



The Word Out of ZION

Isaiah 2:3, “....He will teach us His ways and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”.

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Session 1

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

JEREMIAH 3:14-15

Nehemiah 8:8

Read distinctly from the book (Torah)

Gave the sense of it

Helped them to understand

❖ this is in the context of worship of the Great I AM

Jeremiah 3:14 'Return O backsliding Israel'

❖ Israel = people of God, 'church' of today in a backsliding state

❖ They don't really know Jesus the Messiah (**John 17:3, Col 2:2,2 John v9**)

❖ There is a call going out

'For I am married (betrothed) to you'

❖ it is speaking of covenant relationship

❖ We are a betrothed people if we have been to 'Sinai'

❖ Israel was married/betrothed at Mt Sinai,

❖ Every feast of Pentecost was a celebration of their betrothal

❖ It happens for us when we receive the Holy Spirit **Eph 1:14** 'the guarantee of our inheritance' = being sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise

❖ This is the way of intimacy with God

❖ it is a covenantal relationship

Romans 8:23 'the firstfruits of Spirit....we groan within ourselves'

❖ the consummation of the marriage is the full redemption of our bodies

❖ in the Pentecostal movement people got carried away with the experience and not the reality, it is easy to go astray

Jeremiah 3:14

'I will take you' = equals a man taking his wife

❖ God is searching for His sons to come home to the Father

V4. The Father is calling us

From Pentecost to Tabernacles

From Servanthood to Sonship

From the wilderness to the land of inheritance

From the gifts (charismatic) to the fruit (character formation)

From pleasing oneself to selfless commitment

From denomination (man's rule) to Kingdom (God's rule)

From signs and wonders to sowing and reaping

From Holy place ministry to Holy of Holies Kingship

From excitement to sober responsibility

Jeremiah 3:14

'I will take you, one from a city' = remnant, chosen ones, elect

❖ as this remnant is called out many cities are represented

'I will take two from a family' **Luke 10:1** – witnessing two by two

Matt 18:19 – 'if two of you agree on earth.....it will be done by my Father in heaven'

❖ don't be surprised when God plucks you out

'I will bring you to Zion'

❖ What is Zion?

Hebrews 12:22 – 'But you have come to Mount Zion'

❖ Zion is a mountain = a Kingdom, government

❖ It where David established the Throne, the Ark

'the City of the Living God' (1 Tim 3:15) = it is a reference to the church, to a functioning fellowship

Acts 2:42-47

a) the continued steadfastly in a committed way (the first four works)

b) His Word, the Fellowship, breaking bread and prayers

c) they were together and had all things in common

d) they continued in one accord – in agreement in the temple and house to house

This is a description of the city of the living God

'The heavenly Jerusalem' = it is a supernatural city

❖ it is full of the glory

Zech 2:5 'I will be a wall of fire all around her and the glory in her midst'

❖ Coming to the place of His glory and fire

❖ It is only the ones who have been burnt that can stand the glory

'to an innumerable/myriad of angels/messengers' = heavenly (angels) and earthly messengers

'to a festal gathering (general assembly)' = this is the feast of tabernacles

❖ it is the feast of indwelling (**John 14:23**)

❖ a consummation of the marriage

'an assembly/church of the firstborn'

❖ **Jer 31 & Heb 8:10-12** 'they shall all know Me from the least to the greatest'

'registered/enrolled in heaven'

❖ if your name is there, your name will be called

❖ in Christ heaven and earth come together – there is a marriage

Eph 1:10 'all things come together in Him'

'to God, the Judge of all'

❖ Heaven rules, God is the judge of all

'to the spirits of just ones made perfect'

- ❖ God is not referring to people up in heaven but He is speaking of the church going on to perfection (**Heb 6:1**) – it is you and I
- ❖ The goal is to become perfect, to attain to the resurrection of the dead

'to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant'

1 Tim 2:5 'there is one God and mediator....the Man Himself Christ Jesus'

- ❖ This is the truth that will save men
- ❖ the four main promises of the New covenant

Hebrews 8:10-12

- A) My laws in your mind and write it on your hearts
- B) I will be your God, you My people
- C) All shall know Me – from least to greatest
- D) I will remember your sins no more

'the blood of sprinkling'

- ❖ the new covenant is sealed by Jesus pouring out His blood and putting it on Mercy seat
 - ❖ **Heb 10:19** – enter the Holiest by the blood
- V22.** hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience

'that speaks better things than that of Abel'

- ❖ Jesus blood speaks of Mercy and eternal redemption
- ❖ Abel's blood speaks of vengeance

Jeremiah 3:15

'I will give you shepherds after My own heart' = pastors, teachers, apostles etc

- ❖ these ones will feed you

John 21:15-17 – 'feed and tend'

- ❖ a true shepherd is a minister appointed by Christ
- ❖ They feed with knowledge and understanding
- ❖ Knowledge is 'Yada' = to know
- ❖ Understanding - 'to be wise and consider'

Jeremiah 3:16

God warns His people of falling away in times of prosperity

- ❖ what is the ark of the covenant today? – Jesus is the ark, the church in general has lost the revelation of who Jesus is.
- ❖ When we are in the land we must not forget Jesus
- ❖ Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the LORD
- ❖ The Throne of God does not move from the midst of His people
- ❖ God does not forsake His people – He is revealing His throne to us in the midst

V19. – God is asking 'how can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land?' – to give the heritage of the nations

Session 2

Speaker: Nicholas Jackson, apostle

The Apostolic Call

In Christ we are always on the move (**Heb 6:1**)

- ❖ the apostolic call is a move forward
- ❖ we need to have a heart that is set to change
- ❖ In the apostolic the call is always the same but we are to grow in our commitment to it.
- ❖ There will be specific that God will speak to us about.

1) It is a call into discipleship – it is not to become a 'church member'. The preaching of the gospel is calling people into discipleship – to Jesus Christ

Luke 14:33 – a disciple is to forsake all he has to follow Jesus. Is there anything blocking you?

(**Matt 6:33** – seek first the Kingdom)

V26. – We need to put all other family relationships separate to our relationship to Jesus. Jesus comes first in all our relationships!

V27. We need to bear our cross. There is no room for self-centeredness

It will involve suffering – we need to be willing.

We need to be willing to die for the sake of Jesus.

2) It is a call into transformation!

- ❖ it is a call to continual change – it is daily
- ❖ we need to have a desire to change – choose to change
- ❖ God will do the change as we decide to change
- 2 Cor 3:18** – 'are being transformed (changed) into the same image from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord'
- ❖ We need to put ourselves in a place of receiving revelation – it is by His Spirit
- ❖ We become like what we worship!
- Rom 12:2** 'be transformed by the renewing of the mind'
- ❖ then we can prove what is that good, perfect and acceptable will of God

❖ The call is from 'glory to glory'

❖ It is from faith to faith

Rom 1:16-17 – The gospel of Messiah is the power of God to those who believe

- ❖ In it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith
- ❖ Faith comes by hearing the word of God
- ❖ If we are positioned to hear the word of God we will become clear in what we believe
- ❖ Seeking and discovering God in ways that we have not known Him

❖ it is from strength to strength

Psalms 84:5-7 'whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage' (to the feast of tabernacles)

- ❖ We will appear before God in Zion – going from strength to strength!
- ❖ 'strength' Heb #2428:- 'force to force' 'virtue to virtue', army, rank

- ❖ **John 1:16** – ‘of His fullness we have received grace for grace’
- ❖ The more we know of Christ, the more grace comes to us. He gives us grace so we can have more grace
- ❖ **2 Pet 3:18** – ‘grow in the grace and knowledge..’

3) It is a call to reach nations for Jesus

Matt 28:18-20

- ❖ The Commission that Jesus gave to His disciples
- ❖ This is the apostolic call – memorise this verse!
- ❖ We need Jesus’ vision for the nations
- ❖ ‘the land’ given to us is the nations – they are His inheritance
- ❖ We need to take responsibility for these nations

Rom 1:5 – the means by which we can fulfil this great commission it is - ‘Through grace and apostleship’

Rom 1:1-3 – Paul is clear about his calling. He is an apostle and he is separated to the gospel.

❖ this gospel has been promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures -Do you want to be part of the fulfilment of these scriptures?

❖ It is concerning His Son Jesus the Messiah

V4. - born and declared (statute) the Son of God

Psalms 2:7-8 – This is the decree concerning the Son!

❖ it is with power and according to the Spirit of Holiness

❖ it is through this One that we have received the authority to bring nations to obey the word of God

Zech 14:16

❖ Jerusalem is the city of the living God

❖ they shall come and worship the King and keep the feast of Tabernacles

❖ we are calling nations to come and feast at Tabernacles

V20. They shall be engraved ‘HOLINESS TO YAHWEH’

4) It is to obtain and fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory

2 Thess 2:13-14

❖ the apostolic call is to obtain the glory

Isaiah 40:5

❖ it is to see the earth full of His glory – ‘all flesh shall see it together’

❖ God wants a glorious church and people without spot or wrinkle

❖ By coming into the gospel we obtain the glory

5) It is a call to be a sending community – part of an apostolic company

❖ it is not to be a lone ranger!

❖ We are not called to have our own ministries or reputation

❖ God is raising apostolic companies that are being led by apostles that He has called

- ❖ Where we can be 'sent' into all the world
- ❖ We are all called to function as contributing members of the body – this is community!
- ❖ Being in Christ is contributing – we all have something to bring
- ❖ We are not to be looking for recognition but looking to see how we can contribute to others

- a) We contribute with our giftings by grace (**1 Pet 4:10-11**) – God be glorified
 - b) We can contribute money (**Acts 4:32, 34-35**)
 - c) We can contribute love (**Eph 4:16**)
- d) We can contribute by speaking words of grace to each other (**Eph 4:29**)

6) It is a call to preach and teach that Jesus is the Christ – the only foundation, the Son of the Living God

- ❖ it is very simple but it takes a commitment and grace to do this (**Acts 5:42, 1 Cor 3:11**)

7) It is a call to fellowship in His sufferings so as to walk in His resurrection power and grace

- ❖ **Phil 3:10-11** 'that I may be conformed to His death, if by any means I may attain to the resurrection'
- ❖ We need to be conformed to His death – bearing our cross daily
- ❖ We need to die to ourselves so that the resurrection power can speak and move through us
- ❖ All ministry can only be powerful if it is done in resurrection life!

8) It is a call to rule and reign with Christ in His Kingdom

Eph 2:6 – It is a position we should be occupying now by faith in Christ. 'Seated with Christ in the heavenly places'

- ❖ **Rev 5:10** 'We shall reign on the earth'
- ❖ The Kingdom of heaven coming on earth!

9) It is a call to be prepared for the coming of the Messiah – to be ready

- ❖ We need to continue to share this with the church – many people are not looking for this preparation
 - ❖ There is a people coming unto perfection so that the Lord Jesus can come
- 1 Cor 11:26** – The Lords Table is a proclamation that He is coming! It is something that is preparing us for His coming.
- 1 Thess 5:23** – 'your whole spirit, soul and body being preserved blameless for His coming'
- ❖ our whole being is to be for Jesus

10) It is a call to be bold and not fear death

Matt 10:26-28 – 'do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed..'

- ❖ God will bring all things to light

- ❖ What He speaks to us in the dark declare and speak it boldly (**v27**)
- ❖ Do not fear those who can kill the body (**v28**)

Who is willing to volunteer?

We are already on the way!

It is time to join the army of Yahweh!

We were born for such a time as this!

NOTES

Session 3

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

NO WEAPON WILL PROSPER

Matt 28:18 – All authority given to Jesus

v.19 – Sent into world with that authority

- ❖ In these days many wicked men imposing wicked legislation and wicked decrees in our society
- ❖ Legislation in Queensland, Australia says we cannot object to strip club on **moral grounds**

God will judge wickedness

2 manifestation of spirit of Satan in our society right now

- 1) Muslim Spirit – anti-Christ, they deny Jesus is God in the flesh (**Matt. 9:18**, Jesus worshiped, **2Jn.9**)
- 2) Homosexual – spirit of Sodom and Gomorrah

Ephesians 6:12-13

- ❖ we wrestle with principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this age...
- ❖ church put on armour of God to stand in evil day

We must stand now in Australia otherwise we will go into persecution mode

Isaiah 54:15-17

v.15 – Whoever assembles against us, the church, will fall for our sake

1 Tim.3:15-16 – we are to truly assemble in rank and order in the church which is house of God, pillar and ground of the truth, mystery of Godliness – God manifested in the flesh)

- ❖ spirit of anti-Christ is no match for Spirit of Christ
- ❖ enemies will fall when we are in rank and order confessing mystery of Godliness

v.16 – God has created the maker of the weapon and He is created the people to use the weapons

- ❖ God puts people in power, even destroyers when people turn away from faith
- ❖ but if a remnant of faithful people the enemy will fall because of them
- ❖ God is in control, He allows enemy to come against His people to wake them up

v.17 – No weapon formed against you will prosper

- ❖ we can condemn words spoken by people, politicians when they lie and when they speak against the truth of God's Word
- ❖ This is our heritage/inheritance/calling, and our righteousness is from God
- ❖ The weapon is often invisible, the unseen power behind the human voice/threats

Ephesians 1:4 – you were chosen to be holy and without blame

- ❖ when someone speaks against God and godly heritage we have, we have authority to condemn those voices, challenge those words

Rise Up Australia Party is alternative for us

❖ we are to immediately challenge those words – the battle is in the air

(Ephesians 2:2)

❖ we need to **pray, proclaim and preach** the Word until the knowledge of the glory covers the earth

NOTES

Session 4

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMATION

2 Cor. 4:1-7

v1. - What ministry have we received?

2 Cor. 3:18 – This verse tells us the answer

- ❖ 'we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory by the 'Lord Spirit'
- ❖ **It is a ministry of transformation!** – Gk 'metamorphoo'- changed from one substance into another, it is into the same image of God
- ❖ Same word for 'transfigured' when Jesus was transfigured (**Matt 17:2**)
- ❖ Jesus went from looking like an ordinary man to have the Divine Godhead revealed in Him (**2 Pet 1:16-18**)

Rom 12:2 – we are transformed and changed by the renewing of our minds

- ❖ It is from glory to glory – that which was seen in Jesus (**John 1:14** – it is of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth)
- ❖ it is the glory of God made manifest in the flesh
- ❖ full of the very kind and wonderful nature of God
- ❖ We are being transformed into the same image!

Rom 8:29

'those whom God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son'

- ❖ For this to happen we first need to see Jesus (**Heb 2:9**)

2 Cor.4:1

- ❖ we can minister in this ministry of transformation because we have received mercy - we do not lose heart.

1 Tim.1:12-13

'...he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry'

- ❖ Paul obtained mercy from his arrogant lifestyle
- ❖ It is His mercy and grace that qualifies us to be in the ministry

2 Cor. 4:2

- ❖ We have renounced the hidden things of shame
- ❖ in history of many denominations there was a de facto relationship with Freemasonry – we need to renounce these hidden things of shame
- ❖ We are to speak the manifestation of the truth
- ❖ commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God

Truth: - veracity, reality, sincerity, accuracy and integrity, truthfulness, dependability, propriety of the word of God

John 17:17 – 'your word is truth'

- ❖ when we minister the word in grace the word is received and the truth pierces the conscience

❖ Soul consists of three parts:

1. Mind/intellect
2. Emotions/heart
3. Will/decision making

❖ The Spirit of man:

1. Intuition
2. The faculty of communion/worship of God
3. Conscience – brings conviction

❖ much of theology appeals to the mind and does not pierce the conscience

❖ the soul will flourish when submitted to the Holy Spirit in our spirit

❖ We speak the word of God to every man's conscience in the sight of God

John 1:17

❖ the law was given through Moses and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

❖ it is the grace of God that brings the law into a life-giving word

2 Cor. 4:3

❖ the gospel is veiled to unbelievers and the minds are blinded by the god of this world (age)

❖ the veil is removed when the word of God is preached and heard through the ministration of the Holy Spirit (**2 Cor. 3:16**)

❖ it is the one who decides with a clear conscience to follow and obey Jesus that will be changed by the Spirit

❖ It is the conscience that guides us to the truth

❖ The pure word of God goes straight into the conscience – without argument

V4. – those who do not believe the gospel when they hear it will perish lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ should shine on them

'**Glor**y': **John 17:5** , **John 1:14** – they beheld the glory in the only begotten – Jesus. It was the glory of the Father and the Son

Col 2:2-3 – the mystery of God is both of the Father and of Christ

❖ People need to see the glory of Christ to have the veil removed – the light shine on you!

❖ That light shone on Saul on the road to Damascus

(**Acts 9:3-5**). The light broke the darkness over Saul and removed the veil of his understanding.

'**Christ who is the image of God**' (**Col 1:15**, **Heb 1:3**, **John 14:9**, **John 1:18**, **Heb 2:9**)

2 Cor. 4:5

'We do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord'

The Word Out of Zion

❖ Many ministers have risen to be famous because of personality, gifting etc – a true minister of the word does not promote themselves but comes as a bondservant for Jesus' sake

In preaching Jesus we are:

- ❖ Preaching the Messiah – prophesied about and spoken of in the Old Testament
- ❖ Preaching that Jesus is the eternal God – God manifested in the flesh
- ❖ Preaching that He is the Lord 'kurios': – the owner, controller, the One in authority

In the Septuagint the name of God is translated as Lord 'kurios' – the translators did not differentiate between 'Lord' and the name of God 'LORD'

- ❖ Heb: 'Lord' is 'Adonai'
 - ❖ 'LORD' in Hebrew is 'YAHWEH'
 - ❖ **Psalms 110:1** example of bad translation. 'The LORD said to my Lord'
- There has been a failure to translate the name of God in Scripture accurately – we need understanding
- ❖ In NKJV when we see 'LORD' at least we know it is speaking of 'YAHWEH'
 - ❖ The lack of translation hides from us the glory of Christ

Acts 2:36 – 'this Jesus....God has made Him both **Lord** and Christ'

- ❖ this Jesus was the manifestation of Yahweh and the Christ
- ❖ Jews 2000 years ago knew that the Christ would be God coming in the flesh

2 Cor. 4:6

'...it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness'

- ❖ The same God who commanded this has also shone in our hearts the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus the Messiah'

V7. – we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us

The glory of Christ

John 1:14 – Word made flesh and dwelt among us

John 2:11 – Jesus manifested His glory

2 Pet 1:17 – He received from God the Father honor and glory

John 17:22 – the Glory You gave Me I have given them...they may be one as We are one

Rom 12:2 – 'Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that you may prove what is that good, perfect, acceptable will of God'

- ❖ the transformation is by the Spirit as we receive the pure word of God

Hab 2:14 – the glory covers the earth as water covers the sea

John 8:58 – 'I AM' – Jesus the Christ is the eternal God manifested in the flesh

May His light shine in your hearts!!!!

Session 5

Nicholas Jackson, apostle

DESCRIBE THE HOUSE TO THE HOUSE

Ezekiel 43:10

'Son of man, describe the house to house of Israel'

- ❖ God dwells in a house!
 - ❖ Describe the dwelling place of God to the people of God
- The house of God is the **church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth**

- 1 Tim 3:15

- ❖ The house of God is meant to be the place where people can find the reality of God! – All of who He is
- ❖ Ezekiel's job as the prophet was to describe the house of God to the people of God (house of Israel)

Ezek 43:1-2

'The gate that faces east'

Ezek 10:18 – Ezekiel saw the glory of God depart from the house through the east gate

- ❖ There is a new house that Ezekiel is describing and God is coming into that new house
- ❖ The glory of God departed when the people of Israel went into exile. God stayed with His people

Gen 3:24 – The way into the garden was facing eastward

- ❖ 'The glory came from the way of the east'

What is this glory? **Isaiah 60:1**

Word Wealth - glory, chabod (kah-vohd); Strong's #3519: Weightiness; that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches, and excellency. The root of chabod is chabad, "to be heavy, glorious, notable," or "to be renowned."

Hayford, Jack (2002-08-01). New Spirit-Filled Life Bible. Kindle Edition.

Ezek 11:23

- ❖ The glory of the LORD went up on the mountain and the glory stood there
- ❖ **Heb 1:3** – He is the brightness of glory
- ❖ **2 Cor.4:6** – we see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

Ex 34:5 - Description of the glory

- ❖ Yahweh proclaimed 'I AM, I AM God.....'
- 1) Mercy
 - 2) Grace
 - 3) Longsuffering
 - 4) Abounding in goodness
 - 5) Abounding in Truth
 - 6) Keeps mercy for thousands – covenant keeping God

- 7) He forgives iniquity, transgression and sin
- 8) Just - By no means clearing the guilty

Ezek 43:2

- ❖ it is God's plan for the earth to shine with **this** glory

Rom 8:18-21 – the sufferings we experience now are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us! The whole of creation is groaning for this.

V3-4.

- ❖ The glory has come in. God wants to fill His house with His glory

Ex 40:33-35

- ❖ When Moses finished building the tabernacle the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting and the glory of God **filled the tabernacle. (2 Chron. 5:13-14)**
- ❖ there shall come a time where there is no more need for ministry when the glory fills the house

V5.

'the Spirit lifted me up'

- ❖ We need to be lifted up by the Spirit of God into the heavenly places so that we can see these things (John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day)

'and brought me into the inner court'

- ❖ God wants to bring us in by the Spirit into the inner court – the Most Holy Place (Noah's Ark had 3 levels. Only on the third level could Noah see what God was doing)
- ❖ God wants to bring us up!

Eph 2:18 – we have access by one Spirit to the Father.

1 Pet 2:5 - the House God is building is a spiritual house. The house of God can only be understood by the Spirit of God – it is by revelation!

1 Cor. 2:11-13 – The spirit of God knows the deep things of God. We have an amazing richness in us if we have the Spirit of God. He releases the deep things of God to us.

Matt 16:16-18 – Peter got a revelation of Jesus 'you are the Christ the Messiah, the Son of the living God'

- ❖ He received a revelation from the Father in heaven
- ❖ Jesus called him 'Peter' means 'stone' and said upon this rock 'revelation' I will build My church

Zech 4:6

- ❖ 'Not by might, nor by power but by My Spirit says Yahweh of hosts'

2 Cor. 3:18 – it is by the Spirit that we see the glory of God and this glory changes us.

Ezek 43:6-7 - Ezekiel is describing the house

'Son of Man this is.....'

1) The place of My throne.

- ❖ God's government comes from His house

Isaiah 66:1 'Heaven is My throne'

- ❖ Heaven and earth meet together in this house!
- ❖ Things in heaven can be joined with things on earth in Christ

Gen 28:12, 17

- ❖ Jacob dreamed and saw a ladder set up on earth and its top reached to heaven. 'This is the house of God, the gate of heaven'. The angels were ascending and descending.

Ezek 47:1,7-9

- ❖ There is a river and waters coming from this house bringing life and healing

Rev 22:1 – The river proceeds from the throne of God and of the lamb

V2. – There is fruit that comes forth that brings healing to the nations

The throne is in the house, in the midst of us!

V3. - there is no curse where His throne is

V4-5. they shall see His face – seeing Him as He is

Eph 2:6 – raised up into the heavenly places in Christ

Psalms 89:14 – Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne

Psalms 45:6 – His throne is forever

Jer 17:12 – the throne is from the beginning and is the place of our sanctuary. It is a glorious and high throne.

2) It is the place of the soles of God's feet

Isaiah 66:1 – 'the earth is My footstool'

- ❖ In the house of God, God has a place for His feet

1 Chron 28:2

- ❖ David knew that the house of God was to be a place of rest for God

Psalms 110:1 – 'Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool'

There is a rest over our enemies

Josh 10:24-25

- ❖ Joshua taking the land 'put your feet on the necks of these kings'
- ❖ The house of God is a place in which all of God's enemies are made His footstool (**Josh 1:3**)

Psalms 99:5 – 'worship at His footstool'

- ❖ The house of God is a place of worship at the footstool of our God (**Psalms 132:7**)

Isaiah 60:13-14 – 'to beautify the place of My sanctuary. I will make the place of My feet glorious'

- ❖ when God beautifies the place of His sanctuary the sons of those who are anti-Christ will come and bow at the soles of your feet.
- ❖ Your feet and His feet!

3) The place where I will dwell in the midst of My people forever

'Dwelling' :- to dwell, abide, remain, tabernacle

❖ it also refers to the tabernacle of Moses

❖ It is the place of God's 'shekinah' – the abiding, glorious presence of God

Matt 18:19-20 – Where 2 or 3 gather in My name I am there in the midst of you

2 Cor. 6:16-18 – You are the temple (house) of the living God. I will dwell in them and walk among them.

Ezek 43:7

❖ When the house of God becomes His real house there shall no longer be a defiling of the name of God.

❖ God is building and raising up His house in our day- when it is fully established there shall be no more defilement. There will be no more idolatry.

❖ the carcasses of the king refer to those who have gone before us and have died. We need to see Jesus.

V8. – 'they set their threshold by My threshold' – man doing his own thing and not following God's pattern

❖ God wants us to hear His call and come into His rank and order.

V9. 'Let them put their harlotry and carcasses of their kings away' - there needs to come repentance and a putting away of these things. It is speaking of any man made thing (even denominations)

❖ God wants there to come in the people of God a heart of repentance that we would be ashamed of our iniquities

V10. We need to measure the pattern

V11. if they are ashamed of what they have done

a) Make known to them the design of the house

1 Cor. 3:11 – it has no other foundation

Eph 2:19-22 – built on foundations of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being Chief cornerstone

b) Make known its arrangement (**Eph 4:11-12**)

❖ there are five ministries that are arranging His house.

c) Its exits and its entrances (**John 10:7-9**)

❖ Jesus is the door. We go in to find pasture because discipling happens in the house of God (**Isaiah 2:3-4** – we get taught in the house)

❖ then we go out with the word!

d) Make known its entire design (**Acts 20:27**)

❖ this is knowing the whole counsel of God

e) We need to make known all its ordinances, forms and laws (**1Tim 3:15**)

❖ putting on the new man and having sound doctrine – knowing how to conduct ourselves in the house of God

f) Write it down in their sight that they may keep and perform it.

(**John 14:23** – ‘if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word and My Father will love him and We will come to him and make our home with him’)

NOTES

Session 6

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

PRACTICS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Isaiah 8:16

"Bind up the testimony, seal the law (torah, the teaching and instruction of Moses) among my disciples

"Bind up/seal the testimony!"

- ❖ God has always wanted to seal the mystery of His Word to His disciples
- ❖ Let's not camp around our teaching
- ❖ We need to let the word we have taught measure us
- ❖ Discipleship is foundational to our ministry but is easy to take up other things to do

Jesus' apostolic commission was to make disciples (**Matt.28:19**)

Isaiah 8 is very Messianic chapter

- ❖ We must bring up disciples until word of God is sealed in them
- ❖ Turn a disciple on and you should get the Word of God
- ❖ How many of us are taking every opportunity to make disciples?

Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus' disciples came to Him, He opened His mouth and taught them.

Jesus addressed:

Attitudes

- ❖ poor in spirit (humble to receive fresh word everyday, becoming as little children)
- ❖ mourning attitude, realising we and others around us need more growth
- ❖ inheritance given to meek
- ❖ hungering and thirsting for righteousness
- ❖ merciful
- ❖ pure in heart to see God
- ❖ peacemakers – of such are the sons of God
- ❖ attitude we should take when persecuted for righteousness' sake

Teach the "sermon on the mount" to your disciples

Gospel is always the "gospel of Jesus Messiah" – we need to be familiar with the gospel teaching of Jesus

Matthew 8:21-22

A disciple wanted to go and "bury his father"

Jesus responded "Let the dead bury their dead, you come follow Me"

v.23-27

His disciples followed Him into the boat

A tempest came, Jesus was asleep and the disciples woke Him up

- ❖ Jesus rebuked them for their little faith
- ❖ They did not think a sleeping Jesus was strong enough to save them in the storm
- ❖ If He is asleep, He is asleep in our midst and we should not worry

Matthew 9:10

Tax collectors and sinners came to see Jesus in the house with His disciples

- ❖ discipleship happens in “worldly” places

v.11 - Pharisees there, teachers – they were judging a situation they did not understand

v.12-13 – instruction for the disciples and Pharisees

v.14-16 – other disciples talking to Jesus, “why don’t you teach Your disciples what John teaches us?”

- ❖ Jesus’ relationship with His disciples was a friendship, a personal relationship with all of them

- ❖ John seemed to be very close with Jesus, Jesus had a different relationship with Peter etc.

John 21 – what sort of relationship did Jesus have with His disciples? They did life together. Jesus was always stretching them.

Matthew 9:18-19

Ruler of Jews asks Jesus to come to his house and raise his daughter from the dead. The disciples went along with Him

- ❖ at same time woman with issue of blood comes and touches Jesus’ garment

- ❖ disciples were not so helpful, saying “how do we know who touched you?”

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus was moved with compassion by the great need of the multitudes, being weary and scattered

- ❖ Jesus told the disciples, “harvest is plentiful, workers are few, pray the Lord of Harvest to send workers out to the harvest.”

- ❖ There is purpose and training in their discipleship

- ❖ Discipleship is learning to be like Jesus

- ❖ Learning how to help others become like Jesus

Matthew 10:1

Jesus called 12 of the disciples to Himself and appointed them to be apostles

- ❖ another phase of training being offered to these men

- ❖ Where are you in discipleship? Have you proved you can disciple others?

- ❖ We are on the way but there needs to be some readjustments, resetting of priorities because there is a great work to be done

- ❖ There has been a shift in Australia, becoming more serious, we are closer than ever to the end of the age

- ❖ Armageddon is close, children of Satan and children of God in battle – is a real war, some will be killed, many will be persecuted, you will be arrested. You will be on trial for believing the gospel. You will be put in jail for quoting the Bible about homosexuality.

Matthew 11:1

When Jesus “finished commanding His disciples”

- ❖ many modern Christians do not want to be commanded about anything

- ❖ be careful to obey commands and not build a wall between you and God

- ❖ there are no barriers to following Jesus, we are the ones who put barriers up

- ❖ Jesus commanded His disciples

Matthew 12:1-2

Jesus and disciples walking through grain fields on Sabbath

- ❖ Jesus' disciples a bit "religiously incorrect" took some grain to eat
- ❖ Jesus turned a perceived mistake into a teaching/lesson about the Sabbath

v.8 – Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:46-50

Jesus talking to multitudes with His disciples with Him

- ❖ mother and brothers wanting to see Him
- ❖ Jesus was very "socially incorrect"
- ❖ Whoever does will of Father in heaven is family
- ❖ We are His disciples, not dictated by natural family

John 11 – Jesus got a call from Lazarus' sisters to come immediately because Lazarus sick and dying

- ❖ Jesus about 2 days or more journey away
- ❖ He waited a few days before responding to go to the need
- ❖ Learn to ask God, "what should I do?"
- ❖ Distinguish between the urgent and important
- ❖ You will suffer persecution for it, suffer criticism, but we need to be obedient to Jesus

Matthew 13:10

Disciples asked Jesus, "Why do You speak in parables?"

- ❖ mysteries of the kingdom are for disciples

Matthew 14:12

John's disciples took body of John to bury it

- ❖ disciples care and respect their teacher

Matthew 14:13-21

Disciples with Jesus in the feeding of the 5000

Mark 6:45-52

Jesus made (strongly urged them) His disciples get in the boat while He sent multitude away

- ❖ Jesus was a bit concerned at their lack of understanding
- ❖ In evening Jesus by Himself on mountain praying, disciples are in boat in middle of sea
- ❖ Jesus "saw them" without light (in prayer), straining to row the boat
- ❖ Then Jesus went for a walk on the sea
- ❖ When they saw Him they thought He was a ghost and they were troubled
- ❖ Jesus said, "Take courage, I AM"
- ❖ Jesus revealed Himself as I AM (**John 8:58**)
- ❖ Peter was getting some revelation now – he did not recognize I AM in feeding of 5000 but now He is getting it!
- ❖ Peter said "If You Are, command me to come"

Matthew 14:33

Those in the boat **worshiped Him** saying, "**truly You are the Son of God**"

Disciples get to know who Jesus is, that He is God manifest in the flesh

- ❖ One revelation is not enough, we need constant revelation
- ❖ He will continue to give us more revelation if we continue in discipleship

Matthew 15:2

Pharisees ask Jesus, "why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of elders"

- ❖ today = "why do Your disciples not keep the creeds of the church?"
- ❖ Jesus takes opportunity to teach the pure Word of God
- ❖ Jesus went to the heart of the matter and preached the Word, quoting from the prophets, the commandments

Do a fresh study of disciples in the gospels and learn from the Master how to make disciples

Matthew 15:32-36

Disciples were distributing the food as it kept multiplying

- ❖ Then another boat ride

Matthew 16:5-12

- ❖ Jesus taught them to beware of "leaven of Pharisees"
- ❖ Disciples thought talking in natural
- ❖ Jesus explains to beware of doctrine of Pharisees, find out where it came from
- ❖ There is a true doctrine, the doctrine of God

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus asked disciples, "who do you say I am?"

Peter got revelation.

v.21-27

Jesus spoke to disciples about the necessity of Him going to die

- ❖ Peter rebuked Jesus
- ❖ Jesus rebuked Peter and called him Satan
- ❖ Jesus called His favourite disciple Satan
- ❖ The same Peter a few days later Jesus takes up the mountain to see Him transfigured
- ❖ It is normal to get into trouble with Jesus
- ❖ We need to be disciplined and chastened so we do not become smug and religious

Jesus used every opportunity to further the discipleship of His disciples

Matthew 18

Jesus tells us what to do and how to do it

- ❖ We need to know how to do it!

Session 7

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

UNDERSTANDING ELDERSHIP

Let us search about elders in the New Testament

Acts 21:18

- ❖ Paul went in to James and all **elders** were present
- ❖ It does not mention the apostles as such
- ❖ James was the brother of the Lord and an apostle
- ❖ Paul and the brothers went in to James and **all the elders were present**
- ❖ Who are these elders?

Acts 11:30

First mention of church elders in whole New Testament

- ❖ Sent aid by hands of Barnabas and Saul to the **elders** in Jerusalem

Elders mentioned before this were referring to elders of Israel, Sanhedrin and the ancients

By Acts 21 the gathering of leaders who received Paul were called **"elders"**

Acts 15:2

- ❖ Paul and others were sent from Antioch to go to Jerusalem to the **apostles and elders**

V.4 – received by the **church, the apostles and elders**

V.6 – the **apostles and elders** came together to consider the matter – a **council of apostles and elders** (including Paul and Barnabas from the regions)

- ❖ There was much dispute and clashing about circumcision and keeping the law of Moses
- ❖ James seemed to be the facilitator of the council
- ❖ James brought matter to conclusion by bringing "rhema" word from Amos
- ❖ Then the matter was referred to the **whole church**

V.22 – it pleased the **apostles and elders with the whole church**

V.23 – letter written from **the apostles, the elders and the brethren**

- ❖ All with **one accord** to write a letter to the regional churches with basic instruction, keeping them free from keeping the Law of Moses

Acts 16:4

- ❖ Final mention of **the apostles and elders** in this matter

Who are these elders?

Acts 20:17

- ❖ Paul called for the **"elders of the church"** in Ephesus to meet him
- ❖ **V.18** – Paul begins to address these elders
- ❖ **An apostle addressing the elders**
- ❖ Paul gives a testimony of how he behaved himself among the Ephesians

- ❖ **V.20** – taught publicly and from house to house keeping nothing back
- ❖ **V.27** – he taught the **whole counsel of God**
- ❖ **V.28** – taught them to take heed to themselves, among which Holy Spirit made them **“overseers”**

Functioning elders

Acts 20:28

- 1) Elders are to take heed to themselves, their lifestyle is worthy of being an elder
- 2) Take heed to the whole flock, being conscious of how everyone in the flock is functioning, knowing where the brethren are at, how they are going
- 3) They are appointed by the Holy Spirit, anointed
- 4) To be **overseers** – **“made overseers”** by the Holy Spirit – Jesus said, “I will **make** you fishers of men” – One must be **made** into an elder by the Holy Spirit. Can no longer please yourself but you are accountable

“Overseers” – Gk ‘Episkopos’ Str #1985

- ❖ a superintendent, supervisor
- ❖ Translated:- bishop (is same as elder, part of team with elders)
- ❖ Role of **“bishop/overseer”** is to look after the church

- 5) To shepherd the church of God

Shepherd – Gk “Poimaino”

- ❖ pastoring or shepherding (looking after the sheep), guiding, guarding, folding (putting sheep in place of safety), providing pasture/food/grass
(**1 Pet.5:2, John 21:16** – “tend” as a shepherd)
- ❖ **Jer.23** – “woe to the shepherds”, he is speaking to false prophets
- ❖ God included prophets among the “shepherds of Israel”
- ❖ not talking about elders who are elders of local church under a pastor – this is **man’s construct and not Scriptural**

- 6) The church belongs to God not to the elder

- ❖ church is not **“my church”** it is the **“church of God, purchased by His own blood”**
- ❖ pastors and bishops are to get their hands off God’s church

Acts 13:1-4

- ❖ at church in Antioch there were **certain prophets and teachers**
- ❖ we can assume they were the **functioning elders** of this church
- ❖ 5 men functioning in eldership
- ❖ They were also gifted as prophets and teachers
- ❖ They were working together well
- ❖ They spent time ministering to the Lord with prayer and fasting

- ❖ They heard from Holy Spirit and were obedient
- ❖ Holy Spirit raised 2 of them to be apostles and sent them out
- ❖ When they returned, they would have rejoined the family as elders among the flock

Philemon 8-9

- ❖ Paul appealed in love
- ❖ Paul called himself "**Paul, the aged**"
- ❖ "**Aged**" - Gk. "**presbeia**"
- ❖ Seniority/eldership implied, :- ambassage, aged
- ❖ Paul not just referring to literal age but his place of seniority

1 Peter 5:1-2

- ❖ The **elders** who are among you
- ❖ Peter calls himself a "**fellow elder**"
- ❖ "**Elder**" – Gk "**presbyteros**" – with a preposition meaning "a fellow/with"
- ❖ Peter identifies himself as an elder
- ❖ Peter is an apostle, but he understood the church being led by an "eldership", not talking about helping the minister in the local church
- ❖ referring to the ministry leadership of the church

John 21:15-17

- ❖ Jesus specifically called Peter to the eldership
- ❖ **V.16** – "tend the flock" – look after the flock ("poimaino" – to fully look after the people as the sheep of God)

2 John & 3 John

- ❖ John writes as the "**elder**"
- ❖ John was clearly an apostle of Jesus Christ
- ❖ but he writes as from "**the Elder**"

Paul, Peter and John identify themselves as elders

Ephesians 4:11

- ❖ Jesus gave five ministry gifts to the church
- ❖ Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- ❖ **They all seem to function as elders**

Acts 21:8

- ❖ Paul visited **Philip the evangelist**
- ❖ Philip was a deacon in **Acts 6**
- ❖ he preached Christ powerfully in Samaria (**Acts 8**)
- ❖ he brought up 4 daughters who prophesied
- ❖ he received apostolic team, prophets (Paul and Agabus)
- ❖ he is functioning as an elder but his ministry gift is an evangelist

1 Cor. 12:28

- ❖ God set in church **1st apostles, 2nd prophets, 3rd teachers**
- ❖ these are set ministries in church in order/rank

❖ could say that apostles, prophets, teachers are leading elders of the church of Jesus Christ

Acts 13-14

14:23 – the apostles appointed “**elders in every church**”

Titus 1:5

- ❖ Paul and Titus had been ministering together on island of Crete
- ❖ Paul instructed young apostle Titus, to appoint **elders in every city**
- ❖ **Elders in plural**

1 Peter 5:1

- ❖ Peter addresses elders in plural

James 5:14

- ❖ if sick should call for the **elders**, plural to come and minister to you

1 Timothy 5:17

- ❖ Paul refers to the **elders** who rule well
- ❖ they should get double pay/honour for those who labour in the Word and doctrine
- ❖ there is suggestion that not all elders will be strong in the ministry of the Word
- ❖ maybe not all elders will have a ministry gift (**Eph.4:11**)
- ❖ but gifted ministries will be found among the eldership
- ❖ not 2 special groups of “ministers and elders”

Ministry Gifts are not given to us to make us great

Ministry Gifts are given to us to build up the body of Christ and to equip the saints to function

Ministry gifts are to be found among the eldership

By **Acts 21:18** Paul went in to see James and the elders that were present

1 Tim.5:17 – elders who **rule** well be counted worthy of double honour...

(**1 Tim.3:5** – should “rule” his own house well)

“rule” – Gk “proistemi” Str. # 4291

- ❖ **to stand before, in rank, to preside over, to practise :- to be over, to maintain, rule**
- ❖ elders are to “rule”
- ❖ they are to be able to stand before the congregation knowing their delegated authority from the Chief Shepherd, Jesus
- ❖ they are to maintain and be over the congregation to do that

1 Tim.5:19

- ❖ no accusation against elders through mouth of 1 witness
- ❖ be careful to not criticise and speak against an elder

Acts 1:20

“Let another take his **office**” (NKJV)

- ❖ **Office – Gk “episkopen”**

- ❖ **KJV – “bishopric”** still in old mindset of “bishop” of traditional state church of England
- ❖ Was based on church practice in history, not Scriptures
- ❖ We need to come back to apostolic foundations
- ❖ Even leading apostles identified in Scriptures as **“elders”**
- ❖ One of functions of elder is to “bishop/supervise/oversee” the church (without a big hat! – no kissing of hands!)

1 Tim. 3:1

- ❖ a faithful saying, “If a man desires position of a **“bishop”** he desires a good work”
- ❖ **Gk “episkopen”** – position of supervisor, overseer :- bishopric, visitation (busily visiting the people), inspection, overseership (watching over the brethren)
- ❖ many who call themselves “bishops” one must get an appointment to see them but they are meant to be busy visiting the brethren

2 Cor. 5:20

- ❖ we are as **“ambassadors”** for Christ as though God were pleading through us

Ephesians 6:20

- ❖ Paul calls himself an **“ambassador”** in chains

Ambassador – Gk “presbeuo” – literally to be an elder

People can be ambassadors when they have some experience, proven ministry, and be able to represent the one who sends them accurately

Revelation 4:4,10 ; 5:5,6,8,11,14

What are these elders doing in heaven?

They are worshiping around the Throne, ministering to the Lord

Pictured for us in **Acts 13:1-2**

Session 8

Speaker: David Truss, pastor

THE BURNT OFFERING

Our lives were saved so that we can lay them down

Exodus 29:38

- ❖ 2 lambs offered everyday, evening and morning
- ❖ Other burnt offerings also
- ❖ Burnt offerings are first
- ❖ Sweet aroma that would ascend to God
- ❖ Speaks of life wholly given over to God

Romans 12:1

- ❖ present your bodies a "**living sacrifice**" holy and acceptable
- ❖ only acceptable if presented as a whole offering
- ❖ this is your **reasonable service**

Leviticus 1:1-3

- ❖ if anyone brings an offering to the LORD, of livestock
- ❖ male without blemish for burnt offering
- ❖ it is of our **own free will**
- ❖ God demands it, but it has to be of our own free will, a willing heart
- ❖ If not from free will = not acceptable

Exodus 25:2

- ❖ offerings taken up to build Tabernacle
- ❖ take offering from every willing heart
- ❖ commanded to bring offering
- ❖ offerings of willing heart were taken, acceptable
- ❖ tithes and offerings are to be given willingly, not begrudgingly – only accepted if done willingly

2 Corinthians 9:1-7

v.5 – prepare your generous gift, not as grudging obligation

v.6-7 – whatever we have we give, we purpose in our heart, it is what God wants us to give (obedience), not about how much we give

- ❖ sow sparingly, reap sparingly
- ❖ sow bountifully, reap bountifully
- ❖ "God loves a cheerful giver"
- ❖ "**cheerful**" – Gk. "**hilaros**" – we should give hilariously, it is freeing

1 Corinthians 13:3

- ❖ "though I give my body to be burned, if I have not love, it will profit me nothing" – referring to burnt offering
- ❖ if we do not give out of love it is **not acceptable** as an offering

Genesis 4

- ❖ Cain and Abel brought offerings to God
- ❖ Abel brought first of flock of sheep, was accepted
- ❖ Cain offered firstfruits of crop, **not acceptable**
- ❖ Cain probably thought it was acceptable but God did not

Leviticus 1:4

- ❖ put hand on head of burnt offering
- ❖ transferring sin onto the burnt offering, the animal was representative of the man
- ❖ this would be **accepted** on his behalf to make atonement for him

v.5 – the man killed the bull before Yahweh

- ❖ then the priest took the blood

v.6 – the man had to skin it and cut it in pieces = the man was putting himself to death!

v.7-8 – priest put fire on the altar, burnt the sacrifice, a sweet aroma to the LORD

- ❖ **we must lay down our lives**

John 10:15

- ❖ “I lay down My life for the sheep” – Jesus said
- ❖ God will not take our life from us, He wants us to lay it down

Ephesians 5:1-7

- ❖ be imitators of God, Jesus laid down His life
- ❖ Christ is our example, He was a sweet smelling aroma and sacrifice to God
- ❖ Any ministry that is self focused is a bad smell to God
- ❖ Fornication, uncleanness... let it not be named among you
- ❖ This sort of person has no inheritance in the kingdom

V.8 Walk as children of light, not in darkness = being a living sacrifice

The Offering was made by fire

Leviticus 1:9

- ❖ priest shall burn all on altar
- ❖ offering made by **fire**
- ❖ Holy Spirit is equated with fire

Hebrews 12:29 – God is a consuming fire – He will consume every offering

- ❖ the acceptable offering will bring a sweet smell and His glory will come
- ❖ the unacceptable offering will be consumed in judgement

Leviticus 6:12-13

- ❖ always a fire burning on the altar
- ❖ He is always burning things in us that He does not like
- ❖ There is a continual refining, conforming to the image of His Son

1 Peter 4:12-17

- ❖ fiery trial is **not a strange thing**
- ❖ rejoice in partaking in Christ's sufferings
- ❖ when glory is revealed we will partake in it
- ❖ trials will come our way until Christ is formed in us

1 Peter 1:6-7

- ❖ you have been grieved by various trials
- ❖ fiery trial is bringing forth genuine faith, like gold is tested by fire

Often in the Old T when the sacrifice was acceptable fire would come out to consume it

Leviticus 9:16-24

- ❖ offered burnt offering in prescribed manner
- ❖ brought grain offering and burnt it
- ❖ burned the fat on the altar
- ❖ all these offerings added to burnt offering
- ❖ the glory was revealed and fire came out from the LORD and consumed the offering

Acts 2:1-4

- ❖ tongues as of fire came and sat on each of them
- ❖ they were offering God 10 days of prayer in one accord, waiting on God
- ❖ Holy Spirit and fire came, they were consumed, their lives were changed and consumed by the Holy Spirit
- ❖ 10 days of acceptable sacrifice
- ❖ Peter was a changed man – God is a consuming fire (**Heb 12:29**)

Judges 6:11-24

v.18 – Gideon wanted to give an offering

v.20 – lay the offering on the Rock

v.21 – the Angel of the LORD touched the offering with His staff, fire rose out of the Rock and consumed the offering

Gideon offered an acceptable offering, saw God and thought he would die

Judges 13:15

- ❖ Manoah wanted to detain Angel of LORD
- ❖ Angel said he would not eat his food but would accept an offering to Yahweh
- ❖ Offered upon the rock to the LORD
- V.20** - As flame went up the Angel ascended in the flame
- ❖ Manoah and wife realised that it was God
- ❖ They offered an acceptable sacrifice

Unacceptable sacrifice

Acts 5:1-4

- ❖ Ananias and Sapphira sold a possession, wanting to give money to the Lord
- ❖ They kept back some of money with wife's knowledge
- ❖ Laid it at apostle Peter's feet
- ❖ Satan filled Ananias' heart, lied to Holy Spirit
- ❖ **Was unacceptable offering**, fire came down and judged him
- ❖ Maybe Ananias thought he was doing a good thing
- ❖ Wife also consumed in judgement, she died also as consequence of unacceptable offering

Exodus 29:42

- ❖ a continual burnt offering
- ❖ at door of Tabernacle of meeting
- ❖ sanctified by My glory

Mark 12:28-30

- ❖ what is first commandment of all?
- ❖ Love LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind
- ❖ Love neighbour as yourself
- ❖ To love God with everything within us and our neighbour is **more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices**
- ❖ This is the fulfilment of all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices!
- ❖ **Gal.2:20** – no longer us but Christ living and loving through us
- ❖ This is revelation of kingdom!

The aroma from our lives is sweet when we offer it in holy and acceptable way

Aroma - "olah" – ascending or rising up

- ❖ it causes God to remember us and respond to us
- ❖ causes Him to remember our names in the Lamb's book of life, **to know us**

Matthew 7:21-23

- ❖ "I never knew you"
- ❖ When our lives are laid down in an unacceptable way, God does not remember us, does not know us
- ❖ There was no sweet aroma ascending up to the Lord from these ones

Exodus 27:1

- ❖ Altar in Tabernacle of Moses was 5 cubits long, 5 cubits wide, 3 cubits high
- ❖ **2Chron.6:13** – Solomon stood before altar of LORD
- ❖ Measurements 20x20x10
- ❖ Solomon made platform 5x5x3 = representative of altar of burnt offering, before the people, in midst of court, stood on it, kneeled, spread hands toward heaven, prayed to dedicate
- ❖ **2 Chron. 7:1** – fire came down after dedication and consumed burnt offerings, glory filled house
- ❖ Solomon was putting himself on the altar as a burnt offering, a type of Jesus on the cross as the King/Priest
- ❖ An acceptable sacrifice, fire and glory!
- ❖ All the people bowed their faces to the ground, worshiped
- ❖ Not falling on their backs, not simply a refreshing but experiencing the glory and fire
- ❖ **v.12** – a "**House of Sacrifice**" God's house is a house of Sacrifice

Luke 9:23-27

- ❖ deny himself, take up cross **daily**
- ❖ a living sacrifice
- ❖ we are to be constantly giving ourselves over to God
- ❖ He will redeem the time

Galatians 2:20

- ❖ I have been **crucified with Christ**
- ❖ I no longer live, Christ lives in me
- ❖ I live by faith in the Son of God

Philippians 2:14-15

- ❖ do all things without complaining and disputing
- ❖ that you may become blameless and harmless, do not do harm!
- ❖ Without fault in crooked generation

V.16-17 – poured out as a drink offering, sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad

- ❖ Paul was glad to be a sacrifice, drink offering for sake of others

1 Corinthians 15:31

- ❖ I die **daily**
- ❖ Paul had come to the point where he was content with his lot, with much or nothing...

Philippians 4:18

- ❖ offerings given by Philippians to Paul
- ❖ were a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God

Let us be a sweet smelling aroma of a life laid down continuously

Session 9

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

THE CHURCH THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom is where God is fully obeyed

Rom 8:20-21 – creation under the curse is not obedient to God

Rom 14:17 – righteousness is the manifestation of God's kingdom rule

(Rom 4:5-25)

- ❖ Only righteous through faith in Jesus Christ
- ❖ Only the saints can be righteous and therefore in His Kingdom
- ❖ We need to pray for government leaders to be saved

Jesus is the Christ - Messiah the anointed King

- ❖ In the Old Testament He is called Melchizedek – King of Righteousness
- ❖ In the New Testament – Christ

Eph 3:8 – preaching unsearchable riches of Messiah to the Gentiles

- ❖ Jews knew Messiah would be the King

Acts 9:15-16

- ❖ Paul was to bear Christ's name before Gentiles and Kings = political leaders

The children of Israel historically had an expectation for the Messiah to come.

In the Gentile history of the church we have generally only preached Jesus as the Saviour.

We have not understood what 'Christ' really means. We have often referred to Jesus as

'Jesus Christ' but **He is Jesus and He is the Christ.**

- ❖ Christ is His title – His function
- ❖ He is the Messiah – the anointed King
- ❖ Jesus was the One prophesied to be SHILOH (**Gen 49:10**) – 'SHILOH' is the great ruler to come out of Judah

2 Sam 7:12-14a; Psalm 2 & 110 – Prophetic Scriptures of the Messiah

- ❖ There is no Kingdom without Jesus!

Luke 17:21 – Where the King is there is the Kingdom

It is time we spoke about Jesus the ruler of heaven and earth!

Rom 14:17 – the kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

John 18:36 – it is not of this world

Matt 6:9-10 – Pray for the kingdom to come in the world

Matt 16:19 – the application of the Lord's Prayer through binding and loosing, forbidding and allowing heavenly things into the earth

The only place the Kingdom can be found is among God's people submitting to Him.

- ❖ It is in the church the Kingdom is revealed!
- ❖ 'Come out from among the world and be separate' (**2 Cor. 6:17**)
- ❖ Come out from the 'unclean' church into His church
- ❖ Before we are baptised we must be born again into the Kingdom (**John 3:3,5**)

What is the church?

'church' – Gk 'ecclesia':- congregation, assembly, majority of references used as 'church'

❖ Lit. **'called out ones'**

Called out to do what?

Jesus will build His 'called out ones' into something that hell cannot overcome

❖ It comes from ancient Greek culture

Lit. 'the popular assembly of citizens (males over the age of 30)'

❖ minority were citizens in 5th Cent BC, Athens

❖ The purpose of the 'ecclesia' was to govern the city

❖ They were the government!

❖ The church is the assembly of the government of Jesus the Messiah in the earth and cannot be overcome by the devil

❖ In Athens the 'church' was called together from time to time to have a sitting of 'parliament' – to speak together

❖ Jesus is building His assembly in the earth that will meet time to time to make some decisions

Acts 6, 15 – The church was meeting together to make decisions

❖ In Athens they appointed a council to make day to day decisions – important decisions had to be made by the whole church

The church is to be bringing God's kingdom and government on the earth.

Matt 16:18 – When Peter got the revelation of Jesus, Jesus said now 'I will build My church'

V19. – 'I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven' – The church can legislate for the things in heaven to be done on the earth, to stop evil works and release God's works

The Church is the government of God!

Matt 18:15-20

❖ the church dealing with a brother who is sinning and needs to repent

❖ If the brother refuses to hear the elders he must then be brought to the whole church to consider the issue

❖ If he still refuses to repent he is then treated as an unbeliever

V18. The church has the authority to bind and to loose, to shut and to open

❖ The church comes together for prayer in agreement with one another

V19. 'if two of you agree together on earth concerning anything they ask it will be done'

❖ We are speaking to the great King – to God

❖ We need to have fear, honor and respect when we speak to Him

❖ We can come with boldness

The authority of the church is expressed as the 'keys of the Kingdom'

Sayings about the kingdom:

1) It is in the Spirit – it cannot be built, it is already in existence. We need to teach people how to live in the kingdom. Introduce them to the King - Jesus. Then baptise them into Him and they come into the Kingdom.

the Kingdom is not extended it is already over all – from 'shore to shore'

2) It is to be preached by us – and it will be manifested through us

The Kingdom is revealed in the Church

1) It is the inheritance of the church in the earth

Luke 12:32

2) The church is meant to be the governing expression of the kingdom

3) The King Jesus will rule and have His commands carried out through His ecclesia/church

4) The church are the ambassadors of Christ

5) Ministers of reconciliation

6) The church is the body of Him who is the King and the King is in us

❖ **Eph 5:30 – The church is flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone**

Isaiah 2:2-4 (Micah 4)

❖ The Church and the Kingdom

❖ It is concerning Judah (the nation – the Kingdom) and Jerusalem (the city – the church)

V2. 'The mountain of Yahweh's house'

❖ Mountain = Kingdom

❖ In Daniel the stone grew and became a great mountain that filled the whole earth

(Dan 2:35)

❖ The House = The church (**1 Tim 3:15**)

❖ The mountain of the house is above all mountains

❖ All nations shall flow to it – the house

V3. Many people shall say 'come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob'

❖ People coming into the Kingdom of God, to the house of the **Living God**

❖ **God is the God of the Living**

❖ 'He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths, for out of Zion the law shall go forth'

❖ **Zion** – is the city of the Mountain meaning the church of the Kingdom. The expression of God in the earth.

❖ There is discipleship in Zion – 'walking in His ways'

❖ Through the word that is taught and proclaimed He will judge the nations and rebuke many people

❖ When we speak the word of God just as it is written and walk in His ways (**Rom 8:14**), God will judge between the nations

V5. 'House of Jacob come and let us walk in the light of the eternal one'

Micah 4:4 – the result will be everyone shall sit under his own vine and fig tree – no one making them afraid

Session 10

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

REVELATION OF JESUS THE CHRIST

Matt. 16:13-19

- ❖ Jesus took the disciples to "Caesarea Philippi"
 - ❖ A place for the glory of Rome, a monument to Roman power
 - ❖ In the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi there was a cave mouth in the hills called "Gate of Hades (place for the dead)" – people in occult went near there
 - ❖ Jesus took the disciples purposely to the place of the 'gate way to hell' and place glorifying Roman government
- v.13-15** – Who do you say Jesus is?
- v.16** – Peter said, "You are the Christ/Messiah, the Son of the Living God"
- v.17** – revelation came from heaven
- ❖ revelation = Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of God
 - ❖ You cannot be the Christ unless you are the Son of God

Acts 5:42 – the early apostles daily in the temple and in every house did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ

- ❖ the central message of the Bible is = preaching Jesus the Christ – implicit in this preaching is to preach He is the Son of God

Acts 2, 13 – they preached the Christ, the Son of God as Jesus

"Christ" – Gk. "Christos" – the Gentile/Greek word

- ❖ The Gentiles had no history of expectation for a "Christ"
- ❖ Scripture calls Jesus the Christ over 550x
- ❖ Jesus the Saviour less than 10x
- ❖ The message most of us received is Jesus died on the cross for you so that when you die you can go to heaven
- ❖ Apostles did not actually preach that!

Acts 2:38-41 – it does not say 3000 got "saved" but that "those who received word gladly were being baptised and 3000 souls were added"

Acts 2:42 – then they continued steadfastly...

They believed the preaching of Peter that Jesus was the Christ, the Lord (Acts 2:36)

v.40 – "be saved from this perverse generation" – we are saved from sin, death, this generation and from being conformed to this world

- ❖ we are to save ourselves by putting on the new man in Christ, walking in Him
- ❖ we are saved into the kingdom of heaven

Gk **"Christos"** – comes from verb: to smear or rub with oil, consecrated to an office, anoint = the Anointed One

- ❖ this is the Greek translation of Hebrew word "mashiyach" – "Messiah"
- ❖ This Hebrew word is rich in historical, religious meaning, being in the Scriptures

We say "Jesus Christ" as if that is His name

Matt 1, Luke 1 – "His name shall be called JESUS"

- ❖ His name is JESUS
- ❖ He is the Christ, the Son of God

Messiah

2 Sam.7:12-16

- ❖ Prophet Nathan speaking to King David
- ❖ He promises David a son from his body, he will be King
- ❖ The Christ is the greater son of David, He would ascend David's throne and rule forever
- ❖ The Messiah is the Promised King who will deliver God's people from all their enemies
- ❖ The Man Jesus, is the Saviour and died on the Cross for our sins
- ❖ He is also the Christ, He died on the cross as the Christ, the Son of God
- ❖ He gained a great victory (**Hebrew 2:14-15, 1John 3:8, Col.2:15**)
- ❖ This is to do with the kingdom, Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed King)
- ❖ Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, He established the kingdom of God in the realm of the earth forever!
- ❖ Jesus is not only the "Saviour" – He is also the "Messiah"
- ❖ The Messiah ascended the throne which is the heavenly Zion, He is ruling and reigning
- ❖ He has all authority and all power (**Matt.28:18**)
- ❖ Jesus claimed that power and authority before He ascended to heaven
- ❖ as we understand this we will walk in much greater victory and authority in the earth

Acts 2:22-36

- ❖ very powerful preaching of Jesus as the Christ
- v.27** quoted prophecy of David, **Psalms 16** , speaking of the resurrection of the Messiah
- v.32** – we are all witnesses
- v.33** – "right hand of God" = the Throne, Jesus exalted to this place of authority
- ❖ Jesus received the promise of the Holy Spirit and poured out the Holy Spirit as proof that He is seated on the Throne!!
- V.34** – David did not ascend into heavens
- ❖ But David spoke in **Psalms 110:1** , Jesus the Messiah the one seated at right hand, place of ultimate authority until all His enemies are made His footstool (**Isaiah 66:1**)
- ❖ This is so relevant and important for us to understand in our day as many nations are raging against the Christ (**Psalms 2:1-3**), legislating wicked and immoral laws

Isaiah 9:7 – His government and peace will increase without end

- ❖ On the Throne of David to order it and establish with "judgement with justice"
 - ❖ We are to pray that Jesus would establish His government in our day with "judgement" for His enemies (**2 Thess. 1:8**) and "justice" for His people
- Out of His authority He has commanded us to go the nations

Matthew 28:18-20

v.19 – make disciples of all the nations

- ❖ baptising them into the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Jesus told His **apostles** to baptise (immerse) into the **name**
- ❖ maybe 10 days later Peter preached on Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:36-38

- ❖ God has made this Jesus...both Lord and Christ

V.38 – “let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus the Christ...”

What is the name of the “Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”?

Acts 2:38, the name is JESUS

Acts 8:16, they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord JESUS – this was orthodox practice for the early church

Acts 19:5, they were baptised in the name of the Lord JESUS

Let us have Scriptural understanding and practice of baptism in the name of Jesus

- ❖ Let’s be obedient, and look at the practice of the early apostles who were obediently doing what Jesus told them in **Matthew 28:19**

In preaching of gospel in New Testament

- ❖ gospel first taken to the Jews (**Acts 1-9** – to Jews only, even Ethiopian was a worshiper of God, being in Jerusalem)
- ❖ main/basic message = Jesus of Nazareth, whom you crucified, was the Christ/Messiah
- ❖ was not so much the message of Jesus dying and rising, but the message was “who is Jesus”, that He is the Christ, the Son of God – this will cause conviction and cause men to repent

Many have preached a gospel of self interest only (escape suffering in hell so you can go to heaven)

- ❖ gospel in New T was preaching that this Jesus is Lord and Christ, so we should “kiss the Son, lest He be angry” (**Psalms 2:12**)

Gospel to the Gentiles

Ephesians 3:8 – Paul received the grace of God to preach to the Gentiles the “**the unsearchable riches of Christ/Messiah**”

v.9 – to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery

v.10 – to the intent that **now** the manifold wisdom of God will be made known to demonic heavenly realm

Christ needs to be preached until the church is functioning in His authority, His anointing, and in His kingdom until the demonic heavenly realm is bowing the knee and confessing that Jesus is Lord (Phil.2:9-11)

Messiah is the great Ruler, not firstly the Saviour

Jesus is the great Ruler, King, whose right it is to reign (**Gen.49:10**)

Rev.1:5 – He is ruler of kings of the earth

Genesis 49:10

- ❖ kings and lawgivers in **Judah until Shiloh comes**

- ❖ unto Him (SHILOH) will be the obedience of the people
- ❖ **SHILOH** = 'Him whose right it is'

When Israel finally had a king, his name was Saul
He was from tribe of Benjamin, wrong tribe for kings
Saul was the people's choice
David was God's choice, from tribe of Judah

Acts 2:30

- a) David was a prophet – shown something by God
- b) He knew God had sworn an oath to him as king

The prophecy and the oath spoke of a son coming from David's body to be raised up to take the throne

Prophecy

Psalm 2 – because nations were rebelling against the LORD and against the Messiah

v.6 – "I have set My King (Messiah) on My holy hill of Zion"

This was God's answer to the nations' rebellious rulers

v.7 – Messiah begins to speak

- "I will declare the decree that Yahweh has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You'"

v.8 – "Ask of Me, I will give the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession" -

Psalm 110

"Yahweh said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool'"

Matt.22:41-46 – Jesus questioned religious leaders with this verse

- ❖ David called the Messiah "Lord" and yet Messiah is David's son
- ❖ David prophesied about his son being the Messiah

The Oath

2 Sam. 7:12-14a

- ❖ "I will set up your seed after you...I will establish his kingdom"
- ❖ "He will build a house for My name"

The promise is:

- 1) to David's seed, the seed will inherit the kingdom
- 2) speaks of forever throne and forever kingdom
- 3) speaks of house built for God's name
- 4) speaks of son being the Son of God

v.16 – confirms the promise

How could the promise be fulfilled?

500 years after David, Israel had disappeared and Judah is in exile in Babylon

- ❖ the dynasty of David had fallen

When they came back from exile, Zerubbabel of the line of Judah was governor of Jerusalem – but there was no king

The Word Out of Zion

Until – the king was born in Bethlehem
The promise was fulfilled by Jesus being born

King in Judea named Herod at time of Jesus' birth
He was not a descendant of David, was not Jewish, he was an evil man
He rebuilt the temple of God seeking to gain favour with Jews

Acts 2:30

Peter shows that fulfilment of what God promised to David was fulfilled in Messiah Jesus

Psalms 110:3

"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power"

If Jesus is the Messiah/Christ, If you are convinced from the Scripture and by the witness of the Holy Spirit in your heart – may you be convicted in your hearts and cry "what shall we do?"

NOTES

Session 11

Speaker: Col Krueger, pastor

CHRISTIAN?

What do you mean when you say you are a Christian?

Christian – Gk “Christianos” = a follower of Jesus Christ

People apply the term “Christian” to so many things

- ❖ schools are called “Christian” but can be corrupt
- ❖ millions of people were burned at the stake by the “Christian” church

The term “Christian” given in Scriptures was possibly given as a derogatory nick-name

Very often nick-names are accepted and received even when they are derogatory

“Lutherans”, “Baptists”, “Methodists” – all nick-names given by those outside of them, instead of name of Jesus

There is nothing wrong with wearing the name “Christian” with pride

Acts 11:26

The disciples were first called “Christians” in Antioch

- ❖ we are not sure if it was a term of endearment or derision

Acts 26:28

King Agrippa says, “You almost persuade me to become a “Christian””

- ❖ was Agrippa sincere or sarcastic? We do not know.

1 Peter 3:13-17

In context of serious persecution of believers

- ❖ if suffer for righteousness you are blessed
- ❖ better to suffer for doing good than evil

1 Peter 4:12-16

- ❖ possibly “fiery trial” even refers to believers being burned

- ❖ rejoice in sharing in Christ’s suffering

- ❖ blessed if reproached for name of Christ

- ❖ do not suffer as an evil doer, sinner

- ❖ **If you suffer as a “Christian” do not be ashamed, but glorify God in this matter**

- ❖ named and suffering as a Christian was to mean death, we are to glorify God in this

Acts 11

Church in Antioch was first church of Jew and Gentile together

- ❖ First place believers are called Christians
- ❖ But Paul never referred to the believers in his letters as "Christians"

Have we substituted a Christian religion for Christ in our churches? Paul always used the term "In Christ"

The term **"In Christ" – not "Christian"**

Rom.9:1,

Rom.16:3,7,9,10

1 Cor.3:1 ; 4:10 ; 15:18,19

2 Cor.5:17 ; 12:2,19

Gal.1:22

Phil.4:21

Col.1:2

1 Thess.4:16

If Paul thought that the title "Christian" was so wonderful, why did he not use it? "In Christ" is so much more meaningful.

Most people in the "church" have no or little comprehension of being "in Christ"

The term "In Christ Jesus" being used

Romans 3:21-26

v.22 – lit. "through the faith of Jesus Christ" – it is no longer our faith that accounts for anything but the faith of Jesus

- ❖ the faith of Jesus is what is effective

Romans 8:1

"No condemnation to those who are **"in Christ Jesus"**

- ❖ Paul was seeing the struggle between the flesh and God's requirements
- ❖ **Rom.7:24-25** – who will deliver me from this body of death, it is impossible to do the law! It happens through Jesus Christ, the Lord
- ❖ **Rom.7:10** – the commands of the law brought death to him
- ❖ **Lev.18:1-5** – if a man does these things, he shall have life (even eternal) by them
- ❖ We no longer walk according to flesh, but by Spirit
- ❖ **Rom.8:2-3** – there was no enabling power to keep the law through the law.
- ❖ The enabling power came through the grace which is in Jesus

How do we get in Jesus?

Rom.6:3 – it is through baptism into Christ, into His death, His burial, His resurrection

Matt.28:19 – baptism into the name, the person of Jesus - Therefore we are **in Christ**

Rom.13:14 – put on Lord Jesus Christ

Gal.3:27 – baptized into Christ = put on Christ,

“put on” Str #1746 = “to invest with clothing”

2 Cor.5:1-3 – clothing us with a dwelling (it is putting on a new dwelling, being covered)

John 14:2-3 – In Father’s house are many dwellings

- ❖ Jesus was going to prepare a place where we could dwell, where we could live
- ❖ So you and I could be **“in Christ”**
- ❖ we enter that place now
- ❖ If we are not in that place before leaving earth, we will not be in Christ after death either

What is it to be “in Christ”?

John 14:20 – “I in My Father, and you in Me and I in you”

- ❖ this strains our earthly understanding
- ❖ as we receive Jesus in, He comes inside us
- ❖ at the same time, we are also placed in the Father

John 17:21 – we may be one, as You, Father, in Me and I in You”

- ❖ we become part of Him, merged into Him and into one another
- ❖ Christ is in us, we are also in Christ
- ❖ We are to become one
- ❖ We are being made into the image of Christ

Session 12

Speaker: Nicholas Jackson, apostle

SEEING JESUS AS HE IS

The Book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus the Christ – Revelation 1:1

❖ **This is the purpose of the whole book!**

Gk 'apokalupsis' – an unveiling, disclosure

❖ This book was relevant for the church in his day (John's) - it is relevant for every generation

❖ It is a spiritual reality that we need to come in to

Rev1:9-10 – John a companion in the tribulation and patience of Jesus Christ

❖ He was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day

1 John 3:1-3

❖ We are children of God and the world does not know us. We know that when He is revealed we will be like Him for **we shall see Him as He is.**

❖ **This is the hope of the gospel!**

V3. – He who has this hope purifies himself

Rev 2:1

To the church of Ephesus

"He who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands"

❖ Seven stars in His right hand = the messengers/angels of the seven churches **Rev 1:20**

❖ Seven = completion, full

❖ 'In His right hand' = all power, authority

❖ This is a message through a messenger to the church

❖ Apostles are 'sent ones' to the church with His message

❖ The 'messengers' spoken of here are not heavenly but earthly

Eph 4:8

❖ Christ ascended on high – the right hand of God,

❖ He gave gifts to men

V11. – The gifts that Christ gave are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers

❖ They have the authority of Christ as they come forth from Him – from His right hand!

In the Scriptures what are stars?

Gen 15:3-5

❖ 'look now toward heaven and count the stars..'

❖ The seed of Abraham are likened to the 'stars' – sons of Abraham

Dan 12:2-3

❖ 'those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament' – they shall be as stars

Further references: **Phil 2:15, 2 Pet 1:19-20**

❖ the stars are the children of God

❖ Jesus is raising up sons that are in His right hand whom He sends into the world

Rev 2:1

'He walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands'

❖ Lampstand = the church (**Rev 1:20**)

❖ He walks in the midst of His complete church

Ex 25:31-40

V 36. – it was all one hammered piece of pure gold

❖ The gold speaks of the glory and divinity of God

❖ The gold is hammered and it needs to be refined to be pure. Gold in its purest form is soft

❖ The mast and six branches = Christ and His church being one.

❖ Joined into Christ – having His nature

Heb 2:11

❖ 'He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one'

❖ We are all of one hammered piece of pure gold!

❖ 'He is not ashamed to call them brethren' – because we have the same nature

(**2 Pet 1:4**)

Matt 18:20 – 'where two or three gather in My name **I am in the midst of them**'

Rev 2:8 - To the church in Smyrna

'The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life'

❖ God encourages them. They were in poverty in the natural – in tribulation

V10. 'Do not fear any of those things...'

❖ He was wanting to encourage them with who He is

Rev 1:17-18 – 'Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last....I am alive forevermore Amen'

❖ He even hold the keys of death and hades

'First' Gk 'protos': foremost in time, order, place and importance. The first in rank, He is the principal one

'Last' – 'the Final' – Jesus has the final say in all things!

❖ Jesus was the Firstborn from the dead and He is also the final

Heb 2:14 – Jesus partook of flesh and blood that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death – the devil

Do you know Jesus as He is!

All of creation began with Jesus and ends with Jesus – the First and Last

Rev 2:12 - To the church of Pergamos

'He who has the sharp two-edged sword'

❖ In Pergamos they were getting into false doctrine

V14-15 – 'The doctrine of Balaam' and 'doctrine of the Nicolaitans'

❖ These doctrines drew people away from Christ and were seduced into something else

V16. 'I will fight against them with the sword of My mouth' – The sword comes from His mouth.

❖ **It is the word of God**

Heb 4:12 – 'it is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword...'

❖ Jesus is the Word and when He reveals Himself He reveals Himself as the Word that cuts between soul and spirit

Rev 19:13 – **'His name is called the Word of God'**

V15. 'Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, with it He should strike the nations...'

V14. The armies in heaven clothed in fine linen followed Him

The saints wear fine linen (**Rev 19:8**) – the armies in heaven are the people of God, the bride church

❖ we are lifted up into the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

❖ We speak the word of God and we are to manifest His word in the earth

Rev 19:6 – 'the voice of a great multitude, the sound of many waters'

❖ It is the voice of God

❖ It is coming out of the bride, a many membered body speaking the word of God

Ezek 1:24 'the noise of an army'

If Jesus is in you, the Word is in you and His voice will be heard through you

❖ We fight by speaking His word (**2 Thess. 2:8**)

Rev 2:18 - To the church in Thyatira

'The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass'

❖ The church here struggled with the Jezebel Spirit

John 5:18

❖ Calling Him the 'Son of God' means that He is equal with God

❖ The Jews wanting to stone Him for it – they knew that He was saying 'I am God'

❖ God speaks through the Son

❖ He is establishing His authority with them

'His eyes a flame of fire'

❖ This is the consuming fire who is God (**Heb 12:29**)

❖ He comes to consume the wickedness

Luke 11:34-35

❖ the lamp of the body is the eye

❖ God's nature is of a consuming fire, He is a jealous God

'His feet like fine brass'

- ❖ This is a reference to judgement
- ❖ Brass was never found in the holy place of the tabernacle. It was only found in the outer court
- ❖ The brass altar – was where sin was judged
- ❖ The bronze laver – is where our 'old man' is put to death

Rev 3:1 - The church in Sardis

'He who has the seven Spirits of God'

Eph 4:4 – there is only one Spirit

Seven = speaks of completeness

Rev 4:5 – 'Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are seven Spirits of God'

- ❖ the lampstand had fire burning in it – seven lamps
- ❖ The church is before the throne, full of the Spirit

Rev 5:5-6

- ❖ 'Do not weep, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed'

(Gen 49:9-10)

- ❖ Being the 'Root of David' means that He was before David

Rev 22:16 – He is also the offspring of David!

V6. – 'in the midst of the elders stood a Lamb (little lamb) – it was in the midst of the throne

- ❖ 'He has seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth'

- ❖ Horns represent Kingdom/ kings

- ❖ Seven horns = complete authority

- ❖ Seven eyes = Seven Spirits of God

(Col 2:9 – the fullness of God)

- ❖ They are sent out into all the earth

John 3:34 – 'those who are sent to speak His word - God does not give the Spirit by any measure'

- ❖ God sends His messengers with the fullness of His Spirit

1 Cor. 15:45 – Life giving Spirit

'Seven Spirits' - **Isaiah 11:2, Luke 4:18-19**

Rev 3:7 - The church in Philadelphia

'He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David....'

Isaiah 22:22-23

'the key of the house of David I will lay on His shoulder...'

- ❖ this is speaking of kingdom authority

- ❖ It speaks of a glorious throne

- ❖ He opens doors that no man can shut

- ❖ These keys have been given to the church - Matt 16:19 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'

- ❖ Jesus has all the authority of the kingdom

❖ **Heb 12:22** 'You have come to Mount Zion'

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Session 13

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

THE REVELATION OF JESUS THE SON OF GOD

Matt 16:16

"You are the Christ, **the Son of the Living God**"

Genesis 5:1

- ❖ genealogy of Adam
- ❖ man created in likeness of God

Genesis 1:27

- ❖ man created male and female

Luke 3:38

- ❖ Adam, the son of God
- ❖ Adam's Father was God
- ❖ Adam not born as a baby, created as a son
- ❖ Son's are not born, they are made (begotten by direct act of God)

Adam is the son of God by nature and order of his creation, not by birth

Adam was placed into sonship by God, made to be a son

Adam as the first son was made in the image and likeness of God

Jesus as the last Adam, was "God manifested in the flesh"

Luke 3:38

Genealogy of Jesus linked to Adam, the son of God

- ❖ Jesus in natural lineage was linked to Adam as the son of God

Matthew 1:1

Jesus' lineage linked to Abraham and David

- ❖ "son of David, son of Abraham"

David

- ❖ David as God's appointed king has a unique placement in the purposes of kingdom of God

- ❖ Jesus is the son of the king, standing in line for kingship

Abraham

- ❖ Jesus is the promised seed of Abraham

- ❖ **Gen.12:3** – through Abraham blessing would come to all families of the earth

Jesus is linked to the covenantal promises made to both David and Abraham

Acts 2:30

Peter gives evidence that Jesus is the son of David, the Messiah

Romans 1:2-3

- ❖ the Son, who was promised through holy Scriptures
 - ❖ is Jesus the son of David, "of the seed of David according to the flesh"
 - ❖ Shiloh is to come from Judah, David is the link and type of the great ruler
- v.4** – Jesus declared Son of God by resurrection

Son of Abraham

- ❖ Abraham promised a seed, grew impatient and fathered a son through slave girl Hagar – was not the son
- ❖ 25 years later Isaac, the promised son came, but he is still not the seed promised
- ❖ **Gal.3:16** – promise made to Abraham's "Seed", not "seeds" – is **Christ**

Son of David

2 Sam. 7:14a

- ❖ God spoke "I will be His Father and He shall be My Son"
- ❖ this is the cross over from natural to spiritual
- ❖ Messiah would be from natural seed of David (flesh)
- ❖ son of David would actually be "Son of God", God is His Father (spiritual)
- ❖ a divine human man (**1 Tim.3:16**), a mystery not understood by carnal mind – must be in place of revelation, in realm of Spirit

Matt.16:17

- ❖ You can only know Jesus is the Son of God by revelation from Father in heaven, by the Spirit
- ❖ flesh and blood cannot reveal this to you

We need to learn how to make that revelation known by preaching and teaching

What does it mean to call Jesus the Son of God?

This is a serious issue being contended for today

Is He just a prophet? Just the "Christ"? or is Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God?

Hebrews 1:5

- ❖ testifying of the Son of God
- ❖ to which of the angels did He ever say "I will be to Him a Father and He shall be to Me a Son"

God wants to raise a generation of preachers and teachers who know who Jesus is and can preach and teach to all the earth the great truths of the gospel that are virtually lost in the church worldwide

Psalms 2:7

- ❖ prophetic declaration made by Messiah
- ❖ decree, Yahweh said to Me, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"
- ❖ David prophesied in the Psalm about the Messiah coming
- ❖ He would be the Son of God, begotten by Spirit, appearing in human form
- ❖ Written in 10th century BC
- ❖ To the Son I will give the inheritance of the nations, the ends of the earth for His possession

- ❖ Time for soft peddling the denominations is over
- ❖ **Jude 3 is now!** Contending for the faith
- ❖ **The truth of God will be restored to His true church**
- ❖ Time for the called out ones to come out

Hebrews 1:5

- ❖ to which of the angels did God ever say "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"?
- ❖ (**2 Sam:7:14a, 1 Chron.17:13, Psalm 2** quoted here to prove Jesus is the Son of God)

Begotten

Luke 1

Angel appeared to Mary, told her she would beget the Son of God

v.35 – Spirit of God will come upon you

- ❖ power of Highest overshadow you
- ❖ conception of Holy One to be born and will be called the "Son of God"

Matthew 1:20

- ❖ that which is begotten in Mary is of the Holy Spirit

Luke 2:11

- ❖ born to you this day a **Saviour, Christ the Lord**

Luke 2

Anna and Simeon recognized baby Jesus as the Messiah

- ❖ they knew He was God manifest in the flesh

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ Child is born
- ❖ Son is given (when child comes to maturity, He will be given as the Son)
- ❖ Jesus was born as a Child
- ❖ Jesus at 30 yrs of age was given as the "Son"
- ❖ Government will be upon the shoulder of the Son (God does not expect a child to rule and reign)

The Son will have 5 names that reveal who He is:

- 1) Wonderful – full of wonder
- 2) Counsellor – all wisdom and knowledge (**Col.2:3**)
- 3) Mighty God – "El Gabor"
- 4) Everlasting Father – Father of eternity, He created all things (**John 1:3**)
- 5) Prince of Peace – He is the ruler of His own kingdom

Names are prophetic in the Bible, revealing character and nature of the person

Isaiah 7:14

A sign given

- ❖ The virgin will conceive and bear a Son
- ❖ His name will be called "Emmanuel"

Matthew 1:23

Fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy

Emmanuel is translated – **"God with us"**

The Son born is a sign from God – He is God manifested in the flesh

No arguments, Jesus is the Son of God, now show from the Scriptures

Verses in John's gospel

Jesus making known His relationship with Father

John 5

v.1-12 - Jesus has healed cripple at Bethesda, told him to take up his bed and walk

It was a Sabbath and religious leaders took offense

They wanted to kill Jesus (**v.16**)

v.17 – "My Father has been working...I have been working"

v.18 – Jews sought all the more to kill Him

❖ said "God was His Father"

❖ this made Himself "equal with God"

Phil.2:5-6

❖ have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus

❖ **who being in the form of God**

❖ **did not consider it robbery to be equal with God**

❖ before Jesus appeared on earth He was in the **"form of God"**

❖ therefore it was no problem to be equal with God

❖ Jesus always existed as God before He came to earth

John 5:23

❖ All should honour the Son as they honour the Father

❖ If you do not honour the Son, you do not honour the Father who sent Him

John 14:9-10

❖ If you have seen Jesus = you have seen the Father

❖ I am in the Father and the Father in Me

Hebrews 1

v.1 – God in the past spoke by the prophets

v.2 – has in these last days spoken by the Son

God speaks through/by the Son

John 1:1 – the "Word", the "Speaking", the "Communication"

The "Speaking" was in the beginning

The "Speaking" was with God

The "Speaking" was God

The God who was speaking became flesh and dwelt among us (**John 1:14**)

Deut. 6:4 – Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One
Through God speaking, He created everything that was made (**John 1:3**)

Hebrews 1:2

- ❖ “Son appointed **heir of all things**”
- ❖ **Psalm 2:8** – nations are His inheritance, the earth given to Him
- ❖ through the Son, God “**made the worlds (ages)**”
- ❖ **Col.1:16** – speaking of Son, **all things were created – in heaven, earth, visible, invisible, thrones, dominions etc for Him and through Him**

Hebrews 1:3

- ❖ **The Son is brightness of His glory**
- ❖ **John 1:14,18** – Jesus declares glory of God
- ❖ **2 Cor.4:6** – glory seen in face of Jesus Christ
- ❖ **The Son is the express image of God’s person**
- ❖ if you have seen Jesus you have seen the Father
- ❖ **John 14:6** – you can only approach the Father through Jesus
- ❖ **2John v9**
- ❖ **Col.1:15** – The Son is the image of the invisible God
- ❖ **The Son upholds all things by the word of His power**
- ❖ **Col.1:17** –The Son is before all things and in Him all things consist
- ❖ **The Son purged our sins**
- **1 John 3:5**
- ❖ **The Son sat down at right hand of God**
- ❖ **Heb.10:12-13** – now waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool
- ❖ Jesus raised and seated at right hand of God, absolute authority, on throne of God (**Ephesians 1:19-21**)

1 Tim.3:16

- ❖ this should be the fundamental truth that is found in church (1 Tim.3:15)
- ❖ mystery of Godliness
- ❖ God was manifested in the flesh

Hebrews 1:8

But **to the Son** He says:

“Your throne O God”

- ❖ the Son called “God” and He has a Throne

Hebrews 1:10

Also to the Son:

“You LORD (Yahweh), laid the foundation of the earth”

- ❖ **The Son is the same as the Eternal God who laid the foundation of the earth**

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Session 14

Speaker: Debbie Van Lathum

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament

Exodus 25

❖ In Ch 24 Moses was on the Mountain with God and God is speaking to Moses

V1-2. The LORD was seeing who would be willing to bring an offering from their heart

V3-8. God had specific things He wanted them to bring as an offering

❖ God had a plan, He had a pattern. He was specific in His instructions

'Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell with them' - God has always wanted to dwell with His people

❖ God is holy and God had to make a way for His people to enter into His presence and commune with them

V9. 'according to all that I show you....just so you shall make it'

❖ The LORD (Yahweh) wants to dwell with you!

The pattern of the Tabernacle

❖ God starts in the holy of holies - this is where He begins to build from. God is reaching out to us. He comes forth to draw us in.

❖ God's heart is always reaching out to man (**John 3:16**)

❖ The Tabernacle is a sacred place.

Ex 40. – Moses built from the Holy of holies first.

Gen 1:1 – God begins with Himself

John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was God"

The Ark of the Testimony

Ex 25:10

❖ It is made of **acacia** wood - it is a very hard wood and is an incorruptible, non-decaying wood

1 Pet 1:23 – Jesus is incorruptible

Jesus the branch - **Is 11:1, Jer. 23:5, Zech. 3:8, Zech. 6:12**

V11. – all around the box on the outside was overlaid with **pure gold**

The gold speaks of the divinity of Christ – undefiled

It also speaks of His kingly nature and His glory

❖ **The gold is inside and out** – Christ is represented by the wood, the Father covers and the Holy Spirit fills inside

❖ **The ark represents Christ's humanity and divinity**

'make a moulding (crown) of gold all around'

❖ Crowns are associated with Kings. This represents His kingship

❖ **John 19:14** – Crucified as the King

❖ **Psalms 2:6** – The King in Zion

- ❖ The ark was put in the Holy of Holies. It is where He dwells, where He rules from

V12-15.

- ❖ The wood encased in the gold
- ❖ Poles are used to carry the ark, it was carried in a specific way by man
- ❖ **God wants His presence and glory to be carried by man**
- ❖ We are the people who are to carry the presence of God – His glory

V16.

- ❖ God wants to put something in the ark – a testimony
- Ex 31:18** – the testimony was given, the tablets of stone

In the ark was the tablets, the rod that budded and the pot of manna

- ❖ The law brings us to Jesus – the **way**
- ❖ The manna is the **truth** – the bread from heaven
- ❖ The rod is the **life** (**John 14:6**)

V17.

- ❖ make a mercy seat of pure gold
- ❖ this is the lid – there is no wood in the lid – no humanity in it.

The Cherubim

V18-20

- ❖ two cherubim of gold
- ❖ the lid and Cherubim are made of **one** piece of hammered gold (**Ex 37:7-8**)
- ❖ They are **one piece with the mercy seat**
- ❖ There is a cherub at each end facing each other
- ❖ They are very large in size – they are magnificent creatures. They are always in the fire and glory of God.
- ❖ The Cherubim represent the Father and the Spirit always covering and looking to the Son.
- ❖ Deut 6:4 “The LORD our God is one”
- ❖ The lid and cherubim represent the fullness of the Godhead (**Col 2:9**)

Gen 3:24

- ❖ God placed cherubim at the east of the garden to guard the way to the tree of Life
- ❖ They are living creatures

Ezek 1:4-14

- ❖ There is a fire that is raging and engulfing itself
- ❖ From within came the living creatures – they had four faces and four wings
- ❖ The faces: man, lion, ox and eagle
- ❖ Their appearance like a flash of lightening

Ch10:5

- ❖ The sound of the wings of the Cherubim heard in the outer court – the voice of the Almighty

Ch1:24

- ❖ the noise of their wings like the voice of the Almighty
- V26.** – above them was the likeness of a throne (**Ezek 10:1**)

The cherubim are always found in the presence of the throne

Psalm 91:1 'abide under the shadow of the Almighty'

V4. 'He shall cover you with His feathers, under His wings take refuge'

Psalm 80:1 'You who dwell between the cherubim shine forth'

Ex 25:21-22

- ❖ In this place it is where He dwells
- ❖ Between the cherubim, above the mercy seat. This is His throne

Psalm 99:1 'He dwells between the cherubim' (**Is 37:16**)

Heb 9:5 'cherubim of glory overshadowing'

Psalm 36:7 'put trust under the shadow of His wings'

'Mercy seat' Heb #3727 'kapporeth' – throne of mercy, only ever used as the lid of the sacred ark

Gk# 2435 'hilasterion' – a place to appease by blood, used one other time

Rom 3:25 'propitiation'

Rom 3:25 'God set forth (Jesus) as a mercy seat'

- ❖ the priests would come in once a year to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat

- 1)** Jesus is the sacrifice – His blood
- 2)** He is the High priest
- 3)** He is the Mercy Seat

- ❖ Jesus has put His blood upon the Mercy seat in the heavenly place where we can now enter
- ❖ the lid is the covering for the ark
- ❖ If you remove the lid, you have removed God in His fullness and have exposed the law
- ❖ We reject the blood and have no mercy and come under His judgement

1 Sam 6:14-20

- ❖ An example of where the lid was removed
- ❖ 'He (God) struck the men of Beth Shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD'
- ❖ the mercy seat was removed and the ministry of death was released – judgement came
- ❖ they esteemed it lightly and did not give God the honour and reverence due Him
- ❖ **When His blood is put on the mercy seat then we can come into His presence**
- ❖ We find mercy and protection from the law

Ex 25:22

- ❖ In between the cherubim and above the mercy seat His presence was there.
- ❖ In the Most Holy place it was supernatural light only (**1 Tim 6:16**)
- ❖ This is where He speaks from

Ex 40:33-38

- ❖ when Moses had finished the tabernacle the glory came and filled it

The people never saw the ark, it was always in the Holy of holies

- ❖ **Num 4:4-6** – it had a covering veil, it was always hidden
- ❖ Jesus tore the veil and we are now no longer kept out – we can now see Him in His fullness
- ❖ He will speak with us and He dwells in us
- ❖ We are the temple of the Living God

NOTES

Session 15

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

POSITIONED TO FUNCTION

Our method of operation

- 1) Discipleship**
- 2) Raising and training workers**
- 3) Fathering sons in the ministry**

1) DISCIPLESHIP

- ❖ speaks of a Teacher/Disciple relationship
- ❖ "ship" on end of word = relationship
- ❖ Disciple = someone in relationship with a Teacher
- ❖ "sonship" (adoption) = sons in relationship with God the Father

What form of relationship?

- ❖ a lifestyle relationship with Teacher, doing life together
- ❖ an apprentice style relationship

Luke 11:1

- ❖ one of disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us how to pray"
- ❖ notice it is a lifestyle relationship
- ❖ Jesus did not hide Himself from His disciples while praying
- ❖ Disciples knew John the Baptist taught his disciples how to pray
- ❖ The disciples realised they did not know how to pray and wanted their Teacher (Jesus) to teach them how
- ❖ Many only know a formula type of prayer, not taught "how to pray"
- ❖ "can give a poor man a fish to eat (satisfied till tomorrow until hungry again)" or can "teach a man how to fish" = this is discipleship, teaching others how to "fish"
- ❖ Making disciples is teaching the disciples "how to..."

Matthew 13:36

- ❖ disciples came to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field"
- ❖ the Disciple and the Master are in the same house
- ❖ most effective discipleship happens when the Teacher and disciples are living together
- ❖ whenever possible we like to have a training camp where the disciples are all together
- ❖ doing life together in the context of the Word of God

Matthew 19:1-10

v.9 – Jesus tightened the law concerning divorce

v.10 – disciples thought, "It is better not to marry"

v.11-12 – Jesus uses this life like teaching to talk about how people can decide to be celibate and not marry, that this is something as a gift received for some

In discipleship there needs to be a commitment from both parties

Matthew 4:18-22

- ❖ after calling Peter and Andrew Jesus said, "Follow Me"
- ❖ We are to "follow" the Teacher
- ❖ Jesus committed to the disciples "I will make you a fisher of men"
- ❖ The Discippler is to bring change into their disciples life to become somebody

2) RAISING/TRAINING WORKERS

The raising of workers is meant to be purposeful

- ❖ we need experience
- ❖ we must give people experience if they are to be a minister
- ❖ to start, that can mean going on team

- a) disciple observes the teacher
- b) disciple helps the teacher
- c) teacher helps the disciple
- d) teacher observes the disciple

- ❖ the worker who is being trained needs to be willing to be trained

2 Timothy 3:14

- ❖ **continue** in the things you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them (current time of being a minister/worker still under training to some extent)

v.15 – known the Scriptures, Timothy was discipled as a young person, so was able to be trained by Paul

- ❖ knowing the Scriptures is discipleship

v.16-17 – We need to be willing to be **corrected and instructed**

- ❖ many are happy to have the training, accept the teaching – but not many willing to be rebuked, corrected, instructed but choose to follow the teaching the way they want to
- ❖ most ministers do not raise and train workers
- ❖ most get sent to Bible College
- ❖ if do not agree with Bible College and do not give "correct answers", then you fail
- ❖ we should not choose for ourselves how we follow Jesus

Sent out on mission

- ❖ this requires reporting back and accountability

Luke 10:1

- ❖ workers sent out 2 by 2
- ❖ clear instructions given

v.17 – they report back to Jesus

- ❖ Jesus then added to their training by giving even more authority (**v.18-19**)
- ❖ after being discipled if you know a calling to ministry, look for training, be accountable, report back so that you can grow even more, the trainer giving further input, impart more authority to you, further instruction

Matthew 10

Sending out of apostles on mission

- ❖ right at beginning of apostolic training
- ❖ already disciples for a time
- ❖ now 12 chosen as "apostles" and He immediately sent them out

2 Timothy 2:2

Paul instructs Timothy how to train workers

- ❖ trained worker commits to faithful men and women (who are being trained in the ministry) what they have received
- ❖ to the degree we are faithful in passing on what we have received, we will be fruitful and productive
- ❖ if we try to run before we are sent (assuming the ministry) we will only do part of the job

3) FATHERING SONS IN THE MINISTRY

Malachi 4:5-6

Speaks of the restoration of fathers and sons (children)

Is in the context of Lord coming in judgement

Before He comes, we must receive Elijah (the spirit and power of Elijah)

- ❖ The spirit of Elijah will turn hearts of fathers to their children and children to their fathers
- ❖ We need the restoration of fathers in natural families
- ❖ But the context we are working in is "spiritual fathers" - "spiritual fathers" are spoken of in the New Testament

Philippians 2:19-24

- ❖ Paul is saying that he will send his "son" to them before he is able to come
- ❖ The "son" will represent Paul (the father) until he comes
- ❖ This father/son relationship works

2 Timothy 3:10-12

- ❖ Timothy (son) carefully followed Paul (father)
- ❖ trainee goes through hard times with the trainer without running away

Acts 13. – Paul and Barnabas had John Mark go with them but he ran away (**v.13**)

- ❖ later on Mark was restored to work with Paul
- ❖ Peter called Mark his "son" and must have trained him properly
- ❖ someone who initially disappoints us can come back and be restored

2 Timothy 4:9-10

- ❖ Demas forsook Paul
 - ❖ we will probably not have 100% success
- v.11** – Get "Mark", he is useful to me (Paul) = good news

1 Corinthians 4:17

- ❖ Timothy is at stage of being able to sent on behalf of Paul
- ❖ Paul is confident of Timothy being faithful
- ❖ There is relationship of father/son

- ❖ Timothy will “remind you of my ways in Christ...”
- ❖ faithfulness to doctrine, Timothy not expected to come up with own revelations to tell Corinth
- ❖ he would teach what Paul taught

In these days of restoration we need re training

- ❖ we need to find apostle that we can trust is teaching Word of God and be trained in the doctrine
- ❖ we want to raise a generation that properly delivers the Word of God
- ❖ the safety and guarantee that we have is that the Spirit will bear witness of the Word of God
- ❖ we need to be reliable in the Word
- ❖ accountable to a father, willing to report back, be corrected, receive further instruction will be the guarantee to all of us to stay with Word of God

Summary 3 main areas of doctrine

1) The Apostolic Revelation

What does this mean?

a) It is looking at the Scripture with the anointing that there are apostles and they are being restored today

- ❖ not apostles by position but apostles of the Word, of Jesus the Christ
- ❖ giving consideration to ministries mentioned in **Ephesians 4:11**
- ❖ Jesus gave the ministries in His ascension (**Eph.4:8**)
- ❖ clear that there are apostles today

b) The Building of the Church

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

- ❖ work of ministry is like building a house, and growing a crop in the field
- ❖ must lay right foundation

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ structure of building (**1 Peter 2:5** – spiritual house)
- ❖ role of apostles and prophets
- ❖ chief cornerstone Jesus Himself

c) importance of foundational principles of the faith

Hebrews 5:12 – 6:3

- ❖ 6 foundational principles that must be laid in every believer

2) Doctrine of the “Adoption of Sons” = Sonship

- ❖ growing up in Christ
- ❖ **Romans 8:14-23**
- ❖ **Galatians 3:26 – 4:7**
- ❖ **Hebrews 2:10, Ephesians 1:5**
- ❖ Understanding **Luke 15:11-33**

❖ Walking in the inheritance

3) Revelation of Jesus – Who is Jesus?

- a) He is the Christ (Matt.16:16)**
- b) He is the Apostle and High Priest (Heb.3:1)**
- c) He is the Son of God (1 Tim.3:16)**

These are the important things!

Discipleship and training is a lifestyle and happens in relationship

NOTES

Session 16

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

RASH VOWS & HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

Hindrances to prayer: being able to hear from God clearly

i) deliberate sin – cannot expect to hear from God if you continue in deliberate sin
Isaiah 59:1-2 – “your iniquities have separated you from God”, sins have caused Him not to hear you

- ❖ sin is not judged by its magnitude, sin is disobedience to God
- ❖ deliberate sin will separate you from God

ii) Unforgiveness

- ❖ this can cause physical problems, crippling...
- ❖ releasing forgiveness can release physical healing

Matthew 6:12 & v.14-15 – “forgive our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us (debtors)

- ❖ sometimes this is very difficult as hurts can be very deep
- ❖ sometimes we have suffered great injustices
- ❖ sometimes it can take a long time before forgiveness to be fully released in the heart
- ❖ forgiveness is only full when we are healed also from the hurt

Luke 17 – forgiveness is conditional in interpersonal relationships

- ❖ offences will come, it is inevitable, offence causes “little ones to stumble”

v.3 – if brother sins against you, “rebuke him”

- ❖ “if he repents, forgive him” – a person can only receive forgiveness if they repent for what they have done

- ❖ sometimes we sin against each other but do not even realise that we have sinned – in

Leviticus 4 we realise we have to deal with “**unintentional sin**”

- ❖ Forgiveness is the release, unforgiveness is the blockage

If something is very difficult to forgive, something has happened that has hurt very deeply

- ❖ when something is done badly to you, you become bound to that person, you are dragging that weight around all the time
- ❖ what we need to do is bring that person to the Cross, bring them to Jesus, “I bring this person to you Jesus and ask You to help me with this situation”
- ❖ then you will be free, and leaves the other person in the judgement of the Lord

iii) wrong relationship between husband and wife

1 Peter 3:7

“Husbands, dwell with the wife with **understanding**, give **honour** to her, as weaker vessel, heirs together of grace of life, **that your prayers may not be hindered**”

- ❖ husbands need to look after, protect, honour and treat wives with understanding

iv) asking with a wrong motive

James 4:3-4

e.g. "Get my husband saved so life is easier for me!"

- ❖ ask and not receive because you **ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures**
- ❖ God is not interested in your pleasures
- ❖ wants your desires to line up with His

v) involvement with other gods/supernatural (demonic)

❖ occult, witchcraft, every silly form of it (clairvoyancy, card readings, tea leaves, star signs, psychics, martial arts, yoga, meditation, false religions – Buddhism, islam, hinduism...)

❖ God is a Jealous God, not going to share His glory

Exodus 20:3-5 – no other gods before true God

- ❖ no images, idols or worship of anything except God
- ❖ 3rd & 4th generation will suffer due to wrong worship ("iniquity visited upon us")
- ❖ Superstition can come through family line
- ❖ Idol worship is actually worship of demons

Difference between Pentecost and the Apostolic

Pentecost – Spirit –Filled

Apostolic – Spirit-led

Rash vows

Numbers 30

❖ the law concerning vows

v.2 – men (& women) should keep vows and oaths to God – binds himself, shall do all that proceeds out of his mouth

❖ we are bound by the oath and vow

❖ we are not to break our word

v.3-4 – woman makes vow in father's house

❖ if father holds peace, woman must keep vow

❖ we make "rash vows" in hard circumstances

e.g. girl grows up with alcoholic terrible father

She says, "I will never marry an alcoholic"

❖ they bind themselves and very often end up marrying alcoholics, the fulfilment being the very opposite of what they want

❖ we should only make vows that God gives us to make, not swearing by anything

v.5 – father can disagree with the rash vow, and he can "overrule" (release) the rash vow

❖ husbands can also overrule/release the rash vow of their wife (**v.6-8**)

What about us today?

In New Testament our Father and Husband is the Lord Jesus Christ

- ❖ we can all get released from rash vows
- ❖ today Jesus is happy to release you from any rash vow that is not of God
- ❖ Jesus will help us with all these areas

Session 17

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

SONSHIP

Sons to Glory

Hebrews 2:10 – Jesus suffered for us and was perfected through that suffering in His humanity

❖ because of this God is bringing **many sons to glory**

Romans 8:14

❖ them that are led by Spirit of God are the **sons of God**

v.15 – we have received the **Spirit of adoption (the Spirit who makes us sons of God)**

❖ we have been delivered from the spirit of fear and bondage to anything whatsoever

❖ we do not have to be threatened by anything because we have the Spirit of

adoption/sonship

❖ we have received the **Spirit who makes us aware of our relationship with God as a son**

v.16 – the Spirit Himself bears witness within us that we are the children of God

v.17 – if children of God then **heirs of God – joint heirs with Christ**

❖ if indeed we suffer with Him = the time of growing, growing through sufferings

❖ when growing in the spirit there will be pain

v.18 – sufferings are not worthy to be compared with **glory to be revealed in us**

❖ there is glory awaiting you

❖ not talking of going to heaven

❖ it is glory of **Colossians 1:27** – the making known of the riches of His glory; Christ in you, the hope of glory

❖ because Christ is in us it is meant to be automatic for us to grow up, to pass through the time of suffering

❖ in natural, teenage years are times of changes, growing pains, sufferings, desires and urges that we do not understand, relationship complexities

❖ we need guidance in these years of growing up, training, reality of Jesus (not religious Christianity)

❖ the sufferings of growing up in Christ is not worthy to be compared with glory we can walk in on this earth

v.19 – Creation is eagerly waiting for the **manifestation of the sons of God**

❖ most Christians are taught to long for heaven, to live in the sky with Jesus

❖ heaven is not waiting for you to come there

❖ **Creation is waiting for you to grow up!**

❖ it is not God's desire for you to die and go to heaven

It is God's desire for you to remain until the Lord comes!

❖ **Hebrews 12:1** – cloud of witnesses are cheering you on to grow up in the earth and answer the cry of creation!

❖ we need to be heavenly minded so that we can be of good earthly use!

Jesus the Christ is returning to the earth NOT to rapture a church out of tribulations but to come to the church that has endured through sufferings and give her rest

❖ the glory shall be revealed in us – this is why we pass through sufferings

❖ suffering is the doorway to the glory!

❖ learn to embrace (hold closely) suffering

❖ only way to glory is to pass through **valley of weeping (Psalm 84:6)**, fixing our eyes on Jesus (**Heb. 12:2**)

❖ Jesus has sat down waiting for His enemies to be His footstool in the earth realm through the church

❖ it is through preaching of mystery of Christ, bringing people into the fellowship of the mystery, so principalities bow (**Ephesians 3:8-10**)

❖ Creation waiting for us to get the victory of Christ in our lives here and now

v. 20-21 – Creation subjected to futility in hope

❖ Creation will be delivered from corruption into glorious liberty of the children of God

❖ we are to experience that **liberty**

❖ **Hebrews 2:12** – experiencing Jesus in the midst of the assembly, leading the worship, leading the prayer, intercession

❖ this glorious liberty is going to be experienced by His saints in the earth

❖ **in Christ, heaven and earth are coming together (Eph. 1:10, Col. 1:20)**

v. 22 – Creation labours in birth pangs until now

❖ Creation is waiting for the sons of God to come to maturity

❖ curse on creation came because of our sin in the beginning

❖ the deliverance of creation is dependant upon the church growing up

John 1:12 – as many as received Him, He gave power/right to become the sons of God

❖ when born again, we are given the power to grow to maturity

How many sons did Abraham have?

Galatians 3:15-16 – one Son who is important for us

❖ to Abraham's "Seed" the promises were made

❖ "Seed" is singular and is **Christ Jesus**

Galatians 3:26

❖ we are all sons of God **through faith in Jesus Christ**

❖ **faith comes by hearing the word/"rhema" (Rom. 10:17)** = when God quickens the word in your understanding, this is faith

❖ assenting to the truth of Bible does not make you a son, hanging out in the "church" does not make you a son

❖ hanging out in the prosperity doctrine does not make you a son

❖ faith works by the word being quickened to your understanding when you hear the preaching of the "word of faith" (**Rom. 10:8**)

- ❖ “word of faith” today is that you have been predestined to be sons of God
- ❖ When you receive that word of faith, transformation will take place to bring the word into reality in you

v.27 – as many as were baptized in Christ have put on Christ

- ❖ when did **Spirit of adoption** get sown into our spiritual heart
- ❖ it was when we were baptized
- ❖ we were baptized **into Christ, Christ becomes our dwelling place, in Father’s house where there are many dwelling places (John 14:2-3)**
- ❖ we were baptized **into the Son**
- ❖ no longer serving as a servant but growing up as a son

v.28 – all one in Christ Jesus

v.29 – if Christ’s then Abraham’s Seed and **heirs according to the promise**

- ❖ **we are sons of the promise**
- ❖ this means there is an inheritance for us

Galatians 4:1

- ❖ child, even though heir, differs not from a slave while he remains a child
- ❖ if we are heirs then we have an inheritance but while a child we do not differ from slaves

v.2 – as children we are under guardians and stewards until time appointed by Father

- ❖ **we need to grow up**
- ❖ remember Rom.8:17
- ❖ inheritance is not going to heaven when you die
- ❖ no need of earthly, fleshly things in heaven
- ❖ **Luke 20:35-36** – in resurrection we are like the angels
- ❖ inheritance is not becoming “healthy, wealthy and wise” in this life

When did you receive the inheritance?

- ❖ when born again, baptized, filled with Spirit = became a child of God but inheritance not given to children
- ❖ training, grooming needed to become son walking in the inheritance

Does a slave/servant receive the inheritance?

- ❖ **No!**
- ❖ What father will leave all his property to his servant?
- ❖ May bless a servant but inheritance goes to sons

Inheritance not given to children – too young

Inheritance not given to servants – work for wage

Inheritance not given to slaves – have to work

Inheritance is given to sons (at age of maturity/inheritance)

Adoption = coming to age of inheritance

Gk “huiothesia” = the placement of a son

- ❖ huiois = son (**the male child who will inherit**)
- ❖ thesia = the placement
- ❖ a slave child belongs to the Master, not their natural father
- ❖ there is a time of placement as the son to actually receive the inheritance

Jesus the Pattern Son

Luke 1:35 – because Holy Spirit came upon Mary, Jesus was to be called **the Son of God**

- ❖ Jesus as a baby was the Son of God but still only a baby
- ❖ As a child He was the Son, but still a child growing up under His mother, guardians, stewards
- ❖ At 12yrs of age, Jesus found talking with teachers in the Temple, asking questions and responding to them – still not old enough to fully walk as Son (“Did you not know I must be about My Father’s business?”)
- ❖ He entered training now with Father to serve, was subject to His parents, Joseph trained Him to be a carpenter
- ❖ At 30yrs of age (**Luke 3:23**) – He began His ministry
- ❖ He came in obedience to His Father to be baptised by John
- ❖ **Matthew 3:16-17** – heavens opened, Spirit of God descended on Him and remained, “This is My beloved Son”
- ❖ **Now He walks as the God-Man**, He reverses the curse that Adam and Eve brought through sin

3 Feasts given through Law/Teaching of Moses

i) **Passover**

ii) **Pentecost**

iii) **Tabernacles** – church has generally not known this feast because church has not entered her inheritance yet

- ❖ Tabernacles is the feast of Inheritance
- ❖ Only celebrate Tabernacles when people of God entered inheritance (land)
- ❖ At end of age, church will begin to enter inheritance, coming into fulfilment of Tabernacles in Christ

Pattern of Tabernacle given by God through Moses

i) **outer court**

ii) **holy place**

iii) **Most Holy place**

- ❖ people have failed to see full significance
- ❖ our destiny is to enter Holy of Holies as sons
- ❖ if stay in Pentecost we just stay in Holy Place as servants but do not enter in the inheritance
- ❖ the inheritance is walking in the glory, walking with the Father, being led by Spirit
- ❖ sitting with the Father, only doing what we see Father do

Ephesians 1:5

- ❖ we are predestined to adoption as sons
- ❖ not destined to be children or servants

❖ destined to be mature sons of God walking in the inheritance

v.6 – to the “praise of the glory of His grace” that we have become the sons of God

❖ He has graced us with every grace in the Beloved

❖ experience of walking as a son is to be graced with every grace in Jesus

John 1:16 – we have received grace for/upon grace from His fullness!

❖ immersed in grace

Galatians 4:3

❖ when children, in bondage under “elements of world”

v.4 – in fullness of time, God sent forth Son

v.5 – to redeem those under law that we might receive “**adoption as sons**”

❖ redeemed, saved to receive placement as sons

❖ Jesus went to Cross so you could become a son of God

❖ this will revolutionise you!

❖ walking in intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, manifesting the glory of the eternal God in the earth, His kingdom and will, coming in the earth through you

v.6 – because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son (Jesus)** into your hearts

❖ **Cry My Father, My Father!**

❖ the same Spirit that Jesus received at His baptism when the voice spoke “You are My Son...”

❖ God has sent that Spirit into your heart

❖ the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Jesus in heavenly places has been sent into your heart

v.7 – no longer a slave but a son

❖ if a son, you are an “**heir of God through Christ**”

❖ no longer waiting for the inheritance

❖ as sons you are heirs walking in the inheritance

Session 18

Speaker: Rhoda Jackson

ONE GOD AND FATHER

Ephesians 4:6

- ❖ One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all
- ❖ All of Scripture testifies of this One God and Father
- ❖ We are to know Him by experience

John 1:1,16

- ❖ We are to know God in His fullness and receive grace

One God:

Deuteronomy 6:4

- ❖ Yahweh (LORD) is one

1 John 5:20

- ❖ Son of God came to give us understanding
- ❖ to know Him who is true
- ❖ we are in Him who is true, in His Son
- ❖ **The Son** is the true God and eternal life

Titus 2:13

- ❖ **Jesus Christ** is the "Great God and Saviour"

John 4:24

- ❖ God is **Spirit**
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 3:17** – The Lord is the Spirit

2 Corinthians 1:2

- ❖ God is our **Father**

Deuteronomy 32:4

- ❖ God is the Rock - Christ
- ❖ God is the God of truth

Deuteronomy 4:24

- ❖ God is **a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29)**
- ❖ God is a **Jealous God**

Psalms 29:3

- ❖ God of **glory**

Psalms 99:8

- ❖ God-**Who-Forgives**

Psalm 50:6

- ❖ God is **Judge**

Isaiah 7:14

- ❖ Son's name called "God **with us**" (Immanuel)

Isaiah 54:5

- ❖ God **of the whole earth**

1 Peter 5:10

- ❖ God **of all grace**

Romans 16:20

- ❖ God of **peace** – crushes Satan under your feet swiftly
- ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:23** – God of **peace** – sanctifies us completely

Romans 15:5

- ❖ God of **patience**
- ❖ God of **comfort**
- ❖ He enables us to be like minded toward one another
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 1:3** – God of **all comfort** – He comforts us in our afflictions

Romans 15:13

- ❖ God **of hope**
- ❖ Fills you with all joy and peace in believing
- ❖ Causes you to abound **hope**

1 John 1:5

- ❖ God **is Light**
- ❖ in Him is no darkness at all
- ❖ e.g. Saul's conversion, the Light shone on him, cried out, "Who are You, Lord?" – I am Jesus!

1 John 4:8

- ❖ God is **Love**
- ❖ if do not know love do not know God
- ❖ God's love casts out all fear (**v.18**)
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 13:11** – God **of love and peace**

John 1:1

- ❖ God is the **Word**
- ❖ if you receive Word of God, you are receiving God
- ❖ **Revelation 19:13** – Jesus' name is "**The Word of God**"

Titus 1:3

- ❖ God is **our Saviour**

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ The name of **Son** is the **Mighty God**
- ❖ He is the **Mighty God**

1 Timothy 3:16

- ❖ this **One God was manifested in the flesh**
- ❖ we need to know Jesus to know this **One God**

Deuteronomy 32:4

- ❖ God of **truth**
- ❖ **John 14:6** – Jesus is the **truth**

1 John 4:15

- ❖ whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God (God manifest in flesh) **God abides in Him!**
- ❖ God lives in you when you confess who He is

One Father:

Isaiah 63:16

- ❖ You O **Yahweh, our Father**
- ❖ Yahweh – the Eternal God is our Father
- ❖ **The Redeemer** is our Father

Deuteronomy 32:18

- ❖ **the Rock** who begot you, He is our Father
- ❖ Father's beget
- ❖ The **God who fathered you**
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 10:4** – **the Rock is Christ**

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ **Everlasting Father = Father of eternity**
- ❖ This is the name of the **Son – He is the Father of eternity**

James 1:17

- ❖ **Father of lights (revelation, shining light in our heart showing us who He is)**
- ❖ All good and perfect gifts come down from Him
- ❖ He never changes
- ❖ **Matthew 16:17** – revelation came from **Father in heaven** – Father gave Peter light

Ephesians 1:17

- ❖ **Father of glory**
- ❖ Gives Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowledge of Christ
- ❖ Fathers beget sons
- ❖ **He begets sons of glory**

2 Corinthians 1:3

❖ **Father of mercies**

- ❖ He does not run out of mercies/lovingkindness

Hebrews 12:9

❖ **Father of spirits**

- ❖ We are to be in subjection to Him and His discipline
- ❖ From Father of spirits proceeds **Spirit of His Son (Gal.4:6)**

Ephesians 3:14

❖ **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**

- ❖ From whom whole family in heaven and earth is named – we are named by Him
- ❖ Jesus came to fully testify and reveal the Father
- ❖ We need to know the Father who was revealed in the Son

John 10:30 – I and Father are one

John 8:42

- ❖ if **God your Father you will love Jesus**
- ❖ if you do not love Jesus, you do not love the Father
- ❖ Jesus proceeded from the Father
- ❖ **John 1:18** – only begotten Son **who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him**
- ❖ **John 14:8-9** – **If you see Jesus, you see the Father**

1 John 2:23

- ❖ whoever denies the **Son, does not have the Father either**
- ❖ he who acknowledges the **Son, has the Father also**

1 Corinthians 8:6

- ❖ One God, **the Father of whom are all things**
- ❖ One Lord Jesus Christ through whom are all things and through whom we

The Father's Nature and character

John 17:25

- ❖ **righteous Father**
- ❖ He can be trusted, He is always right and just

John 17:11

- ❖ **holy Father**
- ❖ we need to come to Him the right way, He is a holy Father

John 6:57

- ❖ **Living Father**
- ❖ We cannot live without Him
- ❖ Jesus said, "I live because of Him"

Matthew 6:9, 32

- ❖ **our Father** – He is personal
 - ❖ **Father in heaven**
 - ❖ **He has a name** – “Hallowed be Your name”
- v.32 – heavenly Father** – we are a heavenly people, His nature being in His sons and daughters

John 15:1

- ❖ **My Father is the Vinedresser**
- ❖ He takes away/lifts up unfruitful branches
- ❖ Prunes fruitful branches to get more fruit
- ❖ Pruning is good!

2 Corinthians 6:18

- ❖ **I will be a Father to you** and you shall be My sons and daughters
- ❖ He will be a Father if we come out of uncleanness, come out from among those who are unclean

**The testimony of Scripture needs to become our experience!
We are to know our One God and Father by experience!**

NOTES

Session 19

Speaker: Jean Manning

LIVING IN THE KINGDOM (Part 1)

Getting to know the King, the realm, the dominion and our inheritance

We are looking to build our faith to know “how to” live in the kingdom

Colossians 1:12-13

- i) God has **delivered** us from the power of darkness
- ii) God has **conveyed** us into kingdom of the Son of His love
 - ❖ like a conveyor belt, God has conveyed us into His kingdom
 - ❖ we have a new life to live, not in darkness, we have been carried into God’s kingdom now!
 - ❖ We are not waiting for this to happen
 - ❖ **Colossians 2:13-15** – at Cross, God took everything that was against us, triumphing over principalities
 - ❖ Now He has left us with an inheritance

Jesus showed us what kingdom is like
He has given us His Spirit so we can walk in kingdom

Philippians 3:20

- ❖ our citizenship (community, conversation) is in heaven
- ❖ our conversation and community is with God, our Father

Ephesians 2:6

- ❖ we have been raised up and seated together with Christ in heavenly places

This is our inheritance, we must learn how to live in this inheritance

Philippians 3:12-14

- ❖ not already attained and perfected
- ❖ heart to press on
- ❖ to lay hold of that for which Jesus laid hold of us

We have been born again into the kingdom
Now we have to grow as sons in the kingdom to become mature in the kingdom

Jesus is seated at right hand of Father in this kingdom

Acts 3:21

- ❖ heaven is receiving Jesus until “times of restoration of all things”

Matthew 6:20

- ❖ We are to lay up treasures for ourselves in heaven

Luke 16:16

- ❖ kingdom of God has been preached and everyone is pressing into it!
- ❖ Are you pressing into the kingdom?

How do we press in?

How do we remain in the kingdom and live a kingdom lifestyle?

Matthew 6:33

- ❖ Jesus **commands** us "Seek first kingdom of God and His righteousness"
- ❖ Not a choice but a command
- ❖ This is the first thing we are to be doing

In a kingdom there is a king and a place/dominion of His reign

Kings are exalted

Kings had dominion over different places, nationalities, countries

Kings are given honour

Matthew 5:34-35

- ❖ Jesus quoted **Isaiah 66:1**
- ❖ Do not swear by Heaven = God's Throne
- ❖ Nor by Earth = His footstool
- ❖ Connection between heaven and earth
- ❖ "**Heaven**" = "an exalted place"
- ❖ God's Throne is **an exalted place = above all other things**
- ❖ God rules from His Throne, this exalted place, it is a spiritual place
- ❖ God has a place from which He has a right to rule, and His feet are on the earth

"Kingdom of heaven" and "Kingdom of God" are interchangeable terms = they are one

We are taught to pray "Our Father in heaven, Your kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven" (**Matthew 6:9-10**)

We need to understand the extent of His kingdom

God's right to rule

God is Creator has the right to rule

Genesis 1:1

- ❖ God is the Creator
- ❖ It is His right to rule heaven and earth!

Colossians 1:16

- ❖ by Jesus, all things are created in heaven and on earth
- ❖ visible and invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities and powers

Isaiah 42:5

- ❖ God created the heavens
- ❖ Spread forth the earth
- ❖ Gives breath to the people on it
- ❖ Gives spirit to those who walk on it
- ❖ This verse covers all created things

John 1:3 – all things made through Him

God is possessor of all things

Genesis 14:19-20

- ❖ Abram and Melchizedek acknowledge God as the Possessor of heaven and earth

Psalm 89:11

God's realm, the area

1) heaven and earth

Genesis 24:3 – God of heaven and earth

Psalm 47:6-7 – God is King of all the earth

2) the nations

Psalm 22:28 – He rules over the nations

We must believe this is true

3) His called out people

1 Samuel 12:12 – Samuel reminded the people of God, the Lord your God is king

Isaiah 43:15 – He is king of His people

Deuteronomy 4:39 – Moses told the people, the LORD (Yahweh) is God in heaven above and earth beneath – no other

What is His kingdom like?

We need to know and consider/meditate on the kingdom

There is a reality to living in the kingdom

Daniel's visions

He saw God ruling and reigning

He saw His authority

He saw God's kingdom had authority over all other kingdoms

Daniel 2:44

i) God will set up a kingdom

ii) It will never be destroyed (many attempts have been made e.g. communism etc – they have not succeeded!)

iii) It will not be left to other people

iv) It will break in pieces and consume other kingdoms

v) It shall stand forever

We are to seek first this kingdom!

Daniel 4:3

- ❖ The everlasting kingdom
- ❖ Dominion from generation to generation

Daniel 6:26

- ❖ His kingdom is the one that will not be destroyed
- ❖ His dominion will endure to the end
- ❖ Dominion = the authority that is in this kingdom

Daniel 7:14

- i) to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom
- ii) all peoples, nations, languages should serve Him
- iii) everlasting dominion which will not pass away
- iv) His kingdom shall not be destroyed

Prophetic Scriptures

Isaiah 9:6-7

- ❖ kingdom becomes reality when God manifests on the earth as Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ **v.7** – of the **increase of His government** and peace **there will be no end**
- ❖ let's be looking for the increase of His government

2 Samuel 7:12-14

- ❖ from house of David, one will sit on throne and His kingdom will endure forever

God gives the kingdom to His Son

Psalms 2:6-8

- ❖ God's King is set on holy hill of Zion
- ❖ He is the Son of God
- ❖ Nations and earth are given to Him as an inheritance

Psalms 110:1-3

- ❖ Lord sitting at right hand
- ❖ God giving His Son rulership

Isaiah 49:6

- ❖ God's Son, the Messiah, would come to the whole world, the Gentiles, to rule over them

Kingdom given to the saints

Daniel 7:18

- ❖ saints of Most High receive and possess kingdom forever and ever
- ❖ we "receive" a gift given
- ❖ when we receive it we must do something with it
- ❖ this is our inheritance

- ❖ if we “possess” something, we “own” it

Daniel 7:18-27

- ❖ a battle is going on
- ❖ for a short time it looks as though powers of darkness are winning
- ❖ Then courts are seated

V.27 – kingdom given totally to the saints

- ❖ **His kingdom is everlasting**
- ❖ **All dominions shall obey and serve Him**

Jesus came to reveal this kingdom

Old T writers knew God’s rule and He wanted a dwelling place with man

For this reason God was manifested in the flesh (**1 Timothy 3:16**)

Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning Himself

Prophecies fulfilled

1) The announcement

Luke 1:31-33

- ❖ angel spoke of kingdom that Jesus would usher in
- ❖ He will be great
- ❖ Son of Highest
- ❖ Lord God will give Him Throne of father David

Matthew 3:1

- ❖ John the Baptist announced the kingdom
- ❖ Kingdom is at hand
- ❖ King was there

2) The Welcome

- ❖ heavens opened when Jesus was born
- ❖ angels proclaimed there was a king born
- ❖ Wise men came seeking the King

Matthew 2:2

- ❖ King of the Jews – “where is He”
- ❖ As a baby/child, they knew He was king
- ❖ They worshiped Him
- ❖ They saw the Promised King

3) Jesus beginning His ministry

Matthew 4:17 – Jesus announced Kingdom was at hand

Matthew 4:9 – one of temptations was for the devil to give Him the kingdoms of the world

4) Declaration of Jesus' kingship

John 18:36-37

- ❖ Pilate asked Jesus if He was king of the Jews
- ❖ Jesus acknowledged His kingship and purpose in coming to earth
- ❖ Jesus came to earth to establish the kingdom on the earth
- ❖ His kingdom is not of this world
- ❖ His kingdom is not from here
- ❖ Jesus is a King
- ❖ He was born for this cause
- ❖ He came into the world for this reason
- ❖ He came to bear witness of the truth
- ❖ Those who hear His voice are of the truth

Truths

- i) He came to proclaim the kingdom (**John 18:37**)
- ii) To preach the gospel of the kingdom (**Luke 4:33, Luke 9:60**) – gospel means there is good news there is a king
- iii) Came to reveal the King (**John 10:30**)
- iv) Came to destroy the works of the enemy (**John 12:31-32**)
- v) The kingdom is spiritual, not of this world (**John 17:15-16**)
- vi) Kingdom is recognized in the heart of the believer – in the core of our being, He is on the throne in our hearts and lives (**Luke 17:20-21**) – kingdom does not come with observation, Kingdom is within you
- vii) Kingdom of God is a mystery, not understood by carnal man – is revealed to those who spend time with the king (**Matthew 13:11**) – we are to come to Jesus to understand the kingdom
- viii) Kingdom is our inheritance, a gift to receive (**Matthew 5:3**) – Gk “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for of them is the kingdom of heaven”
- ix) Kingdom belongs to those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (**Matthew 5:10**)
- x) **Matthew 25:34** – inherit the kingdom prepared for you from foundation of world, speaking to those who were obedient to His commands – we will be judged by what we have done with His words (**Matthew 7:21-23**)
- xi) **Luke 22:29** – Jesus bestows on us a kingdom = putting an inheritance on us (**Luke 12:32**)

Session 20

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are in the speaking place of God (Exodus 25:22, Exodus 29:38-46)

- ❖ we eat of the Sacrifice, the Lord's Table, it is at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting
- ❖ He will meet with us and speak with us

Our Lord God Almighty has opened a fresh word to us today!

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- ❖ Paul is writing to Corinthian church

v.2 – Paul did not want to be rough towards them

- ❖ spiritual warfare in this context is with the believers, the people we are responsible for in the Lord

v.3 – we do walk in the flesh, **but we do not war according to the flesh**

- ❖ he is going to war against the strongholds in their minds, the arguments and imaginations they have raised up in their thinking, and all the high things they have exalted above the knowledge of God
- ❖ this is primarily a warfare in the mind, a warfare of words
- ❖ Hitler raised up a hateful war machine by using "words", they seemed unstoppable for a number of years
- ❖ Churchill was raised up, rallied the British nation by "words" and brought down the Hitler regime

v.4 – warfare is "pulling down strongholds"

v.5 – warfare is between the knowledge of God and the attack against the knowledge of God

- ❖ God gives us weapons to uphold the knowledge of God

The Knowledge of God

Ephesians 1:17

- ❖ we need wisdom and revelation **in the knowledge of Him (Jesus Christ)**

Ephesians 4:11-13

- ❖ whole church is to come to the **knowledge of the Son of God (knowing who Jesus is)**

We are being prepared to bring down the wretched enemy that is bent on bringing down the Judeo-Christian foundation – the people who are rooted and grounded in the knowledge of God

Philippians 3:10

- ❖ that I **might know Him**, the power of His resurrection, the fellowship of His sufferings
- ❖ we are called **to know Him**
- ❖ our wealth is in spiritual riches in Christ
- ❖ we are to inherit the true glory of Christ
- ❖ to be conformed to His death (this is the goal)
- ❖ there is a wide/broad way
- ❖ there is a narrow way to glory
- ❖ We are to do whatever it takes to arrive at the resurrection of the dead (**v.11**)

The warfare for those who pursue the knowledge of God is an abundant entrance into His everlasting kingdom

The other alternative is an eternity of complete alienation from God, punishment, condemnation, forever regretting and wishing they had received the truth and not fought for a lie

Colossians 1:9-10

- ❖ filled with **the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual understanding

"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so" – we need to stop wasting time and speak the truth in love wherever we are

It is good for people who know the power of the blood, Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, to step into the political arena as men and women of God

Even if the true believer dies they will rise again

v.10 – increasing in the knowledge of God

- ❖ "spiritual mapping" teaching needs to be corrected seriously
- ❖ Paul prayed for us to "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work"

v.11 – strengthened with all might according to His glorious power

- ❖ for all **patience and longsuffering with joy!**
- ❖ this will confuse the enemy

2 Peter 1:2

- ❖ Grace and peace be multiplied to you in **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**

v.3 – given divine power and godliness thorough **knowledge of Him who called us**

v.4 – **by knowing His exceeding great and precious promises**

The warfare is about the knowledge of God

Habakkuk 2:14

- ❖ the **knowledge of the glory of the LORD**, will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea

- ❖ **Isaiah 59:19** – like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will raise up a standard against the enemy
- ❖ the flood is a work of God, it is the knowledge of the Eternal God flooding the earth
- ❖ get the Ark ready so you can float on the waters

Matthew 7:23

- ❖ some came saying they had done many things in His name
- ❖ “Depart from Me you lawless ones, **I did not know you**”
- ❖ We are to grow in the knowledge of God, then God will know us
- ❖ The word “know” has got to do with a man “knowing” his wife, intimacy

What are the weapons?

Revelation 12:7-11

- v.7** – fighting between angels
 - v.8** – devil did not prevail, cast out of heaven
 - v.9** – devil’s angels cast out with him to earth
 - v.10** – kingdom has come, the Accuser of the brethren (**that argumentative spirit**) has been cast down! Devil is warring against the knowledge of God – strongholds, arguments, wrong beliefs
 - ❖ devil no longer able to accuse us to God
 - ❖ When Jesus ascended to heaven with His own blood, He cleansed the heavens
- (Hebrews 4:15)**
- ❖ we can appear before God through Jesus Christ
 - ❖ we come through His flesh and blood (**Hebrews 10:19-22**) – hearts cleansed by blood, coming through veil of Jesus’ flesh – Lord’s Table so powerful!
 - ❖ put your faith in Jesus, in His body and blood
 - ❖ no accusation against you in heaven anymore, no record of wrongs!
 - ❖ devil is cast down, he is on the earth, that is why there is warfare
- v.11** – they overcame devil by **blood of Lamb, word of their testimony, they did not love their lives to the death**

Psalms 107:2-3

- ❖ Let redeemed of LORD say so
- ❖ Redeemed from hand of enemy

Many will be caught in the Valley of Decision
Caught there because of indecision

The Redeemed are those who believe in the Word of God and given themselves to grow in the knowledge of God

How do we overcome the adversary?

2 Corinthians 10:5

- ❖ bringing every thought captive to **obedience of Christ**
- ❖ we still need to get victory over our thoughts

- ❖ we will rest properly when by the mighty power of God we take every thought in us captive to obey Christ
- ❖ there is no room in us for rejection, jealousy, dishonouring parents (let God judge our parents, we honour them)
- ❖ there is no room for such thoughts in us any more

"thought" = a contrivance of the mind, a scheme we get caught in, a device of the mind

(From Strong's and Vines' dictionary)

Our minds are full of devices, they need to be defused and deactivated

Otherwise it will lead you into disobedience, depression, self-pity, criticism of brethren, not respecting husbands, not loving wives, not honouring parents

These devices trick and trigger us to react in an ungodly way in thought, word and deed

It is these thoughts we need to bring into captivity to obey Christ

"obedience" – Gk. 'hupakoe'

"koe" = hear, "hupa" = under

- ❖ to "hear under"
- ❖ it is how we hear – we can hear with submissive spirit = we will be obedient
- ❖ if hear with unsubmitted/rebellious heart – we will be disobedient
- ❖ can ask for clarification to hear more effectively
- ❖ do we respond or react?
- ❖ We need to examine ourselves and take heed when we get upset and speak out of that
- ❖ We need to have the mind to be like Christ
- ❖ **"obedience" = listen with compliant submission, giving assent to, attentive listening**

When Communism threatened Western Europe after 2nd world war

- ❖ Churchill said, "An iron curtain has come down"
- ❖ Churchill drew a line and said you will come "thus far and no further"
- ❖ Berlin was cut in two between east and west Germany
- ❖ West Berlin had to be supplied by air only (surrounded by East Germany) for 30 years
- ❖ Many have forgotten the terror of communism
- ❖ Communism tried to take every nation on earth after 2nd world war
- ❖ Sound similar to something today?
- ❖ Different name, same enemy
- ❖ Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, African nations (Ethiopia, Mozambique), South and Central America (killed pastors, preachers, church buildings) also had civil war where communism wanted to take over
- ❖ USA, Australia it was done secretly – Joe McCarthy stood up to oppose it coming in USA
- ❖ In Australia communist party was made illegal
- ❖ In West communists tried to come in through ballot box, being voted in

The Word Out of Zion

- ❖ The front in Australia was the trade union movement
- ❖ God raised a “champion” – a group of Catholic working men, organised themselves within the unions to withstand the communist trade unionists
- ❖ Communist movement stopped in Australia

2013 – we have seen 13 nations legislate homosexual/lesbian marriage as being “normal”

- ❖ the battle lines in Australia are being drawn
- ❖ 0.4% of all sexual relationships in Australia are homosexual couples
- ❖ most of 0.4% do not want to be married because it speaks of permanency
- ❖ maybe because of 0.1% of couples major political leaders are wanting to legislate for this “homosexual marriage” in Australia
- ❖ no guns, , nor military

Other enemy is the muslim plan to take over every nation on earth

- ❖ most nations they are not doing it with force of arms
- ❖ they are doing it by infiltration
- ❖ in Australia, we sponsor muslims to come and live here
- ❖ illegal refugees, government spends \$70000 for each individual to make them welcome

Great wars of 20th Century will not be repeated

Armies can be defeated

The battle is in the mind, it is of words

In junior schools in USA, Canada, England, children are being taught that homosexuality is normal practice

This is about spiritual warfare

- ❖ our weapons are not fleshly
- ❖ mighty in God to pull down strongholds
- ❖ cast down arguments and imaginations
- ❖ against all that exalts itself against knowledge of God
- ❖ not our job to get in politics on worldly terms
- ❖ be in public arena speaking truth

It is time for change, to understand the warfare

21st Century is different to 20th

Arguments, strongholds, belief systems, impositions of laws are what takes nations

It is a war of words and prayer

We are to grow in knowledge of God, bring every device and contrivance of our minds

Resist and condemn words that are lies, pull them down and confess truth

We will be on the winning side

Key to victory = knowledge of the true God and being able to speak that out in a real way

Habakkuk 2:14

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Session 21

Speaker: Simo Kahri

EZRA – BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD

1 Timothy 3:15

- ❖ we need to know how to conduct ourselves
- ❖ house of God is the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth
- ❖ We are the house of God, the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1 Pet.2:5, 1 Cor.3:16**)
- ❖ We have to behave ourselves all the time, because we are always the house of God

Ezra 1:1-3 – Go and build!

- ❖ Scriptures show us the pattern for us now how to build the house
- ❖ All these historical facts have a spiritual reality and application for us in the New Testament
- ❖ This reminds us of **Matthew 28:18-20** – we have been commissioned by Jesus to the work
- ❖ King Cyrus was given all authority by Yahweh
- ❖ Yahweh commanded him to build the house
- ❖ Yahweh said He would be with whoever would be part of building
- ❖ Commission is to build the house of God – not only evangelism
- ❖ House must be built in the earth so He can come
- ❖ We need to know how to build and how to conduct ourselves in the house

The House of God

Isaiah 56:6-8

- ❖ It is a **House of prayer for all nations/peoples**
- ❖ No walls, not a physical building, spread all over the world, connected in the Spirit

Revelation 7:9-10

- ❖ great multitude of all nations, tribes, tongues, peoples
- ❖ this is a “now” reality
- ❖ standing before the Throne
- ❖ all peoples worshipping

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ house of God is His temple
- ❖ place for God on the earth that He can inhabit, dwell and stay in
- ❖ not looking for visitations of God but habitation of God
- ❖ must be built according to pattern

Ezra 2:68-70 - Provision

- ❖ people gave freely for the work of building the house
- ❖ provision from His people
- ❖ God prompted their hearts to give for this work
- ❖ In New Testament, seek first kingdom, all things will be added (**Matthew 6:33**)

- ❖ Ministers provided for to do His work
- ❖ God will prompt people to give
- ❖ If we are doing the right thing, we do not need to worry about our necessities

Ezra 3:1-2 – build the altar

- ❖ they built the altar for the LORD first
- ❖ it speaks of our prayer, praise, worship
- ❖ we have to build the altar, to seek His face, commune with Him
- ❖ have the Table of the Lord and meet with Him
- ❖ this is the way to tap into the anointing, the power and ability of God to do His work
- ❖ **Luke 24:49, Acts 2:1-4** – wait for Holy Spirit empowerment to do commission, prayer
- ❖ They were in one accord, Holy Spirit came, house of God began
- ❖ Foundations laid in Peter's preaching (**Hebrews 6:1-2**)
- ❖ Apostles lay foundations (**Acts 8:16-17**)
- ❖ Resurrection life released
- ❖ Eternal judgement happening (**Acts 5:1-10, 12:20:24**)

Ezra 3:10-13 – laying foundation

- ❖ a great shout like on Day of Pentecost where there was a great shout
- ❖ **Revelation 18:15-20** – apostles and prophets are foundation ministries, when foundation is laid properly, Babylon (confusion) leaves as we understand plan of God
- ❖ Many Christians are still very confused because foundations have not been laid properly in their lives
- ❖ These structures and patterns that God shows in His Word are so important – if not on right foundations, the glory will not be able to be contained in that place

Ezra 4:19-20

- ❖ people discouraged from building
- ❖ people wrote letters to king to try and stop the building work
- ❖ they wrote historical facts about the kingdom
- ❖ God is bringing His kingdom to manifest on earth
- ❖ They feared the people of God
- ❖ When God's kingdom comes it does take over, acts contrary to Babylon
- ❖ **Ezekiel** – God challenges people that their ways need to change, not His
- ❖ we must have kingdom focus
- ❖ churches without kingdom focus the devil likes and is not worried about it
- ❖ time to get out of that system and be building the house of God
- ❖ in time of Ezra, they got afraid of enemy and stopped building for a time – a sad reality
- ❖ we should not stop as God is restoring kingdom reality to us
- ❖ God sent prophets to encourage the people to continue

Ezra 5:1-2 – prophets sent

- ❖ Haggai, Zechariah were sent as prophets to the people
- ❖ Governor and High Priest then got up and started building the house again
- ❖ Prophets were with them, helping them

Prophecies they were receiving

Haggai 1

v.1-5

- ❖ People were not willing to build the house of God
- ❖ They were building their own when God's was in ruins
- ❖ "Consider your ways!"

v.6-8

- ❖ original command had been from God to build, we should not stop because of command of earthly king
- ❖ we should not have "new revelation" or "our vision"
- ❖ Go up to the mountain, get wood and build the house of God
- ❖ we need to go up higher in the heavenly realm and see Jesus' vision for His house
- ❖ we need to get in the Spirit to see it, out of natural realm

v.9-11

- ❖ does not matter how much we proclaim the "blessings", we will not be blessed until we are obedient to build His house
- ❖ provision is made when we are obedient to the commission

v.12-15

- ❖ people obeyed the voice of God
- ❖ God was with them
- ❖ people's spirits were stirred up to be building, doing the work

Prophets are to bring the encouraging word to see people stirred to be doing the work, the building will go on

e.g Acts 11:22-24

- ❖ Barnabas sent to Antioch
- ❖ He saw grace and encouraged the people that with purpose of heart they should **continue**
- ❖ "Barnabas" = "son of encouragement" or "son of the prophet"

Other prophecies happening at time of Ezra

Zechariah 1:1-3

- ❖ A call to return to God
- ❖ They probably did not think they were backslidden
- ❖ Yahweh had been displeased with their fathers
- ❖ He sent them back to Jerusalem to build His house
- ❖ This needs to be heard in the church today, need to return to God and to the original command

Nehemiah 1:1-6

- ❖ Nehemiah, a picture of true repentance
- ❖ When he saw the work of building in ruins, he had a heart to get before God and repent

Zechariah 1:13-17

- ❖ God is jealous/zealous for Zion
- ❖ God will dwell in His city, His house, His people
- ❖ He will do it, He is a consuming fire, He has decided He will dwell in midst of His people
- ❖ "My house shall be built"

Zechariah 2:1-5

- ❖ Jerusalem inhabited as a town without walls
- ❖ Yahweh will be a wall of fire around her, and He will be the glory in the midst of it
- ❖ This is global, universal building of His dwelling place
- ❖ "Wall of fire" = **Numbers 1:53-54** – Levites encamping around the tabernacle of testimony
- ❖ **Revelation 5:11** – angels, elders, living creatures around the Throne (the glory in the midst)
- ❖ Evangelists bring people in through the wall of fire to get into the glory
- ❖ "Glory in the midst" = **Revelation 4:1-4** – the Throne of God in the midst of His people

Zechariah 2:10-11

- ❖ "I am coming and I will dwell in your midst"
- ❖ Many nations joined to house of God

Zechariah 3

- ❖ prophet brought encouragement of what he saw in spiritual realm
- ❖ Joshua released from accusation of Satan to continue the work

Zechariah 4:1-3

- ❖ candlestick = church (**Rev.1:20**), perfect
 - ❖ Zechariah saw perfect church
 - ❖ 2 anointed ones he saw bringing life into the candlestick
 - ❖ Picture of building fully finished, full of glory
- V.14** – Zerubbabel and Joshua a picture of 2 anointed ones, providing strength for the work to continue

Ezra 6:1-5

- ❖ Let the house be built
- ❖ Foundations strongly laid
- ❖ Expenses given by king's house
- ❖ All the gifts are to be restored to function

v.7-10

- ❖ those in the ministry should live from the ministry

Building finished

Ezra 6:13-14

- ❖ they prospered through prophetic encouragement
- ❖ they finished building, it was complete according to commandment of God

1st church – laid foundation, went strong, stopped during dark ages
Now – pattern revealed again, building will be finished

Zechariah 4:9-10

- ❖ apostolic work that began and laid the foundation will also finish it!

NOTES

Session 22

Speaker: Jean Manning

LIVING IN THE KINGDOM (Part 2)

Between time of Jesus death, resurrection and ascension, He spent time teaching the disciples things pertaining to the kingdom of God

In Acts and Epistles we see what the apostles did regarding the kingdom

- ❖ preaching the kingdom
- ❖ demonstration of kingdom's power
- ❖ description of kingdom
- ❖ exhorting the believers to live in the kingdom

Romans 14:17

- ❖ kingdom of God is in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

- i) Righteousness – given by Jesus
- ii) Peace – given by Jesus
- iii) Joy in Spirit

v.18 – He who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men

The kingdom of the Son of God's love

Colossians 1:12-13

- ❖ delivered from power of darkness
- ❖ conveyed in kingdom
- ❖ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins

2 Timothy 4:18

- ❖ Lord will deliver us from evil works
- ❖ preserve us for heavenly kingdom

These things the apostles taught about the kingdom

1 Thessalonians 2:12

- ❖ God calls us into His own kingdom and glory
- ❖ this is for here and now on the earth

1 Peter 1:3-4

- ❖ we have inheritance reserved for us
- ❖ incorruptible, does not fade away
- ❖ cannot be destroyed
- ❖ God will shake everything else out of us so that we can live in this kingdom (**Hebrews 12:28**)

Philippians 3:20

- ❖ citizenship, fellowship in heaven
- ❖ hope laid up for us in heaven (**Colossians 1:5**)

Entrance we have into the kingdom

John 3:3-8

- ❖ Jesus is teaching us about a new birth

v.3 – must be born again to **see** kingdom of God

- ❖ kingdom is a spiritual kingdom
- ❖ something spiritual must happen to us

v.5 – must be born of water and Spirit to **enter** kingdom of God

- ❖ mother's waters break and we are born into the world (flesh birth)
- ❖ we need also a spiritual birth – the Holy Spirit bringing us into a spiritual birth
- ❖ this happens according to God's will (**John 1:12-13**)
- ❖ we enter the kingdom because God wants us to enter the kingdom
- ❖ we simply need to receive this gift of a new life
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 15:50** - flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, we cannot earn the inheritance, we must be born again by the Spirit of God, He makes it happen

2 Peter 1:1-18

- ❖ be diligent to make your call and election sure

Peter lists these we should do to make sure we keep growing in the kingdom

v.10-11 – if we do what Peter teaches us we will never stumble

- ❖ there will be an abundant entry into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

v.1-4

- ❖ Peter writing to those of same precious faith as him
- ❖ the faith is invested in what Jesus has done for us
- ❖ blessings of grace and peace
- ❖ reminds us of divine nature we are to partake of in this kingdom
- ❖ reminds us of glory we are called into
- ❖ because we know promises of God – no trouble entering into the promised land

If we are born again of Spirit of God, we have same DNA as God

When Jesus died on cross, He took all of us, which was out of order, and He poured into us His righteousness – now we need to know how to walk in it

The steps

v.5-7

i) **faith** (the starting point, **Gal.2:20**)

faith in what Jesus has done so I can walk in the faith of the Son of God

ii) **virtue** – moral excellence, achieved in power of Holy Spirit, His working in us (**Ezekiel 36:26-27**), He changes us

iii) **knowledge** – Holy Spirit teaches us to make knowledge practical and workable (**John 16:13**), we need to walk in what we know

iv) **self-control** – to be obedient to Him, is a fruit of the Holy Spirit in our life (**Gal.5:22-23**)

v) **perseverance** – do not think you are a failure, God sees you as a complete work, taking on His divine nature

Romans 5:2-4 – perseverance produces character and then hope, God's character is being produced in us

vi) **godliness** – people will see Him in us, Him being formed in us

vii) **brotherly kindness** – we start to be kind to one another

viii) **love** – unconditional, sacrificial

v.8 – if these things are yours, you will not be unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ

❖ we are learning how to enter, live and exhibit the kingdom to those outside

We are making our call and election sure

The call is to be partakers of the divine nature

The election is God's choosing of us to be His people

How to live in the kingdom

Colossians 1:12-13

1) upward call in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:9-14

❖ "heaven" is an "exalted place"

❖ We are being called "up"

❖ We are to press on to take hold of that for which Christ laid hold of us

2) believers have a new position

Ephesians 2:4-6

❖ God made us alive together with Christ

❖ By grace we are saved

❖ Raised up together, made to sit together, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

3) from this place we have a new focus

❖ we see things from a different position

i) Colossians 3:1-3

❖ if raised with Christ, set our minds on Him and things above

- ❖ things in heaven are to be done on earth, we bring will of God into the “mess” (earth)
- ❖ take every thought captive, give Him your thoughts and ask Him for His, we are to set our mind on things above

ii) consider the Apostle and High Priest

- ❖ Hebrews 3:1

4) I am a new creation

- ❖ We have been crucified with Christ, you are dead!
- ❖ Jesus took us into Himself on the cross
- ❖ We became part of Him
- ❖ Now we have Christ living in us by the Spirit
- ❖ Now this life we live by faith in the Son of God

Galatians 2:20

5) We have a new life in the Spirit

Galatians 5:25

- ❖ if **live** in the Spirit, we must **walk** in the Spirit
- ❖ this is good advice for living in the kingdom
- ❖ if living in a new life in the kingdom, walk in it!
- ❖ Time to walk in what Jesus has done in us

Kingdom responsibilities

John 1:12 – we have right and responsibility to become children/sons of God

1) as sons and heirs

Romans 8:14 – led by Spirit = sons of God

Romans 8:17 – co-heirs with Jesus Christ

Luke 15:11-32

- ❖ father gave inheritance to both sons
- ❖ one wasted inheritance, other son stayed home and served
- ❖ younger son repented and came home to father
- ❖ he had no earthly inheritance left
- ❖ **v.22** – father gave best robe to this son = identified now as the son of the father
- ❖ a robe of righteousness (**Isaiah 61:10**)
- ❖ **people recognize the Father as they see us as sons of God!**
- ❖ Father gave his son the ring = a signet ring which is sign of father’s authority – sons in kingdom have Father’s authority
- ❖ He gave him sandals – **Ephesians 6:15** – sons have feet shod with gospel of peace
- ❖ Older son was out in fields (working, not knowing what his father was doing), talked to servants first about what was happening, not in relationship with his father, his inheritance was just sitting there
- ❖ Which son are you like?

Obedience to our Father in heaven

Matthew 6:9-10

- ❖ Jesus told us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven

John 5:19, 30

- ❖ Jesus only did what Father showed Him, nothing of Himself

John 14:23

2) we are to live as ambassadors for God

2 Corinthians 5:20

- ❖ we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God pleading through us
- ❖ we are to bring message of reconciliation to God
- ❖ we are elected for this purpose
- ❖ the only way people on earth will see Christ is when He is represented through His people

3) we are called as kings and priests

- ❖ kings have authority
- ❖ priests offer sacrifices

Priests

1 Peter 2:5

- ❖ you are being built up a spiritual house
- ❖ a holy priesthood
- ❖ to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

Exodus 19:4-6

- ❖ God promised to make His people a kingdom of priests, a holy nation
- ❖ His special treasure, above all people
- ❖ The kingdom of heaven is to be full of priests offering sacrifice to God = prayer, praise to God

Kings and Priests

Revelation 1:5-6

- ❖ Jesus has washed us from our sins in His blood
- ❖ To make us **kings and priests** to His God and Father

Kingly authority given to His apostles, then to His disciples

Luke 10:19

- ❖ kingly authority given over all power of the enemy
- ❖ rejoice that your names are written in heaven

Revelation 4:1-2

- ❖ the call to come up here!
- ❖ John was called, invited to see and hear what was happening at the Throne
- ❖ He saw non-stop worship around the Throne, God's dwelling

- ❖ He saw the Lamb on the Throne
- ❖ We are all invited into this upward call of God in Christ Jesus
- ❖ Offering blessing, honour, glory and power to Him on the Throne
- ❖ Saw all nations, peoples...worshipping
- ❖ This gives us hope, set your mind on things above
- ❖ He heard confessions of those around the Throne
- ❖ He saw the judgements from the Throne

Revelation 6:15-17

- ❖ kings and great man, all others, hiding themselves from the wrath of the Lamb, and from face of Him who sits on Throne
- ❖ the nations at one stage were angry
- ❖ time comes for God to destroy all things on earth that are not of Him

Revelation 11:15

- ❖ kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ
- ❖ He shall reign forever and ever

Revelation 19:16

- ❖ Jesus seen as King of kings and Lord of lords

John saw bride being prepared in heavenly places (**Revelation 19:6-8**)

As kingdom people we are to have our focus in the heavenly realm

Revelation 21:3

- ❖ John saw the dwelling place, the tabernacle of God with men

The kingdom is now! It is a spiritual kingdom.

The kingdom is our dwelling place and God's dwelling place

We need to make our calling and election sure!

Session 23

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

TITHING OR GIVING

Some argue – tithing is Old Testament, in New Testament we are to give

The issue is faith! Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**)

The issue is obedience to the word you hear. Faith without works is dead

Works without faith is also dead

The argument is not about tithing or giving, the issue is faith in the word you have heard and then the obedience to that word

We are not to argue, we are to pull arguments down

Tithing is to be done by revelation

A man with an argument is no match for a man with a revelation

Revelation is reality

Argument comes from tree of knowledge of good and evil

We should tithe and give by faith

Giving is never by compulsion, but comes out of our relationship with the Living God

There is no revelation outside the Word of God

Obedience releases blessing – not what I believe

Never heard of a person who gave by faith but then regretted giving

Have heard of people giving under compulsion and then later regretting (it was not a work of obedient faith)

Tithing and giving is by faith

God is not argumentative – when we argue it brings death

Matthew 5:17-20

- ❖ Jesus did not come to destroy the law and prophets, but to fulfil
- ❖ Under the law, tithing was a requirement
- ❖ How is the law of tithing fulfilled in the New Covenant by Jesus Christ?

v.18 – everything must be fulfilled, including tithing

- ❖ **as a ministry we have practiced tithing on the tithe and offerings we receive**
- ❖ we are blessed! 16 years God has kept us in this way

- ❖ we are not under the law, we are in Christ and we are walking in the fulfilment – it is a testimony of victory
- ❖ Giving in an acceptable way is to be hilarious (**2Cor.9:7**)
- ❖ "God has resources we do not know of" – He owns the cattle on a thousand hills
- ❖ We live in the fulfilment of the law of tithing in Christ Jesus

v.19 – if teach to break any of the commandments, will be least in the kingdom of heaven

❖ **not Old Testament but the kingdom of heaven**

❖ if teach to do commandments, showing the fulfilment in Christ, will be **great in the kingdom of heaven**

v.20 – must be more righteous than the Pharisees to even enter the kingdom of heaven

We are to preach and teach the Word of God, not tell people to give
By hearing the Word, faith comes in, we obey, blessing is released, thanks giving and grace abounds, grace increases, the church is built up and we are free!

There are many wonderful testimonies that could be shared
But preaching and teaching the Word gives everybody an opportunity to have a testimony

Faith is and was at the heart of the law

Matthew 23:23

- ❖ Jesus is speaking to His disciples (**v.1**)
- ❖ He is addressing the Scribes and Pharisees in His talk, speaking to multitudes and disciples
- ❖ He says they are hypocrites
- ❖ They tithe very particularly but have neglected "**weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith**"
- ❖ Essential to the law is **justice, mercy and faith**
- ❖ **Tithing should also continue**
- ❖ "do justice, love mercy, walk humbly (by faith) with your God" (**Micah 6:8**) – these all continue in New Covenant

Abraham - Genesis 14:18-20

- ❖ 500 years before the law
- ❖ Gave a tithe to Melchizedek
- ❖ Melchizedek was king of Salem, priest of God Most High
- ❖ Brought out bread and wine to Abraham
- ❖ Melchizedek, heavenly man, revelational character
- ❖ Blessed Abram in name of God Most High
- ❖ Abraham responded by giving a tithe
- ❖ No law told him to do so
- ❖ We do not know exactly why he would have thought this
- ❖ Abraham got a revelation, "I will give my tithe to this person"
- ❖ There is no evidence in the Bible that tithing happened before this

Jacob – Genesis 28:10-22

- ❖ Jacob had encounter with the Living God

❖ Jacob saw LORD, revelation of heaven and house of God

v.20-22 – If God will keep me in the way, feed me, clothe me, so that I come back to my father's house in peace (goal is to come back to Father's house), then Yahweh (Jesus) will be my God, and this stone...will be God's house (he lays a foundation stone for building the house, the revelation of God)

❖ this is Jacob's personal initiation into the faith of his grandfather, Abraham

❖ **"of all that You give me, I will surely give a tenth (tithe) to You"**

❖ We are preaching Jesus, God manifest in the flesh

❖ When you receive the revelation of who He is may you get a revelation of tithing also to be a part of building the house of God

❖ Jacob's commitment to the Eternal God included a commitment to give a tithe to Him of all he received

❖ For a child of God, tithing is not of law but of faith

❖ Tithing is a response of faith to a revelation of Jesus Christ

Tithing under the Law – Leviticus 27:30

❖ all the tithe of the land belongs to and is holy to Yahweh

❖ it is to be kept separate for God's designated purpose

❖ it was used in Old Testament to sustain Levites

Numbers 18:21

❖ God gave the Levites all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the ministry they perform

❖ Levites were priests, teachers of the law, ministers

Deuteronomy 14:28-29

❖ not clear of all the timing of the tithes

❖ was given to the elders at the gate

❖ the Levite was given a portion

❖ widow, orphan, strangers were also given of the tithe

❖ Yahweh our God may bless you in the work of your hand that you do

The Challenge, the Correction, the Promise

Malachi 3:5-7

❖ Malachi is telling God's people they have gone away from Him

❖ Bad things had been happening to the people of God – judgement had come on them

❖ "In what way shall we return?" the people said

The Correction

v.8 - God answers with a question

❖ "Will a man rob God?"

❖ "How are we robbing You?"

v.9 – they had not been paying tithes

❖ we rob God from blessing us when we do not tithe

Promise

v.10 – Bring all the tithes...so that there will be food in the house

- ❖ try God in this (test Him) – the only place in Scripture that God invites us to test Him
- ❖ He promises to “open the floodgates of heaven” = rain on the land
- ❖ pour out such blessing from heaven that you will not have room to receive it

- i) food in the house
- ii) open the windows of heaven
- iii) pour out blessings
- iv) God will rebuke the devourer/destroyer
- v) You will enjoy the fruit
- vi) All nations will call you blessed, a delightful land

Tithing in the New Testament

Hebrews 7:1-10

Tithing mentioned 5 times in these verses

(1) v.2 – Abraham gave a tenth/tithe to Melchizedek of all

“Melchizedek” = king of righteousness

King of “Salem” = king of peace

No beginning of days, no end of life, no genealogy

How many King/Priests are there? There is one, Christ

The Messiah is “a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”

(Psalm 110:4)

Hebrews 5:5-11 – Melchizedek linked to Christ being High Priest, the Son of God and of the order of Melchizedek

Hebrews 6:20 – Jesus is the High Priest in the order of Melchizedek

(2) v.4 – consider how great Melchizedek was

- ❖ patriarch Abraham gave a tithe to Him

(3) v.5 – Levi received tithes from brethren, even though from Abraham

(4) v.6 – Melchizedek’s genealogy not from Levi, received tithes from Abraham

- ❖ Melchizedek blessed Abraham who had received the promise – a long time before the law was given

(5) v.7-8 – under law, mortal men received tithes

- ❖ with Abraham, the immortal man (Melchizedek) received tithes!!
- ❖ Melchizedek is still alive! He lives forever!
- ❖ we tithe to the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives forever
- ❖ place it where He shows you to place it
- ❖ in Malachi, it was placed in the storehouse
- ❖ the storehouse was of the priestly house so that they could minister – it is the place where spiritually you are being fed

This passage is proving that tithing is of faith to Jesus Christ

Summary

- ❖ we tithe on the increase – if you want more to give to God, sow back into your business to get more, make sure you tithe on the increase
- ❖ tithe = 10%, does not matter how big or small the income is
- ❖ tithe is to Jesus Christ, to the spiritual storehouse that is feeding you
- ❖ tithe is used primarily to support the ministry, not paying for buildings
- ❖ in ministries, churches, tithe on the tithe received – to other ministries that the Lord shows you

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Session 24

Speaker: Nicholas Jackson, apostle

THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

The order of Melchizedek

1 Pet 2:9

'You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him...'

Hebrews 5:9-11

Jesus:

- ❖ Called by God as High Priest
- ❖ According to the order of Melchizedek
- V11.** of whom there is much to say and hard to explain
- V12.** 'by this time you ought to be teachers' – you are still babes
- V13-14.** knowing order of Melchizedek is solid food – for those who are of full of age
- V6.** Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest but it was He who said, 'You are My Son...'
- ❖ Being the Son has got to do with the order of Melchizedek

Heb 7:11

- ❖ Under the law of Moses, Aaron and his sons were only allowed into the Tabernacle - Holy and Most Holy Place
- ❖ It did not have the ability to bring anyone to perfection
- ❖ Order of Melchizedek is about coming to perfection
- ❖ At the time of Christ the Priesthood was undergoing a change
- V13-14.** Christ came from the line of Judah (**Gen 49:10**)
- V15-16.** 'in the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest – according to the **power of an endless life**
- ❖ Melchizedek means 'King of Righteousness' and King of Salem 'Peace'
- ❖ He is priest of God Most High – comes into the presence where there is "fullness of joy" (**Psalms 16:11**)
- ❖ manifestation of the kingdom (**Rom 14:17**)

The priesthood of Aaron changed (Heb 5:5-6)

Luke 1:5

- ❖ a certain priest named Zacharias
- ❖ of the division of Abijah (**1 Chron. 24:7-10**)
- ❖ Zacharias was a son of Aaron
- ❖ Elizabeth was a daughter of Aaron
- ❖ They begot John the Baptist
- ❖ John the Baptist was God's high priest at the time

Matt 3:15

- ❖ Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptised by John

- ❖ 'permit it to be so to **fulfil all righteousness**'

What consecrates a High Priest

Ex 29:4

- ❖ 'you shall wash them with **water**'

(Eph 5:26-27 'washing of water by the word')

V7. 'You shall take **anointing** oil and pour it on his head' – anointing of **Holy Spirit**

(1 John 2:20 – you have anointing from the Holy One)

V12. 'Sprinkled with **blood**' – on the ear, thumb and big toe

1 John 5:8 – 'three that bear witness on earth – the Spirit, water and the blood and these three agree as one'

- ❖ At the baptism of Jesus (water) the Holy Spirit (oil) came upon Him – He was anointed
- ❖ We enter the priest hood the same way
- ❖ We believe in the blood, we get baptised into Christ in water and we get filled with the Holy Spirit
- ❖ This is the ordination into the Priesthood

Psalm 110:1-2

- ❖ Rulership is for Kings, at Right hand

V4. The One sitting at the right hand of God is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek – it is eternal priesthood on The Throne

- ❖ **Ephesians 2:6** – He has raised us up to be seated with Him

Zech 6:11-15

- ❖ take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown and set it on the head of the high priest – High priest being crowned as King
- ❖ 'Joshua' means 'Yahweh is salvation'
- ❖ The son of 'Jehozadak' – 'Yahweh is righteous'

V12. 'Behold the Man whose name is the BRANCH'

Jer 23:5-6 – A Branch of Righteousness, a King shall reign and prosper – His name 'Yahweh our Righteousness' – from David, Line of Judah

- ❖ A king and priest coming together – line of Aaron & line of Judah joined together
 - ❖ 'He shall branch out' – there will be many like Him – **Jn 15:11**, We are the branches, a royal priesthood
 - ❖ 'He shall build the temple – The priesthood of Melchizedek build the house
- Heb 3:1** 'Consider the Apostle and High priest of our confession'
- ❖ **Jesus as the apostle is representing Kingly ministry**
 - ❖ **Jesus is also the High priest**
 - ❖ **Jesus is building the house of God (Heb 3:3-6)**

V13. 'He shall be a priest on His throne

- ❖ peace shall be between them both, both offices of king and priest
- ❖ it is the king priest anointing that builds the house of God
- ❖ Zech 3 – encouraging the priest

- ❖ Zech 4 – encouraging the King
- ❖ They are the two anointed ones that stand beside Yahweh of the whole earth (**Zech 4:14**)
- ❖ **1 Cor. 12:12** – Christ is a many membered body – Anointing of Messiah is in His body (**Col 1:27**)

Gen 28:10-12

- ❖ Jacob dreamed 'a ladder set up on the earth and its top reached to heaven'
- ❖ 'Angels of God ascending and descending upon the ladder'
- ❖ Why do the angels ascend first?

V13-14. 'Yahweh stood above it'

- ❖ He spoke about the seed of Abraham – the 'angels' are the seed of Abraham (**Gal 3:29**) the sons of God

V17. Jacob said, 'How awesome is this place, this is none other than the house of God, the gate of heaven' – This dream is a picture of the house of God, house of sons. (**John 1:51** – 'angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man')

- ❖ **Col 1:20** – In Christ heaven and earth have been reconciled
- ❖ **The angels ascending are the sons of God in the house of God ascending as priests into the Most Holy Place and coming down as Kings to rule in the midst of the earth**

❖ The priestly work needs to happen first so that we can be sent as kings into the earth – to reign on the earth

- ❖ As Priests we minister to God in heaven
- ❖ As kings we release His authority on the earth

Ezek 44:15-31

- i) Sons of 'Zadok' – sons of 'righteousness'
- ii) They keep charge of the sanctuary – they stay true and righteous (uncompromising) – (**Jn 14:23**)
- iii) They come near to God
- iv) They minister to God – to serve to 'wait upon', receive instruction
- v) They stand before God – they are justified (1 Kings 17:1) = authority
- vi) They make offerings – spiritual sacrifices (**1 Pet 2:5**)
- vii) They enter the sanctuary
- viii) They can come near the table (Rev 3:20)
- ix) They enter the inner court – Most Holy, The Glory
- x) They wear fine linen = righteous acts of the saints (**Rev 19:8**)
- xi) They do not sweat – no works of the flesh (**Jn 5:19**)

V23. – They come out to teach the people

- ❖ to discern between the clean and unclean, holy and profane
- ❖ They are rightly dividing the word of truth (**2 Tim 2:15**)

Acts 6:4

- ❖ 'we will give ourselves continually to prayer and ministry of the word'
- ❖ This is the priesthood in action – ascending and descending in Christ
- ❖ When we come from Him we can declare Him
- ❖ In prayer, we ascend into the bosom of the Father
- ❖ In word, we descend and declare Him (**Jn 1:18**)

Luke 6:12

- ❖ Jesus continued all night in prayer - priestly
- ❖ He was able to get the instruction from God of who to choose and appoint as the twelve – the government of God - Kingly

Mark 1:35

- ❖ Jesus ministering to God – priestly prayer
- V38.** He went and preached in the towns and villages, casting out demons – Kingly authority
- ❖ The more we spend time ministering to Him the more we get renewed in His purpose

Rev 5:8-10

- ❖ 'harps' = worship
- ❖ 'golden bowls full of incense' = prayers of the saints (Ex 30:1-10 – altar of incense. The gold speaks of purity, horns speaks of His authority to all ends of the earth, before the Mercy seat)
- ❖ 'They sang a new song'
- ❖ 'and have made us kings and priests to our God and **we shall reign on the earth**'
- ❖ **Psalms 141:2** – 'let my prayer come before you as incense and the lifting of hands as the evening sacrifice...' (**1 Tim 2:8**)
- ❖ The King of Glory comes in when we have clean hands and pure heart (**Psalms 24:3-10**)
- ❖ As we minister to God with the lifting of hands and the prayers of the saints the King of glory comes in

Rev 8:2-3

- ❖ 7 angels – 7 messengers (they are in Jesus' right hand) (**Rev 1:20**)
- ❖ They stand before God – just like sons of Zadok - priestly
- ❖ They are given seven trumpets – to proclaim the word - Kingly

Rev 15:5

- ❖ 'the inner shrine of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened'
 - ❖ Out of this place came the seven angels
 - ❖ They had ascended to Yahweh – hidden in Christ in God and ready to be released (**Col 3:2-3**)
 - ❖ They had the seven plagues and were clothed in pure bright linen (they are men clothed as priests in linen)
 - ❖ They released the testimony – (**Rev 19:10- the testimony is of Jesus**)
- V7.** The testimony of Christ released the plagues on the unrepentant, judgement on wickedness as we testify The Word of God (**Rev 19:13**)

The Word Out of Zion

We must learn how to minister to God – how to ascend to Him so that we can be released as Kings into the earth with the word of God – the testimony

Our authority comes from heaven

Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas experienced this

- ❖ they were singing and praying to God
- ❖ out of that place there came an earthquake
- ❖ it shook the prison to the foundations
- ❖ salvation came to those who heard and received

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Session 25

Speaker: Janet Galligan

APOSTLES & THEIR MINISTRY

Jesus raised apostles

In the book of Acts there were many apostles

Seems that after a period of time the ministry of apostles died out

Many hundreds of years there was no mention of apostles

Bishops, other leaders and structures came up

We are now in times of restoration

We are seeing restoration of 5 ministry gifts in **Ephesians 4:11**

Restoration: Evangelists, pastors, teachers, prophets and now apostles being restored

Has been a lot of confusion about apostles

Many say they do not exist anymore

Many also call themselves "apostles" without knowing what an apostle is

Many so called apostles are bringing strange doctrines and not the Word and have confused others

We need to understand apostles, how to recognize true apostles and their function

Revelation 2:2

❖ Even in early church "false apostles" had risen up

❖ Church at Ephesus tested so called "apostles" and found them liars

Acts 20:29-30

❖ Paul warned elders in Ephesus that some would come in and bring division, drawing away disciples after themselves (speaking perverse things), not sparing the flock

We also need to test those who say they are apostles and beware of those who seek to draw others after themselves

The apostles Jesus called

Matthew 10:1-40 – how apostles are to conduct themselves

i) **called and empowered (v.1-2)** – called by Jesus, apostolic ministry is a specific calling, sent out in Jesus' authority

ii) **Sent by Jesus (5-6)** – sending is specific, told where and where not to go, need to be listening to Jesus and only go where He sends you

Is important to be “sent” – we pray and send teams in the authority of Jesus, they go out from us with all our prayer and support, increases our power and authority

iii) **Preach, heal and deliver – PHD (v.7-8)** – only preach what Jesus gives you to preach, heal sick, raise dead, cast out demons

When Jesus sends you, He tells you where to go, what to say, what to do and enables you to do it

iv) **Look for where you are received (.14)** – find “house of peace” and stay there – we need to be discerning and recognize those who are willing to receive the word and those who are not

Does not always mean a believer’s place

v) **Expect persecution (v.16-18)** – Jesus warned the apostles they would be persecuted

We are not to worry what to speak, Spirit of our Father will speak in us (**v.19-20**)

Jesus is with us in persecution

vi) **Confess Jesus (v.32-33)** – be bold to confess Jesus – the message of the apostles was Jesus the Christ, the Son of God (**Acts 5:42**)

vii) **Have the right priorities (v.34-37)** – may be conflict even in your families – the call can be costly, we must examine our priorities in light of the call we have received from Jesus

We need to trust Him

viii) **Take up your cross (v.38)** – we are not worthy of Jesus unless we take up the cross of self-denial, putting to death our selfish desires, letting go of what we regard as important (including cultural thinking) – must bring all things into line with kingdom culture

ix) **Representing Jesus (v.40)** – If receive apostles, receive Jesus; if receive Jesus receive One who sent Jesus (**Father**)

12 apostles Jesus called are called “apostles of the Lamb”

Apostles in the book of Acts

Acts 1:26

❖ Matthias replaced Judas

Ascension gift ministry apostles

(Ephesians 4:7-11)

After Jesus ascended He gave gifts to men – five ministry gifts = apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher

v.12 – reason for the gifts

i) equipping (setting in order) of the saints

ii) to do the work of the ministry

iii) edifying of Body of Christ

What was the main ministry of the apostles?

Acts 6:1-4

- ❖ number of disciples had been increasing
- ❖ problems arose, came to apostles with their problems

v.2 – not good for apostles to leave Word of God and serve tables

- ❖ solution was that others were to be appointed over this business

v.4 – then apostles could give themselves continually to prayer and ministry of the Word

i) **Prayer** – waiting on God

ii) **Ministry of the Word** – teaching and opening up of the Scripture

What did the apostles teach?

Matthew 28:20

- ❖ apostles told to teach people to observe everything that Jesus commanded
- ❖ this included bringing prophetic understanding of Old Testament Scriptures (they did not have a “New Testament”)
- ❖ apostles were faithful to teach what Jesus taught them

Acts 4:20

- ❖ apostles taught the things they had seen and heard
- ❖ the apostles’ doctrine (**Acts 2:42**)
- ❖ teaching things that they had witnessed, heard, experienced in walking with Jesus
- ❖ we should only teach the things we are putting into practice, what we have had a revelation of

Acts 5:42

- ❖ apostles taught Jesus the Christ

Why do we need apostles today?

1) God has set an order in His body

1 Corinthians 12:28 – apostles appointed first in the church, by God

- this is not a hierarchy but an order of ministry and a function of ministry
- this is God’s order for His church

2) Church is to be built on the right foundations

Ephesians 2:20 – household of God is built upon foundation of apostles and prophets

- ❖ the Rock foundation is Christ (**1 Cor.3:11**)
- ❖ apostles and prophets are connecting the building to the Rock
- ❖ they bring the revelation of who Jesus the Christ is
- ❖ is not a denominational foundation, but foundation which links body to the Rock

3) apostles bring revelation of the mystery

Ephesians 3:3-5 – apostles have understanding of the mystery of Christ and how we belong in the body of Christ

4) **apostles represent Christ**

Matthew 10:40 – there is a reality in receiving an apostle

- ❖ they receive a revelation of the Father through getting the revelation of Jesus
- ❖ it is real!
- ❖ If only received as a guest speaker, then full revelation is not available

5) **apostles are give to bring the nations to the obedience of faith**

Romans 1:5 – through Jesus we received grace and apostleship for nations to become obedient to faith

6) **Church grows through the apostles' doctrine**

Acts 2:42 – teaching the Scriptures, calling people back to the Word of God as it is written

- ❖ causes church to grow to maturity

7) **apostles are fathers**

- ❖ we need fathers in the church
- ❖ through restoration of apostles, people come to know Father heart of God
- ❖ they receive revelation of Sonship
- ❖ then they can become fathers to others

1 Corinthians 4:15 – apostle Paul was a father to them, the body in Corinth

8) **apostles are known by their fruit**

- ❖ there will be fruit from the ministry

1 Corinthians 9:2 – Corinthian church was “seal” of Paul’s apostleship

- ❖ they were proof of Paul’s apostleship ministry

9) **apostles love and serve the whole church**

- ❖ not a restricted network or denomination
- ❖ the gift of the apostle is for the body of Christ

2 Corinthians 11:28 – “deep concern for all the churches”

Picture of apostolic ministry

Acts 14:21-27

v.21 – they preach the gospel

- ❖ they make disciples
- ❖ they have an itinerant ministry (going place to place)

v.22 – strengthened souls of disciples

- ❖ exhorting them to continue in the faith
- ❖ teaching disciples to endure in tribulation

v.23 – appointing elders to oversee churches

- ❖ praying with fasting

v.26 – ministered in grace of God

v.27 – accountable, in reporting back what God had done

Apostles need to walk in faithfulness

Luke 16:10-12

i) being faithful in the little (**v.10**) – faithful in least is faithful in much

❖ do not despise the day of small beginnings

ii) being faithful in finances (**v.11**) – if not faithful in unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches

❖ tithes and offerings, not giving in order to get

❖ the reward for faithfulness in finance is the **“true riches”** which are **spiritual riches**

iii) being faithful in what belongs to another (**v.12**)

❖ will not receive your own if you are not faithful with what is another's

❖ sometimes feels hard to submit to another, some bring division and draw others away

❖ but if we are faithful in what belongs to another, serving where you are – you will be given your own in due course

Apostles are vital ministries

❖ in life of church

❖ development of church

Only with apostles functioning will the church come to maturity

All ministry gifts are needed (**Eph.4:11**), we are not to be missing any so that we can partake of all the grace needed to come to maturity

They are all grace ministry gifts

Ephesians 4:13-16 – a picture of the mature church, the signposts to maturity

Session 26

Speaker: Paul Galligan, apostle

THE SURE MERCIES OF DAVID

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ because Jesus died and rose again and is the greater son of David, through Him, the sure mercies of David have been ministered to us
- ❖ we can go with His authority to disciple nations

Acts 13:34

- ❖ Paul was preaching his first recorded sermon
- ❖ Paul and Barnabas were in Antioch of Pisidia
- ❖ Jesus raised from the dead, no more to return to corruption
- ❖ God spoke through prophet Isaiah, **"I will give you the sure mercies of David"**
- ❖ Why would Paul put this quotation in his sermon?
- ❖ Paul assumed those he was speaking to would understand

v.26 – Paul is addressing his Jewish brethren and also **"those among you who fear God"** = God-fearing Greeks in the Synagogue

- ❖ word of this salvation was sent to them

v.27 – this quotation from Isaiah is coming in the midst of Paul preaching about Jesus' death and resurrection

v.28-29 – fulfilling what was written concerning the Christ

v.30 – **"But God"** – God factor is most important factor

- ❖ God raised Him from the dead
- ❖ God interfered in this chain of events
- ❖ God allowed all these things to happen to fulfil what is written

v.31 – Jesus was seen much around Jerusalem and Galilee

- ❖ His witnesses were there in that time who saw Him alive from the dead

v.32 – this is **good news**

- ❖ the promise God made to the fathers has been fulfilled

v.33 – God fulfilled these things

- ❖ fulfilled the word spoken in **Psalms 2** about the Messiah that He is **the Son of God**

v.34 – God raised Jesus from the dead, no more to see corruption

- ❖ **"I will give you the sure mercies of David"**

v.35 – the sure mercies of David is all about the **resurrection**

v.38 – the sure mercies is all about the **forgiveness of sins**

v.39 – the sure mercies of David is all about us be **justified** because Jesus took our sins to the cross and rose from the dead

Sure mercies of David is referring to the death and resurrection of Christ and therefore the forgiveness of our sins and justification

Isaiah 55:1

v.1 – Ho! – attention!

❖ **come** to the waters – **Rev.22:1-2** – the River of God coming from the Throne (**Ez.47**), the life of God

❖ **come** buy and eat – get something to eat

❖ **come** buy wine and milk – **wine** (joy of Spirit, blood of Christ), **milk** – of the word, understanding salvation (**1 Pet.2:2**), it is very easy to get away from the pure milk of the word (foundations), talking to mature as well as baby believers

e.g. do not turn God's word into something else, Jesus did not say He would build some denominational churches, He said, "I will build My church" (**Matt.16:18**)

We are to continue in the Word

❖ **without money, without cost**

v.2 – why do you spend your money on church buildings?

❖ why spend wages on what does not satisfy?

❖ Listen carefully to God

❖ eat what is good!

❖ let your **soul delight in abundance**

❖ Jesus died on the cross for **our souls!** Not so we could spend heaps of money on ourselves

❖ it does not matter where we meet, but we should not be wasting money on elaborate buildings

❖ there are still pastors in Africa who do not have a Bible yet, who cannot afford their own Bible

❖ Scribes came to Jesus and asked, "why do You teach Your disciples to break the tradition of our elders" – they were not washing their hands properly before eating

❖ Jesus said, "Why do you teach your disciples to break the commandment of God, teaching them to dishonour your father and mother" (**Matthew 15:1-7**)

❖ because they did not look after their parents, they **"were giving their gift to God"** they were being hypocrites and disobedient in their **"giving to God"**

v.3 – Incline your ear

❖ **Come to ME** – 4th time God has said **"Come"**

❖ then your **soul shall live**

❖ God will make an everlasting covenant with us
"the sure mercies of David"

❖ the sure mercies is an everlasting covenant that God wants to make with us

v.4 – David (**Messiah**) is a witness to the people, a leader and a commander for the people

❖ "David" was dead when Isaiah wrote this, is a prophecy of Messiah

v.5 – nations will come to the Messiah!

❖ Nations will come to Him

❖ a "**holy nation**" will be raised up (**1 Pet.2:9**)

❖ this is fruit of the sure mercies of David

❖ holy nation made up of a remnant of all nations!

❖ members from every tribe, nation, kindred and tongue

Psalm 89

v.20 – God **found His servant David**

v.21 – God's hand will establish Him

v.22 – enemies will not outwit Him

v.23 – His foes/enemies will be beaten down and plagued

❖ our enemies are rising against us and we say "bring v.23 on Lord"

❖ enemies like homosexual "marriage" legislation, which leads to more iniquity

❖ because law changes, education and other things change, you will be charged for saying homosexual marriage is wrong

v.24 – God's faithfulness and mercy will be with Him

v.25 – God will give Messiah dominion

❖ Messiah is a many-membered body (**1Cor.12:12**), the remnant, the house of David

v.26 – Messiah will say, God is our Father, our God, our Rock

❖ we will know God as **our Father**

❖ the sure mercies of David is talking about the sons of God arising in the earth, having the victory, being given the dominion

These promises are made to those who are "**in Christ**"

v.27 – He will be made God's Firstborn – the one who receives the **double inheritance**

❖ the highest of the kings of the earth

❖ the sure mercies of David guarantee that the sons of God will receive the right of the "**Firstborn**"

❖ **Rev.1:5** – Jesus is the ruler/governor of the kings of the earth

❖ **Rev.19:16** – He is King of kings

v.28 – God's mercy towards His people is **forever**

❖ His sure mercies are forever

❖ We are in an everlasting covenant with God, we are the people of God through Jesus Christ

v.29 – Messiah's seed will endure forever

❖ **Galatians 3:29** – if we are Christ's then we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise

❖ His throne will be as the days of heaven

❖ **Revelation 11:15** – kingdoms of world are kingdoms of Lord and of His Christ

How did God find David?

Sure = certain, guaranteed

Mercy = forgiveness, tenderness, lovingkindness, blessing we do not deserve

Who is David?

Interpretively it is speaking of Messiah

1 Samuel 16

Prophet Samuel going to Bethlehem

v.1 – Samuel told to go to Bethlehem, to anoint a king, God provided Himself a king among Jesse's sons

❖ new king will be a son of Jesse in Bethlehem

❖ very dangerous to anoint another king while Saul was still alive

❖ Saul not happy with Samuel or God

❖ Samuel had told Saul that kingdom would be taken from him

❖ Samuel had to figure out a way to do it without losing his life

v.2-4

❖ a sacrifice to be made in Bethlehem

❖ Samuel told to them that Jesse and his sons should be invited to the sacrifice

❖ this was God's instruction to Samuel

❖ God wanted Jesse with his sons to come to the sacrifice to meet Samuel

❖ how many sons would you bring to the sacrifice?

❖ we would think that means **all his sons**

v.5 – Samuel consecrated Jesse and his sons

Jesse came to the sacrifice with 7 sons

v.6 – firstborn of Jesse presented

❖ looked good

v.7 – do not look at appearance or stature

❖ **God looks at the heart!**

v.8 – 2nd born – not that one

v.10 – Jesse's 7 sons put before Samuel, they were all rejected by God

v.11 – Samuel asked, “Is this all the sons?”

- ❖ Why did Jesse not bring his 8th son?
- ❖ Samuel would have thought that Jesse would bring all his sons
- ❖ Jesse said he had another son
- ❖ what was the matter with Jesse?? Why was David not included?? What issue did they have with David??
- ❖ this was a dysfunctional family as far as David was concerned
- ❖ the most important event taking place for this family and David not invited or included

Where was David?

- ❖ he was serving as a shepherd out in the fields somewhere
- ❖ probably some distance from there
- ❖ away from home, sleeping away from home, serving as a shepherd for the sheep, a lowly job
- ❖ if he had known of it he would have been there

Why is David the youngest keeping the sheep?

- ❖ shepherd was probably a servants job

They sent for David and brought him in

v.12-13 – **he came**, Samuel told by God to anoint him as the one to be king in the midst of his brothers

- ❖ from that day David was anointed by God to be king
- ❖ **Psalms 89:20** – God found David
- ❖ God found David in a **place of rejection**
- ❖ Serious rejection – not having his father’s approval to be invited to the most important feast that they have been invited to
- ❖ Brothers exalted above him by his father, not considered worthy to be among the family before Samuel
- ❖ **Where did God find YOU??**
- ❖ You are a sure candidate for the **sure mercies of David**
- ❖ David considered by his family not worthy to sit at his family’s table
- ❖ God will make an everlasting covenant with you, He takes you from the most difficult circumstances, God will find you!
- ❖ He anoints you with His Holy Spirit

2 Samuel 7:8

- ❖ prophecy to God’s Servant David
- ❖ God took David from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel
- ❖ God found David doing a menial job, sleeping in the sheepfold, making sure sheep had good pasture
- ❖ role of shepherd has never been an exalted position
- ❖ angel announced birth of Jesus to shepherds (**Luke 2:8-13**)
- ❖ maybe God found “David” (You) lost in sin, religion, broken, drugs, immorality...
- ❖ God takes us from where we are to be in Christ, ruling with Him

Jesus found some of His disciples, in Galilee (where they had a recognizably different accent), uneducated, fishermen

Matthew 4:19

- ❖ Jesus found them
- ❖ **"Come follow Me, I will make you fishers of men"**

This is the sure mercies of David!

This is a great story of how God chose us and called us into Christ and the corporate future we have in Christ!

NOTES

Session 27

Speaker: Debbie Van Lathum

THE FIERY FURNACE OF AFFLICTION

(The Glory of God being revealed in His sons through the fire of suffering, the purging, cleansing, purifying, holy fire of God)

Pressing into God and His glory!

We long to see His glory! We are to be earnestly seeking Him for His glory!

If you want to see the glory, press in, because you will break through!

We need to press through the fire, not grow weary in doing good, until we come into the glory!

When we are pressing in, things can start to go wrong, things in our life comes up – jealousy, envy, lust, pride – do not be surprised, the king of Glory is about His business in you!

It can also be a difficult situation that we need to walk through

2 Timothy 3:12

❖ anyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus, expect persecution, difficulty

Acts 14:22

- ❖ we must through **many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God
- ❖ lots of tribulations
- ❖ if you want to enter kingdom, tribulations will come

What is God's purpose for us? What is He doing in us?

It is for us to be changed into the image of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

- ❖ we are coming to **a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**
- ❖ we are not there yet
- ❖ God is forming Christ in us
- ❖ Christ is the perfect one, mature one

2 Corinthians 3:18

- ❖ we are being changed from glory to glory into His image
- ❖ we **all**, by beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed
- ❖ it is a work of the Spirit of the Lord
- ❖ it is God at work in us, He loves us

Which road are you going to take?

Easy path?

Difficult, narrow, dark path? = the road of humility, brokenness, yielding to the Lord, the Way of Life

God has a plan in the difficult way, to perfect you, to present you spotless, holy and blameless before Him

There is a price to pay to come into the glory, we must go the narrow way

Matthew 7:13-14

- ❖ Enter by the narrow gate
- ❖ Wide and broad the way that leads to destruction
- ❖ Narrow and difficult is the way that leads to life, few find
- ❖ **"Narrow" – Gk. 'thlibo'**
: to crowd (literally or figuratively), hard-pressed, affliction, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble

Luke 3:4-6

- ❖ John the Baptist's ministry to prepare the people for Jesus to manifest Himself
 - ❖ "Prepare the way of the LORD"
 - ❖ "make His paths straight"
 - ❖ All flesh shall see the salvation of God
 - ❖ People are watching you to see how you will behave in the tribulation you go through
- v.5** – valleys lifted up, high places brought down...then all flesh shall see the salvation that He has worked in us!

This happens through the fire, suffering, cleansing of God

Zechariah 2:5

- ❖ God is a **wall of fire** all around her and the **glory** in the midst
- ❖ How will you get to the glory?
- ❖ You can only come to the glory through the fire
- ❖ You cannot run away, you will have to yield to it
- ❖ Do not run away when the fire comes
- ❖ Lord, burn up all the things that are wrong in us

Genesis 15:17

- ❖ "smoking oven" and "burning torch" passed through the sacrifice
- ❖ Our God **is a consuming fire**
- ❖ He manifests Himself in fire
- ❖ When God is seen, He is seen in fire
- ❖ Fire is always present with the glory

Exodus 3:2-4

- ❖ Angel of Yahweh appeared in **a flame of Fire**
- ❖ Bush was on fire but bush not consumed
- ❖ God manifested Himself in Fire

Exodus 13:21-22

- ❖ Yahweh went before the people by night in a **pillar of fire** to give them light
- ❖ Was not taken away from them
- ❖ God revealing Himself in fire

Exodus 19:1

- ❖ People camped before the mountain
- ❖ Moses went up to God on the mountain

v.4 – love of God revealed

v.5-6 - a special people to God, kingdom of priests

v.9 – God comes in the thick cloud, so the people were not afraid

v.11 – let them be ready for the 3rd day, Yahweh is going to come down, be ready for Jesus to come!

v.12-13 – Yahweh made boundaries for the people, He is a holy God

- ❖ He deserves to be worshiped in awe and reverence

v.15 – be ready for the 3rd day

v.16 – 3rd day, thunderings, lightnings etc...

v.18 – whole mountain now was in smoke, Yahweh had descended in **fire**

- ❖ smoke ascended like the **smoke of a furnace**
- ❖ whole mountain quaked

v.20 – Moses called by God to come up the mountain

- ❖ can you hear God calling you up into the fire?
- ❖ Moses went up

v.21 – Again God gave the people boundaries to be safe

Exodus 20:18

- ❖ Moses had gone up into the **Fire**
- ❖ The glory is in there
- ❖ He is the **Fire** around us and the **glory** in the midst
- ❖ Moses was not afraid because he knew God

v.18 - When people saw it, they stood afar off, fearful of the fire – they did not know God, and the love He had for them

- ❖ God wants you to come in, so He can speak with you, do not be afraid of the fire
- ❖ **Come in**

v.20 – God has come to test you

- ❖ He wants you to fear Him so you will not sin

v.21 – Moses drew near to God

- ❖ God is in the midst of the Fire, the suffering and the tribulation
- ❖ God manifest His presence in the Fire
- ❖ there is an invitation to willingly enter the Fire of God
- ❖ Are you afraid of being burnt up?
- ❖ they rejected the cleansing fire of God
- ❖ they rejected seeing Him, intimate relationship with Jesus

Moses countenance was changed, he radiated with the glory! He was changed by the glory

3 baptisms

- a) baptism in water
- b) baptism in Holy Spirit
- c) baptism in Fire

Matthew 3:11

- ❖ John baptised with water to repentance
- ❖ Jesus will baptise you with **Holy Spirit and Fire**
- ❖ These are 2 separate baptisms – Holy Spirit **and** fire

Luke 12:49

- ❖ Jesus came to send **fire** on the earth
- ❖ Jesus had to be baptised with that fire of suffering

Acts 2:3

- ❖ When Holy Spirit came as sound of rushing mighty wind
- ❖ Appeared **divided tongues as of fire** on them
- ❖ This is **not** the baptism of fire
- ❖ This is God manifesting His presence in the form of fire

1 John 1:5-7

- ❖ God is Light, in Him there is no darkness
- ❖ we lie if we say we fellowship with Him but walk in darkness
- ❖ we need to walk in the Light
- ❖ in natural the Light comes from the sun (a ball of fire)
- ❖ Jesus is the Light of the world, there is nothing hidden in Him
- ❖ When we press into the Lord, we come closer to the Light and all the hidden things are exposed in us
- ❖ the hidden secrets in our hearts are exposed
- ❖ the closer to the Light, the hotter it gets
- ❖ we need to make a decision if we want to come closer or not
- ❖ the dross is to be burned up
- ❖ the Light (Jesus) searches our hearts, the secret places
- ❖ He will give the grace as we keep walking with Him in the Light as He is in the Light

Hebrews 12:29

- ❖ our God is a **consuming fire**
- ❖ consumes the dross, chaff
- ❖ when chaff consumed, only the seed remains, then the seed can be sown

- ❖ we need to love Jesus more than the mess we are in
- ❖ we always have a choice of what to do
- ❖ we can choose flesh, or walk with Jesus in the Light
- ❖ all the times that we disobeyed Jesus and done the wrong things against Him, He has never spoken evil of us or gossiped
- ❖ Let's walk like Jesus, it will be hard, difficult, hurt
- ❖ We need to set our face to follow Jesus
- ❖ He will continue to purify us as we walk with Him and bring us up with Him into His glory
- ❖ Being changed into His image, people seeing Jesus in us

Malachi 4:1-2

- ❖ If you fear His name
- ❖ **Sun of righteousness** will arise
- ❖ He is a **ball of fire**
- ❖ His fire refines us, He will show us the way through the difficulties and it will bring healing

Do you seem to find yourselves in tribulations?

Why do difficulties come?

Romans 5:1-5

- ❖ peace with God through faith in Jesus
- ❖ we also have access through Jesus into grace
- ❖ rejoice in hope of glory
- ❖ also **glory in tribulations!**
- ❖ **Tribulation produces perseverance (endurance)**
- ❖ **Perseverance produces character**
- ❖ Character does not come on "easy street", it comes through persevering in tribulation
- ❖ Character produces more hope

Tribulation – Gk #2347 'thlipsis'

: affliction, pressure, oppressing, anything which burdens the spirit, liken to a woman giving birth, anguish, burdened, tribulation, trouble, persecution

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- ❖ do not lose heart
- ❖ outward man is perishing
- ❖ inward man being renewed daily
- ❖ light affliction for a moment
- ❖ working exceeding eternal weight of glory
- ❖ fix your eyes on eternal reality, on Jesus, on things unseen with natural eyes

1 Peter 4:12-

- ❖ not strange that you are in a "fiery trial"
- ❖ rejoice because you are partaking of Christ's sufferings

Fiery trial #445 'purosis'

: ignition, smelting, fig. conflagration, test, burning trial

JESUS – our pattern of suffering

Hebrews 2:18

- ❖ Jesus suffered
- ❖ Was tempted
- ❖ Can help us
- ❖ He suffered first

2:9

- ❖ for suffering of death
- ❖ by grace of God tasted death for everyone
- ❖ crowned with glory

v.10

- ❖ perfected through suffering

Hebrews 5:8

- ❖ obedience learned through suffering

Hebrews 12:2

- ❖ for joy set before Him, endured cross
- ❖ can you endure suffering for the joy set before

endured Gk#5278

: to stay under, undergo, bear trials, endure, take patiently, suffer

Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:17-20, 7:25

Jesus never complained about His suffering

We can justify complaining but we need to be like Jesus

We need to bear up under the fiery trial, not complain (no saying “I do not deserve this”)

Daniel 3 – Shadrach, Meshack, Abed-Nego in fire

- ❖ they set themselves apart
- ❖ favoured of God
- ❖ they refused to worship king and image
- ❖ commanded into the fiery furnace

v.16-17 – see their response

- ❖ they did not cave in, bow down
- ❖ they pressed on believing and trusting God
- ❖ hot fire, bound up and thrown in
- ❖ they did not deserve it

Jesus did not deserve the suffering

v.22 – guard died

v.25 – Jesus is in the fire with us!!

They had no smell of smoke when they came out
God's power and glory was revealed
King then worshiped God!

Lord is wanting to reveal His glory in you when you walk in ways the world does not understand

Walking in humility, His glory will be revealed

When asking "why?"

He allows us through hard places, pit, so we can see and experience our great need of Him

It is only Jesus who can deliver us

WE can only know this reality if we go through the fire

Testing, purifying, refining

How will we go through the testing?
We are not alone in the place of testing
"There was a 4th man in the fire!"

We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God!

Session 28

Speaker: Nicholas Jackson, apostle

THE COMMISSION

Gen 1:28 - The Commission to Adam and Eve

- ❖ The commission is to the man and women
- ❖ Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, have dominion
- ❖ God's plan has not changed

1) Be fruitful

- ❖ This is in the context of before they fell into sin
- ❖ Begetting spiritual sons – in the image and likeness of God (Matt 28:19)
- ❖ Go and make disciples – growing them up to become sons

2) Multiply

- ❖ The goal of discipleship is so that the disciples you make can go and make disciples themselves
- ❖ They need to actively do the work as well
- ❖ There will be a multiplication of sons of God arising
- ❖ Out of our fruitfulness will come multiplication

3) Fill the earth

- ❖ God wants the earth full of sons in the image and likeness of God
- ❖ The glory of God comes through His sons
(Num. 14:21, Hab. 2:14)

4) Subdue it

- ❖ to 'subdue' suggests there is an enemy
- ❖ We need to subdue the earth for the kingdom of God
- ❖ Principalities and powers are having to come under the feet of Christ – His anointed body
- ❖ Three heavens: (i) Sun, moon, stars (ii) principalities and powers – rulers of darkness (iii) the throne of God – heaven
- ❖ Eph 3:8-11. The sons of God are to be with Christ in this heavenly place.

5) Have Dominion

- ❖ The dominion of the earth will be under the sons of God (Rom 8:18-21)

Rom 1:5

"Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name"

- ❖ because Christ has been raised we can now receive grace and apostleship – a commission
- ❖ we do this by making disciples of all nations

❖ The apostolic word that we have received will cause nations to hear under the word of faith – become obedient to Jesus

Josh 1:1-9 - The Commission to Joshua

- ❖ **'Moses My servant is dead'** – Moses represented the generation that died in the wilderness - because of their unbelief
- ❖ There is a new generation arising
- ❖ The denominational church has served God's purposes for a time but now He is calling for His sons to arise 'Moses My **servant** is dead'
- ❖ It is time for the generation of sons

V2. '...go over this Jordan, you and all this people'

- ❖ 'Going over the Jordan' – is possessing that which was promised
- ❖ The Jordan is what is between you and the inheritance
- ❖ Kings 2:7 – Elisha had to cross the Jordan to receive the double portion
- ❖ You can only cross the Jordan with the glory
- ❖ Elijah struck the water with his mantle – he had authority

V9. 'Double portion' is the firstborn's inheritance

V11-12. Elisha tore his own clothes into pieces –

- ❖ Time to be clothed in a new garment

V14. Elisha picked up the mantle that was on Elijah and he crossed the Jordan

- ❖ The mantle that is on Christ we have received – grace and apostleship

Matt 3:13-17

- ❖ Jesus came into the Jordan so He could be released into His inheritance as the Son of God
- ❖ Jesus walked in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit from that time (Psalm 2:7-8 – 'you are My Son' – this was the commissioning, He received the inheritance)

Josh 1:3

'every place the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you'

'tread' Heb 'darach' Str. #1869: to walk, go, trample, to march

- ❖ having a militant attitude
- ❖ As we march 'in the way' everywhere we go will be given to us
- ❖ The places we walk into in Christ

Luke 10:18-19

- ❖ The demons were subject to us in Your name
- ❖ Jesus said, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven'
- ❖ Jesus gives us authority to trample and tread upon the enemy
- ❖ When we are sent by Jesus Christ from an apostolic body His authority is released
- ❖ When Jesus sends us out we go with His authority - we need to be obedient to Him

Psalm 110:1-2

'Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool'

❖ We have the responsibility of bringing God's enemies under His feet

'Send the rod of Your strength out of Zion'

(Psalm 2:9 the rod of iron is the uncompromising word of God)

❖ We are sent out with His rod

'Rule in the midst of Your enemies' – this is our calling

❖ He has prepared a table in the presence of our enemies – proclamation of His death and resurrection

❖ We are to preach the gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15-16) – this is how we rule in the midst of our enemies

Josh 1:4-5

'From the wilderness....to the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand against you...'

❖ No man can stand against the truth of God – the gospel of the Messiah!

❖ We are to be commissioned into the reality of the gospel

❖ ***'As God was with Moses so I will be with you'***

❖ The authority being transferred from father to son

❖ God is raising up a Joshua generation

(Matt 28:18-20 – all authority has been given to Jesus. 'Go therefore and make disciples....I will be with you to the end of the age')

❖ If we are obedient to His commission He will be with us to the end of the age

V6. - *'Be strong and of good courage'*

❖ Be fortified – strengthened

❖ ***'Be strong'***: valiant, manly- acquit yourself well, to be established, firm, obstinate in the truth

❖ ***'courage'***: to be alert, physically 'on foot', mentally 'having courage'

❖ We are to resist the devil, being steadfast in the faith (1 Pet 5:8-10)

'for to this people you shall divide an inheritance the land'

❖ we are to release the inheritance to His people – divide it up

v7. - *'Be strong and very courageous to observe to do all the law...that you may prosper'*

❖ we will prosper to the extent that we are observing the word of God

(John 14:21 – He who has and keeps God's commandments – Jesus will appear to them, where ever they go)

❖ As we are faithful to preach and teach Jesus the Christ He will become visible and appear to us – we will be changed from glory to glory

V8. - *'Meditate in it day and night'*

❖ it is not to depart from us

❖ We get in the word by meditating in it

❖ Daily read the word – keep it fresh in your heart

❖ the more you meditate in it the more you will become obedient to it

v9. - *'Have I not commanded you?'*

- ❖ This is the question. God has commanded us.
 - ❖ we need to be obedient
 - ❖ the battle is for the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:4-5)
 - ❖ Our commission is to go and declare the knowledge of God to the nations
 - ❖ He is made known through the Lord Jesus Christ!
 - ❖ Do not be afraid to release the knowledge of God that is in you
- Rom 4:13 - We are heirs of the world

2 Tim 2:1 - Paul's charge to Timothy

'be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus'

V2. – commit these things to faithful men and women who can teach others also

- ❖ everything that you have received be faithful to teach and share with others

v3. 'you must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ'

- ❖ We are in the army of Yahweh of hosts!
- ❖ Are we with Jesus or are we doing our own thing? (Josh 5:12-14)
- ❖ We are to follow His command
- ❖ When Jesus commissioned the twelve and seventy He warned them to be ready for persecution

V4. – we are not to get caught up in human things – 'the affairs of this life'

- ❖ our mind needs to be fixed on the battle at hand
- ❖ The battle is the Lord's and we need to be obedient to Him

V5. – We need to stay within the spheres and boundaries that the Lord gives to us

- ❖ we are not to do things 'the worlds way'
- ❖ stay within the sphere of ministry that He has given to you

V6. – as a 'hard working farmer' you will be a partaker of the first of the crops

V7. – meditate in what is spoken

V8. – this is the message:

- a) Jesus the Messiah – born of the Seed of David
- b) Declared the Son of God
- c) He is Risen from the dead

- ❖ the gospel needs to become 'our' gospel
- ❖ It becomes our life

V9. – 'for which I suffer trouble as an evil doer'

- ❖ are you ready to suffer as an 'evil doer'
- ❖ as we stand for the truth (the gospel of the Messiah) we may suffer as an 'evil doer'
- ❖ The word of God is not chained

V10. - we suffer for the sake of the elect

- ❖ That they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory – is this your purpose?

V11-13. – The Faithful Saying

V14. We are not to argue about words

- ❖ only desire to come in agreement with the word of God

v15. 'Be diligent' means to exert yourself, make every effort, make haste, be zealous, strain every nerve

- ❖ 'rightly dividing the word of truth'

V24. 'A servant of the Lord must not quarrel' but is:
