ❖ gifts of healings
- ❖ **working of miracles**
- ❖ prophecy
- ❖ discerning spirits
- ❖ tongues
- ❖ interpreting tongues

**1 Cor. 12:29** – do all speak with tongues? Is speaking of the public use and ministry of tongues in a meeting – not to be confused with the personal gift of edifying yourself with tongues

**v.30** – do all interpret? No, but some do (again in context of public use)

Possibly the “gift of helps” could be linked to **Romans 12:6-8** “gift of serving/ministering”  
 When we get into God all of the gifts in **Romans 12** are available to us to connect into  
 The gifts are not an exhaustive list

### **What is the role and function of elders?**

#### **Acts 20:28**

Elders

- appointed by the Holy Spirit to be overseers (to watch over, to take responsibility for, supervisor); it is a ministry appointment, an anointed ministry
- to shepherd (pastor, feed)
- ❖ shepherd the church of God, it is God’s church
- ❖ God purchased the church with His own blood
- ❖ We are His ministers in His church

**v.29-30** warns us of those outside and inside rising up to split and divide the church

#### **1 Peter 5:1-2**

- Peter called himself a “fellow elder”
  - a) Shepherd (feed) the flock of God
  - b) serving as overseers
  - c) willingly not in a resentful attitude
  - d) not as “lords” – not controlling
  - e) being examples – lifestyle discipleship
- Pastors are elders as they shepherd and oversee the flock

#### **1 Timothy, Titus**

Elders need to be able to teach sound doctrine

- ❖ Pastors are “bishops”, which means “overseers”
  - ❖ Elders in plural, not just one leader but a team
- God has appointed...

#### **Ephesians 2:19-20**

- ❖ foundation ministries are apostles and prophets
- ❖ **Eph. 3:4-5** – Spirit of God has anointed apostles and prophets to bring the mystery of Christ to the church (**Matt.16:16-18**)

- ❖ **The revelation of who Jesus is** is the Rock which the church is built upon
- ❖ First mention of mystery after Eph. 3:5 is that "Gentiles are fellow heirs, of the same body and partakers of His Promise through the gospel"
- ❖ Paul became a minister of this mystery
- ❖ Apostles and prophets are absolutely essential

Apostolic and prophetic ministries are needed to provide the foundational doctrine, the faith, to the church

- ❖ the fruit of receiving apostles and prophets is teachers raised up to teach the doctrine

In Tabernacle there are 3 major furnishings in Holy Place

1. Table of Showbread
2. Lampstand
3. Altar of Incense

In outer court there are 2

1. Altar of burnt offering
2. Brazen laver

- a) Altar of burnt offering = evangelist bringing people to Jesus dying on the cross for sins
- b) Brazen laver = Pastor bringing people into baptism and simple truths of Word ushering new believers into church (tabernacle) by Holy Spirit
- c) Table of Showbread = Teacher, bringing bread of Word to church
- d) Lampstand = prophets bringing illumination and understanding of the Word to church
- e) Altar of incense = apostle giving themselves to prayer and ministry of Word (**Acts 6:4**)

# **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

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

❖ There is a commission in **Mark, Luke and John** also

**v.18** - Jesus said "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"

**v.17** - when they saw Him (Jesus) they worshiped Him!

- Worshiped! They recognized He was God, BUT some doubted

[**John 20:28** – Thomas no longer doubted when He touched Jesus and he said, "**My Lord and My God**"]

- He was God! - that is why He said He had **ALL** authority

**v.19** - "Go, therefore..."; not "Sit"

- life of disciples is "going"

"Make disciples of all nations"

❖ we must know what a disciple is

❖ we need to know how to make them

## **HOW DO WE MAKE A DISCIPLE?**

**Mark 16:15-16** - preach the gospel (the good news that there is a King)

## **What is the "good news"?**

### **Matthew 24:14**

❖ it is the "good news" of the King and His kingdom

❖ "kingdom" = king's dominion, king's sovereignty

**Acts 28:30-31** – preached the kingdom of God and taught things concerning Lord Jesus Christ

❖ We start making disciples by first preaching the gospel of kingdom

❖ We must preach the gospel, not prosperity or other forms of "gospel", we are to bear eternal fruit

❖ All things will be judged by fire (**1 Cor.3:12-15**), we must build with eternal material

### **Acts 13:13-41**

❖ God did not just have a good idea 2000 years ago

❖ This plan began before He made the world, it was being outworked for thousands of years

❖ Paul is bringing the context, speaking from the Law and the Prophets (**Acts 8:32-38** – he preached Jesus starting from Isaiah)

**v.22** – David raised up to be a King because he was "wholehearted" doing "all" God's will

- disciples of Jesus do "all" His will

**v.23** – **1 Sam 13:14, 2 Samuel 7:12-14a** – From David's Seed God raised up a Saviour, JESUS!

- **2 Tim.2:8** – Paul instructed Timothy about the gospel = Jesus Christ, from the seed of David, was raised from the dead “according to my gospel”

- **Mark 1:14-15** – the time was fulfilled, the seed of David had come, the kingdom had come!

**Acts 13:24-25** – Paul mentioned John the Baptist’s ministry, introducing the coming Messiah

**v.26** – this word was sent to Abraham’s family and those among them who feared God (Gentiles)

- gospel is to all nations

**v.27-29** – death of Messiah

**v.30-31** – resurrection of Messiah

**v.32-37** – the gospel, the good news, the glad tidings, the promise made to the fathers is fulfilled by the resurrection of Jesus!

- witnessed by **Psalm 2:7, Isaiah 55:3, Psalm 16:10**

**v.38** – forgiveness of sins now preached through this MAN

**v.39** – believers in this gospel are justified

**v.40-41** – do not leave the warning of judgement out of the gospel

- **Mark 16:16** – condemnation for those who do not believe

- **Acts 2:37** – hearers were “cut to the heart”, fear of God came on them

- Jesus spoke of the judgement, **Mark 9:42-48**

- people need to hear the gospel, **Romans 10:14-15**

- appointed for man to die once and then judgement, **Hebrews 9:27**

- do not water it down

- preach the gospel

### **WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?**

❖ a follower of the teacher and his teachings

❖ an adherent, sticks like glue

❖ a pupil, an apprentice

**Mark 7:20** - we know disciples by their fruit

### **4 things to start making a disciple:**

a) they have repented, changed, turned

b) believed

c) baptised

d) received Holy Spirit

### **Mark 1:14-15**

❖ repent and believe the good news

❖ this is entry into the kingdom



### **John 3:3-5**

- ❖ must be born again to see and enter kingdom
- ❖ it is a change of mind after the heart has been cut

### **James 2:19**

- ❖ not simply believing it as fact
- ❖ demons "believe" and tremble
- ❖ "believe" really means to fully trust and rely upon Jesus for salvation

If you believe in your heart you will want to obey the King

### **Mark 16:16**

- ❖ if you really believe you will want to be baptised
- ❖ it is the goodness of God which causes a man to repent, **Romans 2:4**

### **Matthew 28:19**

- ❖ baptising them in the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ believers are to be baptised into a name
- ❖ **Acts 2:36-39** – Peter baptised in the name of Jesus Christ; Jesus is both Lord and Messiah
- ❖ through baptism the old man is dead and buried with Christ and they are free to walk into God's purposes
- ❖ **1 Cor.6:9-11** – washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God
- ❖ **Acts 3** they were teaching faith and probably baptism in the name of Jesus

### **What did Jesus say about a disciple?**

- ❖ a "disciple" in "Church" today has to "go to church" once a week and maybe a Wednesday prayer meeting
- ❖ this is not the disciple that Jesus was talking about

### **Mark 8:34-38**

- ❖ if you desire to come after Jesus
- ❖ must deny yourself, be willing to forsake your own dreams, ambitions etc
- ❖ take up your cross, put to death your old nature
- ❖ follow Jesus, He is our Apostle and High Priest, we do what He did, preach gospel, be about Father's business, make disciples, raise workers for harvest, praying, paying and being trained, take up the vision of the King, we live as belonging to Him, not to ourselves
- ❖ Paul said "imitate me as I imitate Christ", **1 Cor.11:1**
- ❖ do not be ashamed of Jesus or His words

### **Mark 8:35**

- ❖ whoever desires to save his life will lose it
- ❖ whoever loses his life for Jesus and the gospel will save it!
- ❖ Have you lost your life for Jesus' sake and the gospel?

### **v.36**

- death levels everybody
- rich and poor all end up dead!
- do not lose your soul for the sake of worldly gain

**v.38**

- some of the church has a different Jesus than what is in the Scriptures
- we are to be holy as He is holy
- some are ashamed of His words
- marriage is between a man and a woman, there are 2 genders!

**Matthew 10:32-39**

- ❖ following Jesus breaks through all other relationships
- ❖ this is reality of walking in the kingdom, living and walking in the Spirit
- ❖ we love our families but they are not before Jesus
- ❖ we cannot be a disciple if we do not let Jesus be the priority in every situation and relationship

# **SONSHIP**

Understanding the concept, principles and Scriptures concerning Sonship is one thing, to walk as a son is another thing

- ❖ how to practically walk it out

## **Prophetic ministry**

- ❖ **Ephesians 4:8,11** – Jesus gave gifts, some apostles, prophets...
- ❖ **v.12** – for the equipping/perfecting (maturing) of the saints
- ❖ Jesus the Apostle (**Heb.3:1**) gave of His apostleship and gave these gifts to men
- ❖ Jesus is the Prophet and gave of His prophetic nature to men to equip the saints

## **Prophets help the Body hear from God**

- ❖ they help the Body receive revelation so that they can prophesy

### **Matthew 16:17**

- ❖ Father in heaven revealed to Peter who Jesus was
- ❖ Need to be able to receive revelation to be established on the Rock
- ❖ The church on this Rock, that receives revelation, will not be overcome by the gates of Hades
- ❖ Prophets help the church receive from the heart of the Father
- ❖ Without revelation it becomes information, man made

## **"The context determines the meaning"**

- ❖ one thing to be able to hear from God
- ❖ it is another thing to understand what He is actually saying
- ❖ misinterpreting brings misapplication
- ❖ what did God desire to communicate?

## **There are many different relationships we have the Father**

- ❖ sheep, He is the Shepherd
- ❖ soldiers, He is the Commander
- ❖ pupil/student, He is the Teacher

What if you are thinking like a sheep and expecting the Shepherd to speak but the voice of the Commander comes?

- ❖ you may be offended
- ❖ you are meant to be quick to obey, do as your told
- ❖ when Commander commands you, you move straight away
- ❖ as a sheep the Shepherd has authority but is leading sheep to what to eat and drink etc, checking on them, healing them...

## **3 important contexts today in the earth**

### **a) The Kingdom**

- what is the kingdom? What do the Scriptures reveal of the kingdom?
- without understanding this context we will misinterpret and misapply what God says

### b) The Church

- must understand what the "church" is to rightly apply what God actually says
- must interpret through this context

### c) The Family (Eph.3:9-11,14-15)

- we must understand what God thinks about family matters
- God has always desired to have a family
- Fathers have children, God is a Father
- if you have children you will have a house, inheritance, brothers and sisters

Many go into error because their identity is in what they do and not in who they are

- ❖ many identify with their "title"
- ❖ what we do only functions properly when we know we are a son
- ❖ what we do flows out of who we are
- ❖ **Matthew 13:36-34**, the defining characteristic at the end of the age is "who is your Father?", "whose life is in you?", "whose son are you?"

We must understand the big picture of what God is doing?

- ❖ our mission, commission, responsibility needs to be seen in the big picture of what God is doing
- ❖ the good thing about knowing the end, is that we can know where we are and what is needed now to get to the end
- ❖ **Isaiah 46:10** – God declares the end from the beginning
- ❖ God is at the end and was at the end in the beginning

What is God thinking when He says "the end"

#### **1 Corinthians 15:24**

- Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father
- the end is when Jesus delivers the kingdom to Father
- this is when He has put an end to all rule and authority and power
- when kingdom is fully manifested
- no other kingdoms, no other authorities, no enemies left!
- this is **Philippians 2:9-11**
- **That will happen**

How will this happen?

- ❖ how does God see the father/son relationship

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

- ❖ God in past times spoke to the fathers by the prophets
- ❖ In these days God speaks by Son
- ❖ The context in these days is not hearing from God through prophets, but hearing through Son
- ❖ Revelation from Father is contextualised in these days through Son

Churches major on "membership" instead of "sons"

Father's plan is always sons

## **What is the purpose of sons?**

### **Hebrews 1:3**

- a) The Son is brightness of Glory
- ❖ like a Sun, the rays of the Sun are Sun
- ❖ The Son is the "raying out" of Glory of Father
- ❖ The Son is the extension, manifestation and the visible expression of Glory of Father
- ❖ Son makes Father known
  
- b) Son is express image of His Person
- ❖ exact image, exact representation of Father

This is why God wants sons in the earth - God wants to manifest His invisible Self, Presence, in the earth by sons

## **Jesus is the Pattern Son**

**John 5** - Jesus healed on Sabbath and an argument ensued

**v.17** - My Father works and I work

**v.18** - they were angry that He called God His Father

- they understood that Father is represented by Son
- Son is equal with Father; Son is manifestation of Father

### **Romans 8:15**

- ❖ we have been given the "Spirit of adoption/sonship"
- ❖ affirming us as sons of God

### **Romans 8:29**

- ❖ Jesus is Firstborn of many brethren
- ❖ He is the First Son of many sons
- ❖ **Jn.3:16** – He is the Only Begotten but has now become the "Firstborn of many"

**Jn.3:3-6** - we must be born again

## **How are you saved?**

### **Romans 10:9**

- ❖ confess with your mouth the "Lord Jesus"
- ❖ believe in your heart God raised Jesus from the dead
- ❖ this brings salvation

### **Colossians 2:12**

- ❖ buried with Him in baptism
- ❖ risen with Him through faith in the working/operation of God, who raised Him from the dead

### **Romans 5:12-21**

- ❖ Adam the 1<sup>st</sup> Man, he is the father of all men and represents all men
- ❖ In Adam was the whole human race, we were in Him
- ❖ Adam died on the inside when he disobeyed and he was separated from the One who gave him life
- ❖ When Adam died, you died
- ❖ The sin of Adam caused death in all humanity, condemnation, a sentence of death
- ❖ God's plan from the beginning was to have sons in the earth

God sent His only begotten Son into the world in the likeness of Adam

**Romans 5:12** - all sinned in Adam

**v.13**

- sin was in the world but not imputed until law given, but still death reigned through sin

**v.14**

- Adam was a "type/figure" of Him who was to come
- **rev.13:8** – Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world, it was always in God's plan and heart

**v.15**

- by One Man, Jesus, grace and gift of grace abounded to many

**v.17**

- if Adam's sin caused death to everyone
- then also through Jesus we can reign in life by receiving gift of righteousness

**v.19**

- through obedience of One, Jesus, many made righteous

When Adam sinned, we were in him

Then the Son came, and inside Him were sons, He walked in obedience and fulfilled all righteousness

- ❖ we were walking in Him
- ❖ when He was on the Cross, we were on the Cross in Him
- ❖ when He died we died in Him
- ❖ when He was buried, we were buried in Him
- ❖ when He was raised from the dead we were raised from the dead in Him

**Hebrews 2:14**

- ❖ The Son partook/shared in flesh and blood
- ❖ Son of God identified with sons of Adam so He could be the High Priest, and help us overcome temptation
- ❖ We are born with the sentence of death and we are born guilty
- ❖ Jesus came in the same flesh as the children
- ❖ Now Jesus through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil
- ❖ The Fountain of all sons, the Son, took on flesh like Adam and when He died he destroyed death

**How did He destroy death?**

- ❖ when Jesus died on cross and He was buried
- ❖ He satisfied justice that the wages of sin is death
- ❖ Jesus died as the First Son of many
- ❖ His life was greater and He overcame the devil
- ❖ "destroy" = disarm, unemploy
- ❖ We are now delivered from bondage to fear of death due to our guilt
- ❖ Guilt was removed so no more fear of death (**2 Cor.5:21**)
- ❖ His life is our life, His obedience is our obedience

**Ephesians 2:1-6**

- ❖ You have been made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins
- ❖ We were once in the lifestyle of being led by the spirit of the devil

- ❖ We were children of wrath
- ❖ Even when you were dead in sins (when you were guilty and deserved death and hell)
- ❖ Raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

**v.7-9** – this is the good news

- there is One who has come to take your place and His righteousness is now yours, His life is yours and His obedience is yours, His resurrection is your resurrection...

### **How will the kingdom fully manifest in the earth?**

- ❖ by the sons who are in the Son

### **Hebrews 2:8**

- ❖ Jesus conquered the devil, it is done
- ❖ But the devil still exists in the earth
- ❖ He is a deceiver
- ❖ If you do not know the truth you will bow down to the lie
- ❖ If you do not know who you are now then you do not walk in faith
- ❖ When you know you are a son raised from the dead seated in Him, you walk in the authority of a son
- ❖ Sons extend His glory in the earth

### **The kingdom comes through sons**

What is true of the Firstborn is true of all sons

The Spirit of adoption brings this awakening

- ❖ it is not the giving of life but the revealing of who you are
- ❖ The Spirit brings us the assurance and the placement as the son of God
- ❖ We are the image of Father, this is the purpose of the son
- ❖ He wants eternal sons in the earth to manifest Him and make Him known in the earth and to bring His dominion and rule

As sons we need authority

Sons get their authority from the kingdom we have been born into, we are citizens of the kingdom

### **Ephesians 1:17-20**

- ❖ God, that we would know that power of resurrection that has authorised us in Your kingdom
- ❖ We are to walk in the authority of the kingdom that we are a citizen of

# **NO LONGER CHILDREN**

Who we are reveals where we are going  
We are called as sons of God  
There is more than waiting to go to heaven  
There is further for us to go, more for us to enter into

## **Philippians 3:12-15**

- ❖ we are to press on to lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of us
- ❖ we are to have the mature mind to go on

## **Ephesians 4:14-15**

- ❖ the purpose is to grow up in all things into Christ
- ❖ the reason to no longer remain children is that it is dangerous
- ❖ children are easily tossed about by false teaching, easily tricked by false agendas
- ❖ we must come to know the truth
- ❖ the Body grows by "speaking the truth in love", the pure doctrine

Bigger context

## **Ephesians 4:4-6**

- ❖ this is our identity
- ❖ One Body, One Spirit, One hope, One Lord, One faith, One Baptism, One God and Father...

## **One Body**

### **1 Cor.12:27**

- you are the Body of Messiah
- you are members individually

We are named by the name of Christ, the Anointed King

## **One Spirit**

### **Romans 8:15**

- ❖ we have received the Spirit of adoption to cry "Abba, Father"
- ❖ This Spirit witnesses we are children of God
- ❖ This Spirit testifies of our inheritance (**Romans 8:16-17**)

## **One Hope**

### **Ephesians 1:18**

- ❖ know the hope of **HIS** calling

## **One Lord**

- ❖ this is Jesus, **Phil.2:9-11**

## **One Faith**

### **2 John 9**

- this faith is the "doctrine of Christ/Messiah"
- if we receive this doctrine we receive Father and Son



## **One Baptism**

### **Galatians 3:26-27**

- ❖ all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus
- ❖ if baptized into Messiah/Christ
- ❖ we are clothed with Messiah!
- ❖ Our identity is "in Christ"
- ❖ We enter the Body through Baptism

## **One God and Father**

- ❖ above all, through all and in you all
- ❖ The Spirit we have received is the Father living in us!

### **Ephesians 4:7-11**

- ❖ to this Body that Jesus is building and raising, He gave gifts through His ascension
- ❖ they are given by the Messiah Himself, the One far above, at the right hand of God
- ❖ each one of these ministry gifts are given to bring forth the corporate Son in the earth!
- ❖ They are given for all of us to enter the calling of God

## **Why do we need to receive these gifts?**

### **Ephesians 4:12**

- a)           for the equipping of the saints
- ❖ "equipping" = preparing, training, making fit, setting in order to be able to function, made ready
- ❖ It is an army being raised up from the dry bones!! **Ezekiel 37**
  
- b)           for the work of ministry
- ❖ each gift is given to be doing the work of ministry
- ❖ all the five ministries need to be released to function
- ❖ apostles have been being restored in recent times
- ❖ each gift releases grace to the Body, they come from Him, carrying His anointing and grace
  
- c)           for the edifying of the Body of Christ
- ❖ "edify" = build up

### **Ephesians 4:13**

- ❖ gifts are given "till" a certain time
- A.   we all come to unity of the faith**
- ❖ one profession, one voice, the same thing being spoken through the whole church
- ❖ pure word, sound doctrine being released
- ❖ **Ephesians 5:26-27** – that He might sanctify and cleanse her by the washing of the water by the Word
- ❖ Jesus is bringing forth a glorious church, He is ministering through the gifts He has given!
- ❖ Jesus is getting rid of "spots and blemishes and wrinkles"

What are the spots and blemishes?

### **2 Peter 2:13-17**

- false teachers are "spots and blemishes"
- false teachings and those bringing them will be cleansed from the church
- if we receive the word from the ministries Jesus has given we will not be led astray

## **Jude 12-13**

- ❖ These are spots in your love feasts
- ❖ They serve themselves
- ❖ These ones will be removed from the Body of Messiah

## **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

- the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine
- they will heap up for themselves teachers
- in what is called "the church" today this is happening
- so important for us to make known the truth and bring others to the unity of the faith

True doctrine carries authority

The Religious leaders were shocked at the authority of Jesus' doctrine – **Mark 1:27**

- ❖ true doctrine is life-giving and reveals Jesus

## **Jude 3 - contend for the faith**

### **B. to the knowledge of the Son of God**

- ❖ Son of God is God Himself manifest in the flesh
- ❖ We are to have a true confession of the Son of God, who He is
- ❖ We need to receive revelation and understanding
- ❖ This revelation comes through the apostles and prophets to the Body – **Ephesians 3:5**
- ❖ Through receiving revelation of the Son of God, we enter into our destiny as the Body

### **C. to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ**

- ❖ "perfect" – reached an end, complete, sound, fully grown, whole
- ❖ We are coming to the "fullness of Christ"
- ❖ This is the goal, Christ fully manifest and revealed through the Church
- ❖ The church is the expression of Christ's fullness
- ❖ **Ephesians 1:20-23** – Christ is **FAR** above all powers in heavenly realm
- ❖ The church = His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all
- ❖ Express, manifest, reveal fully Messiah in the earth
- ❖ Everything is to be under His feet, the feet are on the "Body"

We are the Body of the One who has all power and authority, the Promised King – **Psalms 2:7-8**

- ❖ His inheritance is our inheritance
- ❖ We are the Body of the One who rules in the midst of His enemies – **Psalms 110:2**

**Jeremiah 33:15-16** - we are the Body of the One who rules in the earth

## **Acts 5:42**

- ❖ the apostles did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ apostles are being restored to bring back to the church the revelation of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

## **Ephesians 3:6**

- ❖ apostles given to bring forth revelation of the mystery
- ❖ mystery here = Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of same Body, partakers of promise in Christ
- ❖ we share in His inheritance

### **Proverbs 29:18**

- ❖ where there is no revelation (prophetic vision) the people cast off restraint
- ❖ there is no discipline or direction when there is no revelation
- ❖ we must receive revelation of who we are in Him

### **Hosea 4:6**

- ❖ lack of knowledge destroys God's people
- ❖ ministers are needed to bring the knowledge of God's Word

### **Ephesians 4:16**

- ❖ every part of Body doing its part and share
- ❖ every member so important and to be set in place to function

### **The Journey of our growth**

- ❖ growth in the Scripture primarily refers to growth into maturity
- ❖ **Romans 8:29** – predestined to be conformed to image of His Son

### **Colossians 1:27-28**

- ❖ revelation of mystery is "Christ in you, the hope of glory"
- ❖ the work of ministry = present every man perfect in Christ Jesus

The journey

Salvation, New birth is the beginning of our journey

### **John 1:12-13**

- ❖ born of God by receiving and believing Jesus
- ❖ we then have "power to become" sons of God
- ❖ we are not to remain children, we have power to become sons

### **1 John 2:12-14**

3 stages of growth

**a) children** – sins are forgiven you, know the Father

- assurance of forgiveness
- part of God's family
- there is so much more though

- Characteristics of children

**1 Peter 2:2** - as newborn babes desire the pure milk of the word, we grow by the milk of the word

- they need to be fed by someone, the Pastor
- an Evangelist brought them in and the Pastor is there to feed them the milk

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**

- Paul addressed Corinthians as "babes in Christ"
- they were carnal, could not receive "solid food" yet
- they can only partake of milk
- not understanding spiritual things
- strife, envy, divisions
- we are not to remain as children

### **Hebrews 5:12-14**

- by this time you should be teachers
- you still need milk and not "solid food"

- babes do not have discernment, easily deceived
- unskilled in word of righteousness
- need first principles of oracles of God, foundations laid – **Heb.6:1-2**
- foundations must be laid to go on to perfection/maturity, these are realities to walk in

**b) young men** – overcome wicked one

**Hebrews 5:14**

- “solid food” belongs to those of full age
- foundations have been laid, word of God is abiding them
- able to discern right and wrong
- they are partaking of solid food

**1 John 2:14b**

- strong because of word of God abiding in them
- they are learning to rightly divide the word of truth (**2 Tim.2:15**)
- they can overcome the wicked one, knowing their authority

**Colossians 3:16**

- word of Christ dwelling in them richly

Young men are beginning to minister/serve and share the Word with others

- they are edifying others

**c) fathers** – known Him who is from the beginning

- mature relationship with God, the Eternal One
- they know the Eternal God, His plans

**1 Corinthians 2:6-7**

- deeper wisdom for the mature
- they understand the deeper wisdom, that the rulers of this age are coming to nothing
- this deeper wisdom is revealed by the Spirit and brings us into the glory
- God wants all of us to grow to this place, walking as Jesus did in the earth
- fathers have a heart to see children grow, nurturing, training, raising and equipping

**Galatians 4:19**

- ❖ Paul, the apostle, his heart for the church
- ❖ Paul laboured for the Galatians to have “Christ formed in you”
- ❖ Fathers know the purpose and are labouring to bring it forth

We need to know who we are to know where we are going

In order for us to grow we need to receive the gifts that He has given

We must be prepared, trained, ready, fit and set in order

Body of Christ is to make known and manifest the invisible God

**We cannot skip stages of growth**

We must get on the journey

The goal is to be conformed to the image and likeness of Jesus, our Father

The goal is to come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

# **RESTORING ALL THINGS**

## **Acts 3:19-21**

- ❖ repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out
- ❖ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord
- ❖ that He may send Jesus Christ
- ❖ whom heaven must receive until times of restoration of all things

## **v.12-13**

Peter has been restored by Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Peter responded to the people
- ❖ Jesus has been glorified

**John 7:37-39** – rivers of living water flowing out of our innermost being giving drink to the thirsty

- ❖ this he spoke concerning the Spirit who was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified

## **Acts 3:13**

- ❖ whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate
- ❖ **v.15** you killed the Prince of Life  
(Prince – the originator, source, author)
- ❖ His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong and given him perfect soundness

We are in the days of restoration. We are in the days in which God is restoring all things.

## **Acts 3:17-**

- ❖ I know that you did it in ignorance (killed Prince of Life)

We are living in the days of the Son, not the days of the Prophets – **Hebrews 1:1-2**.  
God is restoring one language back to the human race (son).

We are living in the days in which it has happened and is being outworked in us. It is done. The Messiah has come.

## **Acts 3:19**

- ❖ We need to **repent** (change your mind) in order to flow with what God is doing
- ❖ Get involved in the flow of the restoration that God is bringing
- ❖ Be **converted**
- ❖ Are you set and fixed on this gospel? Are you fully persuaded?
- ❖ Your **sins will be blotted out**
- ❖ This is all part of the restoration
- ❖ There is a new creation now coming forth
- ❖ **Times of refreshing** (revival, resurrection life)

### **Titus 3:4-5**

- ❖ These are days of restoration, days of mercy
- ❖ He saved us through the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Are you being renewed?
- ❖ Even though our outward man is perishing our inner man is being renewed day by day – **2 Corinthians 4:16**

These times of refreshing come from the presence (Face) of the Lord

- ❖ the face of the Lord brings times of refreshing
- ❖ the restoration of the Table of the Lord (Table of Face Bread – the bread of His presence) – **Acts 2:42, 46**
- ❖ when we come to the Table of the Lord, we can see Him
- ❖ We can receive this refreshing everyday
- ❖ Behold Him and eat of Him every day

### **Acts 3:20**

- ❖ That He may send Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ We need to be a people to whom God can send Jesus
- ❖ He is preparing us for this reality to be revealed
- ❖ **V.21** – Jesus was received up in glory
- ❖ Until the times of restoration of all things
- ❖ God is restoring His church, He is restoring His body

### **2 Chron 5:12-14**

- 120 trumpeters and singers sounded one sound (one voice), then the glory (the substance of God) came and filled the house
- the priests couldn't stand to minister

When everything is in order, then God comes and there will be no more ministry needed –

**Ephesians 4:13** – ministries are given "till"

God will be all in all.

We are in this time (days of restoration). It is this generation.

### **Acts 3:21**

- ❖ God has been speaking about these days of restoration for a long time
- ❖ Through all His holy prophets since the world began

**Restoration** Gk #605 – means the reconstitution, the setting in order of all things (everything ordered and functioning the way God intended it to work)

Comes from Gk #600

- ❖ has to do with healing

**Matthew 12:13** – man's hand restored as whole as the other (just as it was meant to be)

Jesus needs a church that is set in order. Fully manifesting and expressing Messiah.

### **Acts 3:22-24**

- ❖ many have foretold these days of restoration
- ❖ Moses spoke of a Prophet who would be raised up (Jesus)

- ❖ God has been actively involved in restoring everything
- ❖ In these days, truths are being restored back to the church

### **V.25 – you are sons of the prophets**

- ❖ You are heirs of the promises made through the prophets
- ❖ You are the ones who will receive everything that the prophets have been speaking of
- ❖ You are the generation that will receive it

Old Testament prophets pointed people back to the Word of God and they also pointed ahead to the days of restoration.

### **We are in the days of 'Your Kingdom come.'**

You are sons of the covenant which God made with our fathers saying, 'In your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed'.

- ❖ You are sons of the covenant made with Abraham. We are the inheritors.
- ❖ Abraham was one of the prophets. God was prophesying to Abraham and then through Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed through the promised Seed.

### **Galatians 3:14**

- ❖ the blessing of Abraham = receiving the promise of the Spirit through faith
- ❖ He will take of what is mine and declare it to you (the Spirit of sonship), **John 16:14-15**

### **Acts 3:26**

Jesus was sent to bless you, by turning everyone away from His iniquities.

### **Amos 9:11-12**

- ❖ on that day, I will raise up the Tabernacle of David which has fallen down
- ❖ **Tabernacle** = lit. booth; a figure of a deposed dynasty
- ❖ The house of David (His lineage/ house of Kings) will be raised up
- ❖ **Gen 49:10** – Jacob prophesied that the Sceptre would not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes
- ❖ Shiloh = the One to whom the dominion belongs
- ❖ To Him (Shiloh) will be the obedience of all the people

Jesus was born of the seed of David and declared to be the Son of God. We are in the days of restoration, because Messiah has come. The house of David is being restored.

**Zech 12:8** – ...the house of David will be like God...like the Angel/Messenger of Yahweh  
Zechariah was prophesying days of restoration.

All these Scriptures we need to now see in the context of the Son. The Law and the Prophets were all pointing to Jesus the Messiah.

We have become partakers of the Commonwealth of Israel, so we need to read these prophetic Scriptures through the Son.

Even the feeble among you shall be like David.  
Shepherds are strong, brave, courageous people.

## **Restoration of nations**

### **Amos 9:11**

- ❖ I will repair its damages and rebuild it as in the days of old
- ❖ Restoration of the kingdom

**V.12** – that they may possess the remnant of mankind (Edom) and all the Gentiles who are called by My name

### **Acts 15:13-17**

- ❖ James speaking, quotes from the prophet Amos
- ❖ The rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David (kingdom) is so that nations may be restored

### **Malachi 4:4-6**

- ❖ the prophet calling people back to the doctrine, back to the Law
- ❖ before the coming, I will send you Elijah the prophet
- ❖ to turn (#7725 – to restore, to turn back) the hearts of the fathers to their children, and hearts of children to fathers
- ❖ creation will be blessed and delivered
- ❖ Sonship – restoring the Mystery of God to the church (fathers to sons, sons to fathers)
- ❖ Elijah came in John the Baptist, but he still must come
- ❖ Elijah will come and will restore all things (**Matt 17:11**)
- ❖ Restoring fathers to sons and sons to fathers is the foundation of everything else



# **THE COMING**

"Coming" = Gk# 3952 "Parousia"

## **1 Corinthians 15:23**

- Word Wealth – Parousia: technical term signifying the second advent of Jesus. Never used to describe the first coming (as a baby). Parousia was the official term of a visit of a person of high rank, especially a king. This was an arrival that included a permanent presence from that coming onward. The glorified Messiah's arrival will be followed by a permanent residence with His glorified people.

## **1 Corinthians 11:26**

- we are to remember the death of the Lord (focusing on the Cross and what that accomplished) until He comes  
- we look back and forward at the Table

## **Matthew 24:1-3**

- ❖ disciples are admiring the building of the Temple
- ❖ Jesus prophesied the destruction of the Temple
- ❖ Then disciples came privately
  1. They asked "When will these things be?" – this is referring to what Jesus said about the destruction of the Temple; This happened in about 70AD
  2. They asked "what will be the sign of Your coming (Parousia)
  3. "What will be the sign of the end of the age (world)?"

Jesus is answering these three questions through **Matthew 24**

## **Matthew 24:27**

- ❖ from **v.15-26** Jesus warns of a great tribulation (almost undoubtedly referring to the time of the destruction of the Temple)
- ❖ As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the **coming** (Parousia) of the Son of Man be
- ❖ This will not be a sneaky event, it will not be secret, it will be obvious, conspicuous, seen

## **Matthew 24:36-37**

- ❖ no one knows the day
- ❖ But as the days of Noah, so also will the coming (Parousia) of the Son of Man be
- ❖ Serious insights and lessons learned here
- ❖ Noah and the time of flood are similar to the Coming of the Son of Man
- ❖ The Coming will be in same manner as the flood

**v.38** - days before the flood life was going on as normal

- until Noah entered the ark
- God had given the human race 120 years to repent (**Gen.6:3**)
- 120 = end of all flesh

- 120 trumpeters when house of God completed and glory came (**2 Chron.5:12-14**)
- 120 in upper room to receive the Spirit, house filled (**Acts 1:14, 2:1-4**), beginning the Church
- people were not giving any attention to the preaching of Noah or Methuselah
- Noah came from the Godly line of Seth
- Noah lived at time of Enoch and had ancestors still alive who were teaching them the word and ways of God

- v.39** - they did not know until the flood came and took them all away
- the wicked in days of Noah were taken away
  - the Coming of the Son of Man will be like that
  - wicked taken away in a judgement when He comes

- v.40** - two in the field
- one taken and one left
  - most taught that one taken is righteous being raptured to heaven
  - But Jesus just taught us that it will be like days of Noah
  - wicked were taken in judgement in days of Noah
  - wicked will be taken in judgement at Coming of Son of Man
  - "do not read what you already believe, believe what you read"
  - two grinding at the mill, one taken and one left

"*Parousia*" does not exclusively refer to the coming of the Lord

### **1 Corinthians 16:17**

- Paul was rejoicing about the "coming" of three brothers that came to him
- they supplied a gift (probably financial)
- they brought refreshment to Paul's spirit
- they stayed with Paul for awhile, not just moving on straight away

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

- Titus had a "Parousia"
- Paul and the team were comforted by the "Coming" of Titus
- Titus brought with him consolation
- Titus brought something with him to bring to those he was "Coming" to
- he brought encouragement

### **Philippians 1:26**

- ❖ Paul had a "Parousia"
- ❖ Paul hopes to make a special trip to bring a great blessing to them by his "Coming"

### **1 Thessalonians 2:17-20**

- what is our hope? Or joy? Or crown of rejoicing?
- it is the saints in His Presence when He comes (parousia)
- it is not over until He comes
- an apostle's final joy is to see the saints he has ministered to at the coming, in the glory

### **1 Thessalonians 3:2-13**

- the context of preparing for the coming
- Paul sent Timothy to establish and encourage them in the faith

- **Acts 14:22** – they were preaching gospel and making many disciples, strengthening their souls, exhorting them to continue in the faith and through many tribulations to enter the kingdom
- **Jude** said that we must contend earnestly for the faith
- we are also preparing an ark in our day, called the “church”, to be a place of salvation in these last days, built to perfection, ready for the coming

### **1 Thess.3:12-13**

- we are to increase in love
  - be established
  - at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all the saints**
- The Coming is with all the saints

### **Jude 14-15**

- ❖ “the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints”
- ❖ He will be engulfed with a cloud of witnesses
- ❖ They are coming in a “spirit/soul” body, not the physical body
- ❖ They are coming with the Lord
- ❖ He is coming to “execute judgement on all...”
- ❖ The Coming brings judgement!
- ❖ This confirms what was written in **Matthew 24:37-40**
- ❖ Enoch was being quoted and mentioned “ungodly” 4 times
- ❖ They will be ungodly to the “power of 4”, not just added but multiplied

### **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

- love (agape) toward each other
  - establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father
  - this is how we are meant to be for the Coming
  - **Ephesians 5:26-27**, Jesus is sanctifying and cleansing the church through the washing of the water of the word
  - Jesus is preparing a Bride Church ready for the coming
- How is he doing that?
- ❖ by example (**Eph.5:22-33**)
  - ❖ washing us with His “rhema” word, she hears Him speak to her

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

- key verse is **v.17**
- title of the passage is “Comfort at Christ’s coming”
- “falling asleep” = physical death
- we are to have hope

**v.14** - do you believe Jesus died and rose again (study **1 Cor.15:12-23**, a strong argument that if no resurrection of Jesus then no resurrection of saints and vice versa) – there is no hope unless we believe

- we should also then believe that God will bring with Jesus those who sleep in Jesus
- when will God do this? At the coming of Jesus (**v.15**)
- who will be with Christ at His coming? His saints, those who have passed away and left the earth, their dead bodies are sown in the earth
- the dead in Christ have to come back to earth to receive their resurrected bodies
- there is no resurrection in heaven as there are no dead bodies in heaven

- the dead bodies are sown in the earth and they will come forth from the earth a glorified resurrected body (**1 Cor.15:35-49**)

**v.15** - this is the "word of the Lord"

- not often used in New Testament
- this is a truth of God, an oracle of God
- those who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord...
- no advantage if dead or alive at coming, both will receive the same

**v.16** - The Lord Himself will "descend" from heaven

- many preachers say that Jesus is coming down and going up
- but the word says "descend"

- Jesus is coming down from heaven to earth

a) He is "descending" with a "shout"

- it is a supernatural "shout", "Ho" (**Isaiah 55:1**)
- shout of warfare, announcement and expressing great excitement

b) He is "descending" with the "voice of an archangel"

- what is the voice of an archangel?
- **Jude 9**, the archangel Michael said "The Lord rebuke you" to the devil
- for the coming of the Lord we are to clear out the demonic influences out of the way by saying "the Lord rebuke you"

c) He is "descending" with the "sound of a trumpet (shofar)"

- God has restored this among us also and it is anointed
- even speaking the word strongly is as a "trumpet"

What will happen when the Lord descends?

The dead in Christ will rise first

**v.17** - Then those who are alive and remain will be "caught up" together with them

- what is happening to those who are alive? **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**
- the mystery – we will not all sleep (die), **we will all be changed**
- this will happen in a "moment" (an atomic moment)
- the trumpet will sound, dead raised incorruptible and we (alive) **are changed**
- it takes a moment

"caught up" = Gk 'harpadzo'

- ❖ Word wealth: to seize, snatch away, caught up, taken by force. Word describes Holy Spirit's action in transferring Philip from one location to another
- ❖ **Jude 23** – "but others save with fear pulling out of the fire"
- ❖ **"pulling out"** = 'harpadzo'
- ❖ 'harpadzo' does not mean "rapture to heaven"

We are "caught up" together with them in the clouds

- ❖ "in the clouds"
- ❖ In the Scripture, the cloud has got to do with His glory, His Presence in the Spirit
- ❖ The cloud overshadowed Jesus, Peter, James, John (**Matthew 17**) and Jesus was transfigured

"to meet the Lord in the air"

- ❖ where will we meet Jesus?
- ❖ "air" means "air"
- ❖ "air" is in the atmosphere of the earth
- ❖ No one will be absent

And thus we will always be with the Lord

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

- God of peace sanctifies us completely to prepare us
- whole spirit, soul and body to be preserved blameless at the Coming
- God will complete the work

## **RESTORING ALL THINGS Part 2**

### **Acts 3:19-21**

- ❖ repent, be converted (fully convinced), then your sins will be blotted out and times of refreshing will come from the presence (the Face) of the Lord
- ❖ for the purpose that He will send Jesus Christ (in the context of getting ready for His coming)
- ❖ Heaven must receive Jesus until the times of restoration of all things

There is a restoration taking place that ushers in the coming of the Lord.

God has spoken of this restoration by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

**v.24** – the prophets foretold these days (these times of restoration that we are entering into)

- Ever since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we have been experiencing times of restoration

**v.25** - You are sons of the prophets.

- you are an inheritor
- you are an heir
- when we read the prophets, they are speaking to us (we are sons of the prophets)
- we are the ones who will receive the promises made through the prophets (**2 Cor.1:20**)

**v.25** – we are also sons of the covenant

- in your Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed

We need to find out what was prophesied. We need to know our inheritance.

### **Psalms 2:6-12**

- ❖ prophetic Scripture
  - ❖ I have set My king on My holy hill of Zion
- V.7** The decree that YHWH gave the king to speak out
- 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You'
  - this took place at Jesus' baptism
  - Yet I have 'poured oil' on My King (the word 'set' actually means 'poured')
  - The One on whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining is the Son of God – John the Baptist knew this
  - Jesus was set as King from then onwards!

**Heb 12:22** – what is Zion?

- ❖ we have come to Mt Zion (talking to believers), it is a spiritual reality we have come to

### **Psalms 2:8**

- ❖ speaking of the restoration
- ❖ the nations for Your inheritance, the ends of the earth for Your possession
- ❖ pay homage to the Son of God lest He get angry and you perish in the way
- ❖ blessed are you if you put your trust in Him

These are days of nations being broken because of the Son.

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

- ❖ the means by which the inheritance is brought in
- ❖ Go, and make disciples of all nations in the authority of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

### **Psalm 72**

- ❖ a Psalm of Solomon
- ❖ glory and universality of the Messiah's reign
- ❖ **v.15** – He shall live (speaking of the King)
- ❖ prayer made continually
- ❖ daily He shall be praised
- ❖ **v.16** – an abundance of grain in the earth (abundance of the Word being released)
- ❖ those of the city shall flourish (we are from Zion, the city of our Great King)

In the days of this King, His people (those of His city) will flourish.

**v.17** - His name will endure forever.

- Men shall be blessed in Him.

- All nations shall call Him blessed.

**v.18-19** - let the whole earth be filled with His glory (times of restoration)

- Amen and Amen.

There is a restoration of the covering of God's glory.

### **The Restoration of the Glory (in the earth)**

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

- ❖ Isaiah saw the Lord
- ❖ Isaiah was not in the physical temple in Jerusalem at that time
- ❖ He got a glimpse of the reality (the physical temple was just a shadow of the true)
- ❖ The whole earth full of His glory

This has always been God's purpose for the earth.

**John 17:4** – Jesus said, 'I have glorified You on the earth'

- Jesus was the firstborn of many sons who would manifest the glory on the earth

#### **Habakkuk 2:14**

- ❖ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of YHWH

### **The Restoration of the House of God**

#### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

- ❖ the restoration of the house of God
- ❖ God's house is to be restored
- ❖ The word that Isaiah saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem
- ❖ It shall come to pass in the latter days (we are in the latter days **Gen 49:10** – Jacob prophesied of these latter days, the days of Messiah)
- ❖ The mountain of YHWH's house shall be established on the top of the mountains
- ❖ Jesus prophesied the destruction of the physical temple in Jerusalem
- ❖ **John 2:19-21** – Jesus said, 'Destroy this temple and I will raise it in three days' – speaking of the temple of His body (His corporate body)
- ❖ We were in Him when He was raised from the dead, a new house (**1 Tim.3:15**)

### **Isaiah 2:1-3**

We are in Zion (**Heb 12:22**)

- ❖ the Mountain of YHWH's house established far above all other might, authority and power (on the top of the mountains) – **Ephesians 1:20-21**
- ❖ YHWH's house walking in dominion, exalted above the hills
- ❖ All nations shall flow to it – God's heart has always been for the nations
- ❖ The house of the God of Jacob
- ❖ Why called the house of God of Jacob? – because Jacob had a dream
- ❖ Jacob dreamed of a ladder set up on the earth, its top reached up to heaven (**Gen 28:12-17**)
- ❖ We are coming to the house that Jacob saw
- ❖ This house was a connecting point – heaven and earth
- ❖ The house of God has to do with the promise of a Seed, house of sons

### **John 1:51**

- ❖ Jesus comes and sees Nathaniel
- ❖ He says you will see heaven opened, angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man
- ❖ Jesus is saying that He is the house of God (what Jacob saw)
- ❖ The house of God is the gate of heaven
- ❖ We are in the times where this house is being restored, the Body of Messiah

### **Isaiah 2:3**

- ❖ He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths
- ❖ discipleship
- ❖ taught to observe all things that He has commanded – **Matt 28:20**
- ❖ This house is not a particular place (physical location), it is in the Spirit realm
- ❖ When we gather together in His name, we become His house (**Matt.18:20**)
- ❖ For out of Zion shall go forth the Law (Torah), the pure word of God
- ❖ It will cause judgment to happen between the nations
- ❖ They shall not learn war anymore (the result of all nations being disciplined - Peace)

### **Micah 4:4-**

- ❖ everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree
- ❖ speaks of sons
- ❖ everyone released from bondage to fear
- ❖ But we will walk in the name of our God forever and ever
- ❖ **V.6** – I will assemble the lame (speaking spiritually) and gather the outcast, those whom I've afflicted
- ❖ God has a purpose and He knew you
- ❖ I will make the lame a remnant
- ❖ We have been spoken about – He will make us a remnant
- ❖ A strong nation who will not compromise
- ❖ **1 Peter 2:9** – a holy nation
- ❖ **V.8** – to you the former dominion shall come (coming into the realm of sonship)
- ❖ What is the former dominion? - **Genesis 1:28** – fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion

Do not fear little flock. It is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. – **Luke 12:32**



- ❖ All nations flowing to the house of God is all nations coming into contact with you.
- ❖ They start to enter into that realm of the house of God, experiencing God in the realm of the Spirit (**Eph.2:22**)

### **Restoration of true Shepherds**

#### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

- ❖ God is restoring true shepherds
- ❖ He will gather the remnant of His flock
- ❖ God will set up shepherds over them who will feed them
- ❖ Behold the days are coming – For us the days have come
- ❖ A King shall reign and prosper (**Rev 22:16** – Jesus is the Root and Offspring of David, the Beginning and the End)
- ❖ **V.6** – YHWH our Righteousness – the name of the King - Jesus, the Son of David is YHWH
- ❖ The restoration of shepherds comes because the true Shepherd came

#### **Jeremiah 3:14**

- ❖ Return...I will bring you to Zion
- ❖ One from a city, two from a family
- ❖ I will bring you to Zion
- ❖ **V.15** – I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding

**Matt 9:35-38** – God's people weary and scattered like sheep without a shepherd

- ❖ pray for the raising of labourers for the harvest who will feed God's people with knowledge and understanding

#### **Jeremiah 3:16-17**

- ❖ they will no more remember the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH because at that time Jerusalem, the city of God, will be called The Throne of YHWH
- ❖ We will be the throne of YHWH
- ❖ All the nations will gather to it, to the name of YHWH
- ❖ **V.18** – they will come to inherit the land
- ❖ **Rom 4:13** – inherit the world
- ❖ **V.19** – you shall call Me, 'My Father' (**Rom.8:15**)
- ❖ Making you a son so that you can receive the inheritance

These are days of restoration!

# **THE COVERING**

This is a broad subject  
Covering has to do with fatherhood

There has been a lot of talk of Sonship at this school  
Sonship is the doorway into fatherhood

When there is a lack of fathering in our lives we can lack the knowledge of how to bring up sons

**Hebrews 12** – God disciplines sons and this helps us be effective fathers

When we learn to walk in the mantle of sonship and fatherhood then God covers us

Noah had uncovered himself and brought a curse on one of his three sons

Covering and fatherhood has to do with growing to maturity

❖ mistakes happen where we hurt ourselves and others but when we are under the covering it comes to a minimum

**1 John 2:12-14** - there are to be three generations in the church

**1. Little Children** – need nurture, discipleship, parents (covering of older generation), elders, pastors

**2. Young men** – need training from five ministries (**Eph.4:11**, hopefully having a father's heart), ministering to the young men to bring them up in ministry/service/work

**3. Sons** – sent by fathers as sons, not only sent from being trained but sent as sons, to do the work

- fathers bring the covering

- **1 Cor.4:17** – Timothy, my **Beloved** – he is in a father/son relationship with Paul

**Faithful** – he is trusted, he will do what he is told to do, he will remind you of my ways in Christ

- **1 Timothy 1:2 (Titus 1:4)** – A “**true son**” in the faith, he is grown up, ordained by the laying on of hands, preaching the truth, staying faithful to his father

## **4. Fathers**

- they are the leadership

- fathers have the vision, they carry it in their hearts

- fathers live and breathe the vision

- they have revelation of the mysteries

- they make provision

The covering is fathers

- a big mistake in the church worldwide is that every local pastor has their own vision

## **1 Corinthians 4:14-15**

- Paul as a father was bringing a warning
- the sad thing is having "10,000 instructors/trainers/teachers in Christ" but not many fathers
- lack of fathers is major lack in world now
- without fathers we have orphans
- most churches are orphanages
- Paul said that he had "begotten" them through gospels
- Paul said to "imitate me"
- sons imitate fathers

## **Exodus 24**

- ❖ God allowed the 70 elders to ascend to heaven and "have lunch with Him"
- ❖ Moses was God ordained leader
- ❖ Aaron was right there beside him
- ❖ Then 70 elders (fathers), elders were not "positional" places like Greco-Roman empire, not government appointment
- ❖ Hebrew society was tribal, elders were fathers
- ❖ Fathers lead their family up to 3 or 4 generations

## **v.9 – they saw the God of Israel**

- they saw God and ate and drank
- they were the fathers of Israel and provided the covering
- God allowed them to see into the mystery of God, to see the eternal purpose of God
- fathers are mature ones able to lead and give headship covering
- Jacob had twelve sons and they had a big reality check when they met Joseph in Egypt and the hard word was on them and they came back to "Daddy", to Jacob looking for the covering
- the word that Moses received was for all God's people

## **Exodus 24:9-11 footnote**

- ❖ God is the Revelator
- ❖ God chose to reveal Himself to the nobles of Israel
- ❖ This solidified their leadership and made them even more willing to receive the word from Moses' leadership
- ❖ Chief leaders were allowed to see what God wanted them to see of Himself

## **Exodus 33:18**

- ❖ Moses said to God, "Please show me Your glory"
- ❖ Moses realised he needed a stronger covering to lead this people
- ❖ The covering is the Glory
- ❖ God agreed

## **Exodus 34:6-8**

- ❖ Yahweh passed before Him and proclaimed the name "Yahweh"
- ❖ He revealed His glory
- ❖ Moses worshiped
- ❖ Fathers receive revelation and they worship

Intimate contact with God is the foundation of leadership (revelation)

## **1 Corinthians 12:28**

- God has set in the church 1<sup>st</sup> apostles, 2<sup>nd</sup> prophets, 3<sup>rd</sup> teachers
- these are the fathers
- they bring the word to the church
- apostles wait on God in prayer to bring the Word from God
- elders are also meant to be able to teach
- promoting God's vision

## **Denominational covering/headship is not a true covering**

- ❖ people want to be under an "umbrella" but that actually stops rain/revelation/teaching from heaven
- ❖ it does not work spiritually
- ❖ it always puts a ceiling in place that stops revelation

## **What is the Bible pattern?**

It is Jesus and the Father

Jesus said He could do nothing without the Father (**Jn.5:19**)

- ❖ this is the pattern of covering
- ❖ Jesus lived His life under the covering of His Father, only doing what His Father was doing

## **What about the apostles?**

### **Acts 15:6**

- ❖ a convocation of leaders of the church
- ❖ apostles and elders came together to consider the matter
- ❖ the covering is the gathering of apostles and elders (included prophets and others)
- ❖ the covering of the first church was the "apostles and elders"
- ❖ a functioning apostolic council is where fathers come together

## **A functional apostolic council**

- relationship building
- dialogue
- mutual submission
- sharing of resources
- not organisational
- this can cover a multitude

The great need, before we have functional apostolic council, is fathers

Paul carved out "his gospel" without many others but he was still happy to become part of the apostolic council (**Acts 15, Galatians 2:2**)

## **Paul and Timothy**

### **Philippians 2:19-23**

- ❖ father and son working together
- ❖ as a son he served with his father in the gospel
- ❖ even as a husband and wife serve together in the gospel, right order in the relationship
- ❖ Timothy and Paul mirrored the father and son relationship, doing the family business

Fathers cover the children  
Fathers define the children – give identity  
Fathers provide the way for children to grow up (not sitting in the pews year after year)

Many trainers but not fathers  
Many church attendees not many disciples

### **1 Corinthians 11:1**

- "imitate me as I imitate Christ"

#### **v.2**

- there are traditions that he began in the churches that he believes are to be imitated

#### **v.3**

- is "headship" talking of hierarchy?
- is God a hierarchy
- before God, men and women have equal standing, both can access God totally
- what is this "headship" talking of
- God made Jesus to be "Head" (**Ephesians 1:22**)

**v.4-5** - in context a woman with a shaved head was a prostitute

**v.6-7** - There is no inequality

God is speaking of an order that was set in place before man fell

- ❖ the woman was to be a "helper" (same word used for God being our helper) comparable to the man
- ❖ God had given the man the responsibility to teach the Word to His wife but he failed
- ❖ The devil deceived her because the man failed in his headship/covering
- ❖ The man in the garden did not look after his wife nor communicate the gospel to her

### **1 Peter 3:7**

- man is meant to look after his wife as the "weaker vessel"

### **1 Cor.11:10**

- demons will not leave you alone just because you wear a head covering
- what is the head covering
- the woman should have authority on her head because of the angels (fallen ones)
- what will protect the woman?
- authority on her head = spiritual authority, right order with her husband
- if husband not with God she will have to find head covering among the elders of the congregation
- we all need to be committed, submitted, accountable and sent
- true discipleship provides a covering for babies, children, young men and women being trained and sons being sent

### **2 John 1,4**

- John the Elder writes to the "elect lady"
- John the apostle was her covering and through their relationship he also provided a covering for her spiritual children

**3 John** - Gaius is a spiritual son of John

**v.9** - Diotrephes was a self-seeker, no father

**Revelation 2-3**

- ❖ in 7 letters Jesus writes pastorally, apostolically and prophetically
- ❖ Jesus is our Apostle and Prophet
- ❖ Jesus is our real Head, our Father

**Isaiah 4:5 - over all there, the glory shall be a covering**

## SONSHIP – Part 2

Context determines the meaning.

The context is very important.

We need to understand God's eternal purpose.

**Heb 1:2** – God's Sons extend Him

- ❖ In these last days God has spoken to us through Son
- ❖ A new language

God wants the fullness of His glory to be seen in the earth.

- ❖ the knowledge of His glory
- ❖ an experiential encounter with the glory of God
- ❖ He wants to be the living God amongst us
- ❖ He has chosen to extend Himself into the earth through sons (this has always been His intention)
- ❖ His sons manifested (revealed) in the earth

**Heb 1:2-3**

- ❖ the Son shines forth from the glory of the Father
- ❖ the Son is the glory of the Father
- ❖ the Son is the representation of the Father

**John 5:17**

Jesus said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God

**Matt 3:16-17**

- ❖ The Father set the Son into His sonship
- ❖ Now the Son could fully represent the Father
- ❖ Now fully qualified to receive the inheritance

**John 10:30**

- ❖ I and My Father are One

We are well able to continue

- ❖ Jesus is the pattern Son
- ❖ **Rom 8:29** - Jesus is the first of many sons
- ❖ **Acts 1:1** – Jesus began to do and to teach
- ❖ the rest of the sons are going to continue what He began
- ❖ walk in proper expectation
- ❖ you have been brought into the kingdom to be a son (a citizen) of the kingdom
- ❖ chosen to release the life of the kingdom
- ❖ Jesus has done the work, He has destroyed the devil – **Heb 2:14**
- ❖ Now when we walk in the earth, we are not walking on our own
- ❖ We are children of the kingdom

## John 14

- ❖ Most don't have understanding of sonship and misinterpret this passage
- ❖ Need to read it in the context of sonship
- ❖ The most foundational teaching is sonship, family, etc
- ❖ Your calling (commission) will only function as you know who you are
- ❖ If you don't understand that you are a son first, then what you do won't have the full firm foundation that you need to fulfil what God's called you to do

## John 14

**v.8** – show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us

**v.10** – Jesus said, 'I am in the Father and the Father in Me'

- the Father who dwells in Me does the works
- what Jesus did was not from His own ability and works, it was from the Father
- the Father extends Himself through sons

**v.11** - believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves

- Jesus brought the kingdom to earth
- the world wants to experience Who you know
- it is the Father who is in you

**v.12** – greater works than these he will do because I go to My Father

**v.13-14** – ask in My name and I will do it

**v.15-17** – the Spirit of truth...dwells with you and will be in you

- It is not about the gifting
- Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit because He was the Son walking in the will of the Father
- we need to understand that we are sons of God
- we need to understand why God wants to release sons of God in the earth
- to manifest the dominion of the kingdom
- we have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of the Son
- we now have authority because the Father is in us
- Now we don't go in our own strength, we are not alone
- we exist to manifest the Father
- when we are aligned with the purpose and will of God, He will come

**v.16-17** – the Spirit of truth

- He dwells with you and will be in you

**v.18** - I will not leave you orphans (fatherless)

- Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit

- **Romans 8:15** – the Spirit of adoption will make you know for sure that you are sons of God, that the life of the Father dwells in you

- assurance that you are a son of God
- a son who will reveal the Father in the earth

## Matthew 10

- ❖ we don't have a lot of understanding about the process of growing and maturing to be sons of God
- ❖ the process involves discipleship
- ❖ **1 Cor 13:11** – it is time to leave childish was



- ❖ **1 Cor 3:1-3** – carnal Christians just live for themselves
- ❖ We are to lay down our lives to fully manifest the Father

### **Matthew 10**

- ❖ talks about the process
- ❖ **v.16** - beware of men
- ❖ **v.19-20** – it will be given to you in that hour what to speak, for it is not you who speaks but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you
- ❖ this is a son walking in his destiny
- ❖ the Spirit of the Father speaks through you
- ❖ we need to live lives of faith, depending on the Lord
- ❖ a heart set on eternity (not the temporal)
- ❖ in the Father there is abundant supply for all that you have need of
- ❖ you must walk as a son, knowing who you are and who has sent you
- ❖ the Father will say what promotes His kingdom, He will cause us to have courage and boldness
- ❖ they will see our Father when He speaks through us

**v.32** – there is a process here

(**Romans 10:8-15** – there is a process for being saved – hear, need a preacher, need to be sent, etc)

**v.32-33** – a confession comes when someone comes in unity

- mind, heart, intellect coming into line with God (fully aligned)
- an ambassador is not the king
- but in the kingdom when we are sent, the king is in us
- we are the King's sons and we have the life of the Father in us
- there is no limitation for the sons representing the life of the Father
- in union with the Father and speaking out of this place

**v.34** – Jesus said that He came to bring a sword

**Heb 4:12** – what is the sword?

- ❖ the Word of God is living and powerful sharper than any two-edged sword
- ❖ **Eph 6:17** – the Sword of the Spirit

### **v.35-39**

- when God reveals His will to us, He gives us a sword
- a word that is personal, corporate or global
- 2-edged sword – 1 edge for the devil, 1 edge to cut off the influence of those that would keep us from walking in the will of God
- whenever we receive revelatory direction (rhema word), there will be those that say, 'That cannot be the will of God'
- all relationships need to be dealt with by the Word of God
- we need to rise up with the truth
- those who love us may have a will for us that is contrary to the will of God
- we have been given a sword to cut these things off, so that we can be fully aligned with the will of God for us

**v.39** – whoever finds his eternal life will lose his natural life (He can no longer live to please men)

- whoever loses his natural life will find eternal life

**v.40** - this is the son (fully united with the will of God)

- then when you go you will be received like Jesus (a son received like the first Son)

There are many influences, loves and soulish desires that get tangled up with us.

We need to choose life, His life.

We cause heaven to come to earth through our obedience.

No longer living by the fear of man, but living to please Him

**Be a son. This is your destiny!**

# WALK ABOUT ZION

## **Psalm 48:12-14**

- ❖ God wants you to explore Zion, to take note of the things that are in Zion
- ❖ Count her towers, see her defences (bulwarks), her palaces
- ❖ Tell it to the next generation (disciple others)
- ❖ **V.14** - For this is God (talking about Zion)
- ❖ God is revealed in Zion
- ❖ God's dwelling place is in Zion
- ❖ Understanding Zion brings us to the revelation of God

**Zion** - Hb#6726 from Hb#6725 which means conspicuous, not hidden, a monumental or guiding pillar,

**Psalm 48:48** – He will be our guide (Zion is a guiding pillar for us)

- ❖ Zion is representative of the glory

What else do we know of a pillar in the Bible?

**Gen 28:22** – Jacob anointed and set up a pillar, called it the house of God

**1 Timothy 3:15** – the house of God is the pillar and ground of the truth

What is our guiding pillar?

It is to be found in the house of God.

**Zion** - Hb #6726 - a permanent capital city, a mountain

The government is found in the capital.

## **ZION IS THE PLACE OF THE GOVERNMENT/KINGDOM OF GOD.**

### **Psalm 2:1-6**

This Psalm is quoted many times in the New Testament.

- ❖ the rulers take counsel together against His Anointed
- ❖ nations raging against YHWH and against His Messiah
- ❖ **v.4** – God's response – He who sits in the heavens shall laugh
- ❖ He shall hold them in derision and distress them
- ❖ **V.6** – the King is in Zion
- ❖ God places His king in Zion
- ❖ The King is the Son of God who has an inheritance. (**v.7-8**)
- ❖ **V.10-12** - Worship the Son lest He be angry
- ❖ Understanding Zion is to understand the government of God
- ❖ The early church saints proclaimed another King – He is the government
- ❖ This gospel causes people to lose their lives for Jesus
- ❖ This gospel caused King Herod to be afraid of a baby

### **Psalm 48:1-2**

- ❖ Zion – the city of our God
- ❖ His holy mountain (set apart)
- ❖ Beautiful in height (elevation)
- ❖ Far above all else

- ❖ The joy of the whole earth
- ❖ Zion causes rejoicing to spread throughout the whole earth
- ❖ On the sides of the north
- ❖ The city of the great King – the place of government

### **Psalm 110:1-2**

- ❖ YHWH said to My Lord (Adonai), 'Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool'
- ❖ The right hand is the place of all authority and power
- ❖ **V.2** – YHWH shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion
- ❖ Zion is the place of YHWH's right hand
- ❖ The rod of Your strength - the Word that comes from the King
- ❖ Rule in the midst of Your enemies
- ❖ When we come to understand Zion, we will be fortified to rule in the midst of our enemies

### **Isaiah 24:21-23**

- ❖ YHWH will punish on high the host of exalted ones (principalities and powers), and on the earth the kings of the earth
- ❖ Jesus disarmed principalities and powers through His death and resurrection
- ❖ He is reigning gloriously now (**1 Corinthians 15:25** – reigning till all His enemies are made His footstool)

### **Obadiah 17**

- ❖ on Mt Zion there shall be deliverance
- ❖ there shall be holiness (**Psalm 24, Psalm 15**)
- ❖ we need to be like Jacob who sought the face of God
- ❖ this is the generation of those who seek Your face
- ❖ **v.17** - The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions
- ❖ Inheritance in Zion (**Psalm 2:8**)
- ❖ We have to come to Zion, this is the purpose and revelation of God
- ❖ **V.18** – the house of Jacob like a fire, a flame
- ❖ Esau (the man of the flesh) shall be burnt up
- ❖ No survivor shall remain of the house of Esau (totally free of the flesh)
- ❖ **V.21** – saviours (deliverers) shall come to Mt Zion
- ❖ They shall judge the flesh (the Mountains of Esau)
- ❖ Through these deliverers the kingdom of YHWH will manifest

### **ZION IS GOD'S CHOSEN DWELLING PLACE.**

#### **Psalm 132:11-13**

- ❖ Yahweh has chosen Zion
- ❖ He has desired it for His home (dwelling place)
- ❖ He lives in us – Zion is a spiritual reality

#### **Isaiah 51:16** – Zion is a people, not just a physical place

- ❖ I've put My words in your mouth
- ❖ I've covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens
- ❖ Heaven and earth coming together
- ❖ And say to Zion, 'You are My people'
- ❖ The heavens are planted so that the foundations of the earth can be laid

Zion is a people in whom the heavens have been planted in the earth.

### **Psalm 74:2**

- ❖ What is this Mt Zion?
- ❖ The congregation He purchased (**Acts 20:28** – purchased with His own blood)
- ❖ The tribe of Your inheritance which You have redeemed
- ❖ This is Mt Zion

### **Psalm 132**

- ❖ **v.14** – This is My resting place forever
- ❖ Here I will dwell, for I have desired it
- ❖ The Spirit of God came down and rested upon Jesus when He came up from the waters of baptism
- ❖ Jesus was always open and willing to do the will of the Father – a place of rest
- ❖ **V.15** – there is no lack for anything in Zion
- ❖ Seek first the kingdom and all these things shall be added to you
- ❖ I will abundantly bless her provision
- ❖ He is the God of abundance
- ❖ I will satisfy her poor with bread (the Word going forth)
- ❖ I will clothe her priests with salvation (deliverers coming to Zion)
- ❖ Her saints shall shout aloud for joy (**Isaiah 12:6**)
- ❖ **V.17** – There I will make the horn of David grow
- ❖ I will prepare a Lamp for My Messiah
- ❖ His crown will flourish

### **ZION IS A PLACE WHERE SONS ARE BROUGHT FORTH**

- ❖ Zion brings forth sons/Son

### **Isaiah 66**

- ❖ **v.7** – she delivered a male child
- ❖ a nation being born at once (**1 Peter 2:9**)
- ❖ as soon as Zion was in labour, she gave birth to her children (**Rev 12** – Male Child becomes offspring)
- ❖ **v.8-10** – Zion brings forth sons – This is a “male child”, corporate son

### **Psalm 87**

- ❖ His foundation is in the holy mountains
- ❖ **V.5** – of Zion it will be said, ‘This one and that one were born in her’
- ❖ Are you registered in Zion? (**v.6**)
- ❖ **John 3:3** – unless one is born again (born from above/Zion) he cannot see the kingdom of God
- ❖ **John 3:5** – you must be born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom
- ❖ **Heb 12:22-23** – You have come to Mt Zion to the city of the living God, the place of God’s appointed feasts
- ❖ the congregation of the firstborn **registered in heaven** (born in Zion)

### **Lamentations 4:2**

- ❖ Jeremiah is lamenting the destruction of the temple and the exile of God’s people into Babylon
- ❖ The precious sons of Zion, valuable as fine gold
- ❖ God is restoring to us Zion

- ❖ The living stones have been scattered but they are being gathered again
- ❖ We are to build with gold, silver, precious stones
- ❖ We are to build with sons of Zion

### **Zechariah 9:12-13**

- ❖ Return to the stronghold you prisoners of hope
- ❖ Even today I declare that I will restore double to you (the inheritance of a firstborn son)
- ❖ Sons of Zion are getting raised up to be made like the sword of a mighty man (sons of the kingdom waging war against sons of this world)

### **HOW DO WE GET UP INTO THIS PLACE?**

#### **2 Samuel 5:6-8**

- there was a secret about Zion
- **v.6** – the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites (the enemy still held Zion)
- the church has been held from Zion by religious systems (preventing the revelation of the mystery from being made known)
- v.8 - whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft...David knew the secret of Zion
- **Psalm 87:7** – all My springs are in Zion
- there is a river (**Rev 22** – it comes from the throne)
- we need to come up through the water shaft (the springs of revelation)
- there is water in Zion

#### **Psalm 84:5-7**

- ❖ blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage
- ❖ Are you fixed on getting into Zion?
- ❖ Passing through the valley of weeping (Baca) – a place of suffering (allowing God to strip away the things that have held us back)
- ❖ It then becomes a place to draw from, a place of life (a spring)
- ❖ These ones go from strength to strength
- ❖ Each one appears before God in Zion

**Is your heart set on pilgrimage?  
It is time to walk about Zion.**

## **THE COMING - Part 2**

Looking at "Parousia" from **2 Thessalonians to 2 Peter**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1** – Paul, Silvanus and Timothy wrote the letter

**2:6** – apostles of Christ = Paul, Silvanus and Timothy

- changes of ministry are not uncommon in the Bible

**2 Thessalonians 1:6**

- God will repay with tribulation those who trouble you

**v.7** - He gives the saints rest when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

- warrior angels with Jesus in flaming fire

**v.8** - in flaming fire He will take vengeance on those who do not know God = idol worshipers, they worship a demon power of some sort called "god"

- also those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ = those who have heard the word but refuse to obey, atheists and church goers, others who do not obey the gospel

**v.9** - they will be punished with everlasting destruction from the Presence of the Lord and the glory of His power

**When will this happen?**

**v.10**

- "when He comes"

- "in that Day" – day of YHWH, day of the Lord, day of Christ

- He will come in that day to be "glorified in His saints"

**What is a Day?**

**Genesis 1:5**

- ❖ God had just released Light

- ❖ He called the Light "Day" = first meaning of word "Day"

- ❖ Day = Light

- ❖ We are children of the Light, children of the Day

- ❖ So evening and morning was first "day" = 24 hour day

**Genesis 2:4**

- ❖ history of heavens and earth when they were created in "the day"

- ❖ this "Day" = the 6-day period of creation

Day = a period of time characterised by what is happening in that time

**2 Thessalonians 1:10**

- when He comes in that Day to be glorified in His saints

- in the same "day" that He comes He will destroy those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel

- they will be destroyed from the "Presence" = the Glory, the Face
- they will be destroyed from the glory of His power
- when Jesus comes the believers will be raised in a moment but the judgement will take place in the "Day"

## **2 Thessalonians 2:1**

- concerning the coming (Parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ
- when He comes we will be gathered to Him
- we are already gathering unto Him to be ready for His coming
- [**Matthew 13:36-43** – the destruction of the wicked, the sending of reapers, angels/messengers (apostles), to bring judgement]

**v.2-3** - do not be troubled by people speaking deceiving doctrines, as through the day of Christ had come

- let no one deceive you
- stay within confines of what is written (**1 Corinthians 4:6**)
- the Day will not come until the "falling away" comes first
- "Falling away", in Australia, and the West especially, there has been a big "falling away" from the Christian faith in our time, a great apostasy is taking place
- "Man of Sin" must be revealed first

**v.4** - "son of perdition" exalts himself above all that is called God

- he has to come first
- he sets himself up in the temple and sits as "God"

**v.5-6** - "son of perdition" is being restrained

- not quite sure who or what is restraining

**v.7** - "mystery of lawlessness" is at work

- the one restraining will be taken out of the way

**v.8** - then the "lawless one" will be revealed

- The Lord will deal with him
- The Lord will deal with him by the "breath of His mouth"
- "breath" = spirit
- "mouth" is speaking of the word coming out of the mouth
- Spirit empowered Word coming out of the Lord's mouth
- destroy with the "brightness of His coming (Parousia)"
- has been believed through Old Testament (Judges 13 and other places) could not see God and live, no flesh can see God and live, High Priest could not have any flesh visible when entering Holy of Holies

- what will deal with the "lawless one"?

The Lord will "consume" him by the breath of His mouth and destroyed by the "brightness of His coming"

- ❖ this one will be "destroyed, disarmed and unemployed" by the brightness of His coming



**v.9** - The Lawless One will also be coming (Parousia)  
- he will be revealed with demonic signs and wonders

**v.10** - they will perish because they did not love the truth

**v.11** - God will send strong delusion that they will believe the lie

### **James 5:7-8**

- ❖ be patient, brethren, for the coming (Parousia) of the Lord
- ❖ farmer waits for the fruit of the earth
- ❖ must receive early and latter rain to be prepared for coming

### **Deuteronomy 32:2**

- ❖ teaching/doctrine drop like the rain

### **Joel 2:23**

- ❖ former rain (Passover to Pentecost) and latter rain (to bring in grape and olive, Tabernacles, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> month) coming together in the first month
- ❖ all feasts are going to be fulfilled in a hurry, together (**Amos 9:13-15** – harvest will overtake the sower)

### **Hosea 6:3**

- ❖ let us know and pursue the knowledge of YHWH
- ❖ He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth (Tabernacles will overtake Passover and Pentecost)

We are waiting patiently for this to happen, harvest

### **2 Peter 1:16**

- we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made to you the power and coming (Parousia) of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of his majesty
- it is not a story! - we saw it!

**v.17** - on the Mount of Transfiguration Peter saw the Coming!

- be ready for it by continuing in "these things" (**2 Pet.1:5-11**)
- the "Coming" is the revealing of Jesus Christ in all the glory of the Godhead
- Peter saw the "power and coming" of Jesus
- Peter, James and John saw it
- He received from God the Father honour and glory
- they heard the voice

**v.18-19** - so prophetic word is confirmed

- word of the prophets is confirmed
- we should heed this

**2 Peter 3:4** - scoffers say "where is the Promise of His Coming (Parousia)"

- scoffers say all things continue as normal
- they wilfully forget about flood of Noah

**v.5-7** - Coming brings judgement

**2Pet.3:8** - with the Lord a "day is as a thousand years" – does this mean an "age", a "long period of time"

- no evidence to say this is literal
- major key to interpreting the "1000 years" in **Revelation 20**

**v.9** - The Lord (probably a reference to YHWH) is not slack concerning the Promise

- He is patient, not willing that any should perish
- come to repentance

**v.10** - day of Lord will come as a thief in the night

- the earth and the works in it will be "burned up", "laid bare", "found"
- "elements will melt with fervent heat"
- the "day of the Lord" could be 1000 years
- the Lord will come as a thief to those who are asleep and not expecting Him to come
- "heavens will pass away with a great noise"

**What are the "heavens"?**

**Ephesians 3:8-11** – the 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens, the demonic heavens will pass away

- He disarmed them at the Cross but at His coming He will cause those heavens to fully pass away
- it will be with a great noise, sometimes the devil goes out screaming
- "the elements will melt with fervent heat"
- It said in days of Noah that earth was destroyed (was the earth literally destroyed? No, but the wickedness on the earth was removed)

**What are the "elements"?**

**Galatians 4:3**

- ❖ when children we were in bondage under the "elements" of the world
- ❖ rudiments, the system we live under, this world system

**Galatians 4:9**

- ❖ you turn again to the weak and beggarly "elements"
- ❖ this is religious observance, religious ways of trying to get to God

**Colossians 2:8**

- ❖ "basic principles of the world" = "elements"
- ❖ These will keep you from seeing all the fullness of God in Christ (**Colossians 2:9**)
- ❖ Do not let elementary teachings of this world rob you from the revelation of Christ

**Colossians 2:20**

- ❖ if you died with Christ from the "basic principles" (elements) of this world
- ❖ again it is religious regulations

One of modern versions translates this as "elementary spirits"

**Hebrews 5:12**

- ❖ you have need of "first principles (elements) of the oracles of God"
- ❖ what are these elements? **Heb.6:1-2** – foundations

**2 Peter 3:10**

- "elements" will melt with fervent heat
- this is the teachings of the world and religious regulations will all burn up!

**v.11**

- since all these things will be dissolved what sort of people should we be?
- how should we behave when all this begins to happen around us?

**Rev.18:20** – it is the apostolic/prophetic word that will cause the world system of “Babylon” to be destroyed and burn up!

- we are not sitting up in heaven watching this but right in the midst of it

**v.12** - we are “looking for”

**Titus 2:11-13** – grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts...looking for the “blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ

- we are “looking for the coming (Parousia) of the day of God”

- our behaviour will usher in the coming of the day of God

- the day of God will cause the elements (of worldly living and demonic control) to burn with fervent heat

**v.13** - we according to His Promise look for a new heaven and new earth where righteousness dwells

### **Revelation 21:1-2**

❖ new heaven and new earth appearing

❖ holy city, New Jerusalem is coming down

❖ we are not going up to heaven, the New Jerusalem is coming down from heaven to the earth

**v.3-4** - the result is God dwelling with men in the earth

**v.5 - ALL THINGS NEW!!!!**

# FROM THE CROSS TO THE GLORY

The church worldwide has not really understood why Jesus came and why He died on the cross.

We need to understand the purpose of the gospel.

## **Matthew 27:50-51**

- ❖ Jesus cried out and yielded up His Spirit
- ❖ The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom
- ❖ This was a sign of what was happening (a reality in the spirit)

## **Hebrews 10:19-20**

- ❖ boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, a new and living way
- ❖ a way that is real, full of life
- ❖ consecrated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh
- ❖ when Jesus' flesh was ripped open and He yielded up His Spirit, that was the veil being torn

## **John 8:28**

- ❖ when the Son of Man is lifted up (on the cross) then you will know that I AM
  - ❖ you will see who I am
  - ❖ we are invited to go right into Christ – knowing Him now as God (Yahweh the I AM)
  - ❖ we are invited to go from the cross into the glory of who He is
- You are welcomed into the glory.

## **Heb 12:2**

- ❖ Jesus knew that He was going from the cross to the glory
- ❖ Jesus is the author, source, beginning and perfecter of faith
- ❖ Jesus is the source of faith
- ❖ We are going from faith to faith
- ❖ He endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him
- ❖ Joy is entering the glory – He sat down at the right hand of God
- ❖ Jesus had to die and go through suffering in order to enter the glory

We need to get a vision of where we are going.

## **Hebrews 2:5**

- ❖ the world to come is not in subjection to angels
- ❖ **v.6-8** – man has been crowned with glory (quoting **Psalms 8:4-6**)
- ❖ man has been set over the works of His hands
- ❖ man has been placed over the world (age) to come
- ❖ we need to get ready
- ❖ Jesus is preparing us to be ruling and reigning in the age to come
- ❖ This was the original responsibility that God gave to man
- ❖ God is restoring us back into His original purpose
- ❖ God had already made provision for us from before the foundation of the world (**Rev 13:8**)
- ❖ His plans have never changed

**v.8** – God has put all in subjection under man, but we don't yet see it

**v.9** – BUT we see Jesus

- for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour (speaking of Jesus)
- Jesus has tasted death for everyone

**v.10** – Jesus is bringing many sons to glory

- the same glory that Jesus is crowned with now
- Jesus is bringing many sons into that glory with Him
- He was made perfect through sufferings

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

- ❖ Let us go on to perfection (maturity)
- ❖ We are on this journey from the cross to the glory

### **The Tabernacle of Testimony is a pattern for us (Exodus 25-40).**

Moses had to build it exactly according to the pattern.

The Tabernacle had 3 sections (Outer court, Holy Place, Holy of Holies).

- ❖ a pattern of God's house
- ❖ the way of worship

### The Law

The commandments teach us to love God and love others.

### The Feasts

Give us a prophetic calendar of God's appointments with His people

### **THE TABERNACLE**

- ❖ shows our journey
- ❖ the evangelist preaches so we can come into the gate (repentance)
- ❖ the first place we come to is the **Altar of burnt Sacrifice**  
**John 1:29** – John the Baptist recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

We start our journey at the cross and we meet Jesus the Son of God.

We need to believe. We need faith in Jesus and what He accomplished on the cross.

We receive forgiveness.

The Tabernacle is a picture of coming into Christ. By coming through the right way we get to meet with all the fullness of God (**Col.2:9**).

We must go on and enter all the way. We need to start to share the vision that there is somewhere to go.

### **Brazen Laver**

- ❖ all bronze
- ❖ bronze speaks of judgment on sin
- ❖ this is where sin is dealt with
- ❖ this laver had water in it
- ❖ it speaks of baptism
- ❖ **Mark 16:16** – He who believes and is baptised will be saved

- ❖ Even in the Old Testament God was revealing His plan for us.
- ❖ At baptism the old man is crucified and we are raised with Christ in newness of life (must be done in faith)
- ❖ The water also speaks of the water of the word (**Eph 5:26** – the washing of the water by the word)
- ❖ **Titus 3:5** – the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

In the Outer Court we are born again by the spirit of God. This is the beginning of our growth.

We have to come through the right way.

The pastor helps us on our journey in the Outer Court (nurture). The evangelist and pastor need to work together.

**1 Peter 2:2** – as new born babes we are to desire the pure milk of the word

### **THE 3 FEASTS (Lev 23)**

#### **1) Passover is the first feast (Exodus 12)**

- ❖ Each household needed a lamb
- ❖ Passover was to be the beginning of months
- ❖ The feasts are God's prophetic calendar
- ❖ The Passover Lamb was to be sacrificed – the blood of the Lamb
- ❖ The Passover was kept in Egypt (a place of slavery, bondage to the world)
- ❖ The blood of the lamb was to be placed on the lintels of the house – they would be saved
- ❖ In the midst of Egypt, we are saved and the angel of destruction has to pass over
- ❖ They had to get rid of sin (leaven removed)

The Day of firstfruits (**1 Corinthians 15:20** – Christ is the first to rise from the dead)

Passover is all about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

We enter into this with Jesus – walking in newness of life.

**Exodus 12-15** – The people of Israel began their journey and God was leading them. They came to the Red Sea (water).

Egypt was totally broken but they still had an army which God was about to take from them.

- ❖ At the cross Jesus disarmed principalities and powers and triumphed over them (**Col.2:15**)
- ❖ God's people went through the waters and the enemy army was destroyed
- ❖ **1 Cor 10:2** – baptised into Moses
- ❖ They were delivered out of Egypt through the sea.

From here we need the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49**) in order to go on.

- ❖ We need to be clothed with power from on high.

- Peter said, 'Repent and let everyone of you be baptised in the name of Jesus and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit' (**Acts 2:38**)

Repent, believe, be baptised, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ We can't proceed without the Holy Spirit
- ❖ We can't see without the Spirit

**Eph 2:22** – God is building a dwelling place for Himself in the Spirit

The House of God is found in the inner court.

**1 Cor 12:12-13** – we become part of the body of Christ through baptism

- Christ is a many membered body
- Baptism by the Spirit brings us into the body

Outer Court – Justified

Holy Place – Sanctified by the Spirit

Are you on this journey from the cross to the glory?

### **Holy Place**

- ❖ this is a place of ministry
- ❖ where the priests would come on a daily basis
- ❖ incense offered up daily (speaking of prayer)
- ❖ **Rev 5:8, Acts 6:4** – prayers (incense)
- ❖ the bread speaks of the bread of the word
- ❖ the teacher brings the Word
- ❖ the lampstand is a picture of the church (**Rev 1:20**)
- ❖ **Rev 4:5** – the 7 spirits of God
- ❖ The church filled with the fullness of the spirit of God
- ❖ The lampstand gives light (illumination – speaks of the ministry of the prophet)
- ❖ **Acts 6:4** – apostles give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word (altar of incense)
- ❖ **1 Cor.12:28** – God's appointed ministries set in the church

**Acts 2:42** – a picture of the church functioning (Word, fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayers)

## **2) The Feast of Pentecost – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast**

### **Exodus 19**

- ❖ **V.1** - They came to Sinai in the third month
- ❖ The giving of the Law on tablets of stone
- ❖ When Moses came down he found the people worshipping a golden calf (mixture)
- ❖ **Lev 23** – leavened bread (there was mixture in the bread at Pentecost)

### **Exodus 32:27-28**

- ❖ when Moses came down from the mountain he was very angry
- ❖ about 3000 men of the people fell that day
- ❖ this was the first Pentecost

### **Acts 2**

- ❖ **v.1** – when the day of Pentecost had fully come (fulfilment)
- ❖ **v.4** – they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **v.41** – that day about 3000 souls were saved

First Pentecost 3000 died, in the fulfilment 3000 souls saved (life)

The Law was given by the Spirit written on our hearts (in the fulfilment).

The first Pentecost was in the wilderness. They saw amazing miracles happening. They glory cloud was there the whole time, but they had not yet arrived at their destination.

### **Deut 8:1-3**

- ❖ 40 years in the wilderness to humble and test you
- ❖ Pentecost is a test
- ❖ Have you allowed God to test you?
- ❖ To know what was in their heart (place of sanctification)
- ❖ To know if they would keep His commandments or not
- ❖ **v.3** – that you might know that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God
- ❖ Jesus quoted this verse when He was in the wilderness (**Matt.4:4**)

The valley of Baca (**Psalms 84:6**) – the valley of having your flesh dealt with

- ❖ **Hosea 2:15** – the valley of Achor (trouble)

We need to come in to the realm of the glory (move beyond Passover and Pentecost).

### **The Most Holy Place**

**Ex 25:22** – the place where God speaks (the word comes out of the glory)

- ❖ the place of fathers/sons
- ❖ we come to know and meet with the Father
- ❖ all the fullness of the Godhead in Christ
- ❖ the spirit of sonship is released in our life (placed as sons)
- ❖ as sons we are seated with Christ in the heavenly places
- ❖ fully established in Christ

### **3) The Feast of Tabernacles – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feast**

#### **John 1:14**

- ❖ the Word became flesh and tabernacled (dwelt) among us
- ❖ Jesus walking on the earth (the Word (God) became flesh)
- ❖ We beheld His glory, full of grace and truth

#### **John 14:23**

- ❖ if you love Me, you will keep My word and My Father will love you and we will come and make our home with you
- ❖ the place of knowing the indwelling of the Father and the Son
- ❖ brought to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Eph 4:13**)
- ❖ now standing as a corporate son
- ❖ ruling as kings and priests
- ❖ exercising His authority as sons of God
- ❖ revealing the glory of God into creation (**Rom 8:18-21**)
- ❖ the glory of God being revealed in us (**Col 1:27**)

### **1 Samuel 2:8**

- inherit the throne of His glory
- this is our inheritance



# **HUMILITY OF CHRIST**

Humility is the seal of heaven, the hall mark of a true believer

Prophecy:

In the bowels of the earth and monumental things were shifting and moving

- ❖ tectonic plates were moving and shifting
- ❖ it was fearful, so big, so powerful
- ❖ change is coming, it is monumental
- ❖ the gear has shifted, He is bringing us into something new
- ❖ keep walking through the change and keep eyes on Jesus
- ❖ something that exceeds your imagination, that you have not seen yet
- ❖ we are safe in God
- ❖ we need to learn how to walk in humility
- ❖ **Ephesians 3:20** God has a wonderful plan for us even through the frightening changes

## **1 Peter 5:5**

- younger ones submit yourselves to your elders
- we are also to be submitted to one another
- be clothed with humility, put it on
- God resists the proud
- God gives grace to the humble, grace to walk in the things that are coming
- therefore "humble yourselves", this is something you need to do

**v.8** - be sober, be vigilant

- if we are submitted and humble we will be protected from the wiles and schemes of the enemy

## **Philippians 2:5-8**

let this mind be in you, what mind is that?

**v.1-4** is the mind that is to be in us because it was in Christ Jesus

- no selfish ambition or conceit
- a mind that is lowly and esteems others better than themselves
- looking out for others' interests

**v.6** - Christ Jesus being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God

## **Matthew 11:29**

- ❖ we are to learn from Jesus
- ❖ we need to come to Him and learn from Him to walk in humility
- ❖ we are to learn the mind of Christ
- ❖ Christ Jesus is the pattern Son, we are to be humble like Him
- ❖ There is a pattern of humility to learn

**v.7** - He made Himself of no reputation

## **1 Corinthians 9:15 Word wealth**

- "void" – to abase, neutralize, empty, nullify, render void, divest totally, reduce to nothing
- while Jesus was still God manifest in the flesh yet He emptied (divested) Himself of all the glories attendant to His deity
- the opposite of humility is pride, looking at how well I did it
- love gives without expecting anything in return

**Phil.2:7** "took on the form of a bondservant"

## **Revelation 19:5 – word wealth**

**"bondservant"** – *'doulos'* – denotes one in bondage to or subject to another and is usually translated "slave" or "servant". Often the service is voluntary, in which a person willingly offers obedience, devotion and loyalty to another.

- ❖ Can you see Jesus in this word?
- ❖ Jesus, out of love, offered Himself willingly to His Father's will

**v.7** "coming in the likeness of men"

- ❖ God came in the flesh, as a man, **1 Timothy 3:16**
- ❖ This was the Creator, the God of Israel, the One leading His people through the Red Sea
- ❖ This same YHWH who did all that came "in the likeness of men"
- ❖ This is the God who cut the covenant with Abraham (**Gen.17**)
- ❖ Jesus is the same God, YHWH
- ❖ He is powerful, He became a man
- ❖ He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the One who revealed Himself as "I AM who I AM" to Moses in the burning bush
- ❖ He put off immortality and clothed Himself in mortality to reconcile us with the Father, make us sons and bring us into the land

## **Phil.2:8**

"He humbled Himself"

"humble" – make low, depress, sink lower, debase (as low as you can get), set in a lower place, lay low, descend

"He became obedient to the point of death"

## **Hebrews 5:5-9**

- ❖ Christ did not glorify Himself to be High Priest
- ❖ Did Jesus strive for this? Did He try to get God to make Him this?
- ❖ God was the One who lifted Jesus up into the position of a Son and a High Priest

**v.7** - in the Garden on the night He was betrayed He cried with vehement cries and tears

**v.8** - Though He was a Son He learned "obedience through suffering"

- suffering causes us to go lower, it brings us to a place of being broken and humble before God

- **Is.66:2** – He dwells with those who are of a contrite spirit and broken heart
- Jesus in the Garden He cried out to the Father to have mercy and if possible to take the cup of suffering away but He learned obedience through the suffering
- suffering is an opportunity to submit yourself to God in the midst of suffering
- exaltation comes after this, it is God who exalts us, then it brings glory to His name and not to ours

## **John 13:1-17**

**v.1** - Jesus knew what was coming

- He knew He was going to die
- knowing this He loved His disciples to the end
- His motivation was always love for the Father and love for the ones Father gave Him

**v.2-3** - Jesus knew Father had given all things into His hands

- Jesus knew He had come from God – **John 8:42 – “I proceeded forth and came from God...He sent Me”**

- Jesus knew He was going to God

**v.4-5** - knowing all this Jesus took a towel and did a job for slaves, got a basin to wash the disciples' feet

- this is a King, God in the flesh, humbling Himself and washing His disciples' feet

**v.6-10** - Peter was struggling to get the revelation of what Jesus was doing

**v.11-17** - Jesus as our Teacher and Lord showed an example of how we are to treat each other

- we should serve each other like this
- no servant is greater than their Master; if the Master is humble so should we be
- they must walk in humility

## **John 13:3-4**

❖ Jesus rose up and laid it all aside

❖ Jesus took off His glory like an outer garment

❖ He girded Himself in humility, took on the form of a bondservant

**v.7** – you will understand after this

**v.8** – if I do not wash you, you have no part in Me

- water cleanses and washes us
- we have part “in Me”, in Christ, by being baptised (washed) into Christ

**v.12** – when He finished doing the work, He stood up and put on His garments and sat down and said “Do you know what I have done?”

**v.13-15** – we have an example

- Jesus is calling us on
- progressing us forward
- we are not to be stagnant

To walk in this humility will cause your flesh to be uncomfortable

❖ humility will help us grow in maturity

❖ God gives grace to the humble

We are to ask God to help us so we can learn how to walk in this

The way up is down

We are not to exalt or promote ourselves

Whatever gift we have is His gift

If we do not humble ourselves, we will fall

One way or another you are going down

Is best to choose yourself to go down

## **Example of Jesus and His relationship with the Father**

❖ Jesus' life was not His own

**John 5:19** - Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do

**John 5:30** - I can of Myself do **nothing**...I do not seek My own will but the will of Father who sent Me

**John 5:41** I do not receive honour from men

- ❖ Do you glory in men's praises?
- ❖ Are you looking to receive affirmation from men or are you looking for Jesus to affirm you?

**John 6:38** - not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me

**John 7:16** - Jesus' doctrine was not His but His who sent Me

**John 7:28** - I have not come of Myself

**John 8:28** - when you lift up the Son of Man you will know that I AM

- ❖ I do nothing of Myself
- ❖ We should speak what Father tells us

**John 8:50** - I do not seek My own glory

**John 14:10**

- ❖ I am in Father and Father in Me
- ❖ Father who dwells in Me does the works

**John 14:24** - the word is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me

**Isaiah 42:1**

- ❖ Messiah is YHWH's Servant
- ❖ He served Father and served man
- ❖ This comes from a heart of love
- ❖ He always gave glory and honour to the Father
- ❖ Jesus never pushed Himself forward
- ❖ He never tried to get authority

## **The ultimate manifestation of humility of Messiah**

**Isaiah 53:1-2**

- ❖ Jesus grew as a Child
- ❖ God entrusted Himself into the womb of His own creation
- ❖ He grew up before God as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground
- ❖ He was nothing spectacular or outstanding

**v.3** - He was despised and rejected by men

- before we were born again we hid our faces from Him

**v.4-6** - we turned to our own way

- our iniquity was laid on Him
- our pains and griefs were laid on Him

**v.7** - even though He was oppressed and afflicted He did not complain about it

**v.8** - He was cut off, died

**v.10** - He made His soul an offering

The reward comes

❖ He shall see His seed

❖ He will live forever (prolong His days)

**v.11** - the fruit of His suffering will be justifying many

**James 4:6** - humility is the key to grace

**Jesus had great authority because He humbled Himself**

# HEALING

There are many different ways that healing happens in the Scriptures. It all comes out of relationship with God.

Healing causes us to push in to God. We all need to find Jesus ourselves in this area. We need to be led by God.

## **Matthew 4:23-25**

- Jesus went about teaching, preaching and healing all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of disease
- The characteristics of Jesus' ministry were teaching, preaching and healing
- Jesus does have authority and the ability to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
- Let's agree with the word
- v.24 – they brought to Him all sick, afflicted and demon-possessed
- He healed them

## **Healed – WW (SFLB) Matt 12:22**

Gk - *Therapeuo* – to serve in a menial way, involves aspect of care in it, tending, providing for the sick

- ❖ From there it came to mean heal, restore to health, cure

Sometimes Jesus wants you to take care of somebody. Sometimes there is a therapy to take place (a process). There is a love and a care to be poured out.

We need to walk with Jesus in everything and not become religious, remembering that Jesus does want to heal.

**Matt 12:22** – the word 'healed' is used when there is a demonic problem

## **Exodus 15:25-26**

- ❖ the people of Israel have just come through the Red Sea
- ❖ 3 days into the wilderness and already complaining
- ❖ I am YHWH who heals you
- ❖ In the context of bitter waters being made sweet
- ❖ Conditions – we must be in a proper (right) relationship with God by staying in His commands and statutes
- ❖ If we come under His covering and obey His commands, we find the Eternal One who heals
- ❖ Healing is not something God does, it is who He is

## **Heals – *rapha***

- ❖ means to cure, heal, repair, mend, to restore health,
- ❖ The participial form *rophe* means 'one who heals' and is the Hebrew word for doctor
- ❖ The main idea of the verb *rapha* is physical healing
- ❖ **Gen 20:17** – first mention of this word

YHWH is our doctor. It is His nature to heal and to sustain in health.

Diligently heed His voice and walk with Him in a close (intimate) relationship.

### **Numbers 21:4-9**

- ❖ they began to get discouraged and impatient
- ❖ very often the things that are going on in our soul will affect our health
- ❖ we need to guard what goes on in our soul (in terms of physical healing)
- ❖ the people spoke against God and against Moses (the authority that God had given them)
- ❖ they even spoke against the provision that God had given them on a daily basis
- ❖ **v.6** – YHWH sent fiery serpents among the people, they bit the people and many died
- ❖ serpent is representative of the devil, evil spirits
- ❖ when we begin to speak out against God and His authority we attract evil spirits which afflict us
- ❖ **v.7** – Moses prayed for the people and God gave him a plan (strategy)
- ❖ **v.8** – make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole, when those who have been bitten look at it, they will live
- ❖ the people had to respond with humility, repentance and faith (submitting to what the LORD had told Moses to do)

### **John 3:14-15**

- ❖ as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up
- ❖ whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life
- ❖ Who got judged on the cross? **John 12:31-32** – the ruler of this world will be cast out and judged
- ❖ What was the problem that was afflicting the people? The fiery serpents
- ❖ We need to learn to see whatever problem is afflicting us in Jesus, on the cross
- ❖ Jesus took all our afflictions
- ❖ Whoever looked at that, in faith, lived
- ❖ This is providing a foundation for us.
- ❖ We need to come from the position of victory already.

### **2 Kings 5**

- **v.1** – Naaman a mighty man of valour, but a leper
- there was a young girl from the land of Israel who knew that healing was available (a prophet is in Samaria)
- this girl released faith and hope to Naaman
- **v.5** – King of Syria sent a letter to the king of Israel requesting Naaman's healing
- There is a prophet in Israel
- Jesus is our prophet (there is always hope)
- **v.9** – Naaman stood at the door of Elisha's house
- Elisha (the prophet) sent a messenger and gave him a command
- the command (wash in the Jordan 7x) was humbling and a bit strange
- Naaman became furious, he believed in a formula (wanted Elisha to call on the name of the LORD and wave his hand about)
- **v.12** – he turned and went away in a rage
- but Naaman humbled himself and obeyed the command
- his flesh was fully restored

## **Luke 17**

- ❖ **v.11** – 10 men who were lepers met Jesus
- ❖ they asked Jesus to have mercy on them
- ❖ It is okay to just ask God for mercy
- ❖ All of these healings come out of some interaction with Jesus
- ❖ **V.14** – Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests
- ❖ As they went, they were cleansed
- ❖ Healed as they were obedient to Jesus' instruction
- ❖ One returned to worship and give thanks to God
- ❖ **V.19** – your faith has made you well
- ❖ Faith was expressed by simply doing what Jesus had told him to do

## **John 9:6** – a man born blind

- ❖ Jesus spat on the ground and made mud
- ❖ He put it on the man's eyes and told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam (a creative miracle)
- ❖ The man came back seeing

Healing comes out of relationship and obedience.

## **2 Kings 20**

- **v.1** - Hezekiah was sick and near death
- the prophet told him that he would die and not live (the word of the Lord)
- but there was still hope with God
- **v.3** - Hezekiah began to talk to God about it, he wept bitterly
- he didn't accept the sentence of death but sought God
- David also turned to God in fasting when the word of the Lord came that his son would die (in this case the situation didn't change – **2 Sam.12:22-23**)
- You can talk to God about whatever situation you are in
- **v.4** – before Isaiah had gone out of the court, the word of YHWH came to him
- I have heard your prayer, surely I will heal you
- on the third day you shall go up to the house of YHWH
- there was still an act of obedience required
- **v.7** – Hezekiah recovered (it was not an immediate healing)
- **v.8** – Hezekiah asked for a sign that God would heal him
- God gave him a sign
- it's okay to ask God for a sign, to talk to Him about the situation

## **Isaiah 53:4-5**

- ❖ surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains)
- ❖ the word 'borne' is also used for 'forgive' – Hb 'Nasa' – to carry, take
- ❖ just as He carried our sin, He also carried our sicknesses
- ❖ Jesus does want to heal
- ❖ In the same way that He took our sins, He bore our sicknesses
- ❖ Through Jesus death on the cross
- ❖ **V.5** – the chastisement for our peace (Hb "Shalom" – peace and well being in spirit, soul and body) was upon Him
- ❖ By His stripes we are healed
- ❖ We can thank Jesus that the ripping of His back was purchasing our healing
- ❖ **1 Peter 2:24** - ...by whose stripes you were healed



- ❖ **Matt 8:16-17** – Jesus healed all who were sick that it might be fulfilled what was written in Isaiah 53
- ❖ 'infirmities' and 'sicknesses' speaking of physical healing
- ❖ Jesus was able to heal and forgive people before the cross (He knew He was going to the cross to bear those things on Himself)
- ❖ We don't need to carry these things – He has carried them

### **Matthew 12:22-23**

- ❖ blind and mute man both spoke and saw
- ❖ those who witnessed Jesus healing said, 'Could this be the Son of David'
- ❖ they believed that when the Son of David would come He would bring healing
- ❖ the sure mercies of David – **Isaiah 55:3**
- ❖ mercy – compassion, taking pity on

### **Mark 10:46**

- ❖ blind Bartimaeus cried out, 'Son of David have mercy on me'
- ❖ **mercy** – to show kindness and concern for someone in need (Word Wealth **Rom 9:15**)
- ❖ mercy is not just a passive emotion, it is an active desire to remove the cause of distress in that person
- ❖ **v.48** – he cried out all the more
- ❖ **v.49** – Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called
- ❖ **v.51** – Jesus asked, 'What do you want Me to do for you?'
- ❖ he asked to receive his sight
- ❖ Jesus said, 'Go your way, your faith has saved (rescued / liberated) you
- ❖ Jesus will not let a cry for mercy pass Him by
- ❖ The everlasting covenant is the sure mercies of David

### **Acts 5:14-16** – even Peter's shadow (such an expectancy, an atmosphere of faith)

- ❖ this is something that only the Holy Spirit can bring about
- ❖ we can ask for these realities to happen again in our midst (unusual miracles)

### **Mark 16:18**

- ❖ those who believe in My name will lay hands on the sick and they will recover (**Acts 28:8-9**)

### **1 Corinthians 11:26-30**

- coming to the Table of the Lord
- proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes (He bore our sins and sicknesses)
- eat of the bread and drink of the cup, discerning the Lord's body
- 'Discerning' – come without doubting, believing
- **v.30** – many are weak and sick among you, not discerning the Lord's body, not believing
- come believing that He carried our sicknesses and infirmities
- you will be ***strengthened, healed and will not suffer premature death but live out the days ordained for you***

It is God's nature to heal.

# **THE HOUSE OF GOD**

## **The First Mention of the "House of God" in Scripture**

### **Genesis 28:12**

- ❖ Jacob dreamed
- ❖ Saw a ladder set up on the earth
- ❖ Its top reached into heaven
- ❖ "Heaven" is the place of God's Throne
- ❖ "angels" Hb.#4397 – 'malak' – a messenger, a representative, someone dispatched to do a task or relay a message, heavenly or earthly
- ❖ Angels/messengers ascending a descending
- ❖ They are going up to get a message and coming back down to relay that message (hearing from God)
- ❖ Access to God – in New Covenant we are all priests unto God (all have access)

### **v.13-14**

- YHWH stood at top of ladder
- He spoke to Jacob of the covenant promise that God spoke to Abraham
- this covenant involves a promise
- the land is promised as an inheritance
- there is a spreading in every direction of sons
- "descendants" = "Seed" (singular)
- there is a "Seed" that will spread in every direction
- all the families of the earth will be blessed (this is the message of the gospel)

### **Galatians 3:16**

- ❖ Now to Abraham and His Seed the promises were made
- ❖ Singular "seed"
- ❖ The Seed is Christ
- ❖ In promise to Jacob the "Seed" would spread in every direction

### **Galatians 3:8**

- ❖ the gospel to Abraham = "In you all the nations of the earth will be blessed" (pointing ahead to Christ)

In **Gen 28** the gospel was then also preached to Jacob

### **Romans 4:13**

- ❖ When God spoke to Jacob about inheriting the land, He was re-iterating covenant made with Abraham
- ❖ The "land" is the "world"
- ❖ The inheritance is the world

### **Genesis 28:15**

- ❖ "I will not leave you until I have done what I told you"
- ❖ Sounds like **Matthew 28:18-20**
- ❖ "Make disciples of every nation", spreading in every direction
- ❖ Baptising and teaching
- ❖ "I am with you always, even till the end of the age."

## **Jacob's response**

### **Genesis 28:16-17**

- ❖ surely YHWH is in this place
- ❖ this is none other than the House of God
- ❖ this is the gate of Heaven
- ❖ He saw heaven and earth coming together
- ❖ He saw YHWH on top of ladder
- ❖ He saw messengers going up and down
- ❖ A covenant made, an everlasting covenant
- ❖ A promise of a Seed that will spread in every direction across earth
- ❖ Inheritance given, inheritance of world, nations, land
- ❖ The gospel that was preached to Abraham was also preached to Jacob
- ❖ Abiding presence promised

"Gate of heaven"

- ❖ entrance, opening
- ❖ authority
- ❖ house of God is a place where will of God in heaven can be done on earth, where earth connects with heaven

### **Genesis 28:18**

- ❖ took Stone/Rock, Pillar and Anointing
- ❖ **1 Timothy 3:15** – house of God is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and ground of the truth
- ❖ **The house of God that Jacob saw was the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and ground of the truth!!!**

### **John 1:51**

- ❖ you shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man
- ❖ Jesus was speaking of the fulfilment of Jacob's dream
- ❖ There will be an open heaven in the earth through the Son of Man

Jesus Himself is the ladder that connects heaven and earth

Messengers can be humans who now access God through Jesus the Messiah

You will marvel when you see the house of God that I am establishing

### **John 2:19-21**

- ❖ destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up
- ❖ talking in context of Temple in Jerusalem
- ❖ But Jesus was actually referring to the Temple of His body
- ❖ Something will happen through His death and resurrection
- ❖ Through His resurrection His Body will be raised up!!!!

**Hebrews 9:11** – Jesus erected the true Tabernacle made without hands!!

- ❖ it is in the Spirit

### **Ephesians 1:20-23**

- ❖ what happened as a result of Jesus dying and being raised from the dead
- ❖ Jesus was seated at right hand far above all principality and power
- ❖ Head over all things
- ❖ Church which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all
- ❖ Jesus when He raised from the dead also raised a Body which is the fullness of Him filling all in all
- ❖ **Ephesians 2:6** – when Jesus was raised we were raised with Him, we can now all hear from God in heaven and relay the message on the earth!!
- ❖ **The Ladder has been set up!!**
- ❖ **The house of God is established!!!**
- ❖ **The connection between heaven and earth has been done**

### **The house of God is in the context of the covenant promises!**

#### **Ephesians 2:11**

- ❖ Gentiles/nations called “uncircumcision” at one time

**v.12** – once we were

- i) without Christ
- ii) aliens from commonwealth of Israel
- iii) strangers from covenant of promise
- iv) no hope
- v) without God

**v.13** – But now in Christ we have been brought near and partake of all the above

**v.14-17** - Now there is One New Man in Christ

- Jew and Gentile reconciled to God in One Body through Cross

**v.18** - now, both Jew and Gentile, can access God by the Spirit through Him (Jesus)

**v.19** - we are no longer strangers

- we are part of the household
- we are citizens, we are members
- we need to understand what we are part of

**v.20-22** - this is a living temple

- this is a growing house
- we are growing into the image of the Son
- we are being built together as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit
- “surely YHWH is in this place”
- we Gentiles/nations can access all of this

### **Even the sign of circumcision in the flesh has a fulfilment**

#### **Colossians 2:11-12**

- ❖ circumcised with circumcision made without hands
- ❖ cutting off of the flesh through baptism
- ❖ this is the circumcision of Christ
- ❖ this is the sign of the covenant
- ❖ we are members of His house

## **Ephesians 3**

- ❖ chapter break put in by translators
- ❖ this is continuing to speak of the household of God
- 3:6** – Gentiles are fellow heirs, of the same Body, partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel
- 3:10** – the manifold wisdom (mystery of Christ) being made known by the church pushes principalities and powers back
- ❖ heavens is opening more and more
- v.11** – this is according to the eternal purpose that was accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord
  - the eternal purpose of filling the earth with the knowledge of His glory (**Hab.2:14**)

## **Covenant promises are to be laid hold of by the house of God**

- ❖ He wants us to spread abroad to every nation, and inherit the earth

## **Our inheritance is sons of God filling every nation (Num.14:21)**

- ❖ the house of God stretching across nations

## **How do we get to be part of the house of God?**

### **1 Peter 2:4-5**

- the way into the house is through Jesus, the "Stone which the builders rejected that has become the Chief Cornerstone"
- this is a spiritual house
- Jesus is the Living Stone that joins us as living stones to become His house

### **2 Corinthians 6:16-18**

- you are the temple, the house, of the living God
- God will dwell in them and walk among them by His Spirit
- we are to come out from among them
- He will receive us
- God will be our Father and we will be sons and daughters
- there is relationship in His house

He will receive us

- ❖ When were we received to be part of this house?
- ❖ When did we get access to the Father to be His sons and daughters?

### **John 14:1**

- ❖ believe in Jesus, the One through whom we are connected into the household

### **v.2** – In My Father's house, there are many "dwellings"

- Jesus went to prepare a place for us
- there is a place for everyone who believes in Him

### **v.3** – Jesus said He would come again and "receive" us to Himself

### **v.5-6**

- Thomas wanted to know the destination
- where was Jesus going?
- Jesus was going to the Father and He is the Way to the Father
- Jesus is taking us to the Father to be part of His house
- Jesus is the Ladder, the Way for us into the Father's house

### **v.17-18** – The Spirit will be in us

- Jesus will not leave us orphans (fatherless)

- He will be a Father to us, He will come to us
- Jesus said He would come again and receive us as a Father

**v.20** – at that day then you will know that Jesus is in the Father, and we are in Jesus, and Jesus is in us

- now we are in the household of God, in the Father

Jesus had to go through death and resurrection to bring us to the Father, to erect and establish the true Tabernacle

- ❖ we become part of the house of God by believing and receiving Jesus
- ❖ we are then placed in the Father

### **Zechariah 4:6**

- ❖ this is all speaking of the house of God being re-built
- ❖ it is by the Spirit
- ❖ this is a work of God's Spirit, not our own ability
- ❖ God will not leave us until He fulfils His promise

**v.7** - there will be opposition

- before Jesus the Apostle all the opposition will become a plain
- He will bring forth the capstone with shouts of grace
- it is through "grace and apostleship" that this will come to pass (**Rom.1:5**)

**v.8-9** - The One who laid the foundation will finish it (Christ)

- the world will know that God sent Jesus

**v.10** - let us not despise the day of small things

- God will accomplish the building of His house

The house of God on the earth is part of God's eternal purpose!

# THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

## Galatians 3:13-14

- ❖ This is the purpose of the gospel
- ❖ Christ (Messiah) has redeemed us from the curse of the law
- ❖ He became a curse for us
- ❖ **Deut 21:23** – cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree
- ❖ That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles (nations) in Christ Jesus
- ❖ We can't receive the blessing of Abraham apart from Christ Jesus
- ❖ That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith
- ❖ The promise of the Spirit is so precious
- ❖ This promise of the Spirit is the answer and the fulfilment of this blessing that was promised
- ❖ That the nations might be filled with God (filled with His Spirit)

## Genesis 12

- ❖ the call and the promise given to Abram
- ❖ Abram and his father were dwelling in Haran
- ❖ **v.1** – get out of your country, from your family and your father's house to a land that I will show you
- ❖ Abraham is the father of faith
- ❖ Are you walking in the steps of your father Abraham? Are you like Abraham?
- ❖ Do you know the calling?
- ❖ This is the call of discipleship – a real call
- ❖ A call into a special relationship where you give yourself completely to the Lord
- ❖ Abram was called by YHWH the Eternal One
- ❖ Called out of your country – no longer identifying with the land of your birth (a new identity)
- ❖ We are on a journey to the land that He is showing us
- ❖ Called out from your family – not allowing family to pull you back from where God wants you to be
- ❖ We need to come into a new family  
**Matthew 12:46-50** – whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother
- ❖ we need to come out of our family into the family of God

## Isaiah 8:16-18

- ❖ disciples are instructed and led by YHWH
- ❖ Seal the teaching among my disciples
- ❖ Here am I and the children whom YHWH has given Me
- ❖ The disciples are the children
- ❖ They are for signs and wonders
- ❖ We can enter into this reality

## Hebrews 2:10-13

- ❖ quotes from Isaiah
- ❖ God is bringing many sons to glory

- ❖ **V.11** – we are of one
- ❖ He is not ashamed to call us brethren (we are the family of Jesus)
- ❖ Here am I and the children who God has given Me
- ❖ These are the sons of Jesus the Messiah (brethren)

### **Matthew 8:21-22**

- ❖ Jesus said, 'Follow Me and let the dead bury their own dead'
- ❖ Get out of your father's house
- ❖ Come follow Me

### **Psalms 45:10**

- ❖ forget your own people also and your father's house
- ❖ you are being joined to another
- ❖ **v.11** – so the King will greatly desire your beauty
- ❖ He is your King, worship Him
- ❖ **V.16** – I will make a new house out of you
- ❖ Instead of your fathers shall be your sons whom you shall make princes in all the earth
- ❖ Bringing forth a whole new generation

### **Genesis 12**

- ❖ **v.1** – brought to an inheritance (land)
- ❖ **v.2** – I will make you a great nation
- ❖ He will, we need to follow Jesus (discipleship)
- ❖ What God promised to Abram is happening today
- ❖ Abram obeyed
- ❖ You shall be a blessing

### **Bless** – Word Wealth (SFLB) **Psalms 145:2**

***Barach*** - means to bless, to salute, to congratulate, to thank, to praise, to kneel down

### **Genesis 12:2**

- ❖ I will make your name great (your reputation and character)
- ❖ **V.3** – I will bless him who blesses you and curse him who curses you
- ❖ As disciples we are walking in the blessing of Abraham
- ❖ In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed
- ❖ Speaking of all kinds, types and classes of people
- ❖ The blessing is the opposite of the curse
- ❖ When man fell, the curse came
- ❖ The blessing of Abraham will release us from the curse

### **Genesis 14:18-20**

- ❖ Abram met Melchizedek
- ❖ Melchizedek brought out bread and wine (come to the Table)
- ❖ Melchizedek was priest of God Most High
- ❖ He blessed him (Abram)
- ❖ Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth
- ❖ God wants to release the blessing of Abraham upon the nations
- ❖ This is the blessing that came from Melchizedek to Abram
- ❖ Blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hand (blessing of victory)



- ❖ At the Table we proclaim the Lord's death till He comes
- ❖ At His death He destroyed the devil and disarmed the enemy (**Col.2:15**)
- ❖ Abram responded by giving a tithe of all (tithe by faith to the King)

### **Malachi 3:11**

- ❖ when we tithe in faith like our father Abraham, YHWH will rebuke the devourer
- ❖ All nations will call you blessed
- ❖ You will be a delightful land

A blessing that comes from the possessor of heaven and earth  
(**Psalms 2:7-8**)

### **Genesis 15:4-6**

- ❖ one who will come from your own body will be your heir
- ❖ count the stars, so shall your descendants be
- ❖ Abram believed in YHWH and it was accounted to him for righteousness
- ❖ Abram found the righteousness of God through faith
- ❖ The people of Abram are a people of faith
- ❖ He believed the word that YHWH gave him
- ❖ We are a people of destiny
- ❖ If you walk in the faith of your father Abram, that makes you a son
- ❖ **John 8:56** – Abraham saw a day when his Seed (**Christ – Gal 3:16**) would be multiplied as the stars
- ❖ In that Seed (Christ) were many
- ❖ You are of that Seed

### **Hebrews 11:8-10**

- ❖ we are a people of destiny
  - ❖ by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
  - ❖ faith leads to obedience
  - ❖ He was called to the place that he would receive as an inheritance
  - ❖ **V.10** – Abraham saw a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God
- We are sons of promise, sons of Abraham

### **Genesis 17:4-5**

- ❖ you shall be a father of many nations (a multitude)
- ❖ a name change
- ❖ your name shall be Abraham (father of many nations)
- ❖ there is a big difference between a father and a leader
- ❖ God wants to release this fatherhood
- ❖ God is raising fathers
- ❖ Part of the blessing of Abraham is the blessing of fatherhood to nations (**Mal 4:6**), then the earth will be a blessed place
- ❖ Fathers bring a blessing, a covering, a discipline
- ❖ They release courage, destiny and the ability to succeed

### **Genesis 17:6**

- ❖ I will make you exceedingly fruitful
- ❖ You can only bear fruit after your kind
- ❖ Abraham would produce more people like him (this is discipleship)

- ❖ This is the commission, make disciples of all nations
- ❖ I will make nations of you – **Reve.7:9-10**
- ❖ And kings shall come from you
- ❖ **Revelation 5:9-10** – Who are the kings? Redeemed out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation and made kings and priest to our God and we shall reign on the earth

### **Genesis 17:7**

- ❖ an everlasting covenant to be God to you
- ❖ New Covenant – I will be your God and you shall be My people

### **Genesis 18:17-19**

- ❖ all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him
- ❖ I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way (**Jn.14:6**)
- ❖ YHWH knew that Abraham would disciple his children (teaching them the lifestyle of faith and of walking with God)
- ❖ Discipleship is the way to make sons of Abraham

### **How is this blessing released?**

- ❖ in Christ Jesus (**Gal 3:14**)
- ❖ Christ is the promised seed (**Gal 3:16**)

### **Matthew 3:7-**

- ❖ John the Baptist is speaking a tough word
- ❖ Bear fruits worthy of repentance and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'
- ❖ John knew that the descendants of Abraham were not the natural descendants
- ❖ God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones
- ❖ Living stones (**1 Peter 2:4-5**) coming to Jesus are being built up a spiritual house
- ❖ A house of sons (a family)
- ❖ A holy priesthood
- ❖ We are to be like the trees planted by rivers of living water
- ❖ **V.11** – John said, 'I indeed immerse you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming will immerse you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'
- ❖ **Gal 3:14** – receiving the promise of the Spirit through faith in Christ Jesus (this is the blessing that is coming upon the nations)

If you have the Spirit of God, you have everything of God.  
God is a consuming fire.

### **Matthew 3:12**

- ❖ the chaff will be burnt with unquenchable fire
- ❖ **v.13-17** – The Messiah is baptised and the Spirit of God descends and remains upon Him'
- ❖ **Luke 4:14** – He comes out of the wilderness in the power of the Spirit

### **John 7:37-39**

- ❖ He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water (**Rev 22** – flowing from the throne)

- ❖ This river is the source of healing for the nations
- ❖ These waters are getting released from within you (the blessing of Abraham)
- ❖ **Flow** – Gk *rheo* – root word for *rhema* (the rhema is the word that is flowing from the Spirit of God)
- ❖ Those believing in Jesus (the Seed of Abraham) would receive the Spirit
- ❖ Given from the glory (when Jesus was glorified)
- ❖ The life-giving spirit – **1 Cor.15:45**

### **Acts 2:33**

- ❖ having received from the Father the promise of the Spirit, He poured out that which you now see and hear

### **The Holy Spirit and fire**

#### **Genesis 3:24**

- ❖ a flaming sword
- ❖ the Word of God is living and active like a sharp 2-edged sword (**Heb 4:12**)
- ❖ it is the word that brings the fire
- ❖ we need the Holy Spirit and the word (fire) (**Jeremiah 23:29** – My word like a fire)

#### **Luke 12:49-50**

- ❖ Jesus said He came to send fire on the earth
- ❖ What Jesus was about to go through was going to release the fire on the earth
- ❖ What is the fire? To do with judgement
- ❖ We need fire – it helps us burn the bridges (to get out from our country and from our father's house) – **v.51-52**, division, separation from relationships stopping us from following Jesus
- ❖ We need to be immersed in the Holy Spirit and with fire

#### **Isaiah 4:4-5**

- ❖ the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning
- ❖ a cloud and smoke by day
- ❖ the shining of a flaming fire by night
- ❖ for over all the glory there will be a covering
- ❖ the fire prepares us for the glory

**Rev 22:3** – no more curse, but the release of the blessing

#### **Heb 12:28-29**

- ❖ we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken
- ❖ the fire has got to do with bringing us into this unshakable kingdom
- ❖ burning us free from anything that can shake