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| In the Power of His Resurrection |
| Lessons in God’s Theme Park |
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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my Mom for encouraging me all of my life and her patience with me through the process.

My Dad for teaching me to love truth even when it is uncomfortable.

Preface

Most books are forwarded by men who appreciate and are friends of the writer. This book is forwarded by God’s prophetic Word for the writer. This is the greatest endorsement one can have.

The Word of the Lord 4/21/95 as given to the writer by Prophet David Fees of The Early Church in Plano, Texas.

*“I see you like Josiah, he read the Word and when he discovered what was in the Word, it shocked him and he went whole-hearted toward the goal God had given him, he was radical, the other kings did things to a measure but Josiah cleaned house. When he saw that you were supposed to celebrate the Passover, he did the Passover, when he saw that you were supposed to clean out the temple, he cleaned out the temple, he had all the garbage cleaned out, he would not let up. I see you have the spirit of Josiah upon you; you have been ridiculed and mocked for that, that’s okay. Every person who is an extremist makes enemies, you’re an extremist, you can’t do things partway, God made you that way, when you see something wrong, and something that has to be done. God commands you, you just go and do it and do it with zeal and abandon, you don’t care what people think, you do it to the nth degree, God has put that spirit in you, don’t apologize for it, God has made you that was, and you’ll make enemies but you’ll get things done that nobody else can get done, you see, allow God to perfect you in that. I see you being raised up in the House of the Lord for a mighty work, and the day is going to come when God is going to use you to clean house. I see you cleaning up an area, you’re a radical, you’re called to be a radical, not halfway, don’t play it safe, you’re a pioneer, you’ll be on the front line.”*

Author’s Note

 This book is not long, I encourage you to take time to prayerfully read the scripture references as you read through and let God give you additional revelation.

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Chapter 1

“Why?”

 Why did God create this whole universe as He did, with physical planets, stars, animals, and people?

 He could have made it differently; He could have made it all spiritual, everything floating around in an ooey-gooey mess of lovey-dovey stuff. He could have made it with four headed creatures spawning little creatures. When we realize the plants, the trees, the reproduction, even the weather, the rain and the harvest are all pictures of His ways and prove His existence, we then have a valuable key to interpret the creation (Romans 1:18-21).

 God created this whole creation to show His love to His created ones, display His glory and teach a great moral to this story; a created thing cannot survive without its creator! Love cannot be known unless it is received.

 The fall of man was all an issue of independence, love is displayed in the great re-union. The sacrificial love displayed at Calvary is the reason for this creation, a drama created by the great artist to communicate to us the ultimate love.

 The entire Bible is tied together by one central theme, that of Death, Burial, and Resurrection, or we could call it sacrifice, waiting, and new life.

 The whole creation is “God’s Theme Park” the theme is death, burial, and resurrection. Which came first, the pattern of creation or the coming of Christ? The pattern of Creation is seen in fruit that falls to the ground, is buried, and then rises in a new plant or the caterpillar enters the cocoon tomb, and then emerges as a butterfly. Did this start only after Jesus Christ rose from the dead? No, He manifested in the fullness of time to confirm all that creation had been screaming for thousands of years. The laws of death, burial, and resurrection (The Gospel) were set in motion from the time of Creation. This was God’s design to reveal His purpose through all time to His saints. Abraham received this revelation of resurrection proven by the sacrificing of His son, He said, “God is able to raise Him again.” Romans 1:20 says that the invisible things can be understood by the things that are seen. The point here, however, is that many Christian’s beliefs contradict the Creation! All flesh wants the resurrection of life, but nobody wants to die and be buried. The new age-humanists love to steal principals from Jesus teaching, they talk about love, abundant life and resurrection, but these are impossible without sacrifice, paying the price and death to the carnal man! We are either in Christ or anti-Christ, no one is neutral.

Chapter 2

“Man’s Chance”

 Israel could not keep covenant with God and no one else can either. God had to come and do it Himself in Jesus Christ. Many preachers talk of God’s remnant in Israel, “the faithful few,” but even these all failed in the flesh to keep the covenant. Abraham compromised, David murdered, and Rahab the harlot was justified by lying to her people. We must conclude that no one lived a perfect life, nor did God expect they would. These people are all in the “Hall of Faith,” Hebrews 11. The Old Testament saints were saved by Grace through faith, just as we are today. In (Hebrews 8, 9, 10) we see that the Priesthood of Moses was not perfect, weak in flesh; it was only a shadow of the Resurrected Priesthood. Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, was born in flesh in obscurity and was obedient all the way through a normal servants life, then perfect in public ministry, and finally accomplished the real purpose of His life’ being offered as “the lamb.” He was able to enter into the heavens and establish the eternal Priesthood, the perfect covenant, with no chance of failure because it doesn’t depend on us. David “Oh Lord, my hope is in your mercy.” The Creator and creation became one in the Messiah. It would have been impossible to have a Christ or Messiah, without the creation. We, the church, keep covenant with God only because we are “dead and hid in Christ” He does it through us, we cannot! (Colossians 3) All glory must be to God, no flesh will glory in His presence. No man has ever lived a perfect life; no man will ever live a perfect life. Only God can do it. He slays us and lives through us to accomplish His eternal desire, and to spoil Lucifer, by proving that to serve is love! (Isaiah 14:12-15) Our nature is to seek the best place for ourselves; God’s nature is to sacrifice comfort, reputation, control, to make others happy.

 Jesus Christ, the second Adam took on the creation, clothed in humanity; He took the creation through Death, Burial, and Resurrection, so that we may experience eternal glory. Jesus brought heaven to earth and He took earth up to heaven, this was His plan all along. (Ephesians 1:9-10, 3:11) He did not ask us if he could. Without revelation we didn’t even know a need redeemed much less desire to go through the process. The flesh cannot enter into the “Promised Land.” Moses is a picture of Christ, but Joshua is a better picture of Christ. Moses could not enter in because he failed in his humanity, vexed by the people, the demands, the lack of vision, he had to stay back, but Joshua the same name as Jesus (Yeshua) “deliverer,” took the people in In another picture we see Aaron the priest, born of man and woman, he was good on his good days, but not good enough. Melchizedek was a perfect priest; why, because he was not tied to sinful flesh. Melchizedek was without origin, like the ultimate high priest Jesus Christ. Born of the virgin, not hindered but the curses through the fallen blood line, Jesus was able to perfectly keep covenant with God. (Hebrews 7) God must come into a vessel to reign over Satan, Lucifer is supernatural and only the Anointed One living in us, we can now rule and reign. Since the day of God’s visitation in Israel, the story is the same; people who think they can do it (keep the law) miss the promise of God’s spirit. The blessings of Abraham can only be received by those who admit they are not righteous; this death to self-positions us to be born as Sons of God. Our inheritance as Abraham’s seed in Christ is filled with blessings, but as long as we strive to make it on our own we frustrate the grace of God. (Galatians 2:20-21).

Chapter 3

“What is God Up to?”

 To understand God’s purpose in this creation, one must understand resurrection. To understand resurrection one must understand death to self. The Bible is understood only when interpreted by the Holy Spirit through the revelation of resurrection. Life, with all its pain and suffering, seems useless without this revelation. Through the toil of eating, drinking, career and work, man searches for his purpose, this temporal existence is only the medium in which God, and the great artist performs His eternal sculpture in our hearts. We get so unraveled by trials, pain, and loss, but these are designed that we may know Him, like the happy child in the wheelchair, our heart is free of temporal perspective. David said “Lord, why do the wicked prosper and have many children but the righteous are afflicted?” When God is dealing with a person to form Christ in them, their life may not look so good from the outside, while others seem so successful because God has not called them. The most significant event in Pre-Adamic time was the fall of Lucifer. Lucifer, being lifted up in His heart (rebelled and was cast down). To prove to the angelic host, the Glory of God, The Almighty created man in His own image to surpass the created Lucifer. Job knew the revelation of resurrection which allowed him to stay faithful to God. (Job1:8) To prove that only God can be God, man was created higher than angels, in the image of God. In (Hebrews 1) and (Psalm 8) we see where man is referred to as “lower than the angels, but before the fall man was higher than the angels.” Adam with free will “chose to be like God” and fell, then God Himself had to become the second Adam to prove the dependency of all created beings. (Genesis 3:5) (Romans 8:29)

 Today religious ones are still trying to be “like God” without Death, Burial, and Resurrection. Believe it or not, this is Antichrist, (instead of Christ). It is a self-righteous posture to think that one could ever be like Jesus the Christ, Christ in you is the hope of glory, and the hope of ever walking in love.

 Abraham is the ultimate picture of dependency on God. He was counted righteous by “believing” but still tried flesh works to help God. Only after God allowed him to try to fulfill the promise and fail, (Ishmael), did God fulfill the promise. This was God’s plan all along, Resurrection in God’s prime mode of operation in displaying His glory. First He made angels able to fall, able to desire being worshipped, but not in his likeness. Then he made man able to fall, able to desire worship and in His likeness, man is unlimited in creative power, like God we can imagine and then create; still man is not God. This is the theme of creation, man needs God; before the fall, during the redemption period and throughout eternity. Nowhere in the Bible is seen a true overcomer except the incarnate Christ, He knew the revelation of Death, Burial, and Resurrection; Faith works by love! (Gal 5:6) Jesus loyalty to truth, the love for us and His Father, allowed Him to accomplish redemption. God wants to work the same process of Death, Burial, and Resurrection through our lives to reach multitudes. Abraham saw this revelation before he offered His son up for sacrifice. “If He dies God can raise Him from the dead; God gave Him, He can re-give Him.” This exceeds “God providing”, but this is elementary school faith, He wants to take us deeper into “of course He provides, what is He really up to?” God could only request Abraham to offer his son, because he was to offer His son in the fullness of time. (Isaiah 53:10)

Chapter 4

“Have You Seen Your Death Yet?”

 Joseph saw his time of death when he was being betrayed; the dungeon was his time of burial to bring forth his resurrection. Moses died to the pleasures of Egypt, and then the wilderness for 40 years was his burial. Finally God resurrected him and took him back to Egypt, ready for ministry. The best picture of death, of course, is Gethsemane, where even the Lord prayed “not my will, but yours be done”, sweating drops of blood as the cup was given Him, all the sin of the world, sorrow, rejection, abandonment, all that Adam had sown and we have all reaped, came on Christ in this death.

 Your death may be working as a janitor while liberating sermons boil in your heart, it may be giving up a relationship that “feels” so right but you know God has other plans, it may be keeping your mouth shut while your boss steals all your ideas and receives acclaim and riches. God designs each saints life to be one death after another because this is where we come to “know” him (Philippians 3:10).

 In New Testament scripture, we are given revelation to God’s ways – we don’t have to fast or pray or work for these pieces of liberating truth. In (I Corinthians 1:26-29), we see the point of the resurrection driven home again. Not many wise, not many strong, not many noble are called or used by God, than no flesh shall glory in His presence. In children’s Bibles the pictures of Samson always show a great big handsome muscle man. I’ll bet you a thousand Hallelujahs that Samson looked more like “Barney Fife”. Gideon was hiding at the threshing floor when God called the “mighty man of valor”. Moses was a man with a speech problem, yet God called him to speak to Pharaoh. To kill all hope of self; as Paul puts it in (Philippians 3:3-6), “all confidence in the flesh,” God called “unlearned men,” tax collectors and fishermen to be the Apostles of the church, to reach the world with the gospel. This is the way of God, He will bring affliction to a person to kill all self-confidence, (whether physical, financial, or mental) then we are humbled to receive “the mind of Christ,” then He gives faith for deliverance and He will then deliver us into the resurrection life, as a new creature with a testimony, we give Him all the glory! (Psalm 119:75-76) It is popular in these apostate times to say that God does not afflict anyone, but Psalm 119:75 proves that God is faithful to afflict us, to accomplish His eternal purpose that none of us would volunteer for. Let’s consider a real life example. A sister gets a prophetic word in church; “You will be a great Psalmist for the Lord, many will be delivered by your anointed songs.” This sister had been a famous singer before she was saved and now many expectations were on her to be “great for God.” Well after years go by and she is learning discipleship and the Kingdom of God, she develops a growth on her throat, doctors can do nothing, she goes through all the rituals of being prayed for, confessing her healing, etc. All the people at church rebuke the devil because “God doesn’t hurt anyone” but she still can’t sing.” The people in the church, like “Job’s friends,” may come around telling her there must be sin in her life or she doesn’t have enough faith, sometimes we judge matters in our limited perspective and try to figure things out, causing people even more sorrow. She finally gives up; just like Abraham did when he lay with his maid and had Ishmael, or like he did after the “son of the flesh” had grown up, and it was obvious he was not what God had promised. Now, this sweet sister is free to be a person in the body with no special expectations on her, she begins to enjoy the little things in life, like children and flowers, people are even delivered at her church without her singing. She has a work done in her heart, now she loves God for who He is, not what He is going to do for her. Then in the fullness of God’s time, one day some nobody in the church prays for her and she is instantly healed. She begins to sing and prophesy of the goodness of the Lord, spontaneous combustion praise breaks forth in the church and her prophecy is fulfilled! The key here is that the prophecy is fulfilled by God, not by voice lessons, doctors, or leadership trying to help God do His job. The Lord’s main work of art, is in the hearts of His people, He wants us to know love, sacrifice, to prefer each other above ourselves and He will do whatever it takes to accomplish this. Many would argue whether God or the Devil put the sickness, the growth on her throat; in (I Kings 22:20-23) we see that the lord used a lying Spirit for His purpose, in (Isaiah 54:16) God says he created the waster to destroy, and in II Kings 15:5 God smote an idolatrous king with leprosy, he was never healed. We know God does love His people, but our understanding of His long term ways is limited. He chastens those he loves, and His tools for chastening are trials, tribulations, and the devil. The body of Christ has two main extremes; on the “faith” side we see a bunch of selfish brats “claiming” all the toys they want for “their little kingdom,” stepping on each other to get to “the man of God” who will touch them and all their dreams will come true. Then on the other side we have the false humility, religious ones who think the sicker and poor we are the more spiritual we are. Both of these perversions are wrong. Yes, the lord will prosper us, but a fool with a lot of money is a blemish on the Body of Christ (James 4:1-5). The Death, Burial, and Resurrection pictured throughout the Bible is God’s agenda! We have our agendas, many saints are hoping and praying for this or that, but the prayers that are always answered are the prayers according to God’s will, the prayers for wisdom, revelation and to be conformed to the image of Christ. The desire of the Father is to give us the kingdom, but first He must take us able to rule in love. God’s agenda is to bring us to death so Christ can live and love through us, then we are “anointed,” broken vessels he can pour through. Paul said, “I die daily,” if this is a reality in your life, you can also say “I’m resurrected daily!”

Chapter 5

“The Apple”

 Once a person receives the revelation of Resurrection, it is impossible to read the Bible without seeing it on every page. The amazing thing is that God and known this revelation just by looking at the creation and quickened by the Holy Spirit. Throughout history most of God’s remnants have not owned Bibles. Taught by the Spirit and creation, Abraham, Moses, and Job all received the revelation of Resurrection. Today millions of people have the whole Bible and know nothing. When we look at an apple tree, we see seeds fall to the ground (death), it stays in the dirt (burial) and then sprouts (resurrection), but it doesn’t stop there. The new sprout grows up and bears more fruit which falls to the ground and brings more trees than before. The apple is like our body, the seed inside is the word of God, (I Peter 1:23). Our outward man perishes (the meat of the apple rots) but the inward man is renewed day by day, the word grows in us, (Christ is formed in us) and lives on eternal. The Christ in us is sown into the lives around us and brings forth fruit, whether it be our congregation, family, friends, or even our enemies, God wants people to feed off of us. The Fruit of the Spirit draws people to us to receive the word and the Kingdom.

 The first Israel was Jacob, (the man), out of his loins came the second Israel, (the nation) and out of the nation came the last Israel, (the church) the “Holy Nation.” (I Peter 2:9) Jacob was a good example of resurrection. The deceiver had schemed all his life to get his way; God broke him and made him the father of many nations. Romans 9 show that “because of the purpose of election” the older (Esau) shall serve the younger (Jacob), this is God’s way to get it through out thick skulls. Saul was better equipped to slay Goliath than David, but David was anointed and that is the difference. Anointed means “God is with you!” – It’s that simple. Back to the apple, the physical creation a manifestation of the great parables of God’s heart. Old Testament Israel is the forerunner of The Church, both Jews and Gentiles, God’s chosen people. In Israel’s failure to enter in to the rest (Hebrews 3:10) we see that unbelief or

Self-confidence is the enemy of God, but in Hebrews 4:3 we see that belief is all it takes to enter in. Now the real question is “believe what?” Everybody “believes” Jesus was the Son of God, etc., but Abraham was made (after much affliction) to believe that God not only could deliver on His promise, but even raise Isaac from the dead if need be. The difference in Caleb and the other spies was that Caleb knew that these giants were grasshoppers to God. The difference between David and Saul was, David knew God and nothing is too difficult for the Lord. The difference between David and Goliath was, David put His trust in God and Goliath trusted his own power (and so do the uncircumcised until this day), this is the Antichrist. The anti-christ is not seen in rock bands that say “hail Satan,” these guys are deceived and rebelling against religion. The anti-christ is seen in self-righteous “religious” ones who oppose the work of the Holy Spirit and trust in their own power to “serve God.” Saul was killing Christians until he met Jesus in Spirit, many seminaries pump out Saul’s today who work against him Holy Spirit by denouncing the current move of the Spirit. Like Stephen said: How long will you resist the Holy Spirit? The problem comes when we think that God will deliver us the way we think he should deliver. We all know David is a picture of Christ, but God did not deliver Christ from the Romans and the envious religious Jews. He has a greater deliverance in mind; Death, Burial, and Resurrection! Only through the process of Death, Burial, and Resurrection can there be a new creation (II Corinthians 5:17). We must stop trying to save ourselves so that God can use us. Jesus is the first born among many brethren (Romans 8:29) The first creation died with Adam, then was cursed, but the second Adam came and has been sown into the first creation and has raised it into incorruption, (I Corinthians 15:42-44) (the first creation being an apple of sorts). (Revelation 14:4) Moses led the Jews out of Egypt and to the wilderness, but Joshua had to take them over into the Promised Land. What the flesh could not do because it was weak. The Spirit had to do (Romans 8:2-4). Many Christians lead “Holy” lives in the flesh, having a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof, but they cannot enter the Promised Land life without the fullness of the Spirit, the fruit and the gifts are evident in Resurrection people. The Holy Spirit led Israel to the wilderness to be tempted and tested, weak in the flesh they fell in unbelief and self-confidence. This was to show us that “we” cannot do it; flesh cannot walk with God and accomplish His work. The Holy Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted and tested like Israel, with humanity on His shoulders, He overcame by faith in the Word, but the difference is that Jesus walked in perfect love, He cared not for Himself, therefore Satan could find nothing in Him, no place to snare Him. When we are willing to die for our brethren, we will not sin, and the law is fulfilled in love. The disciples all lived with Jesus and even did miracles but they denied Him and could not “see” the revelation of the kingdom until they had failed and later in the upper room they all received the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit. Now with Christ in them they could see and overcome. Again, the flesh (man) was not able to receive the things of God for they are spiritually discerned; only the regenerated Spirit of man can “see” the kingdom. (John 3:3).

 **OLD ADAM NEW ADAM**

 of the earth (ADAM) from above (JESUS)

 **CARNAL MAN NEW MAN (II Cor. 5:17)**

 Jacob Israel

 Goliath (Flesh) David (Vessel)

 Abram Abraham

 Saul Paul

**CARNAL MIND NEW MIND**

 Golgotha/Skull Hill Mind of Christ

(Matt. 27:33) (Romans 8:7) (I Corinthians 1:16)

 **MOSES JESUS**

 (Temporary Deliverer) (Eternal Deliverer)

 **OLD COVENANT NEW COVENANT**

 (Testament)

 Mt. Sinai Mount Zion

 (Law) (Grace)

 (Flesh) (Spirit)

 Hagar – Ishmael Jerusalem – Isaac

 (Galatians 4:22-31)

 **OLD STONES NEW STONES**

 (Buildings) (People)

 (Nehemiah 4:2) (I Peter 2:5)

 **OLD CITY NEW CITY**

 Jerusalem New Jerusalem

 (Revelation 21:2)

 (Physical) (Spiritual)

 **OLD KING NEW KING**

 David Jesus (Revelation 19:16)

 (Sinned) (Perfect)

Chapter 6

“Have You Ever Done Nothing?”

 God enjoys taking an “impossible” situation and confounding the wise and prudent by bringing life from death. Abraham and Sarah were too old in the natural to have a child, no sperm, no eggs. A perfect couple for God to work with, even these two famous “Hall of Faith” saints tried to help God out. We all know the story well, but how does it apply to our lives? O.K., have you ever done nothing? We all have dreams, visions and promises from God. Until we know that we are “in the faith” God can’t use us. Paul said: test yourself to see if you are in the faith.” On the basic question of salvation, have you ever done nothing? I mean gotten to the point that you did not pray, did not read your Bible, did not go to church, and did not try to control your mind to believe in Jesus? When you stopped holding on with all your being to believe; what happened? Did the earth stop rotating, did the sky fall, and did your face fall off, anything? Did you hear God talk to you? Were you still saved? You say “God forbid,” I would never do that! Well, until a believer has done nothing and then discovered that Christ is really in them, they are still an actor. If we are not able to believe, that God is able to keep us without our help, how can we believe He can use us to save others or work miracles, the only true motive to do the works of God is out of love for Him. We read the Bible to get to know Him; we go to church to praise Him and serve the saints and learn of Him. We must come to a death and burial, and then see that He has “raised us into a newness of life.” (Ephesians 2:5-6) Most believers are afraid to question the faith or ask God things they are really feeling. The more honest we are with someone, the deeper the relationship can grow. Intimacy comes from vulnerability, how much more can us trust the Lord, and He died for us when we were still sinners, how much more is He for us now. He knows all your thoughts anyway, you might as well tell Him how you feel. God is not fragile; neither is our salvation and relationship with Him. He came to save us, He created the creation with redemption as part of the plan, no one can snatch us out of His hand, come on, GET REAL! (John 10:28-30) It is the same with our ministry or dreams, we must wait for God to open doors, we must become content with the little things, with our relationship with Jesus, like David in the obscure wilderness tending the sheep, praising God, and God knows where to find you. If and when Good wants to exalt you He will, and then you will be a true representative of Jesus.

Chapter 7

“The Comfort Zone”

 The disciples understood not the revelation of resurrection, Jesus told them clearly to their face, “I must be rejected of men and die.” They could not fathom, they wanted to physically reign in the Old City of Jerusalem, right then. Our carnal mind wants to use Jesus and faith to build our lives, our kingdom, our church, but God is love and His purpose is eternal. Many Christians today want Jesus to give them all these gifts and prosperity but He is working on a much more important and eternal project. We want the presents under the “Christmas tree” but He wants to give us His presence under the “tree of Calvary.” We must approach Jesus and say “slay me Lord, that I may know you in the fellowship of your sufferings and in the power of your resurrection.” (Philippians 3:10-11) When we are made comfortable to his death, we can know His love, His presence, the joy unspeakable and full of glory. It is comfortable, not comfortable! Nothing good ever comes from being comfortable. The flesh will never volunteer to enter into suffering; it is by the Holy Spirit that God accomplishes this.

 In America we all have cars, houses and VCRs; how can we know suffering? In each era God has designed men’s lives to be a training ground for His process of conforming us. In this highly technological age of comfort, we may not wake with the rooster to work the field for food, but we do know stress, anxiety and other emotional and mental testing. To know Him in the power of His Resurrection, we must also know Him in His sufferings. To accomplish this we must be made comfortable to His death. (Philippians 3:10) This is a work of the Spirit; some will read this and know exactly what I’m talking about, while others will learn this over the seasons ahead. The Lord sees to it that all saints who have fully surrendered, hear of His surgery, and then experience it. We all want to get what we want, to live a full meaningful life, with comfort and security, but we get to know Christ in trials, hardship, disappointment and loneliness. These are all ingredients of “the fellowship of His suffering,” here we “get to know” Him. In the trials we learn to say “thank you Lord” and really mean it, but the thing we are thanking Him for now is that our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, for His steadfast friendship and that He does provide food, shelter and clothing. The path that Jesus Christ walked is our path too. He lives through us here and now, letting us be rejected, misunderstood, lonely and even slain to show His unconditional love to the world, at the same time, making us His faithful bride. Love your enemy, go the extra mile, pray for those who use you, if they want your coat, give your shirt as well. This love cannot be imitated; this love is found only in Christ and in His dear ones.

 The flesh will not “enter in” voluntarily, no matter of alter calls on Sunday will produce a “Christian,” it is the real life during the week, when Christ does the deep work on us. People can pray, fast, read the Bible, sing songs and preach all kinds of religious acts in the flesh. Religions all over the world practice all these without the Holy Spirit, even with unclean Spirits. (Matthew 7:21-23) It is on the job we don’t like with people we don’t like, in a world we don’t like, that we get to know Jesus and learn of His suffering. This momentary light affliction will produce a far more exceeding weight of glory. God’s agenda is long-term, He is faithful even when we are not, to produce in and through us a work that all will be proud of for eternity. The wilderness or dungeon is God’s design to bring us to His jealous love. Joseph said “What you thought for evil, God meant for good.” (Genesis 50:20) Most people today say that God “allowed” Joseph’s brothers to treat their little brother cruelly, and then God turned the situation around for good. The Word of God says over and over than in His sovereignty, the Lord orchestrates these things to display His glory (Proverbs 21:1) (Revelation 17:17) The Hebrew word for “meant” in (Genesis 50:20) is (Chashab), “to fabricate,” “to plot,” this proves that God is in control, He is not following the devil around fixing things. God gave Joseph His dream, knowing he would tell his brothers, God wanted Joseph to be a slave, He orchestrated this whole scenario to setup Israel’s bondage, deliverance and destiny, to show us His ways. When a man has opportunity to save someone’s life and does not try, even an earthly court rules “negligence”. God is the initiator, not Satan. Many “faith” preachers cannot deal with this, because it renders their “formulas” ineffective. Like the person who says car wreck scared them back to the Lord, then everybody blames the devil for the car wreck, well that makes Satan the best evangelist in the world, which is preposterous! Many car wrecks may just be human error, neither God nor the devil caused them. The Devil is blamed, or I should say, gets credit for much more than he actually does or has the power to do. He lies and causes man to destroy himself many times. Today Christian’s sin and blame the devil, just like Eve did. Joseph was taken to Egypt as a slave to later redeem the elect, a picture of Christ, that was God’s plan for Joseph. God doesn’t wait for the devil to do something then “use it for good.” God’s ways are above our ways, His thoughts higher than our thoughts. (11 Kings 15.5) shows God smite a king with leprosy, I guess it’s time for a theology check. God doesn’t harm His children in the long run, but if we judge a matter before it’s time, we may miss what God is doing and end up judging God.

 How could Moses deliver Israel out of Egypt if He never went in? God wanted Moses to be born in Egypt which would have been impossible without Joseph’s travail.

 Preachers today, many times, apologize for God, watering down the truth so it will be acceptable, so people will “accept” Jesus and the church will grow. The truth, is what sets people free, there are very few free people in America. We are given everything, but like Solomon, we entangle ourselves into idolatry so easily, let us pray for hearts like David, the conqueror! David knew when a man came out on the road and cursed him and spit on him that God had a message in it for him, he did not “bind the devil”, he knew sovereignty of God. (II Samuel 16:5-14) It is normal to not want to suffer.

In religions where suffering is self-imposed, it is a demonic influence causing people to enter into that so called “Holy” behavior. God knows we don’t want suffering, but he orchestrates our lives so that we experience the breaking and being out of control, to learn of Him. He never tests us more than we are able to bear. Look at the way God treated his “only begotten son,” He submitted himself to the Father and the Father submitted to Him to mankind and demon powers, knowing it was the only way to redeem the elect. The “nerf cross” that is preached today has no suffering, that is why it has no resurrection power. These false prophets say “Jesus became poor so that you can have a Mercedes.” He became poor so that we could be blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). In Isaiah 53:10 we see that even God the Father offered His Son on the alter to take away the sins of the world! Now when He takes you through hard times, don’t think God has abandoned you or the devil is having his way. God is having His way to conform you to the image of His Son. The false teachers tell only of the blessings, leaving the saints weak and unable to stand in the day of shaking. Count it all joy when you are tried, He is able to bring you through! (James 1:2-4)

Chapter 8

“Tough Love”

Until a person has been broken by the Holy Spirit and knows the reality of the cross, (that the heart is beating and the lungs are pumping only because of the Almighty God has granted favor for this minute), this person is useless in the service of God and His work on the earth. Jeremiah was taken to the depths of the reality of God’s judgment and compassion, seeing Israel fall and yet knowing the love of God was all that any of us really have. The Lord is my portion! (Lamentations 3:1-22, 24, 42). The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The Lord is sovereign and He needs no one to accomplish His work. People say that God does nothing without man initiating the work in prayers, this is humanistic dung! No where in scripture is man seen as the initiator. In man’s search for significance, the carnal mind has ascended to assume an infinite number of deceitful ways of manipulating ways of manipulating his place as being one that is “not replaceable.” In thought, in philosophy, in business structure, in science and every realm of human power struggle, we see evidence of this serpent like behavior. When the kingdom of God comes upon a person’s life, He turns their world upside down! (Acts 17:6) The glory of God becomes their portion and the mantle of their life. The boldness of the Lion of Judah flows though the surrendered and “dead” vessel, confounding the world and producing miracles unexplained by the skeptics. The end-time harvest is beginning and God will display His glory only through Christians who are dead, to ambition and vain glory. Love is the sustaining power that holds a saint through thee dark times of breaking and shaking, all faith seems gone at times and hope is being moved from temporal things to eternal. Only the love of God is left to hold onto in the innermost being, the result of this process is on the other side, when all motivation will be in love, not just faith. (I Corinthians 13:2-3) (Galatians 5:6)

The problem in our selfish society is, people want to experience the resurrection life, the abundant life, without experiencing the death and burial. Preachers today are heard all over the nation preaching promises of the healthy, wealthy and wise life, great crows gather and pay for books and tapes, but lives aren’t changed. Like clouds without rain, these motivational speakers leave out the real gospel. The power of the gospel is only found in the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in you. Yes, it is good news, but the bad news comes first; conviction, repentance from dead works and death to self, let go of the right to be “God,” ruling your life, the right to health, wealth or wife! (I Corinthians 15:1-4, Colossians 3:1-4, Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 6:19-20). The Lord wants to establish His love in us, His character, He wants to live through us. The worst witness the tackiest people are the selfish, haughty “faith” people, who have manipulated everything around them to possess their dreams. Like “new money” they flaunt what “God has given them”, and the world sees right through this façade. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, until all that stands is Christ (Peter 1:24-25). Mathew 7:21-23 proves that even unsaved people can use God’s name and His word to get rich and do miracles, therefore if a man is rich it doesn’t mean he knows God and because a man knows God doesn’t mean he is supposed to be rich. Just once I would like to see a “Faith Church” where the members have more money than the preacher.

 Like “candy apples” these people look good on the outside but they are still “rotten to the core.” Yes, the Lord does desire to heal people and give them abundance and authority, but not until He has dealt with the heart, and brought salvation to the inner man, the body, soul and Spirit. When we give up on trying to use Jesus to “make our life” and finally “give up our life,” then in brokenness He can work the sanctification necessary for us to become, vessels of honor, able to handle the power of the Holy Spirit, and the ambassadorship responsibly. Being rooted and grounded in love, we live I Corinthians 13 in power. Only a real love of truth and a desire to serve God will bring a person to the point of truly letting go of this life, to move into the Eternal Spirit and see with God’s perspective. The flesh says “eat, drink and be merry, lest tomorrow we die,” “Get all you can now, because time is running out.” “Yeah, sure, I love Jesus, but I’ll be with Him forever in eternity, now I’ve got to live it up here, make money, comfort, make a name for myself.” Babylon is raging today and the major part of the church is engaged with her. The whore of Babylon is a subtle one, like the serpent, the lies are almost truth, so close only the discerning saint can tell the whore from the Bride. We are called to be virgins, wise virgins with our lamps full of oil. “The Lord is my portion, fill my cup oh Lord, your love is better than life.”

Stand back and look at the “Christian” landscape, as the world sees us. There are thousands of seminars on how to get money, how to be happy, success and self help. How many seminars do we have on love, gaining wisdom or being filled with the Spirit. The world knows that Jesus said, “preach the gospel to the poor, feed the hungry, take care of windows,” that is where Jesus is. The lost world quotes, (I Corinthians 13), and the church cannot say a word. When God’s people are backsliding and idolaters, God uses the world to rebuke or chasten the Church (Israel). When a person knows Christ, the revelation comes that we were created to serve Him, this is worship. We must have His eternal perspective, only possible through His anointing and the Death, Burial and Resurrection of our being. People at alters in every church come week after week wanting prayer to “know God’s will,” God’s will is to conform His people into the image of Christ. God’s agenda in every redeemed person is to take them through the same life Jesus had. The Word is born in us, then begins the path from proclamation to ruling, forever in Him. I call this the “course of the Word” and this life of Jesus is the same life all who worships God in Spirit and in truth can expect to experience. When we know God’s plan and ways we will not fight it or lose hope when we face trials or betrayal, we will rejoice in faith, thankful that God has called us to this process of eternal reward. If we delight ourselves in the Lord, he will give us the desires of our heart that means he changes our hearts to desire what he desires. Selfish Christians interpret this to mean that if we serve God he will give us what we want. (Psalm 37:4).

*“THE COURSE OF THE WORD”*

*These are the steps of the Christian Life*

*The Word Becoming Flesh, first in Messiah – then in us*

**Receive Word** Luke 1:26-38

**Christ born** in Mary, so Christ can be born in you.

**Proclamation** Luke 1:46-56 2:27-32 (Prophecy) Something

new is in me and it must come out!

**Misunderstanding** Luke 2:42-50 (By Family, Friends)

**Baptism** Luke 3:21-22 (It’s not out idea)

**Wilderness** Luke 4:1-13 Temptation (overcome by Word)

**Confrontation** with flesh Luke 4:16-22, 28-30

**Ministry** Miracles (Popularity) John 6:2 & 26, John 2:23-25

Matthew 9:8, Matthew 8:19

**Expose Flesh** Unpopular (Pharisees) (666) John 6:66

Matthew 12:14 Persecuted by Flesh Galatians 4:29

**Betrayal** (Rejection) Luke 22:21&48, John 18:27,

Luke 23:18-23

**Gethsemane** Luke 22:42-44 “NOT MINE BUT THINE”

**Trial** (Falsely Accused) Isaiah 53:7, Luke 23:2-15,

Matthew 26:57-68

**Wrongful Death** Luke 23:46, Isaiah 53:6,9

**Burial** Matthew 27:58-60

**Resurrection** Matthew 28:5-6

**Unbelief by Followers** Luke 24:37-39, Matthew 28:17

**Overcome World** Luke 23:34

**Rule & Reign Through Others** Matthews 28:18

*OUR FAITH IS TESTED AT EVERY STEP,*

*HOPE IS FORMED, AND LOVE MOTIVATES US*

*TO YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

Chapter 9

“Re-Union”

 Jesus not only brought heaven to earth, but he brought the earth (His body) up to heaven. We all know about the Anointed One, full of Glory being born in a manger, but think, right now in heaven sits flesh and a bone at the right hand of God. In His glorified body, Jesus the Christ, the King of Glory rules and reigns from heaven. Adam was “of the earth” then God breathed His breath into him (His Spirit, His glory), this was the union of the Creator and the creation. The fall brought separation, through the lie, Adam chose independence. Second Adam came and re-joined the Creator back with the creation by taking on humanity, “the Word became flesh and we behell His glory,” (John 1:14). Faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love. Only love will sacrifice one’s own betterment for the good of others. Faith can possess promises, hope can wait and endure much, but love makes it possible to experience the Resurrection life. Prisoning yourself as a living sacrifice is the exhortation in Romans 12:1 but this can only be a reality to a believer after he has experienced the love of God. We love Him because He first loved us. People can easily say “I love God”, but the true test comes when we must give up or sacrifice for Him or others, this is where faith and hope fall short, but love is stronger than death. When we see the vision of the great reunion, we are ready to lay now our temporal lives for the cause of Christ, to see souls saved for eternity. Boldness is a fruit of this reality, that we no longer man and Certainly can no longer enjoy the self-indulgent life style we once did, before partaking of the divine nature of God. Faith is the ability to trust God and His promises, but after this comes a reality much greater, one of desiring to give Him all that we have, all that we are, to pour out being out of Him. Seeing the vanity of this life, in all its beauty and splendor, even so, to be able to give to Him, to bring joy to the heart of God, to express back to Him, the gratitude for the love He has shown to us, this is a people prepared for God’s use. THE INFATUATED BRIDE, enraptured in His holy love, willing to lay down our lives for Him and the brethren, then the world will know we are His disciples and He is Lord of all! Oh, there must be more than praying, singing songs, waiting on Him, how can I show God how much I love Him, then he says, “As you have done unto the least of these my brethren, so you have done unto me.” If we love God we will love our brothers, and meet the needs of the ones in our world. (I John 3:14-18). In America this seems so hard because people seem to have all they need, the question today one again is, “ How is my neighbor?” in the story Jesus told of the Samaritan, he said anyone in need that you come across is your neighbor. In the fear of God let us repent or these notions that some are call to tend to the poor and needy while others are called to more sophisticated tasks. Come down from your lofty thrown, you Laodiceans, we are all called to preach the gospel to every creation, care for the widow and the orphan and compel them to come in. in the fear of god let us examine our lifes and see if were living the Resurrection or just take for granted what Christ has done for us and foolishly squandering our lives away in front of television.

 Go forth, preach the Gospel, cast out demons, heal the sick and prophesy in Jesus name, do all this and more in the power of love!

Chapter 10

“But It Hurts”

 “All this talk of death and suffering, I thought the gospel was good news?” the good news comes as a double edged sword, along with the promises of abundant eternal life, Jesus brought the bad news of death to the carnal man, “unless you lose your life for my sake, you will not find life eternal.” There’s a rest for the people of God, a place of peace and joy, adventure and love with the brethren, it is an unpredictable life of spontaneous miracles and excitement, a life security in God, not temporal things. To enter the rest we must reckon ourselves dead and let God be God in our lives. By faith we have the courage to enter into the promises of God, the “promised land”. When we know God is God, we can let go of all the things that hinder him from living through us. The anointing is such a popular subject, and yet so misunderstood. Jesus Christ, means “the anointed one, the savior.” He now lives in the saints, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” This was the mystery of the ages, now revealed to the world. The Lamb was slain, the veil was TORN, the circumcised hearts now receive the anointing. (Colossians 1:24-27) We only need one anointing, not many. “The anointing” is enough to heal, preach, discern, teach, love, laugh, cry, do all things (Philippians 4:13). There are many gifts and many manifestations, but only one anointing. No where in the Word do we see mention of different anointings. The problem is, people’s mindsets, tradition and false teachings hinder the Anointed One from flowing through us to touch the world or the church. We must stop all dead works and be still, to learn of the Christ within us. So much “Christian” activity today is frantic flesh trying to do what we see others do or read what Smith Wigglesworth did. Only when we hear His voice and get overwhelmed by His Spirit and revelation from the Word will we express outwardly in a true way. We must be free to serve God in the unique way he has formed us to please Him, not copy what others do or conform to a famous preacher’s ways, we don’t need Saul’s armor. We can’t work up the anointing, He is already in there, stop trying and start flying! By doing nothing, but receiving, loving God, being loved, all fruit will grow from this, He is the farmer.

 All the things we think we need to be happy; cars, career, wife, husband, position, acceptance, and fame; let go of all these and see first the kingdom of God, be real with the King. Ask for hunger, He will fill you and then like Jeremiah you can say, “the Lord is my portion.” David said “your love is better than life.” These prophets knew that Death, Burial, and Resurrection were the key to enter in. God gives us a glimpse of our potential and His destiny for our lives and then we are tempted to “make it happen.” We see a life that looks good so we try to create it, name it, claim it, confess it, but after a while we still aren’t happy. The only place of lasting happiness is walking with Christ, even if its eating beans with hobos. Joseph saw the future in his dreams but before he would rule, he had to go to the dungeon. We are called to die daily, to rest in Him, to “wait on God,” to prove Him. This seems to be a paradox, until we experience that what He has for us in the secret place, is better than what we dreamed for anyway. What can compare to the presence of God, His sweet friendship, the unconditional sweet love of Christ, when we are caught up in intercourse with him? Enoch walked with God and never do we read of his ambitions, he chose the best part; like Mary, he saw the beauty of the Lord.

Chapter 11

“The Original Who Done It Mystery”

 Why did God make the world this way? Or did we make it this way? When we look at the world today and the creation, we must wonder if it is supposed to be like this? Did God intend for the creation to be the way is it, or did man abuse his free will and create the present condition.

 Our pre-supposition on this issue will affect every decision in our practical life and is the basis for our Christian philosophy in life, much like our position on the “end of the world” makes some people plant trees and sow for the future, while others sell assets and prepare to escape tribulation or the “any minute now rapture.”

 Did God know that man would fall in the Garden, was the fall inevitable because Satan’s influence was present in the universe? Did the fall disappoint and shock God or was it something that he not only foresaw but a necessary event for his eternal purpose to be established. How could God even “allow” it to happen seeing all the innocent babies and lives that have been affected since that day?

Which came first, the parable or the Lord who told the parables?

 Well the answer is simple; the Lord himself created all things knowing that one day he would come in the flesh and describe the Kingdom of God to his disciples using this classroom with all the teaching aids he had built into the creation. Eating and drinking, sowing and reaping, the reality of marriage were all designed into the creation to show us Gods’ ways, his mind for us and his plan for creation. He is “the Artist,” his entire beautiful universe displays the Glory of God, he didn’t create it and then decide to make up some analogies from nature to teach us his principles. God designed the creation as a parabolic manifestation of the eternal reality to harvest and train the Son’s of God through this dance of life. This truth liberates us to enjoy the abundant life here as well as have hope in our life in eternity.

 I rose early in the darkness, a spirit being with a soul and clothes in a body, Propelled by a thirst inside I had to drink of the cold, hard liquid, the water, to satisfy the thirst inside. Why did God make me thirst, why do I love to drink water? He made us need water as a physical proof, a parable in flesh that we need to partake not only of physical water for our physical body, but we need to drink of the Spirit of God to quench the thirst of our Spirit.

 Only when we receive this key to interpret the creation can we benefit from all the creation has to offer in teaching us his ways, His purpose in creating us, the fall and redemption in Christ. The Messiah is the Union of the eternal Spirit with the temporal creation, but after Messiah manifest, now part of the creation has become eternal. Flesh and bone are sitting in Heaven, this is the mystery of Godliness (I Timothy 3:16). When we can see all of creation as a parable, created by God to teach us to “experience”, then we no longer fight it or try so hard to change it, but we are free to experience it and learn in it. The wolves surround the lost sheep and then he cries out until the shepherd comes to his rescue. The wolves can easily kill the Lamb but they are no match for the shepherd. Jesus used his parables often to lead us into the revelation of his creation, his school of parables called life.

Let us trust our lives into the hands of our Creator, and die to self that he may raise up into the Resurrection life he has destined!

Jesus trusted the Father with his life and God has raised him from the dead. All miracles and works that shall not be burned come from this true testing of fire, not in this life.

To receive from God, whether it is more of the Spirit or fellowship with him, we must come to a certain death to enter in to all he has for us. To lay on the floor and soak in his pretense we must die to “dead works” and simply receive. In this process we die to all other opportunities, television, people, pleasure of the world, etc. and devote a piece of our precious time to him that we may worship him by “being there” with him, he always rewards us when we seek him. (Hebrews 11:6).

Chapter 12

“Animals”

 Why did God make the animals, the animals Kingdom? We read in Genesis where he made the Heaven, the earth, the plants, the animals, and usually hurry up by all that to start reading about ourselves, man. Have you ever stopped to think, why did God make all these animals in their diversity all over the planet? If it were just for food he could have made them much easier to eat and probably would have made them extravagant in design and behavior. The only reason we cohabit this plant with vicious, beautiful and delicately strange creatures is that God by design wants us to learn revelations of his ways and purpose from them.

 The Lion, the king of his realm, displays dominance and authority. They hyenas and vultures, represent demons and the powers of darkness ready to make advantage of the weak, living off the other to survive, their predators, have sharp teeth and strength to kill. The only defense of sheep, deer and other grazers is they have it to stick with their group.

 Jesus spoke much of sheep and wolves, and there is no better picture of the body of Christ and the deceiver that feed off the flock.

 But why the peacock in all his pride, the caterpillar with colors to shame the best human designer, why so much diversity, variation and comic relief? Each kind of animal has its strengths and its weakness. Some forms of wild cattle just survive by warning others of a predator running, leaving any weak family behind. Other groups of cattle, buffalo types are so bold that in their unity they are a threat to the lion or tiger, who live to weed out the weak.

 What can we, the body of Christ, the family of God learn from these? If we lay down our lives for one another and boldly attack the enemy together we will avoid casualties and have victory. We are all called to preach the gospel and be Shepherds to the world and the flock of God. The true Shepherd has shown us that the greatest love is to lay down our lives for our friends. Look at all the insects, the fowls of the air, the plants and how they function and pray for revelation by the Holy Spirit through these things.

 When we observe all the beauty, splendor and the sense of humor in the creation, we can only conclude that the Lord is absolutely in control of His creation and generous by nature. Proven by such creatures as Dolphins, the life guards of the sea, and the Angler Fish, with his fishing pole and bait built unto his head. The Lord knew that we would grope through the fog of this fallen world and take ourselves too seriously, therefore he created our surroundings as an infinitely revelatory theatre in which we play the lead role.

 “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind”. (Job 12:7-10)

Chapter 13

“What’s The Purpose?”

 What is the purpose of this life? Why are we here? Some days are filled with joy and purpose, others full of questions, problems and pain! Does God want to fix everything of is He a cruel guy standing back watching the suffering of the masses while doing nothing about it? There are as many opinions about the questions as there are people, but in America all the opinions ultimately fit into one of three major categories.

 The first one I will attempt to explain is the “Atheist.” The Atheist ultimately trusts in reason and scientific theory that is usually falsely called “fact.” They reason that because we cannot see God or prove that there is a God, then we must explain our existence by our physical surroundings. Many Atheists believe in the “Theory of Evolution”, but others do not try to explain it at all and just adopt the philosophy “eat, drink and be merry, lest tomorrow we die.” Writers throughout history have all compounded this philosophy. This philosophy basically says, we are here because of random events in nature and it does not really make sense, there is no real purpose, so make what you can of it, make it mean something, you are your own God. “Cruel world”, “survival of the fittest”, “every man for himself”, “make your own reality” and “intellect is God.” The end result of this philosophy is Depression, which leads to suicide. If this life is all there is and there is no God, then all we see in nature points to death. The resurrection seen in new trees or plants for example would look like an endless and impersonal sowing and reaping for the purpose of just keeping this meaningless cycle going. When we die our body is given back to the earth as fertilizer. With this view, happiness comes when things go well and hopelessness comes when your “luck” runs out.

 Secondly and on the opposite end of the spectrum of reason is what I will call the “Formula Christians.” These people have been quickened by the Holy Spirit and know that there is a God, (most of the time). Although superficial in world-view and character, they are very loyal to win the world for Jesus. With all the T-shirts, bumper stickers and zeal they can muster they are convinced that God wants everybody in the world to be saved, healed and rich, right now! There is no question about it, God wants all the suffering and problems to stop right now. These “fix-it” mentality people believe that the ball is all in our court, God has done all He is going to do and now it is up to ha to tell everybody about Jesus before it is too late. They preach that it is all “your choice” to go to heaven or hell, so who would choose hell? Somehow they are smarter for “choosing” Jesus and lost people are dumb or just rebels. In their off with this oversimplified version of “the Gospel.” The nation is full of their “converts” who have now given up because they were not disciples but just talked into being “saved.” In trying to be significant, people try to win souls, heal the world or just anything to prove they are somebody.

 The problem with all this is that they can never answer the real questions that their “victims” ask:

* Why does God let children suffer?
* Why do some people that never hear the Gospel go to hell?
* Why aren't all Christians healthy and rich?
* If some people do go to hell, is it our fault because we did not do enough to save them?
* Why am I paying for Adam’s sin?
* Why doesn't life fit into your formulas?
* Why are your leaders rich, but you are not?
* Why did my faithful grandmother die with …

God uses these shallow and self-righteous Christians in spite of themselves, after all there no perfect vessels, only God can make someone saved or healed. By the foolishness of preaching God has chosen the elect. (I Corinthians 1:21)

Note: This group is called “Formula Christians” because of selfish theology, not because “while they should be teaching” they are still desiring “milk” and drinking “formula.” (Hebrews 5:11-14)

The third group of people are also very zealous and hold deep conviction about their beliefs, but they have received revelation from the Bible, the Holy Spirit and by observing the Creation.

Knowing that God is God, believing in supernatural healing, miracles and God prospering saints in what He has called them to do, but also knowing that His ways are above our ways and formulas don't necessarily for every situation. God’s only formula is to form Christ in the saints He has redeemed. After years of trying to get our way with God using “formulas” in vain, this group of believers have learned to be content in whatever state they find themselves in. (Philippians 4:11-12) The more mature Christian you talk to and it is impossible to box Him into “always” and “nevers.” Through years of the process of sanctification, of working out the salvation of the soul with fear and trembling, these surrendered saints have been convinced by a God that he doesn't need us to accomplish His work in the earth, He is sovereign as King of the universe and yet He takes great pleasure in revealing His secrets to His servants and sharing His work of the harvest with His sons.

Why did God create ornately colored fish at the bottom of the sea doing incredible little mating dances? After all, man did not even discover these until recent technology allowed us to dive thousands of feet below the surface and bring back photographs of these spectacular little creatures. Did He make all the infinite detail and beauty of His creation so that public television would have good footage to try to sell us on evolution? Doesn't all flamboyance of the birds splendid colors or the fishes light spectrum become a little overdone when we consider all the starving babies in Africa?

If God is frantic about trying to fix everything, how can we enjoy the beauty of His creation that so justly gives Him glory? He created all this so that we might learn of His ways, to know love and faith. Did the caterpillars begin to make cocoons and resurrect as butterflies after Jesus went to the cross or was that just another part of the creation design from the beginning of time to scream to us silently the purpose of God. Selah! God, the artist loves to create, He loves to love, He loves for us to discover His grand plan, the butterfly, the cow, the dung beetle, all love to serve Him and help secure us in love, on our path to glory!

It has been said many times that “man creates God in his own image.” In America, we have the American Dream, “a beautiful house and cars, a beautiful wife and children and, of course, money to travel and what would all this be without health to enjoy it”? We tend to turn God into a “genie”, where we make wishes in the form of confessing and claiming and coveting all these things to build our own little kingdom.

In third world countries, Christians see God as savior, provider, healer, whatever the most urgent need is at the time and God is all these. Whether here, where we have it all or there where they have less, we all tend to develop the “fix it” mentality, but what we need is the “mind of Christ”, where Paul said “whether I have much or have little I have learned to be content in all things” (Philippians 4:11-12). The only things we are exhorted to covet are the Spirit, the Spiritual gifts and the prosperity of our brethren. (Hebrews 13:5)(I Timothy 6:6-11)

The lesson God wants us to learn is love, how to prefer our brother, love our neighbor and love our enemies, everything else is God’s job and will fall into place. All the stress and anxiety about time running out or “we aren't doing enough for God” simply melts away when we realize the revelation that God is in control and the whole creation is progressing according to plan, even the harvest of man. (Hebrews 2:15) The fix-it mentality is adverse to our being, always thinking that God is frantic about fixing everything, adverse to our being, always thinking God is frantic about fixing everything, saving everyone before it’s too late and time can somehow elude God.

When we finally see that the Lord is God, then we are free to “enjoy the mess” while at the same time move with compassion to reach people in the love of God, now in a quality way, not a frantic rush. Until we enter the rest, we can't learn from the creation.

God manifest this whole creation for His elect in which to have a training ground to learn and grow. The fall, the redemption and the sanctification process of believers were all part of the plan. He created it, He cursed it, and He resurrected it in love, proving that God is the only hero. Jesus, the man, even said over and over “there is no one good but God.” He was saying that only the Spirit will last. The other alternative is that the fall and wickedness of man shocked God so He had to come out with “plan B”, call 911 and send His Son to redeem man and bring healing, to “fix” everything. A Christians’ beliefs on these issues will determine their philosophy of life and their predisposition on the character of God. In trying to make God palatable, nice and “believable”, people reject the fact that God wanted the fall to take place. The problem is our perspective is limited and we can sometimes forget that the destruction of our flesh can bring eternal fruit in the spirit, as proven by God a laying His Son on the cross, or Paul putting Hymenaeus and Alexander out of the church for the saving of their souls. (I Timothy 1:20)

I'm persuaded that God’s sovereignty sees to it that ministers of healing believe that God wants all healed right now. Evangelists believe that God wants all saved right now, etc., but Theologians that see the big picture and strengthen the body through great times of tribulation, know the deeper truths of God’s sovereignty and His eternal purposes. Some argue that God does not make anyone sick, that “sickness does not come from God”, but He created all things and foreknowledge alone will not “let God off the hook” for being responsible for all things, after all. Everyone believes that God has foreknowledge, why did He put Adam in the Garden with the serpent, Adam nor his wife were any match for the serpent. Lucifer fell before “the creation was made subject to vanity” (Romans 8:20) and God knew that he would beguile the woman. This was all done for our learning, the law cannot produce life, “don't eat of this and do eat of that” is not the “more excellent way.”

The Spirit gives life but only a resurrected being can possess the fullness of the Spirit, the eternal purpose of God is to produce a faithful Bride for eternity to sit on the throne with Him, after He has brought us from the fall, the ashes, the pit and breathed into us His eternal Spirit, we know the difference in being independent and being dependent, in love with Him. The angels were created and saw God in the Spirit, they chose independence. We are born again, we will never rebel in Heaven. Satan challenged God one day and God said consider Job. God did not have to enter the argument but He enjoyed spoiling Satan. God said consider Job because of what we see in Job 2:10, “Why should we love and serve God only for the good, shall we not accept the bad as well?.” Oh, that modern Christians would have this heart, then we will see true revival and harvest, more importantly a true representation of the true God! God has desired a bride to represent Him, to think as He thinks, to know His real purpose for ages. What joy it brings a man’s heart when his wife knows what he is thinking, his deepest convictions. This is what every man truly wants.

The future of the church holds great promise, for we are moving toward the day when our doctrine will come from lovers of truth who will present the Word of God in its fullness, and not be afraid to question what has been taught. We have seen twisted theology to sell the “faith” preacher’s bill of goods and we have seen twisted theology to control masses of people under a false priesthood called “the Catholic church.” Now there are multitudes of underground believers full of revelation who know that liberty is the rule of God and we are saying “give me liberty or give me death”!

God wants to take us through the storms, darkness and the fire, where it feels like Hell, to work faith into us, where it seems there is no reason for faith. We can go “beyond reason” only by the Spirit. Why do we think that Job had a hard life but ours should be easy? If we go through what Job did, loosing all, even health and see that the Lord is all we need, then we can never be tempted again with worldly things, fame, fortune or sex.

Chapter 14

“Suppressing The Truth” (Rom. 1:18)

We are born into a runaway train, the world is going on a course, a rut well worn by centuries of tradition which all started first with Adam, then with Israel and finally with the first coming of Christ and the establishment of the church. A great awakening took place at Reformation but today we are at the threshold of the greatest awakening ever experienced by man. We need revolution today in the hearts, minds and actions of man. The stage is set like never before for an instant sweeping of change in the minds of the world. God has now made it possible trough technology to have the whole world to witness and event together. The world is a small community, therefore truth, revelation and even error can be consumed by everyone simultaneously at any given moment. God is Spirit and He does not need technology to accomplish His work. All over the world today the enlightened ones are all receiving revelation of God’s truth, His ways and glimpse of evens that are about to unfold. Kingdom is diving against kingdom. The people who will die for truth and want to live for truth are opposed to the people who love for power and money. Christ in the Saints is at war with Satan in the goats: man is Antichrist when he tries to be God. The original sin was to “be like God”, it's nothing new. Today you are either dying o self and Christ is loving through you or you are striving to get your way and that makes you part of the problem. We live in the “Information Age” and the war is raging on how to get he truth out. God hates those who suppress the truth, therefore oppressing the props for selfish gain (Romans 1:18). The conspiracy goes much deeper than Whitewater, Watergate or JFK. The conspiracy started when Lucifer fell and he knew the glory of God, now his passion was to hide the glory of God from man, envy was His driving force. Throughout the ages he has tried to hide the truth of God’s plan from man, by perverting our image of God through lies and religious institutions. In the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God spoiled Satan (fallen Lucifer) and now when we are brought to the “secret place” the “dead zone,” hid in Christ, we too know God as He really is and walk in supernatural trust and loyalty to our Creator, Redeemer and Husband. Jesus Christ, the great liberator, has brought freedom and truth for mankind through love. He laid down His life for us, thus uncovering the truth forevermore!

Today in the “war on the minds,” through movies, television, music, books and influentials, the world spreads the lies so freely while church seems stuck in brick buildings. Change is upon us, Almighty God is raising up artists, writers, producers, actors, prophets, preachers, business people in every field to bring the truth to the world in creative ways that impact people wherever they are. True food for body, soul and Spirit is in demand and the end-time saints will be used to re-program the existing movie theaters, restaurants, radio stations and chief pulpits. More importantly, outside these established venues in the grass roots society, the word is spreading and the revolution has begun. The people will not take the status quo much longer. We must learn to wait on God, give Him everything and courageously surrender to Him, then He will form us into the creative vessels ready for this great end time harvest. Only when we care not for ourselves will be able to love every person around us. What are you doing with your life? What will it matter in eternity?

Chapter 15

“Anti-Church”

Is there anything “real” in the world anymore? We live in the “end of the age” and we see clearly now the “Revelation” of all things. Evil is manifest on talk shows where “vampires” tell of eating flesh and lesbian sex. Righteousness is seen in true Christians serving and loving the unlovable, not to mention Bible prophecies fulfilled every day. But, the real cry in the hearts of many is “give me something real!” There is a woman at the grocery check-out with her artificially sweetened diet-cola, wearing man-made synthetic fabric to cover her, man-made silicon breasts and she is late to a “New Age” Unity Church meeting where she will learn of an “imitation” Jesus.

The Truth is the only way we become free and the real Jesus ha the only one who can set us free. The world has seen the Pope and Robert Tilton, but these fake people have only caused the name of God to be blasphemed. God’s agenda has always been to be properly represented here o the earth. God is “real,” He is genuine, that is why He came in the flesh to show us what He is like. Now, He takes us through Death, Burial and Resurrection, the trials, the waiting and the whole process to make us genuine Christians, not fake people running around quoting His word. Jesus was not too “professional” to talk to the “woman at the well,” he wasn't too busy to relate to the “little people.” When we know that God is God, we are free to be loving, patient, and kind, people with no greater agenda than to serve and love others. Most Christians are consumed and driven to “get ahead,” have the “American dream” which they have been trained to call “prosperity.” Most pastors are consumed and driven to build the biggest church, increase the number of souls, the level of tithes, whatever, to make something happen so they will be significant. All these works of the flesh can be summed up in; “all that is in the world is the lust of the eyes, the list of the flesh and the boastful pride of life.” The Word goes on to say that those who love these things have not “the love of the Father.” I John 2: 15-17

While we all wait for the real Jesus to return, we are bombarded by imitations, it is the “age of imitation.” You have heard of the Ice Age, the Bronze Age, even the Information Age, well this is the Age of Imitation. Before Jesus does come, we will see a fake Jesus come, the anti-Christ (2 Thessalonians, Ch.2). Jesus warned in Matthew 24 that many will say “I am Christ.” What he refers to here is not only that many will come and say they are a Messiah, but also many will come and say they are “anointed.” The Anointed One, the Christ only works in the truth and truth is real! People who walk in truth are free to be real, no facades. With no agenda, but to please God, we are free from the pretense that causes us to build up walls by putting on airs or projecting an image.

God is not represented properly by leaders in churches who have not cooperated with His death, portal and resurrection (Sanctification). This produces what I call “The Anti-Church.” Anti is a Greek word meaning “instead of” substitute, or fake. In other words, the anti-church has an agenda and does many things instead of God’s plan for the church. Only people who have been through the process of Death, Burial and Resurrection can see and manifest the Kingdom of God and not steal His Glory. The anti-christ is not the devil, it is man trying to be God. (Revelation 13:18). When man submits to God, wait on God and does nothing until God moves, then and only then is a true work of the Spirit manifest. Satan has tricked people into playing God since the Garden of Eden, has he tricked you?

As I turned the radio through the various stations, I noticed the rock and rollers were high energy, abandoned in passion, in fact all “secular” stations are vibrant and full of life, but the “Christian” radio station has a woman saying, “I’m depressed, I am lonely, I need prayer.” Now wait a minute these are people with God, right? Then the realization hit me; the Church, or I should say “anti-church,” just kills people, they are drained of all freedom and life and become slaves of the religious system. Instead of floating through God’s beautiful creation, full of joy from salvation and love from Jesus, most Christians are bored, tired and confused, or they have already given up on “Church” and they are “hiding” in “the world.” In the days when Jesus walked the earth, the religious system was run by power-hungry Pharisees, controlling people to build their big “ministries,” Jesus taught all be discouraged people out on the side of a mountain. He set them free with truth, he didn’t use them to build a big ministry. When David was in the cave with all the miss fits and Saul was running Israel in the flesh, the remnant was underground, it is the same today. The wheat and the tares grow up together, some church leaders operate in the spirit, some in the flesh. No one can take Jesus from you, no one can take your true friends, but our problem is; the larger the group, The more temptation for the flesh. God wants his people to grow up, know the Word, know Him personally, grounded in Love and then we won’t be tossed to and fro by the doctrines of these “super Christians” at giant crusades wear silk suits and big offerings are the rule.

The present condition of the “official” church can be summed up in two major extremes;

1) the mainline, watered down, boring, denominational “old guard” church. These are seminary fed and conservative and don’t really apply to our “ real life.” We entered the big building each Sunday morning, joined by the big bills and steeple, we sense of feeling of all as we are humbled by this great institution, but after an hour so we’re looking at our watch because the guy in the rope is so boring. The church I read about in the Bible in the book of acts is so much more exciting and real.

2) The second extreme is the sensational and emotionally fulfilling “charismatic” church. With contemporary rock and roll music and a “really big show” there is never a dull moment as we are told endless promises of God’s love and available power for us to be healthy, wealthy and wise. We are invited to “shake our booty” for the Lord, give all our money so God will make us rich, then imagine and confess our dream life and God has to give it to us. The fact is, God gave gifts to the church to love the world and equip of the church, but the “faith” teachers have taught the charismatic how to use the word for personal gain which is witchcraft. (I Corinthians 12,13,14).

They true Church is called to preach the Gospel to every creature and equip the Saints for the work of the ministry. The Word of Faith preachers have made a merchandise of the flock. (II Peter 2:1-3) The “Faith” message was that popularized in the ‘80’s it was a move of God to get people out of defeated, poverty mentality. Sense then many have taken this message out of balance and is now perverted. Any agenda but is held higher than “Christ to being formed and you” is a wrong agenda. God's agenda is the only true and eternal agenda. All Christians know this down deep, why can’t we major on Love instead of Love being an afterthought comment the quiet lady says after hours of discussion on every other subject? The true church is pictured in the book of acts where people were excited about Jesus, meeting every night in their homes in fellowship and prayer, excited about Jesus Himself, not outselling a church or a ministry. The church is again coming to this reality as more and more Christians know Jesus through the shaking, otherwise we are no different than the Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Throughout the history of God to dealing with man, the relationship has been based on sacrifice, from the first animal slain to cover Adam and Eve, to the Son of God given to us as a lamb on the cross. The modern-day American Gospel has no sacrifice, Jesus is portrayed as a big Jeanie given temporal gift to brat children in these “Success in Life” circles. We have been called to live in the eternal perspective to serve the Living God, not use God to have the best of Disneyland, while for getting the call to feed the sheep and reach the world. Leaders of the Body of Christ our call to a life of sacrifice, (Romans 12:1-2) not success in worldly values. Today many Christian see these covetous men who flees the flock as examples of people who are blessed by God, when in reality they are using God’s people for personal gain. Men who use the Word and gifts to build their own Kingdoms and cause people to look to them instead of God, are cutting off people from a personal relationship with God just like the Pope, this is an “anti-christ.” We have seen so many wrong examples, characters of Christians. Now is the time to look at Jesus, he is a perfect example of how to spend your life to God’s glory. Everything he did is relevant to our life, except we do not need to die on the cross. It is finished.

The “faith perverts” tell us that we do the miracles, by controlling the elements through the “force of faith”. The same old message the serpent used in the Garden of Eden, “You can be God”. This charismatic witchcraft is a subtotal deception, because we do have power as Sons of God in Jesus name. The test we must apply to our actions is whether we are obedient to the Lord or using our power in His Word to get what we want. Love seeks not it’s own. (I Corinthians 13:5).

Chapter 16

“What Is God Doing? What Is Man Doing?”

What is God doing? – Networking people together in mutually beneficial and eternal relationships.

What is Man doing? – Using God’s Word to build institutions to control people for personal gain. (Nicolaitans – [nico-conquer, laitans – people] Rev. 2:1).

The True Church (Real) Jesus – Jesus says… “I will build My church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

The Anti-Church (Instead of) Man - Pastor says… “We must build this church!” The Bible says… We are commanded to make Disciples, God does the rest.

“Be My Spirit” - By divine appoitments, the Holy Spirit netowkr joins the body together, in mutually beneficial relationships. People set free by real love and anointed ministry spread word and bring friends to receive love.

Tradition – Through promotional means, programs, advertising, and trying what has been successful for other churches. Efforts are directed to bring crowds for big offerings to keep the big façade going. “Feed the machine.”

People – We are the temple of God, I Peter 2:5, shows us that God only sees the people he has redeemed as “His House.”

Buildings – We must live to keep the building up and growing. Members resources are depleted to save the “Mother Church.” Time, money and energy devoted to building program and maintenance could be more fruitfulby going to people with the gospel and gifts.

All Glory to Jesus – There is one special guy and it is not me or you. In Corinthians 6:4 we see God’s heart about who is special and who is not. How many pastors ask the quiet little lady in the back of the church to help solve a problem or reach souls?

Glorify Man – Church growth experts, Benny Hinn, Paul Yonge Cho or whoever’s words are held in higher esteem than the Holy Bible, the Word of God! God is angry about this.

The Cross – When financial burden is gone, we are free to preach the whole word of God, all the “hard sayings,” all the controlversial issues, the death to self which really sets people free, the truth!

Compromise – When church growth and financial responsibility is the concern, pastors must not be too controversial and must not offend anyone with their true convictions because some amy leave the church. (Peace = Growth)

Control – The true church is led by no one but the Holy Spirit and may seem out of control to the flesh.

Controlled – The anti-church is controlled by IRS 501 3-C regulations, Janet Reno’s definition of a cult, or the denominations home office policy. Leaders who feel threatened by the flock also hinder the flow of the Holy Spirit, by not allowing every member to speak at meetings, we miss out on the revelations God has put in each heart.

All Members Minister - “How is it then brethren? When ye come together, everyone of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.” Corinthians 14:26

Clergy-Layman Lie – The “special” ones are on the platform. Peoples true gifts and callings are manifest in real life situations, not because of titles or positions.

Leaders – Dead to self, let go of all ambition, vain glory and know that the church is God’s responsibility, our only job is to speak the truth in love. God builds His church, true Shepherds only want to serve and bless the flock.

Anti-Leaders – Ambition, search for significance drives men to build big churches to prove to God they love Him or prove to their family they really are a minister, etc. (flesh).

Apostolic (“Send Out”) – True church is joined to facilitate and equip each member in His calling and destiny. To “send out” God’s people, in the dream He has put their heart to bring His kingdom come. Ephesians 4:1-6. The church today is attracting crows with promises of healing, prosperity, prophetic words and fun but not equipping to stand in the evil day to come.

Anti-Apostolic (“Keep In”) – The Anti—church uses people to meet it’s needs, like a bottomless pit the members money is all sucked into the big machine, the members gifts lie dormant while they are “reformed” to fit the positions the church must fill to keep in business. While most members week after week just stand-up, sit-down and say amen, the real zealous ones get excited about God and want to do something for Him, so they volunteer for everything and they end up burned out. The Anti-church imports big names to keep and “grow” the flock, but worse, keeps people in the pews rather than sending them out to build the Kingdom.

 As the anti-christ or self-righteous Spirit is “Joshua-ed” out of our hearts, we become true worshipers. As the anti-church or traditional mentality and program is rooted out of church, we will become the true “House of Glory” that God desires to see every time we meet. The Pharisees were self-righteous and they were the promoters of tradition. Jesus told them “Your traditions make the word of God of no effect!” This is serious, we must repent (change our mind) about how we “have church.” It is scary to pioneer new ground but what do we have to lose? When we die to self and have to depend on Jesus then we grow and the treasure that He has put in us comes out. The gifts and love in the body of Christ cannot grow right now because a Saul’s armor weighing down the anointing, the liberty in the very life of God. The “professional” attitude at churches does not allow true friendships to grow in the result is an intimidating atmosphere. True “friends” can flow together, say anything to each other in liberty is the banner where there is no pretense. The true church is people and can be found in every country, city and street all over the world. In every business, church and school God has elected a remnant, but in Revelation 18:4 He says come out of the wicked system and that is a test of whether we love our life or not.

Chapter 17

“Apostolic Manifestation”

 What does God mean when He says, “Come out of the Whore of Babylon, my people?” (Revelation 18:4). Is He talking about the Catholic Church in Rome or New York City, and the seat of trade and the United Nations? Babylon is a system that transcends economic, political and religious structures. In the Spirit realm, the powers of darkness have wanted to control man in traffic souls (Revelation 18:13), since Lucifer fell and became Satan, the head of Babylon or the world system. “Love not the world” is the command to the ecclesia, the called out ones, we are called out of the world into the eternal Kingdom. (I John 2:15-17). This is a large can of worms but for now let us touch on the history of the church.

 Beginning with the apostolic out reach of the original apostles, the church was persecuted and spread throughout the world. The church was so foreign to society, then Satan “legalized” Christianity under Rome and blended all religions together, everyone was a “Christian.” Truth took the backseat to profitability and compromise. The point here however, is that since the Reformation, when God sovereignly shook the world through the revelation, “the just shall live by faith,” we have seen nothing but more than the Roman Catholic false priesthood remodeled and remodeled over and over again. Denominations have been formed since reformation, building on one revelation after another, example: Martin Luther.. Lutherans, Wesley Methodist, Baptist, etc.. Once a denomination is formed and never goes away. Today, denominations are like chain restaurants with corporate headquarters, centralized government controlling the message, methods and finances. Yes, great revivals were birthed from the road from reformation bringing us to where we are today, but the mindset of leadership was always attached to the clergy-layman perspective engraved on men’s souls by Rome. We must see Jesus original plan for a lasting revival and a new reformation of church government. The apostle will find his place in leadership and finally the church will be taught how to live in unity to effect our civilization, to turn the world upside-down. The body of Christ spends 10% of their finances at the “church” and 90% in the world, the end-time apostolic church will rule in the market place using God’s principles. Tandy Corporation is smart enough to meet Christian’s needs with Joshua’s Christian bookstores, but how much of their profits go back to the Kingdom of God? The wealth of the wicked is laid up for the righteous, yes, but only when the leadership of the Body of Christ releases the flock to do great exploits, instead of supporting Robert Tilton – like ministries with their time and money, Will we see God’s plan manifest. The end-time Apostolic Church will look more like Abraham or Joseph, owning businesses to teach the world God’s ways, and less like the Levites, living in the church building and pointing fingers at the world which produces movies, theme parks and controls public opinion. God wants the body of Christ free and equipped to manifest God’s kingdom in the religious, economic and political realms. Like Solomon, we will confound the world with the wisdom of God and the kings of the world will come and see how we live and be left to breathless. Today we are at the threshold of in the time apostolate manifestation. Only the anointing of the Holy Spirit can break the yoke of bondage to the world system, allowing us to set trends with the Creator in our heart, no longer copying the world in music, methods and culture. The two kingdoms are dividing more and more, the kingdom of God in the kingdom of Satan. People wonder why so-called Christians go to church but live like the world. Knowing little of the Word of God or God’s ways, most believers think that the church denominations are relatively biblical, some more in line with God’s blueprint than others. Let me tell you today, all denominations are obsolete. The Roman Catholic pyramid is upside down, and every church with one man in control is only a remodel of their false church. The true church is inside the whore, the wheat and the tares grow up together. Today is the day of no more compromise, God is moving His bulldozer through the earth as apostles and prophets to “pluck up, tear down and replant” (Jer. 1:10) the people of God in true love and relationships, and under shepherds that serve him, not their own desires. All over the country Christian leaders are saying “Revival is coming, we are praying for Revival.” Yes, Revival is coming and has been, but doesn't remain because of our structures and mindsets. Right now all over the country God is purging and shaking the mindsets and motives in the church. There is a grassroots revolution going on, pastors are saying “I don't care if j have a church, I want God!” Members are challenging leadership and status quo with the simplicity of the Gospel and servanthood. A new form of government is arising as the Apostolic church emerges in our midst, like a butterfly coming forth from the cocoon of what the church has been doing. People will no longer travel across the world to “Revival” or some big name “Revivalist” to get a hold of God, God is everywhere and about to pour out His Glory on the true body of Christ. Those who let go position and power, things of the flesh and traditional move to the next level of power and the truth, while those who hold onto the pews and “their ministry” will be swept away in the flood of God’s Spirit. We were pilgrims here and I own nothing come on the end the time Bride will be free and operate above and beyond all present traditions and financial constraints. God will no longer tolerate the charge on her and then more than His Word and anointing. The common “layman” on the back row with the Word of the Lord will be heard, even by the big name superstars or God will send judgment to prove His Word and his servant, no matter how insignificant he may seem. Judgment begins first in the house of God and has begun. Sovereignly God wanted the whole world to manifest as if it has to this point, don’t think for a minute God is worried about men controlling His people. Just as David was abused by Saul into becoming the king God wanted, so we have begun going through the fire of oppression for such a time as this. Just like the blind man then Jesus healed and all asked “why was this man blind, was it his parents sin or his?” Jesus said “neither, but for the Glory of God, for the display of God’s power.” So it is today when the heart cry across of the body of Christ is “give me more, give me liberty or give me death!” We about to see “nobodies” rise up in the power of the truth and the bricks are “gonna” shake. The polarity caused by this outpouring of the Holy Spirit will cause the apostasy, the following way of many church people, many will compromise to hold onto buildings, power, position and the mall, but on the side of truth and love, God will supernaturally convene to bowl David and his soldiers are from the cave and into kingship with apostolate authority like fire, burning up all religion, control and “church abuse.” Yes, we will be persecuted by the religious in the world, what’s new. Only a jealousy for the Glory of God will initiate and sustain you in this battle. God’s love is eternal, who else can guarantee reward? (Philippians 1:27-2:1-4) The apostle does not want to build on another man’s foundation. The end time harvest that everyone is talking about is coming, but not until the apostolic network is set up. The harvest of new converts is not going to be sent to the existing traditional Saul structure, God is purging all churches to get them found it on the apostolic principles, if they will not conform to his image of charge, they will be left out of coming harvest, which will be a result of the shaking of Babylon. Babylon is comfortable, we all like it to some extent, but God is faithful to shake things and stretch us beyond what we think we can do, to fulfill vision and destiny.

 The house of God has been under remodeling since Reformation, the profits, like painters, trying to make “see it right.” The Evangelists have operated like electricians, working to charge us with power, no matter the floor plan. The Pastors have been plumbing the best they know how to supply water to the flock and rid us of waste and problems. The Teachers have worked on this detail or that, but tonight how the apostles are stepping up just sent things in order. A new house of God is being built, only the apostle confirm house, he reads god blueprint and since the other four offices in order like a general contractor. Now the five – fold ministry will manifest with all members operating freely in their gift, not hindered our limited by the old house. The new house has a new government for the end time Bride and all will benefit from the liberty that is produced.

 The tension that is present in this process of transition from church as we know it and the apostolic reality we all long for, is a result of people with God ordained vision working with and under others who have a vision of their own. We must be careful not to label people as independent or unteachable because they do not March the way we say March. God has made each of us to March his drum, not man’s drum. Jesus is the head and we are the body. When we let go of our ideas of how it should be in refuse to form people into our image, then we will witness people bloom into the flower God has made them to be, reproducing after their kind, apostolic works to build the kingdom, not our kingdoms. The days of ministry heads using the flock to build great churches to their glory are over. Each person is a plant to sew seed and produce fruit for the master. If we men try to prune the plant in any other way than the unique design God has for that person will diminish the creative process of gods making a vessel of honor. Therefore, the tension we experience is necessary for change, as Caleb’s and Josh was a rise up with new ways and on Orthodox perspective this challenges existing leadership and the wise we will know that these challengers are in no way dishonoring or unappreciative of elders. The problem is, we have not been here before, the answer is, Jesus, the apostle of our faith, has a plan.

 We have not discussed abuse of power through church government versus gods design. The simple truth is that JESUS is THE GOOD SHEPHERD, men may borrow money, build a building and write “CHURCH” on it, but it is God who puts people in our life to learn from our disposal. We must be faithful with divine appointments, to feed the sheep, because on these matters will we be judged.

 All people under “pastors” vision to support and bring to pass his interpretation of gods plan. (At best the whole body works on what one man has seen.) People depend on “Pastor” instead of the Holy Spirit.

 All stand on Jesus Christ with elders and leaders supporting The body. The big vision is to build up and facilitate all members in the vision God has given them to serve Christ. We all seen in part, we all prophecy in part. (I Corinthians 13). Instead of Israel looking to Saul or waiting on David, the whole army is in the fight.

Chapter 18

Manifestation Of Five-Fold Ministry Reality

 The church began as an apostolic work and the church age will end as a Bride of Christ is translated into glory after the final apostolic manifestation prepares her for her for the returning husbandman. In recent history we have seen the restoring of the five – fold ministries. First, the “healing evangelists” of the 50s and 60s, the teaching movement of the 70s which also raised up pastoral role identity and then the restoring of the profits through the 1980s which continues now. These all happened during seasons a particular emphasis. Not until the apostolic mantle is fully realized we will we experience the other for gifts to the body all working simultaneously and in an integrated harmony. Church meetings will really be spontaneous. (Corinthians 14.26). The apostolic oversight is the support for all of our arms of ministry. Until now, leaders have always exhorted and encourage the body to wake up and live for God, like “mule,” The body of Christ has been “kicked” by the pastors, profits, evangelists and teachers. Oh, praise to be God for now we are entering a season when the latter rain out porn, coupled with the ripening of the vine yard, will cause us to see and apostolic leadership with their hands full, just trying to “bridal” the body as a “stallion” full of faith. With the explosion of backsliders returning, the harvest of new souls, churches will be overcrowded, and faithful ones who have been “on the shelf” will be launched into pastoral positions calling on elders for wisdom and guidance. These apostles have been learning the hard way for years and will be just think if necessary for the needs of these Phillips and Stephens. When the five – fold ministry is a reality, the Lord will add to the church a daily as we have never seen, (Acts 2:47).

 We are experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and God has revealed to many of his profits in order for the church to become unified. 1st, Church renewal, 2nd, backsliders restored, 3rd, harvest of new converts. To accomplish this great change successfully, leadership now in “control” most identified gift things and callings and train their flock to become the household of faith which will contain the harvest. (A net with no holes) where no vision is the people perish, many people are saying the end time vision of the Victoria’s bridal, yet many of these least esteemed members of the body I’m no voice, many liters are playing games spending time in passing each other, meanwhile the Holy Spirit is given true worshipers revelation of this functional body. Most backsliders are discouraged because of two major problems.

1. Lack of revelation of God’s grace and foundational truth in the Sovereign work of salvation. The reality of His unconditional love.
2. Their gifts and callings have not been nurtured, they feel they have no purpose, that the Christian life is sitting in a chair paying tenants, our responsibility of shepherds is to discern the body of Christ, to know what the flock and identify their gifts and purpose, discern timing for training or loose onto the works of God has for them, [Ephesians.2:10]. Accountability is pictured in Paul’s letter to Timothy to encourage him and his calling to the glory of God. Paul is bringing Timothy into account of what God the father had entrusted him to accomplish, this type of encouragement is rare.

 The bottom line is that the gifts to the body of Christ our people, vessels of God’s love, and we all need more love. When leadership stuff of the body, we all suffer. The glory of God is covering the whole earth. Get in the river!

Chapter 19

“Warfare”

 When we have God’s vision, not man’s vision, the mind of Christ, nothing can stop us, we are in unit. It is time for all men to repent, change mine sent about the kingdom of God, not just the lost, even you must rethink about your lifestyle, your motives. Jesus said, “ satan has come and found nothing in me,” is mission was apostolic, to die for us. He emptied himself to the lowest place to be the foundation of the house. Our lifestyle and mind-set is our warfare. In II Corinthians 10, Paul right to defending his authority as an apostle. The “weapons of our warfare” literally means “to be busy about an apostolic career of hardship and danger.” From the Greek word hoplon and strateia, we see the proper perspective of this chapter, hoplon means tool, but to the Greek it meant the act of 20, nothing specific physical sword or shovel, but the act. Strateia comes from the root straight toast which means in camp, or base camp, even host of angels. The literal meaning Paul is trying to get across here is “to serve in a military campaign, to execute the apostolate with its arduous duty and function, to contend with carnal inclinations.” When we have the perspective that we are in a war, stationed on this planet, did it to the lust of the world and receiving orders and authority from the base camp in heaven, 99% of our warfare is done. Christian struggle every day trying to have the American dream and serve a God for eternal purpose. Like driving their cars with the gas on in the brakes on at the same time, burn – out and confusion results, not to mention a powerless life. Many believe that chapter 10 is teaching people to scream at and divide the demons, but the demons just left, they know the secret of the war, it is loyalty to the commander. Unity in the spirit and faithfulness to the call will allow us to say, “ satan has come and found nothing in me.” In fact, God uses the demons to show us the carnal nature that still has a place in our lives. You can bind the spirit of lust all you want, but if you still lost, it isn't bound. When we have the heart to serve like Christ, then we walk in love, we have no ambition, vain glory or covetousness. The church is tormented by demons because the members covet worldly goods or even to climb the corporate ladder in the church. The leadership is demonized when they try to control God’s people, to have a big church or live off the sheep’s income. Jesus is apostle our faith, he neither lived off the sheep nor trying to be in power, when the people trying to make him a worldly king, he disappeared. Paul learned apostolate warfare from the spirit of Christ. We must see ourselves as pilgrims here, servants of God in every human being on the planet, and then we will demonstrate the love of Christ to the world in the kingdom of God is manifest. We just do our little part and God does the rest. The exhortation from Paul to Timothy (II Timothy 2:4) is clear, Saints of the most high God, ambassadors of Christ our soldiers here on earth. Collin is eternal and we’re not to be entangled in the affaires of this life. Why is warfare is not a matter of formulas and chasing demons, our success of soldiers of Christ all depends on motives of the heart and walking in love, preferring our brothers and sisters about ourselves. God is love, brethren keep yourself from idols.

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