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Session 1

Speaker: Paul Galligan

THE ABCs OF THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 57:15

- ❖ we can dwell with the High and Lofty One when we have a contrite and humble heart
- ❖ He will revive us

Mark 1:14-15

- ❖ Jesus came preaching **the gospel of the kingdom of God**
- ❖ The Time (**Gk. Kairos, the grace time, appointed time, a time of heart preparation, the “ready” time**) is fulfilled – the time is now, today is the day, all is prepared
- ❖ The kingdom of God is at hand, ready to manifest, I can touch it, it is ready to enter and receive

Response to gospel

1. **Repent** = change your mind, an attitude we are to have all the time, being willing to change, do not be ruled by mindsets, thought patterns, emotions, legalism – be willing to change
2. **Believe in the gospel** = be ready to believe, fill up the vacuum in your life with faith in Jesus the Messiah

Luke 24:46

- ❖ Thus **it is written**, it was necessary for Christ to suffer, to die and to rise again on the third day
- ❖ The Messiah must suffer, die and rise – IT IS WRITTEN
- ❖ Key precept of the gospel

v.47 – building blocks – because Jesus suffered, died and rose again we can **repent**

a) repentance will only work when it is based on the reality of the gospel, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, repentance is facing up to your sins

b) and remission of sins – means being free from sin, having sins **sent away**

c) we are to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name – we must preach it

d) it is all done in the name of Jesus

Romans 10:13 – whoever calls on the name of YAHWEH (the Lord Jesus) will be saved – **Rom. 10:9-10**

e) it is to all nations – it must be preached to all nations (**Gk. Ethnos**, every ethnicity, people group) to every people, tribe and tongue

f) it must **begin** somewhere (Jerusalem), SHILOH, wherever you are

v.48 – and you are witnesses of these things

- somebody has to tell somebody!
- what are we going to tell them? That Jesus suffered, died and rose again so you can repent, have your sins remitted in Jesus name, being saved and part of the Messianic community

v.49 – To fulfil this we must be **empowered by the Holy Spirit** – we need the power and the anointing to witness

- **Acts 1:8** – we will receive power when Holy Spirit comes upon us to be His witnesses

1 Corinthians 15:1

- Paul declares to us the **gospel**
- Paul preached it, they received it and are **able to stand (Eph.6:10-20, able to stand against the devil)**, because they had changed kingdoms

v.2 – when we receive gospel we are **saved/delivered** – forgiven, released from demons in our lives

- we are saved by holding fast the Word

v.3 – basic teaching of **gospel**

1) Christ died for our sins – we are forgiven through Him

v.4

2) Christ was buried – He actually died and was buried **according to the Scripture** – **Isaiah 53:9** – He was buried with rich

3) Christ rose again the third day according to the Scripture – in His resurrection Christ Jesus was seen alive from the dead by over 500 people (**v.6**)

Acts 2:22-38

❖ Peter preaches the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah (**v.22-24**)

v.38

a) repent – think deeply about what they heard and change their minds accordingly, explain carefully so that somebody can reasonably change their mind through consideration

b) be baptised

c) in the name of Jesus the Christ: “Jesus” = “Yahweh (God) saving me”

d) for remission of your sins – they are remitted by being baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, sins already forgiven by blood are completely washed away and cut off

- the old man of sin is done away with
- **2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20**

e) you will receive the gift of Holy Spirit

**This is the beginning, the ABCs of the gospel
Then you can continue steadfastly...Acts 2:42**

Mark 1:1

- ❖ The Beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God
 - a) **the beginning** – the gospel began somewhere, **Genesis 3:15** – Seed of woman crush head of Satan
Genesis 12-18 – God preached gospel to Abraham (**ch.15:6** – he believed God)
 - b) **the gospel** – **Gk. Euangelion** – the good news (initially it meant the reward coming from the good news) = you have a reward
- the gospel includes both the promise of salvation (deliverance) and its fulfilment in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah
 - c) **Jesus** – who is Jesus? Literally “Jesus” is “the Eternal One [YAHWEH] saving us from our sins”
- “**Jesus**” is the Saviour
 - d) **Christ** – Literally “the Anointed One/King”, He is the greater son of David prophesied to come
- ❖ **Christ** would be the Deliverer of His people
- ❖ He would ascend the Throne of His kingdom
- e) **Son of God** = Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, the Incarnation

Matthew 24:14

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The end of the gospel = the end of the age, the Lord will come

- ❖ this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, then the end will come

Acts 28:30-31

- ❖ **preaching the kingdom of God**
- ❖ **teaching the things that concern the Lord Jesus Christ**
- ❖ this is the meat of the gospel

Mark 16:15

a) **Go into all the world** – every nation, all people, all places, even the Caribbean, Haiti, Somalia, Libya

b) **Preach** – #2784 **Gk. Kerusso**, “to herald as a town crier”, to proclaim:- Preach 51x, proclaim 2x, publish 5x

c) **gospel**

d) **to every creature (men and women)**

Mark 16:16

- ❖ He/She who believes and is baptised will be **saved** (delivered, rescued out of your problem)

V.17 – signs of new believers

- ❖ cast out devils
- ❖ speak with new tongues
- ❖ take up serpents
- ❖ drink poison as it will not hurt you
- ❖ lay hands on the sick and they will recover

So **repent** and have **your sins remitted** and **be filled with the Holy Spirit** and start doing these things

Believe in the **gospel** and **get rewarded**, be set free!

Session 2

Speaker: Nick Jackson

BE BAPTISED

Baptise – Gk ‘baptizo’ – to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet)

Baptism – Gk ‘baptisma’ – baptism consisting of the process of immersion, submersion and emergence

Acts 2:36-38

- ❖ **v.36** – God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ (Messiah – the Anointed One)
- ❖ **v.37** – they were cut to the heart
What shall we do?
- ❖ **v.38** – **Repent** (change your mind) and let every one of you **be immersed** (baptised) in the name of Jesus Christ and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **v.39** – the promise is to all
- ❖ **v.40** – be saved (delivered) from this perverse generation (come into God’s chosen generation)
The way of deliverance is to repent and be baptised
- ❖ **v.41** – those who gladly received the word were immersed into Jesus
- ❖ 3000 souls were added to them that day (they were immersed into the name of Jesus Christ)

The Command

Mark 16:16

- ❖ **v.15** – preach the gospel to every creature
- ❖ **v.16** – he who believes and is baptised (immersed) will be delivered (saved)
- ❖ faith comes first (believing)
- ❖ faith + baptism brings salvation (freedom and deliverance)
- ❖ Baptism into the name of Jesus Christ is very powerful!

The Outworking of the command

Acts 8

- ❖ **v.12** – when **they believed** what Philip was preaching (the things concerning the kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus the Messiah), **they were baptised**
- ❖ **v.16** – baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus
- ❖ **v.35-38** – Philip preached Jesus
- ❖ **v.36** - What hinders me from being baptised? (The response to the gospel being believed was baptism)
- ❖ **V.37** – If you believe with all your heart you may (The requirement for baptism was faith – believing)
- ❖ I believe that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God
- ❖ **V.38** – he was baptised

Acts 9

- V.17** - a disciple named Ananias went to see Saul
- v.18** – Saul arose and was baptised

Acts 22:16

- ❖ Why are you waiting?
- ❖ Arise and be baptised and wash away your sins calling on the name of the Lord

Acts 10:47-48

- ❖ Peter preached the gospel and the Holy Spirit fell upon the hearers
- ❖ No one could forbid that they should be baptised
- ❖ **V.48** – Peter **commanded** them **to be baptised** (immersed) in the name of the Lord
- ❖ **Apostles commanded baptism out of delegated authority from Jesus**

Acts 16:14-15

- ❖ Lydia **believed** the things Paul spoke
- ❖ She and her household **were immersed**

Acts 16:31-33

- ❖ What must I do to be saved?
- ❖ **V.31** – believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household
- ❖ He took them the same hour...**and immediately he and all his family were immersed** – there was no delay, once a person believes they are to be baptised

Acts 18:8

- ❖ Paul in Corinth
- ❖ Crispus believed on the Lord with all his household
- ❖ Many **hearing, believed** and were **baptised** – the right order followed

What is baptism into?

Old Testament

1 Cor 10:1-2

- all passed through the sea, all were baptised into Moses (baptism is into a person – into the covering, leadership and teaching of the person)
- baptism into the person brings us into the covenant made by God through that person

How were the Israelites saved out of Egypt?

- ❖ blood of the Lamb – believing that being under the blood covering they would be saved but still in Egypt
- ❖ To be delivered from and out of Egypt they had to go through the water – through the Red Sea – baptism delivers us from the bondage of sin and the world
- ❖ the Egyptians (enemy) were drowned, they could not go through the water – the enemy cannot follow you out of the water – the devil has to stay behind, your old nature has to stay behind!

1 Pet 3:20-21

- 8 souls were saved through water in Noah's day, this was a type
- **v.21** – the fulfilment which now saves us is baptism
- the unrighteous were destroyed by water
- they were saved in the ark (for us, in Christ) through water

John's baptism - Acts 19:1-3

- ❖ What were you baptised into?
- ❖ These disciples had only been baptised into John's baptism (repentance and preparation for the Messiah)
- ❖ They were immersed in the teaching, leadership and covering of John which was to prepare them for the Messiah

Jesus' baptism - Matt 3:13-17

- ❖ a fulfilment of all righteousness
 1. the heavens opened – Jesus walked under an open heaven
 2. the Holy Spirit descended and alighted upon Him
 3. the voice came from heaven – “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

What are we baptised into as believers?

1) Matt 28:18-19

- ❖ **all authority** has been given to Jesus
- ❖ go and make disciples of all nations, baptising (immersing) them into the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **'name'** – Gk 'onoma' – signifies the authority, rank, character and reputation of the person behind the name. The name is synonymous with the person.
- ❖ Jesus is the name that carries the authority of God
- ❖ Baptism into Jesus' name is immersion into the fullness of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Vines expository dictionary – ‘baptising them into the name’ indicates that the baptised person was closely bound to, or became the property of, the one into whose name they were baptised

We are baptised into Jesus the Messiah and become the property of Jesus. We are bound to Jesus Christ because we are identified with Him through baptism.

2) Rom 6:3-5 – we are baptised into Christ Jesus, into His death, burial and resurrection

- **v.4** – the resurrection was by the glory of the Father, we should walk in newness of life

3) 1 Cor 12:13 – baptised into one body, by the Spirit (we become a member of the body of Jesus Christ)

Col 2:9 -13

- ❖ in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily
- ❖ **v.11** – this baptism is a circumcision (circumcision was the sign given to Abraham of being in covenant with God)
- ❖ **v.12** – faith in the working of God who raised Jesus from the dead
- ❖ circumcision was the sign of the old covenant
- ❖ the new man coming forth through baptism is a sign of the new covenant

Be baptised!

Session 3

Speaker: Paul Galligan

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 20:22

- ❖ Jesus has risen from the dead and it is His first appearance to the disciples after rising
- ❖ **v.21** – Peace, Sent apostles as Father sent Him
- ❖ **Jesus breathed on His disciples** (reminds us of God creating man by breathing into him)
- ❖ **“Receive the Holy Spirit”** – statement of invitation

John the Baptist knew the Messiah would come to **baptise people with the Holy Spirit** (Matthew 3:11)

1. Promise of Holy Spirit

Joel 2:28-29

- ❖ God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh
- ❖ Prophecy
- ❖ Old men dream dreams
- ❖ Young men see visions
 - a) Promise is to **all flesh** – all living human beings
 - b) Promise of Holy Spirit not dependent on gender, men and women, sons and daughters – **male and female**
 - c) **Old and young**, age is not a problem, old men dream, young men see visions – all ages can receive the Holy Spirit
 - d) Servants, male and female – **not dependent on class, caste, social status**

Acts 2:39

- ❖ This **Promise** (of the gift of the Holy Spirit) is to you and your children (the Jews) and to all who are afar off (Gentiles)
- ❖ **It is to everyone**

Ezekiel 36:26-27

- ❖ new heart = repentant
- ❖ new spirit = born again, regenerate spirit, made alive to God
- ❖ God will put **His Spirit within you = cause you to walk in His ways** (Jer.31:33, He puts His law, words in our mind and heart)

Psalms 51:7

- ❖ purge, wash, clean, make me hear the Word
- ❖ acknowledging the sin he has done, iniquity
 - v.10** – create in me a **clean heart** (being restored from being in serious sin)
 - renew a **steadfast spirit** within me
 - v.11** – **Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me**
 - God is able to restore us after serious sin and He does not take His Spirit away from us

John 14:16-17

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Another Helper
- ❖ He will abide with you forever
- ❖ Spirit of Truth

John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-14 – other references of the ministry of Holy Spirit

2. The Coming of the Holy Spirit

a) being born again

- ❖ first way Spirit comes to us is to cause us to be born again – **John 3:3-6**
- ❖ must be born of the Spirit, it is a Spirit birth
- ❖ **John 1:12-13** – when we receive Jesus and believe in Him, we are **born of God**

b) filled with Holy Spirit

- ❖ **Acts 2:1-4** – awesome manifestations
- ❖ **“they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues...”**
- ❖ **v.6-7** – others heard them speaking in other languages, they marvelled, 16 different language groups mentioned
- ❖ **v.11** – they were speaking the “wonderful works of God”

The issue of “tongues”

- ❖ do not play down tongues
- ❖ it is normal that if we are filled with Holy Spirit, we are to speak with other tongues, even the tongues of other human languages to see others saved!
- ❖ It is a necessary provision of God by the Spirit to us, to pray in a heavenly language

Denominational sensitivities are over – we must speak the Word and be a Bride filled with and operating in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Acts 9:17

- ❖ Ananias (a disciple) comes into the house, lays hands on Saul
- ❖ Receive your sight
- ❖ And **be filled with Holy Spirit**
Did he speak with tongues?
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 14:18** – Paul spoke with tongues more than all of us, but in the church he wants to speak intelligibly for others benefit

Acts 8:12

- ❖ men and women baptized
- v.15** – Peter and John came down and prayed with them to receive Holy Spirit - these people were born again (receive Spirit to be born again but not filled)
- v.17** – when hands were laid on them they were filled with Holy Spirit
- v.18** – Simon saw the Spirit given and saw the Power – they were filled with power!

3. The lack of Holy Spirit

Acts 19:1-3

- ❖ Paul found disciples and said “Did you receive Holy Spirit when you believed?”
- ❖ There was no life in them
- ❖ They had not heard of Holy Spirit
- ❖ What baptism did you have? Paul assumed that if they had proper baptism, they would have received the Holy Spirit
- ❖ We received John’s baptism
- ❖ Paul says, John prophesied about Jesus, to believe on the Christ
- v.4-6** – they were re-baptised, baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus
 - Paul laid his hands and they were **filled with Holy Spirit**
 - **spoke with tongues and prophesied**

Acts 8:16

- ❖ those who believed in Jesus through Philip were baptized but not received Holy Spirit
- ❖ Peter and John came and Holy Spirit was released

Galatians 3:1-5

- ❖ Galatians turned away from Holy Spirit because of witchcraft (they were “**bewitched**” by religion)
- ❖ How do we receive the Spirit? By **hearing of faith!** Not by works of the law
- ❖ Having begun in the Spirit are you being made perfect by flesh?
- ❖ Must stay in the hearing of faith! Stay in the Spirit!

4. Be Being Filled

Ephesians 5:18-21

- ❖ Do not be drunk with wine which is excess
- ❖ Be being filled with the Spirit

What are the expressions of the Spirit-filled life?

- a) speak to one another (and yourself) in psalms, spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart in the Lord – **sing a lot**
- b) giving thanks always to God the Father in the name of Jesus – a **gratitude attitude** – give thanks for everything
- c) submitting to one another in the fear of God – when Spirit-filled it is easy to submit to each other – **be submissive in lifestyle**

Galatians 5:16-25 – 9 fruit of Spirit

- ❖ walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfil lusts of flesh
- ❖ if led by Spirit you are not under law
- ❖ works of flesh are evident – if do them you will not inherit the kingdom
- ❖ Fruit of Spirit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control = 9 fruit
- ❖ Those who are Christ’s have crucified flesh with passions and desires
- ❖ If live in the Spirit = born again
- ❖ Then also **walk in the Spirit** = the Spirit-filled life walked out everyday – the fruit will develop in our life

1 Corinthians 12:1-10 – 9 gifts of Spirit

- It is only by Spirit of God you can call Jesus “Lord”
- manifestation of Spirit is given for profit of all

- a) word of wisdom
- b) word of knowledge
- c) faith
- d) gifts of healings
- e) working of miracles
- f) prophecy
- g) discerning of spirits
- h) tongues
- i) interpretation of tongues

Being filled is growing in the fruit, allowing Him to teach us and functioning in the gifts

We are encouraged to desire gifts earnestly
So ask God for them, seek Him for them
The gifts are manifestations of God in your life
The fruit is His character formed in your life

Session 4

Speaker: Nick Jackson

THE LORD'S TABLE

Genesis 14:18-20

- ❖ Abram and 318 trained servants went to war to rescue Lot.
- ❖ They brought back the spoil
- ❖ **V.18** Abram met Melchizedek
- ❖ Melchizedek brought out bread and wine
- ❖ **Heb 7:1-3** – Melchizedek was eternal King of Righteousness, King of Peace, Priest of God Most High (a revelation of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God)
- ❖ the victory Abram won came from God
- ❖ **v.19** – Melchizedek blessed Abram in the name of God Most High, the One who owns heaven and earth
- ❖ When we receive the Table, we receive from the One who has all authority in heaven and on earth (**Matt 28:18**)
- ❖ **V.20** – God Most High has delivered our enemies into our hands
- ❖ Abram had a response after receiving the bread and wine, he gave a tenth of everything he had received (We give out of what God has already given us, we don't give to get)
- ❖ Abram is the Father of the faith and he partook of the Table

The Passover Fulfilled

Luke 22:14-15

- ❖ the meal in which Jesus gave us the Lord's Table, was the Passover
- ❖ Jesus gave us the fulfilment of Passover

Exodus 12

- ❖ every year the Israelites were to celebrate Passover (an eternal feast, an eternal reality)
- ❖ **v.2** – this month shall be your beginning of months (the beginning of our new life)
- ❖ **v.3** – take a lamb for a household
- ❖ **Jn 1:29** – Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John knew that there would come a person who would be that lamb)
- ❖ Passover was to be celebrated in the household
- ❖ **Acts 2:46** – continuing daily in one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house
- ❖ We are free to celebrate the Lord's Table daily
- ❖ We are free to obey and love Jesus with all of our heart
- ❖ **The Table is all about Jesus!**
- ❖ We remember the blood of the Lamb at the Table
- ❖ We remember the bread (unleavened bread) – Jesus is the sinless, spotless, unblemished Lamb of God

Exodus 12:26-27

- ❖ the children ask about what the Passover means
- ❖ the Israelites preached the gospel to their children

- ❖ They told them about how God delivered them through the blood of the Lamb
- ❖ We need to tell our children about what we remember at the Table of the Lord

The Daily Offerings

Exodus 29:38-46

- ❖ **v.38** – 2 lambs of the first year, day by day, continually
- ❖ **v.39-40** – one lamb in the morning and one lamb in the evening (morning and evening sacrifice)
- ❖ we come to Jesus in the morning declaring His loving kindness
- ❖ we come to Jesus in the evening thanking Him for His faithfulness
- ❖ flour and oil (bread) the grain offering and the drink offering
- ❖ the anointing is in the bread, in the grain offering
- ❖ we can partake of the grain offering and the drink offering everyday to remember Jesus
- ❖ **v.41** – a sweet aroma

- ❖ **Eph 5:2** – Christ's offering was a sweet aroma to the Lord
- ❖ God will come and manifest His presence where there is a sweet aroma
- ❖ **1 Pet 2:5** – we are a holy priesthood, this is a spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God through Jesus Christ
- ❖ **Ex 29:42** – this shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you
- ❖ **Acts 2:42** – the Lord's Table was one of the first works of the church that they **continued steadfastly in**

- ❖ At the door of the tabernacle of meeting (a meeting place, a doorway)
- ❖ As we partake of the sacrifice, we meet with God
- ❖ When we meet with Him, He will speak with us (a place of hearing from the Lord)
- ❖ **Ex 29:43** – the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory
- ❖ When we come to the Table, God will sanctify us, separate us (we become a heavenly community, a kingdom community)
- ❖ We are sanctified by the glory

- ❖ **V.44** – there is a consecration of the tabernacle and the altar, and those who minister to Him
- ❖ We can enter in and minister to God as priests
- ❖ **V.45** – I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God
- ❖ We will experience more of God's presence dwelling amongst us
- ❖ **V.46** – they shall know that I AM Yahweh
- ❖ When we come to the Table, we come to know that Jesus is I AM, Jesus is our God. He is the One who brought us up out of the land of Egypt (He has delivered us from bondage)

The Reality of the Lord's Table

1 Cor 10:14-22

- not to bring idols to the Table
- **v.16** – communion of the blood of Christ
- Communion – Gk 'koinonia' – fellowship, a participation, a sharing, partake
- ❖ we are to continue in the fellowship, the fellowship of the body and blood of Christ (participate)

- ❖ **v.17** – we are one bread and one body, for we partake of one bread
- ❖ There is only one Christ, we are one in Him – no divisions, no denominations
- ❖ **V.18** – those who eat of the sacrifices, partake of the altar
- ❖ Priests in the N.T. have been sprinkled by the blood, been baptised (washed in water) and been anointed with the Holy Spirit
- ❖ **V.19-20** When an offering is made to an idol, it is sacrificed to a demon – this is how witchcraft works
- ❖ We cannot partake of the Lord's Table and the table of demons
- ❖ When we partake of the Lord's Table, Jesus comes into us, demonic power will be broken – witchcraft demonization destroyed

Proclamation and partaking in a worthy manner

1 Cor 11:17-34

- **v.13-22** – they were not coming together in agreement to take the Lord's Table
- the early church came to the Table in the context of a meal

- **v.23-25** – Paul got understanding of the Lord's Table from the Lord
- Jesus said 'This is My body...Do this in remembrance of Me'
- the Lord's Table is a reality – we are partaking of the body of Christ by faith, by the Spirit – **not a symbol but Spirit and life!**
- we partake of the blood of the new covenant
- this do as often as you drink – **you are free to remember Jesus as often as you want!**

- **v.26** – as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes
- we proclaim the victory that the Lord has won through His death (**Col.2:15, Heb.2:14, 1 Jn3:8**)
- the Lord's Table is a way that Jesus prepares us for His coming
- we are to remember and proclaim until He comes

- **v.27** – we are not to partake in an unworthy manner

- **v.28** – let a man examine himself
It is not the job of the pastor to examine the people
- ❖ Jesus is free for anyone to come to

- ❖ **v.29** – the unworthy manner is not discerning the Lord's body (discerning = doubting)
- ❖ we are to come in faith, come believing

- ❖ **v.30** – because of partaking in an unworthy manner, people were weak and sick
- ❖ **we will be strengthened and healed, resurrection life will be released when we come in faith, believing!**

Session 5

Speaker: Janet Galligan

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

A pattern prayer

Luke 11:1

- ❖ the disciples asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray"
- ❖ disciples need to know how to pray
- ❖ new believers do not automatically know how to pray, they must be taught
- ❖ Jesus gave the example

Matthew 6:5-15

This is not a formula but a **pattern**

v.5 – do not be hypocrites, looking to be seen by men

- **when** (not **"if"** you pray) you pray – there is an expectation that disciples will be people of prayer

- not like **hypocrites** (pretenders), it is not for show, it is an attitude of the heart

v.6 – find a **"secret place"** - does not have to be a literal "room", but the **"secret place"** is a place inside of us with **our Father**

- you need to learn to be able to go to the **"secret place"**, draw aside in your spirit to speak and hear from God

- our Father is already in the secret place and is waiting for you to be with Him there

"pray" – Gk. **"Proseuchomai"** – the word is progressive. Starts with "euche", which is a prayer to God including making a vow (is serious). The word expands to "euchomai", a special term describing an invocation, request, or entreaty. Adding "pros" = "in the direction of" God.

v.7 – we must be committed to prayer

- **"when" you pray** is used 3 times in these three verses

- do not use vain repetitions, formulas

- God will hear 2 or 3 words uttered from a sincere heart more than many words that are just spoken as a formula

v.8 – Father knows the things I need before I ask Him

- God releases things to us when we actively seek Him in faith

- He knows what we need but He wants us to ask Him in faith, in sincere prayer, this releases His answers

v.9 – **In this manner therefore pray**

"manner" = **"way"**

❖ we are to pray **in this way**, it is a **pattern**

❖ this is not just a prayer to recite as repetition

❖ Jesus was showing us the pattern of how to pray

"Our Father"

= relationship, inclusive of others as well – **"Our"**

❖ it is a prayer in relationship with a **"Father"**

- ❖ we come to a Father with confidence, trust, security of love, He has our best interests in heart
- ❖ we can meditate on this
- ❖ that makes us a **“son”**
- ❖ as a son we can come to our Father
- ❖ **Romans 8:15** – we have received Spirit of adoption enabling us to cry “Abba, Father”
- ❖ **We have confidence by the Spirit to call Him “Father”**

“In heaven”

- ❖ the One we are coming to is in heaven, in an eternal place
- ❖ **Isaiah 66:2** – Heaven is God’s Throne, we are coming to God’s Throne
- ❖ **Where is Jesus? Ephesians 1:20-21** – Christ is at right hand of God in heavenly places – Jesus in on that throne
- ❖ **Where are we? Ephesians 2:6** – we are seated with Christ on the throne in heavenly places with Him
- ❖ We come to the One who is seated far above all rule and authority, and we are there with Him
- ❖ **Philippians 3:20** – we are citizens of heaven
- ❖ **Colossians 3:1-3** – we are to keep our mind on those things which are above where Christ is sitting at right hand of God
- ❖ **Our focus is to be in heavenly places** – we come to our Father **“in heaven”**
- What is heaven like?**
- Revelation 5:14** – non-stop worship
- Revelation 4:2** – **Throne is central**
- Revelation 22:1-2** – River comes from the Throne in heaven!

“Hallowed be Your name”

“Hallow” – make holy, venerate, sanctify

- ❖ we are to acknowledge God as Holy, we are to reverence Him and hold Him in awe

“Your name” – what is His name?

- ❖ we are to come to a deeper understanding of the name
- ❖ **Jesus** fully represents the Eternal God
- ❖ **Exodus 3:14** – God said, **“I AM who I AM”**
- ❖ **John 8:58** – Jesus said, “before Abraham was, **I AM**” – Jesus identified Himself as the **I AM, the Eternal God who revealed Himself in the burning bush**
- ❖ **“name” – Gk. ‘onoma’** – used for all the name implies – rank, character, authority, position, person
- ❖ **We are to hallow the name of Jesus**

In OLD T – compound names of God

- ❖ **Genesis 22:14** – **Yahweh Yireh** – Provider
Jesus is our Provision – **John 1:29-30**
- ❖ **Exodus 15:26** – **Yahweh Raphe** – Heals us
- **Jesus** is our Healer – **Matthew 4:24**

- ❖ **Exodus 17:15 – Yahweh Nissi – our Banner** (of victory)
Jesus is our Banner of victory – **Jn 12:31-33** – Jesus lifted up, casts out ruler of this world
- ❖ **Leviticus 20:8 – Yahweh M’kaddesh – our Sanctification**
Jesus is our Sanctification – **1 Corinthians 1:30, Hebrews 2:11-12**
- ❖ **Judges 6:24 – Yahweh Shalom – our Peace**
- Jesus is our Peace – **Ephesians 2:13-14, 17-18**
- ❖ **Jeremiah 23:6 – Yahweh Tsidkenu – our Righteousness**
Jesus is our Righteousness – **1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21**
- ❖ **Psalm 23:1 – Yahweh Rohi – our Shepherd**
- Jesus is our Shepherd – **John 10:11**
- ❖ **Ezekiel 48:35 – Yahweh Shammah – He is here, Present**
Jesus is Here – **Matthew 18:20** – **I AM** is there in the midst of us!

Other names:

Isaiah 9:6 – Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

We are to hallow the name!

We can be feeling unsettled and need the peace of God – we need to hallow the name “Yahweh Shalom” – we need Peace

There could be a healing need – call on **“Yahweh Raphe”** – the Healer.

This is how we **hallow the name** – make His name personal to you

v.10 – “Your kingdom come”

- if there is a kingdom there must be a King
- we are coming to the **King of kings and Lord of lords**
- He has all authority and power and He wants us to pray for His kingdom to manifest on earth
- **Romans 14:17** – kingdom is in the Spirit realm, it is a kingdom of righteousness, joy and peace
- we can pray this into our workplaces, school rooms, shopping centres, our hearts – **pray for the kingdom to come**
- we are meant to be entering into and walking in the kingdom now!
- we enter by being born again, then we need to pray and exercise authority given to us to see kingdom come into all our experience
- John and Jesus preached **“the kingdom of heaven is at hand”**
- Jesus manifested the kingdom on earth
- Kingdom is within you
- seek first for the kingdom
- enter kingdom through repentance

- ❖ **Jesus demonstrated the kingdom through casting out demons (Matthew 12:28)**
- ❖ Kingdom of God is in power, not just word
- ❖ Preach the gospel of the kingdom (**Matthew 24:14**)
- ❖ **We are to meditate on what it means to live in the kingdom, what it looks like, then pray it into being on the earth**

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

- ❖ How is God’s will done in heaven? – perfectly
- ❖ Is earth perfect yet?
- ❖ We are to pray for His will to be done on earth!
- ❖ We can pray into every situation where we see that God’s will is not being done
- ❖ Pray for people to come to repentance
- ❖ Pray for God’s **good, acceptable and perfect will to be done** (**Romans 12:2, 1 Tim.2:3-4**)
- ❖ We know the will of God by knowing the **Word of God**

What is the will of God?

- ❖ Sanctification
- ❖ Perfection
- ❖ To be Thankful people
- ❖ **Ephesians 5:17** – understand the will of God
- ❖ For all to be saved – **1 Timothy 2:2-6, 2 Peter 3:9**
- ❖ For labourers to be raised up – **Matthew 9:38**
- ❖ Making disciples – **Matthew 28:19**

In prayer we are to seek and discern what God’s will is and pray it into being

“Give us this day our daily bread”

- ❖ this is natural and spiritual
- ❖ it is God’s will for people to have food, shelter, clothing and basic education (to at least be able to read the Bible)
- ❖ Spiritually, we need the bread of the Word, Jesus is the **Bread of Life**
- ❖ Jesus wants to feed us from His Word, fresh nourishment in our spirit, strengthening and edifying us
- ❖ We need an expectation that this is what God wants to do, He wants to speak to us through His Word

“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”

- ❖ this is a very important aspect of this prayer
- ❖ Jesus expands on this in **v.14-15** – if we forgive, God will forgive us; if we do not forgive, God will not forgive us
- ❖ To commune with God we must forgive
- ❖ Unforgiveness brings a blockage in relationship with God
- ❖ We need to allow our hearts to be open to forgive
- ❖ Jesus forgave us, we are to have the same heart
- ❖ We are in bondage when we do not forgive, it effects us, we will carry a burden everywhere we go
- ❖ Some people carry very severe wounds/burdens

How do you forgive?

- ❖ bring that person to Jesus who has hurt you
- ❖ bring them to the Cross
- ❖ realise as Jesus forgave you, you can give that person to Jesus to deal with
- ❖ they are answerable to Jesus for what they have done, we all must repent for our own sin
- ❖ if you release them to Jesus, you will be free
- ❖ we need to walk in an attitude of forgiveness on a daily basis

“Do not lead us into temptation”

- ❖ God does not lead us into temptation
- ❖ However God led Jesus into the wilderness where He was tempted
- ❖ God never tempts us, but we may be in a situation where He allows us to be tempted by the devil
- ❖ **2 Peter 2:9** – The Lord knows how to deliver us out of temptations
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 10:13** – God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able, He will make a way of escape for us to bear it

“But deliver us from the evil one”

- ❖ we must be aware that we have an enemy, the devil
- ❖ we need to pray for deliverance from him
- ❖ **1 Peter 5:8** – we have an adversary
- ❖ **John 17:15** – do not take them out of the world but keep them from the evil one
- ❖ **We are to be delivered from the evil one in the world**, protected from him
- ❖ **Revelation 12:11** – we can overcome by the blood of the Lamb, having victory over the devil, the Word of our testimony (speaking the testimony of Jesus, the Word)
- ❖ **Jesus** overcame the devil in the wilderness by speaking **“It is written”** – Get the Word in you!
- ❖ **James 4:7** – the key – Submit to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you, walking in an attitude of submission

“For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever”

- ❖ our focus is back on the kingdom, the One who rules over everything, the King who is above all names
- ❖ our focus is on His power
- ❖ and on His glory

“Amen”

- ❖ there is absolutely no doubt about that!
- ❖ It is true, certain

This is the way, the pattern, the manner of how to pray!

Final Summary

We recognize we are in a family relationship with Father in heaven

We understand who God is and to pray in His name

We have entered into an awareness and reality of His kingdom manifesting on earth

We grow in the knowledge of His will, praying for His will to come on earth

We trust Him for our needs, natural and spiritual

We are quick to repent, receive His forgiveness and forgive others

We avoid temptation as we seek God’s guidance

We learn how to stand and actively resist the devil and his attacks

We end the prayer in exultant worship of our great God and King!

Session 6
Speaker: Paul Galligan

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

Describe how you have heard the voice of God!

1. **1 Kings 19:9-12** – Elijah heard a still small voice
2. **Acts 16:6-10** – Paul had a vision in the night which was the direction from the Lord
3. **Matthew 2:13-15** – Joseph had a dream, angel spoke to him in a dream
4. **Acts 10:9-16** – Peter fell into a trance, saw a sheet, vision, direction to go with the Gentiles
5. **Matthew 3:17** – voice of God spoke saying “This is My beloved Son
6. **A Knowing**
 - word of knowledge
 - discerning spirits
 - word of wisdomKnowing something you do not know naturally
7. **“Rhema” word**
 - ❖ Jesus in the wilderness – **Matthew 4:4** – **the Word that is proceeding from the mouth of God right now, that Word delivers and saves me**
 - ❖ Stephen in front of the Sanhedrin – **Acts 7**
 - ❖ Peter in **Matthew 16:16-17** – Father revealed this to Peter (word of knowledge)
 - ❖ **Galatians 2:2** – went up by revelation
8. **Pictures**
 - ❖ **Jeremiah 1:11-12** – saw an almond rod – “what do you see?”
 - ❖ You have seen well, God was saying, “I am watching over My word to perform it”
 - Must get the interpretation from God
 - ❖ **Zechariah 4** – saw a vision, God gave the interpretation
9. **Scripture speaking**
 - God gives you a Scripture

Session 7

Speaker: Nick Jackson

FIVE MINISTRY GIFTS OF EPHESIANS 4:11

2 Pet 1:12 – we need to be established in the present truth

THE SEVEN ONES

Eph 4:4-6

- ❖ 7 ones mentioned
- ❖ One body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all
- ❖ We are to be ministers of one body
- ❖ We need to come back to the one faith

Ephesians chapters 1 to 3 – Paul has been explaining the mystery of Christ and His church. The church is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all (**Eph.1:23**)
We have become partakers of the promises – one new man (**Eph. 2**)
The body is to declare the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (**Eph.3**)

THE GIFTS GIVEN

Eph 4 – explains how we are to be this body described in Chapters 1-3

- ❖ **v.7** – grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift
- ❖ **Grace** – Gk – 'charis' – the divine influence on the heart that causes transformation
- ❖ Grace enables us to fulfil the will of God
- ❖ **Eph 3:8** – grace given to Paul to go about the work of the ministry
- ❖ Christ has given a gift that releases grace to us, we need to receive it
- ❖ **John 1:16** – of His fullness we have all received and grace for grace (grace upon grace)
- ❖ Grace comes from the fullness of Christ
- ❖ We need to grow in grace – **2 Pet.3:18**
- ❖ **V.8** – He took captivity captive and ascended on high and gave gifts to men (**Ps 68:18**)
- ❖ Gifts – plural – that come from the right hand of God (His ascension – place of authority and power)
- ❖ **V.9-10** – Jesus wants to fill every area of creation with His presence – through His body (**Eph.1:23**)
- ❖ The gifts are to build up His body so that He can fill the earth with His presence
Eph 4:13 – the body is to come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, fully manifesting Him

For a Purpose

- ❖ **v.11** – He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some to be evangelists, pastors and teachers
- ❖ the gifts are given for a purpose – until (**Eph.4:13**)
- ❖ there is coming a time when we can all function as sons of God together – a day when gifts are not needed

- ❖ we all need to partake of these ministries in order to grow to maturity
- ❖ Christ is the fullness of these gifts
- ❖ Christ is much more than just the Saviour

JESUS IS THE APOSTLE

- ❖ **Heb 3:1** – consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession – Christ Jesus (sent to represent God)
- ❖ **Matt 16:18** – Jesus said ‘I will build My church’ (the task of the Apostle)
- ❖ When you receive an apostle, you receive the grace of Jesus the apostle (**Matt 10:40**)

JESUS THE PROPHET

Deut 18:15-18

- ❖ Yahweh will raise up for you a Prophet, Him you shall hear
- ❖ **V.18** – I will put My words in His mouth, He shall speak all that I command
- ❖ **John 6:14** – this is truly the Prophet who was to come into the world (speaking of Jesus)
- ❖ Jesus is the prophet
- ❖ **Matt 24** – Jesus prophesies the destruction of the temple, His coming and the end of the age
- ❖ **Luke 24:27** – Jesus expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself
- ❖ Prophetic ministry is to expound the Scriptures

JESUS THE EVANGELIST

Luke 19:10 – the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost

- ❖ **Mark 1:37-39** – let us go into the next towns so that I might preach there also – as the Evangelist He must get to other towns, not remaining in one place, all need to hear
- ❖ Jesus went to preach and cast out demons
- ❖ The heart of the evangelist – everyone needs to hear

JESUS IS THE PASTOR

- ❖ **John 10:11** – Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd”
- ❖ He laid down His life for the sheep
- ❖ **Ps 23** – Yahweh is my shepherd
- ❖ Pastors lead people into green pastures and beside still waters – nurturing and restoring souls

JESUS IS THE TEACHER

- **Matt 23:8** – For One is your teacher, the Christ

- **John 3:2** – we know that You are a teacher come from God, because of the signs

- there was authority in Jesus’ doctrine

Jesus is the fullness of these gifts!

When we receive these gifts we can draw on the grace we have received to help others

Apostles - Govern

- ❖ **John 17:18** – as You, Father, sent Me, I also send them
- ❖ Apostles are sent by Jesus
- ❖ They are sent in the same way that Jesus was sent, fully representing the Sender
- ❖ **1 Cor 3:10-11** – as a wise master builder, apostles know how to build the house of God
- ❖ Apostles lay the foundation (bring revelation of Jesus)
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the only foundation that can be laid

Prophets - Guide

- ❖ **Eph 2:20** – prophets are also foundational
- ❖ N.T. prophets also provide a foundation,
- ❖ Apostles ground the church in their **identity** in Christ
- ❖ The prophet will release the **destiny**, where we are going
- ❖ Prophets have a grace to show the church where they are going (apostles know how to get there)
- ❖ Prophets need to be relating to apostles
- ❖ **1 Cor 12:28** – God has appointed these in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers... (Believe what you read)
- ❖ This an order, not a hierarchy – a foundational order
- ❖ **Acts 15:32** – Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words, it is a ministry of the Word
- ❖ **Acts 11:27-28** – prophets are sent, they are submitted in a body, they are accountable
- ❖ **V.28** - An aspect of the ministry of the prophet in the New T is foretelling
- ❖ **V.29** – The disciples agreed together concerning what they would do about the word, they judged the word true and were not controlled by the prophet

Evangelists - Gather

- ❖ **Acts 21:8** – Philip was an evangelist (**Acts 8**)
- ❖ An evangelists preaches the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ – **Acts 8:12**
- ❖ Evangelists baptise new believers
- ❖ They preach to one and they preach to many – **Acts 8:26-38**

Pastors - Guard

- ❖ **Ez 34:14-16** – I will feed them in good pasture, they shall lie down and feed in rich pastures
- ❖ **V.16** – seeks what was lost
- ❖ Pastors have a heart to bring back the sheep that have been in the flock and gone away
- ❖ Bind up the broken – healing and deliverance (restoration)

Teachers - Ground in the word of God

- ❖ **1 Cor 12:28** – the teaching ministry is very important
- ❖ Teach the apostolic doctrine
- ❖ **Isaiah 28:9-10** – precept upon precept...line upon line
- ❖ They teach those who have received the milk of the word

Ephesians 4

v.12-13 – the gifts are given for:

- the **equipping of the saints** (to arrange and prepare the saints, setting them in order to function as the Body)
- **the work of the ministry** – they are to give themselves to the work of that ministry
- **the edifying / building up of the body of Christ** – not ruling over the Body

The church was not given to the ministries, the ministries were given to the church

v.13 – ministry gifts are given **until** we all come to the **unity of the faith**, to the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a **perfect man**, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

We are not there yet. We still need all of these ministries functioning today.

v.14-15 – we are not to remain children. We need these ministries in order to grow. The job of the ministry is to grow us up into the head – Christ.

v.16 – every part doing its share, causing growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love – This is a mature Body, manifesting the God who is Love, filling all things with His Presence and Reality

Let's receive the gift of grace that Christ has given!

Session 8

Speaker: Miriam Truss

JESUS THE APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 3:1

- ❖ Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus
- ❖ “Confession” – to speak the same thing, to speak openly

JESUS THE APOSTLE

“**Apostle**” – Gk ‘**apostolos**’ – a representative, a messenger, one commissioned for a particular task or role, one sent forth with a message

- ❖ sent with the authority of the One who sends them
- ❖ Jesus’ role was to represent the Father, with the authority of the Father
- ❖ Jesus’ task was to build the house of God

Jesus’ task – to build the house of God

Hebrews 3:1-2

- ❖ Jesus was faithful to His appointment as the Apostle
 - v.3** – Jesus came to build the house of God
 - He is worthy of more honour than Moses
 - v.6** – Christ is a Son over His own house
 - We are the House!
 - He was appointed by God to build the house – He is builder and Lord of the house
 - This house is made up of “**living stones**”

1 Timothy 3:15

- the house of God = the church of the Living God

Building the house

Matthew 16:16-18

- ❖ Simon Peter had a revelation that Jesus was the Christ the Son of God
- ❖ Father revealed this to Simon Peter
- ❖ Jesus declares that Jesus will build His church on the “Rock” (the revelation of who Jesus is as the Christ, the Son of God)
- ❖ Jesus is building a church which is victorious, the gates of hell cannot overcome it!

1 Corinthians 3:11

- the church is built on the foundation of Jesus the Messiah

1 Peter 2:4-5

- We come to Jesus as to a Living Stone
- We are “**living stones**” being built as a “**spiritual house**”
- We are built into this house by coming to Jesus

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ This is a Living House

- ❖ This building grows into a holy temple in the Lord
- ❖ It is a **growing temple**
- ❖ It is a **dwelling place for God in the Spirit**

This is the church that Jesus the Apostle is building!

Jesus deliberately concentrated His time and life to 12 who He called apostles

He needed men who could continue the ministry of building His house

He needed to entrust the truth to these men

Jesus' work as the Apostle

John 17:4

- ❖ Jesus is reporting to the Father His finished work as the Apostle – the One sent by the Father
- ❖ He had “**finished the work**” – what work? He had not died on the Cross yet (**John 19:30**)
- ❖ He had finished the **apostolic work** He was sent to do

v.6 – Jesus manifested the **name** (character, nature, authority, position) of the Father
 - Jesus revealed the **I AM**
 - **John 1:1** – Jesus was God in the flesh

v.8 – Jesus gave the 12 the words that the Father had given Him (**v.14** – Jesus gave them the **Word**)

- **John 3:34** – He whom God has **sent** speaks the **words** of God
- **Matthew 7:28-29** – the **word** that Jesus spoke had authority and power – the **doctrine** had authority
- **Mark 1:22**- astonished at Jesus' **teaching** (**Mk.1:27** – what new **doctrine** is this – It was the Word from the Father, this is the faith we are to contend for!)
- **John 7:16-17** – Jesus' **doctrine** came from the One who **sent** Him, the **Father**
- Jesus established the doctrine of the **faith, the apostles' doctrine** – it was the **doctrine of the Father!**
- **Jude 3** – contend earnestly for this faith!
- **Acts 2:42** – continue in the **apostles' doctrine**
- **2 Timothy 2:2** – commit apostles' doctrine to faithful men who can teach others also

v.18 – now apostles ready to be sent just as Jesus sent by Father

- **John 20:21** – As Father **sent** Jesus, so now Jesus **sends** the apostles
- **Matthew 10:40** – receiving apostles = receiving Jesus who sends them = receiving Father who sent Jesus

v.20-21 – praying for those who will believe the apostles' word

- Jesus' prayer that we will be **One** (**Ephesians 4:4-6**)

Grace and Apostleship

Romans 1:5

- ❖ through Him (Jesus) we have received **grace and apostleship**
- ❖ Jesus as the Apostle through the apostles He has given releases apostleship to the church

- ❖ This is to bring nations to obedience to **the faith!**
- ❖ The house that Jesus is building is from every nation, so every nation needs to hear the **faith**

JESUS THE HIGH PRIEST

What it means to call Jesus the High Priest (representing man to God)

Psalms 110:4 – Messianic Psalm

- ❖ Messiah will be a **priest forever according to order of Melchizedek**
- ❖ A continuing priest
- ❖ Order of Melchizedek

In New Testament

Hebrews 7:15-16

- ❖ He comes with the power of an endless life
- v.17** – quotes Psalm 110:4
- v.20** – He is a priest by oath from God

WHY THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK?

Genesis 14:18-20

- ❖ Melchizedek, King of Salem (Peace), Priest of God Most High
- ❖ He was a King and a Priest!

Hebrews 7:1-3

- ❖ Melchizedek = King of righteousness
- ❖ King of Salem = Peace
- ❖ Priest continually, forever
- ❖ No genealogy, eternal, without father and mother, no beginning, no end
- ❖ Made like the Son of God
- ❖ We see Jesus here!
- ❖ We could not be perfected through Levitical priesthood of Old T
- ❖ It was necessary for another priest to arise, but not a Levite

Hebrews 7:13-14

- ❖ Jesus came from tribe of Judah (line of kings) – Moses did not speak of priesthood from Judah
- ❖ This new priest would be a King!

Genesis 49:10

- ❖ prophecy over tribe of Judah, kings would come (sceptre)
- ❖ “SHILOH” – the One whose right it is to rule
- ❖ To Him will be the obedience of the people
- ❖ **Matthew 2:6** – out of Judah will come a Ruler

This High Priest comes forth from Judah!

He is a King and a Priest

The High Priestly work

Hebrews 7:19

- ❖ the law made nothing perfect
- ❖ we have a better hope, by which we draw near to God

Hebrews 10:19-22

- ❖ boldness to enter Holiest by blood of Jesus
- ❖ High Priest over House of God
- ❖ We are the House of God, we have a High Priest over this house, we can come boldly!
- ❖ We can come in a true heart and full assurance of faith because of the work of the High Priest

Matthew 27:50-51

- ❖ When Jesus cried out yielding up His Spirit
- ❖ The veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom
- ❖ The way was made for us to enter the Holiest
- ❖ This was Jesus fulfilling His High Priestly work!

John 14:6

- ❖ Jesus is **the Way, the Truth, the Life**
- ❖ Through Jesus flesh being torn, the veil, we have access to the Father, we can draw near to God

Hebrews 7:22

- ❖ Jesus is a guarantee, surety, of a **better covenant**
- ❖ **Jesus brought in the New Covenant**
- ❖ **Hebrews 8:1,6** – Jesus obtained a more excellent ministry, a **Mediator of a better covenant**

THE NEW COVENANT

Hebrews 10:16-17

- ❖ no longer an offering needed
- ❖ Jesus is the offering as High Priest

Hebrews 7:24-24

- ❖ As Priest He can save us to the uttermost
- ❖ He remains a priest forever
- ❖ He continually makes intercession for us
- ❖ **Hebrews 9:24** – Jesus as High Priest is **for us!** Appearing in the Presence of God for us

Hebrews 7:26-28

- ❖ Such a High Priest is fitting for us!
- ❖ Law appointed man as priest
- ❖ God by oath appointed the Son as High Priest, perfected forever

Hebrews 9:12, 26

- ❖ **eternal redemption obtained**
- ❖ **appears in Presence of God for us**

Hebrews 2:17-18

- ❖ God took on flesh in order to fully sympathise with our weaknesses
- ❖ He can aid us when we are tempted
- ❖ He knows what it is to be tempted but He never sinned

Hebrews 10:12-14

- ❖ After Jesus offered sacrifice for sins, He was seated at right hand of God
- ❖ All His enemies made a footstool
- ❖ The Priest is a King

Hebrews 12:2

- ❖ This Priest again is a King, seated at right hand

Prophetic Scriptures concerning the King/Priest

- in Old T offices of King and Priest were separate – but this was about to change

Zechariah 6:11-13

- ❖ crown to be made for High Priest (Joshua)
- ❖ Behold the Man! He shall build the Temple! (this is the job of the Apostle!) – we see the Apostle here also!
- ❖ He shall sit and rule on God's Throne
- ❖ He shall be a Priest on the Throne!]
- ❖ Jesus is seated at right hand of Father, He remains a Priest forever
- ❖ Jesus is a Priest on God's Throne, He is the Builder of God's house!

Session 9

Speaker: Paul Galligan

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 1:26-27

- ❖ I am made in the image of God
- ❖ “Let Us make man (‘Adam’ – mankind)
- ❖ According to **Our image and according to Our likeness**
- ❖ God created man **in His image**
- ❖ Male and female **He created them**
- ❖ This Man (a corporate man) is to have dominion over all the earth
- ❖ Man is the only creation in the image and likeness of God – it is male and female

Likeness Hb. #1823 – ‘d’muwth’ – resemblance, model, shape, it signifies the original after which a thing is patterned (not just a photograph)

Isaiah 40:18 – to whom will you **liken God** or what **likeness** will you compare to Him

- ❖ **God is uncreated!**
- ❖ **God is the original!**
- ❖ **He is not patterned after anybody or anything**
- ❖ The creative faculty (Is.26:3) of our mind, our creative imagination can begin to think about God
- ❖ **Romans 1:20** – creation points to the Creator

Genesis 1:26 – Man was patterned after God

“Image” 6754 ‘tselim’ – illusion, resemblance, representative figure, an image in the sense of the essential nature

- ❖ when God created Man in His image, something of His essential nature will be in him
- ❖ even after the fall, something of God’s nature will remain in us so we can be redeemable
- ❖ God put something in us that will want to come back to God
- ❖ We are worth redeeming because of the way God created us
- ❖ God was even willing to become one of us

Genesis 5:1-2

- ❖ genealogy of Adam
- ❖ God “created” – Hb. ‘bara’ – God is the only One who can create
- ❖ God created Man, He made him in the **likeness** of God
- ❖ Male and Female
- ❖ He blessed them and called them “Adam” – Mankind
- ❖ **Genesis 1:28** – God blessed them to “be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth
- ❖ **Gen.5:3** – Adam begot in his own likeness, after his own image – Seth, his son
 - Adam is “begetting” not creating
 - Seth has the “essential nature” of his father Adam, who was patterned after God
- Seth was not created as Adam was, and also was not a clone of Adam, but he received the essential nature of God, being Adam’s son.

Children have similar characteristics to their own parents
Seth also inherited his father's rebellious nature, the nature that wants to sin

Created to be like God

Genesis 1:27

- ❖ "created" is used 3 times in this verse
- ❖ Humankind is God's creation
- ❖ The man God created was reflecting God's characteristics – Righteousness, Holiness, etc.
- ❖ This is special and unique
- ❖ Man is set apart from every other creature God created

Genesis 1:31

- ❖ Everything God made was **"very good"**

What is God's intention in making Man?

- ❖ He wanted them to **fill the earth**
- ❖ He wanted them to **subdue the enemy**
- ❖ He wanted them to exercise **dominion/rulership in the earth**
- ❖ **Numbers 14:21** – intention is to **fill the earth with the glory of YAHWEH (Habakkuk 2:14)**
- ❖ **Revelation 21:2-7** – God dwelling in the midst of His redeemed people in the earth
- ❖ **God Tabernacling in the earth in His people**

No other image

Exodus 20 – the 10 Commandments

v.4 – do not make a carved image, any likeness of anything in heavens, earth or in the deep...do not worship or bow down to them... God is Jealous

v.5 – God is Jealous

Deuteronomy 4:15-24

- ❖ you saw no **form** when Yahweh spoke out of the fire
- ❖ do not act corruptly by making any image in the **form** of any figure – man or beast or bird
- ❖ do not forget the covenant God made with you – God is a consuming Fire

Matthew 4:10

- ❖ You shall worship YAHWEH your God and Him only you shall serve

Romans 1:25

- ❖ generation of today has worshiped the creature rather than the Creator
- ❖ homosexuality, worships the lust of the flesh, worshiping the creature – each other

Whose Image?

Matthew 22:17

- ❖ do we pay taxes to Caesar or not?
v.20 – whose **image** and inscription is this? Caesar's

v.21 – the image we bear is an indication of who we belong to – that which bears Caesar’s image is Caesar’s, that which bears the image of God, belongs to God
- present yourself as in the image of God, you belong to God

“Image” #1504 GK **“icon”** – statue, profile, representation, resemblance, always refers to a prototype that resembles that from which it is drawn

- ❖ **2 important words:** representation and manifestation
- ❖ Image reflects the relation between God the Father and Christ with man – Christ is the image of God and we are being conformed to the image of Christ

Christ the image of God

2 Corinthians 4:4

- Christ, who is the image of God

Colossians 1:15

- ❖ Son is the “image of the invisible of God”

Hebrews 1:3

- ❖ who is the brightness of the glory and “express image of His Person” (the Person of God)

John 14:9

- ❖ He who seen Me (Jesus) has seen the Father
Christ Jesus is the visible representation and manifestation of God to created beings

Man is in the image of God

1 Corinthians 11:7

- man is the image and glory of God

Mr Vines Expository Dictionary – the condition of man as a fallen creature has not entirely effaced the image of God. Man still has God-like qualities of kindness, love and beauty. Such qualities are not found in animals. Man ceased to be the perfect vehicle for the representation of God. But God’s grace in the Messiah will yet accomplish more than what was lost.

The image of the heavenly man

1 Corinthians 15:49

- we shall bear the image of the heavenly man
- God in Christ is restoring us back to His image
- **Ephesians 2:10** – In Jesus Christ, God is re-creating us back into the image and likeness of God

The new man

Colossians 3:9-10

- ❖ put off old man with his deeds
- ❖ **put on new – who is created in the image of the One who created Him**

Ephesians 4:23-24

- ❖ be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- ❖ put on new man

- ❖ created according to God in true righteousness and holiness, or in “righteousness and holiness of the truth”

Ephesians 5:1

- ❖ therefore be “imitators of God” as children of God
- ❖ do everything God does!
- ❖ **John 5:19** – Jesus always did what He saw Father do

2 Peter 1:3-4

- as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness
- we are called by glory and virtue
- by which have been given to us exceedingly great and magnificent promises
- through these promises I will become a **partaker of the divine nature (lit. “Godhead”, “divinity”)** – this is pure Christianity, this is the mystery
- believers are yet to represent not something like Him, but what He is in Himself, both in His spiritual body and moral character

Sons conformed to the image

Romans 8:29

- God foreknew us
 - predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son
 - He might be the **firstborn among many brethren – Jesus is our big brother!**
- v.30** – because of this He calls us, justifies us and glorifies us! (this happens through “Sanctification”, the walk we are in)

Romans 8:15-16

- ❖ received **Spirit of adoption/sonship** by whom we cry out “Abba, Father”
- ❖ joint heirs with Christ, children with a destiny and inheritance awaiting us
- ❖ we have received the Spirit that wants to place us as mature sons who can inherit

Galatians 4:6

- ❖ because you are sons, Spirit of His Son (same Spirit Jesus received at His baptism) sent forth into your heart
- ❖ Sons are to be conformed to the image

Restored to the image

Romans 12:1-2

- ❖ present your body a living sacrifice to God (deal with bodily lusts and desires)
- ❖ do not be conformed to this world (to the pattern of this age) – dealing with the mind
- ❖ be transformed (transfigured, metamorphosed, changed from one substance to another) by renewing the mind (by the Word)
- ❖ into the good, acceptable and perfect will of God

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- The Lord is the Spirit – there is liberty
- we all with unveiled face – no shame, condemnation, open face, to see God clearly, to see the calling, the will of God
- ministry of the Spirit takes us from one degree of glory to another
- The Spirit lifts us up into Christ, into God

- we are being transformed into the same **image**
- this is by the ministry of the Spirit – we experience through worship, we close our eyes and we begin to see eternal things, communion with God, spiritual feelings, deep convictions, intuitive thoughts

Conclusion

The glory of God is to be seen!

It will be manifest in His people

John 14:21

- ❖ He who has my commandments and keeps them is he who loves Me, Father will love you and...
- ❖ He (Jesus) will come and “manifest” – to cause to shine in, to appear, to come to view, to be made visible
- ❖ Jesus will be seen in us!
- ❖ He appears to us when we love Him by obedience
- ❖ **John 1:14** – we beheld His glory – full of grace and truth

John 14:23

- ❖ If love Me, will keep His word
- ❖ Father and Jesus will come and make Their home in you
- ❖ Double portion!

Isaiah 40:5

- ❖ glory of the Eternal One will be revealed and all flesh will see it together
- ❖ the Corporate Body will reveal the glory!

Revelation 21:3-7

- ❖ Tabernacle of God is with men
- ❖ He will dwell with them and be with them
- ❖ He will be our God and we His people
- ❖ All pain, sorrow etc will be taken away
- ❖ All things made new!
- ❖ It is done! Fountain of water life given freely
- ❖ Overcomers will inherit all things
- ❖ He will be our God
- ❖ We are His Son!

Session 10

Speaker: Paul Galligan

THE GREAT I AM

Exodus 3:13-14

- ❖ Moses said to God... "What is His name"
- ❖ God said to Moses, "**I AM who I AM**" or "**I AM that I AM**"
- ❖ "I AM" sent Moses
- ❖ I AM is the God who met Moses out of the burning bush
- ❖ "I AM" is God's personal revealed name
- ❖ Appears over 6800 times
- ❖ "YHWH" or "YHVH" in Hebrew
- ❖ "YAHWEH" or "Y'HOVAH"

Matthew 16:13-19

- Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi – a place dedicated to honouring the Caesar (Roman Empire), there was also a cave called the "gates of Hades"
- Jesus said, "Who do men say that I am?"
- Jesus said "Who do you say that I am?"
- You are the Christ the Son of the Living God!
- the most important issue – who is the I Am, who is Jesus
- Jesus could build the church on that revelation

Moses wanted to know the name of the God who was sending him

"**I AM who/that I AM**" - #1961 Hb. 'Hayah' – to exist, to be, to become, to come to pass, always emphatic, more than simple existence or identity, this verb makes a strong statement about the being or presence of a person or thing

- ❖ the **name** reveals the **person**

Exodus 3:14 – tell them "**I AM**" has sent you

- ❖ God shortened His name

The **name YHWH** appears firstly in **Genesis 2:4**

- ❖ God identifies Himself as **YHWH** – the One who is eternal
- ❖ #3068 Hb. Y'HOVAH – self-existent, eternal
- ❖ He is uncreated, always existent
- ❖ This name is only found in the Bible as the name of God

God revealed Himself to Moses not only as the God who exists but the God who effects His will (not passive, He is active in bringing His will to pass, e.g Daniel 2:44, Revelation 11:15)

Genesis 4:26

- ❖ Seth named his son Enosh
- ❖ Then men began to call on the **name YHWH**
- ❖ They worshiped the Eternal One
- ❖ They knew Him as **YHWH**

Genesis 12:1-3

- ❖ did Abraham know **YHWH**?

v.7-8

- YHWH appeared to Abraham and spoke to him a promise
- Abraham called on the **name YHWH** = coming into a covenantal relationship with God
- **YHWH** is a covenant making and covenant keeping God

Who is the I AM?

Exodus 3:15-17

- ❖ **YHWH** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- ❖ **This is My name forever, My memorial for all generations**
- ❖ We remember His name, the name above every other name, we are memorialising who God is (**does Philippians 2:9-11 agree?**)
- ❖ When we know who the I AM is, we enter into covenant relationship with Him, knowing Him
- ❖ He is active – **John 5:17** – My Father is working until now, God is working
- ❖ Jesus said **God was His Father = making Himself equal with God – John 5:18**
- ❖ Moses was to bring the message, the **revelation of the name**, to the children of Israel
- ❖ Moses came to tell them of the active God, who is alive and coming to act upon His will and covenantal promises
- ❖ When we eat bread and drink cup of New Covenant, we proclaim Lord's death till He comes, Jesus is active in the New Covenant bringing His will to pass in us!

Exodus 6:2-3

- ❖ **"I, I AM"** is literal of "*I am* the LORD"
- ❖ He appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as "God Almighty" but they did not know Him by the name **YHWH**
- ❖ **What?** They did know that **name**
- ❖ It means the fathers did not really know what the **name** meant, just like many Christians do not really know what the name of **Jesus** means – do we really know the **name**?
- ❖ **His name is a covenantal name! Do you believe He is active, alive and will respond to His name?**
- ❖ Moses brought the revelation that **YHWH** is actively fulfilling His promise, He will bring the people out of Egypt with great demonstrations of His power
- ❖ Abraham did not really know the reality of the **name YHWH**

Psalms 83:18

- ❖ The Most High God over all the earth has a **name**
- ❖ **The name alone is YHWH**
- ❖ He is the only God, even His enemies are to finally know that He is the only One who is **YHWH**

Isaiah 12:1-2

- ❖ we are living in the day
- ❖ God, my salvation
- ❖ **YAH, YAHWEH** is my strength and song, **He has become my salvation**

- ❖ **Matthew 1:21 – call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins**

Philippians 4:23

- ❖ Lord of us, **Yeshua Ha Maschiyach**
- ❖ **“JESUS”** – Gk “Iesous” – Greek transliteration of Hebrew **“Yeshua”** meaning **“He will save”**. This is shorter version of name **“Yehoshua”** meaning **“YAHWEH is salvation”**
- ❖ when we say **“Jesus”** we are saying **“YAHWEH (the great I AM) is my salvation/healing/deliverance”**

Summarising

- ❖ the original fathers knew YAHWEH
- ❖ **God had spoken to the fathers as YHWH but they did not experience the name**
- ❖ But through Moses the promised deliverance will come to pass
- ❖ The experience of the name, the experience of deliverance and judgement of Egypt and their gods, came in the time of Moses – they **experienced the name!**

I AM is the name of God

God revealed His divine name – you can only know it by revelation, God has to reveal it to you

He declares His character and attributes when He reveals His name

His name “Hayah” (YHWH) implies the absolute existence of God

Exodus 34:5-7

- ❖ In Exodus 33:18 Moses asked to see His glory
- ❖ God said He would pass by Moses
- ❖ **YHWH** passed before Moses and **proclaimed**
- ❖ **“YHWH, YHWH God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin**
- ❖ **V.9 – Moses worshiped and called YHWH his “Lord” – Hb. “Adonai”**

Now in New Testament

John 8:58

- ❖ Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, **I AM**”
- ❖ The people were giving Jesus trouble
- ❖ **V.52** – they even accused Jesus of having a demon
- ❖ **v.53** – who do You make Yourself out to be?
- ❖ **V.59** – why did they pick up stones to stone them? In their view He was blaspheming – calling Himself **I AM**
- ❖ **Jesus said He was the I AM**

John 8:24

- ❖ you will die in your sins if you **do not believe that I AM** – this is the literal, the “he” in italics is put there by English translators of Bible
- ❖ read it without the “he” – we must believe that Jesus is **I AM** in order to have our sins taken away

- ❖ **“Jesus”** – He will save His people from their sins (**Matthew 1:21 – Jesus – “I AM saves us”**) – then Matthew quotes from **Isaiah 7:14, “Immanuel” – God with us**
- ❖ If you believe that Jesus is the I AM in the flesh, you will be saved from your sins

John 8:28

- ❖ when you lift up (go on the cross) the Son of Man then you will **know that I AM**

I AM – in Greek “Ego Eimi” – literally **“I, I AM”**

- when Jesus says “Ego Eimi” He is saying He is the **I AM**
- when just saying “Eimi” it means **“I am”**, but with **“Ego”** added, it places emphasis – Jesus says in many places **“Ego Eimi”** meaning emphatically that Jesus is **the I AM Himself**

“Ego” #1473 – primary noun of first person meaning “I” – only used when there is emphasis, emphatic

“Eimi” #1510 – “to be” – to exist, to happen, to be present, “I exist” used only when emphatic

John 4:26

- ❖ **v.25** – I know Messiah is coming
- ❖ **v.26** – **I who speak to you AM** – literally **“I AM (Ego Eimi) the (One) speaking to you**

John 18:2-6

- ❖ Judas and officers going to arrest Jesus
- ❖ Jesus said “Whom do you seek?”
- ❖ They answered “Jesus the Nazarene”
- ❖ Jesus said **I AM**
- ❖ They fell to the ground when Jesus said **“I AM”**
- ❖ Again He asked “Who are you seeking”
- ❖ Again they said “Jesus of Nazareth”
- ❖ Again Jesus said “I have told you **I AM**”

John 6:18-21

- ❖ Jesus came walking on water
- ❖ Jesus said **“I, I AM”** not “It is I”

Mark 6:49-50

- ❖ they thought Jesus was a ghost
- ❖ Jesus said, **“I, I AM, do not fear”**

Matthew 14:26-33

- ❖ **Jesus said, “Take courage, I AM, do not be afraid”**
- ❖ Peter answered, “Lord, if You are (if it is You, the I AM), command me to come to you on the water”

John 13:19

- ❖ I tell you before it comes so that when it does come to pass, you will **believe that I AM (Ego Eimi)**

Seven 'I AMs' – (Ego Eimi sayings)

- John 6:48 (35,51) – I AM the Bread of Life
- John 10:7 – I AM the Door
- John 8:12 – I AM the Light of the world
- John 10:11 – I AM the Good Shepherd
- John 11:25 – I AM the Resurrection and the Life
- John 14:6 – I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life
- John 15:1 – I AM the True Vine

Philippians 2:6

- ❖ Christ Jesus, who **being** (subsisting, existing) in the **form** (morphe – the essential and specific form and character) of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God
- ❖ “**being**” #5225 Gk “**huparcho**” – to begin under, to exist
- ❖ “**form**” #3444 Gk. ‘**morphe**’ – shape, fig. nature, it is the special or characteristic form or feature of a person or thing
- ❖ **V.7** – Jesus, in form of God, also took form of a servant, coming in likeness of men

Jesus is the great I AM

Session 11

Speaker: Nick Jackson

THE REVELATION OF JESUS THE CHRIST

Phil 3:8-10

- ❖ the revelation of Jesus will sustain you, no matter what situation you are in
- ❖ count all things loss for the excellence of the **knowledge** of Christ Jesus (**revelational knowledge**)
- ❖ Paul had suffered the loss of all things, he counted them as rubbish
- ❖ That I may be found in Christ
- ❖ **V.10** that I may **know** Him

Habukkuk 2:14 – God's eternal purpose - that the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea

How will this happen?

2 Cor 4:6 – in the face of Jesus Christ (we need Jesus revealed to us, we need to see who He is)

- ❖ Jesus is made known through preaching and teaching Jesus as the Christ (**Acts 5:42**)

Eph 4:13 – the ministry gifts are given until we come to ...the **knowledge** of the Son of God

Knowledge – Gk - 'Epignosis' – full discernment, a complete knowing
We need to know what it means to call Jesus the Son of God.

Deut 6:4 –Yahweh is our God. Yahweh (I AM) is one.

John 10:30 – Jesus said, 'I and Father are one'

v.31 – the Jews wanted to stone Jesus

- Jesus was saying that He was the Eternal One
- Jesus and the Father are one
- Jesus is YAWHEH our God

Rev 1:1

- ❖ the revelation of Jesus Christ
- ❖ the first verse gives us the purpose of the book – to reveal Jesus the Christ
- ❖ **Revelation** – Gk 'apocolupsis' – means a disclosure, an unveiling, showing something that was hidden
- ❖ **Vines Expository Dictionary**– It depicts the progressive and immediate unveiling of the otherwise unknown and unknowable God to the church
- ❖ **God can only be known by revelation**
- ❖ Jesus wants to reveal Himself to us
- ❖ God has revealed Himself in Jesus

Rev 1:5 – Jesus Christ the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead, ruler of the kings of the earth, the one who loved us, the one who washed us from our sins in His own blood

1. THE FAITHFUL WITNESS

❖ **Witness – Gk. ‘martus’** – Where we get English word ‘martyr’ - One who testifies to the truth he has experienced

❖ Willing to die for the testimony

Jn 3:31-33 – He who comes from above (heaven) is above all...what He has seen and heard, that He testifies

❖ **1 Cor 15:47** – the second Man is the Lord from heaven

❖ Jesus is the Lord who came down from heaven - God

❖ Whoever receives His testimony certifies that God is **true** (real, genuine, actual, manifest)

❖ God is real – we know He is the real, genuine God by receiving the testimony/witness of Jesus

John 3:12-13 – If you will not believe earthly things, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things

❖ **V.13** - The Son of Man has come down from heaven and He is in heaven

❖ Jesus was on the earth, yet at the same time He was in heaven. This was possible because Jesus is God.

❖ Jesus testified of the things He had seen and heard in heaven.

Jn 1:18 – No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

- The Son makes the Father known – He declares and explains Him

1 Tim 6:13 – Jesus witnessed the good confession

❖ **Jn 18:37-38** – Jesus came into the world to bear witness of the truth (He was the King) – He witnessed and died for the witness of who He was

Rev 19:11, 13 – Jesus is called Faithful and True

❖ His name is called the **Word of God**

❖ **Word – Gk ‘logos’** – means a transmission of thought, a communication, a word of explanation, an utterance, a divine revelation, an oracle

❖ God was wanting to communicate in the beginning (**Jn 1:1**), He does this through the Word which is actually Himself!

❖ We can know God through Jesus, through the communication (Word) God has given us

❖ Jesus is the word of explanation, He is God communicating to us as the Faithful Witness

2. THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD

- ❖ the resurrection is the crux of the Christian faith
- ❖ Firstborn – involves inheritance, responsibility, a title of position, a place of sonship

Heb 12:23 – we are the church of the firstborn

Jesus was the first to rise from the dead (to never die again)

- ❖ **1 Cor 15:20** – Christ is risen from the dead and has become the firstfruits
- ❖ Jesus is our hope
- ❖ Because He rose, we believe that we will also receive the resurrection from the dead

Rom 8:29 – that He might be the firstborn among many brethren

- ❖ **1 Cor 15:48-49** – we shall also bear the image of the heavenly man
- ❖ We shall also receive an immortal body, a body conformed to His glorious body (**Phil.3:21**)

Rom 6:23 – the wages of sin is death

- ❖ For Jesus to conquer death, He conquered sin
- ❖ **Rom 4:25** – Jesus was raised for our justification – to make us just as if we had never sinned
- ❖ Jesus is the hope of the world

Rom 1:3-4 – the resurrection proves that Jesus is the Son of God

- ❖ Jesus was declared the Son of God when He rose from the dead
- ❖ Because Jesus was without sin, He could rise

John 11:23-26 – I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though He may die, He shall live

- ❖ The resurrection is not a doctrine to believe. The resurrection is a person to receive (Jesus).
- ❖ Martha got a revelation that Jesus was the Christ the Son of God (v.27) – The Christ, the Son of God, would be the I AM who is the Resurrection!

Col 1:18 – He is ... the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence

- ❖ Jesus is the head of His body – Resurrection life flows from the head to the rest of the body
- ❖ We are baptised into His Body – into His resurrection – The Body of Christ is a Body of resurrection!

3. THE RULER OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH

- ❖ Jesus is king already!
- ❖ Jesus is already ruling over the kings of the earth
- ❖ If we walk in the kingdom of God, we walk under another ruler – Jesus
- ❖ Jesus will not be mocked – He is King

Ps 89:24-27 – In My name, His horn (strength) shall be exalted

- ❖ He would cry to God, ‘You are My Father’
- ❖ The Highest of the kings of the earth
- ❖ Jesus was prophesied about long before He came

Num 24:17 – a Star shall come out of Jacob, a Scepter (symbol of kingship) shall rise out of Israel... (Christ was seen)

- ❖ **Rev 22:16** – I, Jesus... I, I am the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star
- ❖ Jesus was the Star prophesied! Jesus was before David and would come from David! He is the I AM coming as King into the world!

Jer 23:5-6 - ...I will raise to David a Branch of Righteousness...a King shall reign and prosper

- ❖ His name – YAHWEH our Righteousness
- ❖ The King Jesus is YAHWEH in the flesh being our Righteousness!

Session 12

Speaker: Paul Galligan

PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

Acts 3:21 – Before the coming of the Lord some things need to happen

- ❖ some “**restoration of all things**”
- ❖ not looking for world events – but looking for the restoration and maturation of the Church
- ❖ even things like the proper restoration of baptism, the One Baptism which is by the Spirit, in the water into the One body – **1 Corinthians 12:13**
- ❖ Baptism is into the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah Jesus – it is a reality

1. SETTING THE SCENE

a) 1 Corinthians 11:26

- ❖ as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup (partaking of the Lord’s Table) you **proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes!**
- ❖ We are looking for His coming
- ❖ The Lord’s Table must be celebrated to get us ready for the Coming
- ❖ The Lord’s Table is preparation for the Coming, bringing into our consciousness all the time that Jesus is Coming!
- ❖ Each time we break bread we are one step closer to the Coming of the Lord

b) Romans 8:18-21

- ❖ the sufferings of growing up in Christ are inevitable in order for us to experience the glory
- ❖ we are coming closer to the full revelation of the glory
- ❖ the King tide is coming – the knowledge of the glory of YAHWEH begins to cover the earth
- ❖ the glory is to be revealed in you and me!

v.19 - Creation is expecting the manifestation/revealing of sons of God

- ❖ Not waiting for the Lord to come but for the manifestation of sons
- ❖ Sons need to manifest to prepare creation for the Coming of the Lord

v.20 - Creation has hope – all the animals even have hope, crying out for restoration, for something better

v.21 – Creation is looking to be delivered from bondage to death and corruption into glorious liberty of children of God

v.22 – Creation is labouring with birth pangs till now

“Having loosed the pains of death” **Acts 2:24**. Jesus was “birthing” the new creation; “pains” = “pangs of child birth”

Jesus put to death in flesh but alive in Spirit (**1 Peter 3:18**) was not suffering “pains” of death, but He went into “birth pangs”

v.23 – We are groaning to become like Jesus

- We want to stop being a worm and come out as a butterfly
- the groaning, the desire, the hope, the something better
- we have the firstfruits of the Spirit
- we want the “adoption” – the redemption of the body – “I want a new body, I want to be free of this old tent, I want something better”

v.24 – we were saved in this hope – of being fully adopted as a son, being clothed in a new body

- that is why baptism is so important, we begin to put on the new resurrection body
- this is setting the scene to be ready for the coming
- hope is not seen – we do not see people walking around in immortal bodies yet

v.25 – we eagerly wait with “**perseverance/patience/longsuffering**”

v.26 – The Holy Spirit will help us

- He does this by making intercessions for us and in us, we cooperate with Him
- Holy Spirit is wanting to help us prepare for the Coming

v.27 – This intercession is happening in our hearts by the Spirit

- He helps us to persevere in the hope of this new body, the adoption

v.28 – adverse circumstances start to turn around and be at peace with us

- God turns things for good, for His purpose, the will of God
- through the intercessions of the Spirit are working to bring about God’s purpose

v.29 – what is the goal, the purpose, the will of God

- to conform us to the image of God’s Son
- Jesus is not coming to perfect us, He is coming when we have been perfected!
- When we are in the image of the Son, He will come!

v.30 – God has prepared everything

- Foreknew us, Predestined us, Called us, Justified us, everything is prepared to be Glorified

c) Many sons to glory – Hebrews 2:10

- ❖ The Lord will come when there are many sons walking in the glory
- ❖ **Hebrews 2:10** – Jesus will bring many sons to glory because He suffered and was made perfect
- ❖ **Not when He returns, but He will bring many sons to glory in preparation for His Coming!**

2. THE WORD “COMING”

- ❖ “coming” – SC# 3952 – Gk “Parousia”
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 15:23 word wealth, Spirit filled Life Bible**
- ❖ meaning of “Parousia” – technical term signifying second coming/advent of Jesus. Originally an official term of a visit by a person of high rank, especially a king. It was an arrival that included a permanent presence from that coming onward. The glorified Messiah’s arrival will be followed by a permanent residence with and in His glorified people.

- ❖ “Rapture” doctrine has weakened the church causing people worldwide to wait for a trip to heaven to escape some trouble
- ❖ We need to develop perseverance, courage and strength
- ❖ **Strong’s – “parousia” = a being near**

4 uses of word “coming” – parousia – not referring to the “coming” of the Lord

a) 1 Corinthians 16:17

- glad about the “coming” of three brothers, they refreshed Paul’s spirit and the Corinthians
- by their “coming” they supplied what was lacking
- when they “came” something manifested
- when Paul received them they blessed Paul, brought provision, they brought something with them

b) 2 Corinthians 7:6-7

- God comforts the downcast
- comforted the brethren by the “coming” of Titus
- the “parousia” brought comfort
- rewards come at the “coming”
- causing rejoicing, Paul was so blessed by the “parousia” of Titus
- Titus imparted zeal, mourning and desire by his “coming”

c) Philippians 1:26

- ❖ Paul is going to have a “parousia” in Philippi
- ❖ When he “comes”, the Philippians are going to rejoice abundantly in Jesus Christ

These references help us understand the coming of the Lord

- ❖ there was rejoicing, blessings, rewards, people built up
- ❖ when Jesus comes there is much to receive

3. PETER TALKS OF THE COMING

2 Peter 1:16

- we are not following cunningly devised fables when we made **known to you the power and coming of the Lord**
- Peter while still on the earth as an apostle said he was an eyewitness of the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Peter saw the coming 2000 years ago
- it was when he was on the holy mountain (**Matthew 17:1-5**) – this experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus was experiencing the Coming
- he saw Moses and Elijah in glorified bodies with Jesus
- Peter survived seeing that Coming and for rest of his life he tried to get people ready for the coming

2 Peter 1:5-7 (v.8, 10, 12, 15)

- Peter talks about **“these things”**
- What are these things?
- i) virtue ii) knowledge iii) self-control iv) perseverance v) godliness vi) brotherly kindness vii) love

4. WHAT IS THE SIGN OF THE COMING AND THE END OF THE AGE?

Matthew 24:3 – Jesus answers 3 questions in this chapter

v.27 – Jesus mentions His “coming”

- it will be like lightening that flashes from east to west across the sky
- very hard to miss it, it will be known from east to west, impossible to miss it

v.30 – mentions “coming” but not the word “parousia”, just the word to come and go

- cannot build eschatology from this verse

v.37 – “parousia” used for “coming”

- **v.36** – of that “day” – the day of the coming
- as the days of Noah, so also will the “parousia” of the Son of Man be
- **v.38** – in days of Noah they were all carrying on as normal
- **v.39** – flood took away the wicked/unbelievers – so also will happen at the “parousia” – the wicked will be taken away
- most people do not care about the preparation

5. THE HOPE OF THE COMING

1 Thessalonians 2:19

- What is our hope, joy and crown of rejoicing
- It is the believers at the **coming**
- we need to prepare the brethren for the coming
- the joy of the ministers is to see all brethren presented perfect in Christ at His “parousia” (**Colossians 1:28**)

1 Thessalonians 4:15

- What is the hope?
- when Jesus comes we will rise to meet Him in the air and in that meeting we will receive glorified bodies

1 John 3:2

- our hope is that when we see Him we will be like Him
- we will be changed in that moment to be like Him

1 Thessalonians 5:23

- God of peace will sanctify us entirely so our whole spirit, soul and body will be preserved blameless at His “parousia”
- God will do it

2 Peter 3:13

- hope is we look for a “new heavens and new earth”

2 Thessalonians 2:8

- Lawless one will be consumed by breath of Jesus mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His “parousia”
- all evil destroyed forever!

Matthew 13:43

- ❖ when harvest is complete, righteous will shine forth in the kingdom of their Father in righteousness forever

6. HOW DO WE GET READY?

2 Thessalonians 1

v.3 – we need to be in a place where my faith is growing

- we need to grow in the love abounding toward one another, learning to love the brethren

v.4 - we need patience

- we need to persevere/endure in tribulation
- faith and patience we inherit the promise

v.5 – need to be ready to suffer for the kingdom

- be inconvenienced for the kingdom

v.11 – will you be found worthy of the calling?

- will you be fulfilling all God's pleasure and the work of faith?
- do not allow ill health to stop you serving God

v.12 – we get ready by glorifying the **name** in the midst

- we need to understand and **know** the name of Jesus in our midst
- when the people believed in the **name** the people were successful, enemies defeated
- when the people did not believe **in the name**, the enemies overtook them

1 Thessalonians 3:13

- by having our hearts established blameless in holiness we get ready for the "parousia"

James 5:7-8

- ❖ be **patient** until the "**parousia**" of the Lord
- ❖ we need early and latter rain (Feast of Tabernacles)
- ❖ be **patient** again
- ❖ **establish your hearts** for the coming of Lord is at hand

1 John 2:28 – how do we get ready?

- abide in Him
- have confidence in Him
- do not be ashamed at His coming

1 John 3:3

- if we hope in the coming we will purify ourselves

2 Peter 2:1

- headings given, context for chapter 3
- i) Destructive doctrines
- ii) Doom of false teachers

iii) Depravity of false teachers

iv) Deceptions of false teachers

- ❖ unveiling false teachers – preachers of: “prosperity doctrine”, “rapture” doctrine, “Anti-Christ preachers”
- ❖ e.g. **3 John 2** – prosper in all things and be in health just as your soul prospers (prosperity preachers use this verse to say “God wants to make you rich, prosper you”)
- ❖ what is the “prosperity”? – soundness of doctrine, words and in the faith – this is the true prosperity

2 Peter 3

v.13 – we look for new heavens and new earth where righteousness dwells

v.14 – i) we are to look forward to these things

- ii) be diligent to be found by Him in peace (stress is your enemy), God’s peace is the answer to stress
- iii) be found without spot and blameless

v.15 – longsuffering of the Lord = not come yet

- this is for **salvation** – so more people can be saved
- Paul wrote about this

v.16 – Paul spoke of these things that Peter spoke about

- Paul difficult to understand and people untaught and untrained twist these Scriptures
- we need to understand the mysteries that Paul wrote about to understand the coming

v.17 – we are to remain steadfast in the faith

- hang in there
- **Acts 2:42, 1 Peter 5:8** – steadfast in faith

v.18 – grow in grace and knowledge of Lord of us

- this is how we get ready for the Coming!

Session 13

Speaker: Nick Jackson

BECOMING THE SONS OF GOD

This has been God's plan from the beginning.

John 1:12 – but as many as received Him (the Word), to them He gives the right/power to become the sons (children) of God.

Jesus puts in us the power to become something.

1 Pet 1:23 – having been born again...through the Word of God (an incorruptible seed)

- A seed will grow, it doesn't remain a seed.
- The seed has the potential in it to become a son of God

Eph 1:4-5 – God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world

- ❖ having **predestined** us to **adoption as sons**
- ❖ when we are born again, there is a predestined plan for us – to receive the adoption as a son

Adoption – Gk 'huiiothesia' – a compound word

'huiio' - Means a mature son, a son who is able to receive an inheritance

'thesia' – means the placement of

- ❖ the placement of a mature son into the inheritance

We have been predestined to be put into the place of a mature son of God – who can walk in the inheritance

Example – Jesus

- ❖ Jesus was always the son of God, but He wasn't placed as a mature son until His baptism

Isaiah 9:6 – unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given

- ❖ Children are born, sons are given

There will be a manifestation of the sons of God before the coming of the Lord.

Luke 2:49 – Jesus 12 years of age

- ❖ After 3 days, Jesus is found in the temple in deep discussion with the elders
- ❖ Jesus said, "I must be about My Father's business"
- ❖ **V.51-52** – Jesus was subject to His parents, He increased in wisdom and stature and favour with God and men
- ❖ After 12 years, the son begins to work with his father
- ❖ Jesus is the pattern son – He subjected Himself to parents – we are to look for spiritual parents also who can help us grow and train us
- ❖ This causes growth – in wisdom and stature

Luke 3:21-23 – this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased

- ❖ Jesus was about 30 years of age (age of maturity)

- ❖ Jesus was born as a child, He had to grow
- ❖ When He was 30, God declared that Jesus was the Son of God
- ❖ The Spirit descended upon Jesus. He received the Spirit of His Father.
- ❖ The manifestation of the Son began to happen.
- ❖ Jesus began to deliver creation around Him. He had dominion over creation.

Luke 3:38 – Adam was the son of God

Adam was not born, he was made.

- ❖ Jesus at His baptism was given as the Son
- ❖ Jesus is the firstborn among many brethren
- ❖ We have been predestined to the adoption.
- ❖ The government was on Jesus' shoulders after He was given as the Son

1 John 2:12-14

- 3 stages of growth mention

1) little children – know they are forgiven

- they have come to know the Father (the born again experience)
- (birth – 12 years)
- Passover experience

2) young men – they are strong, because the word of God abides in them and they have learnt to overcome the wicked one

(12-30 years)

- we need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to serve
- Pentecost

3) Fathers – know Him who is from the beginning, a mature knowing of God

- they are able to beget spiritual children
- mature sons can father others
- I and my Father are one (they know the Father as a mature son)
- begin to take responsibility, they have ownership
- (The Feast of Tabernacles)

Adoption = sonship (a son being in relationship with God as Father)

Why did Jesus die on the cross and redeem us?

Gal 4:4-5 – that we might receive the adoption as sons – that we might come to that place as mature sons

- ❖ that the earth might be full of sons

Heb 2:10 – it was fitting for Him... in bringing many sons to glory...to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings

- ❖ it is the will of God for us to manifest as sons of God
- ❖ Every nation is to be filled with sons of God, this has been God's plan from the beginning
- ❖ Jesus died and rose again so that we might become mature sons, placed into the inheritance, to walk as Jesus did

Luke 15:11-32 – the lost son

- ❖ **v.11-12** – the son was entitled to the inheritance because he was of age

- ❖ the younger son wasted his inheritance
- ❖ **v.17** – he came to himself, he realised that even the servants in his father's house were better off
- ❖ he was willing to be made like a hired servant – no longer worthy to be called a son
- ❖ the father saw his son
- ❖ when you are a son, you are always a son

The Clothing of a Son

a) The Robe

- **v.22** - bring the best robe and put it on my son (the robe identified the son with the father – the father was restoring the son's identity)
- ❖ God wants us to know that place where we are fully identified with the Father – remember Joseph was robed by Jacob his father, identifying him as the beloved son
- ❖ We are robed with Christ

b) The Ring

- **v.22** - Put a ring on his finger (the ring had to do with authority)
- ❖ Jesus had the authority of the Father when he received the placement as the Son
- ❖ Remember Joseph was given the ring by Pharaoh which gave him all Pharaoh's authority

c) The Sandals

- **v.22** - Put sandals on his feet
- ❖ Walking in the inheritance as sons
- ❖ The son came home to Father's house

It is time to come home to the Father's house!

The Elder Son

- ❖ the elder son got angry in his heart
- ❖ **Luke 15:29** – 'these many years I have been **serving** you'
- ❖ The son had been **serving** in his father's house
- ❖ He was seeking and working for a reward
- ❖ **Servants** work for wages (a reward)
- ❖ This son is a servant in his mind and heart

The heart of the Father

- ❖ **V.31** – the father said, 'Son, you are always with me and all I have is yours'
- ❖ The father was saying, 'son come home'
- ❖ All I have is yours, why are you looking for a reward?
- ❖ **Sons inherit everything that belongs to the Father**

Rom 8:15 – we have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, 'Abba Father'

- ❖ receive the spirit of adoption – it is time
- ❖ enter into the Father's house

Session 14

Speaker: Paul Galligan

THE GLORY OF GOD IS TO FILL THE EARTH

Matthew 9:37-38

- ❖ harvest is truly plentiful, labourers few
- ❖ need to send labourers into the harvest

v.35

- Jesus had His sleeves rolled up working hard in the ministry
- teaching, preaching, healing, delivering
- they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd
- **Jeremiah 3:15** – these are the sorts of shepherds that God is raising up in these days – **feed with knowledge and understanding, have God's heart**

There is a great need for apostles, apostolic teachers, fathers, ministers who can reveal God's eternal purpose which is already accomplished in Christ Jesus
(Ephesians 3:10-11)

- ❖ they are not denominational, the Word of God is not bound
- ❖ we are in the time of the Word of God flowing like a river

True apostles are needed

- ❖ there is much negativity and ignorance about apostolic things
- ❖ there is a need for true apostles to go all through the world, revealing the true hope of the gospel
- ❖ most ministers are preaching the hope of a "rapture", not the hope of the gospel
- ❖ the apostolic is not joining a man and supporting his ministry but it is receiving the true Word of God

5 marks of a true apostle

- a) speaking the pure Word of God
- b) making no demands concerning finance, let the Lord provide
- c) not asking pastors and churches to join "our" ministry
- d) apostles walk in humility
- e) apostles freely mix with host pastors and brethren, approachable, touchable

The preaching of Christ/the manifold wisdom of God

Ephesians 3:8-11

v.8 – Paul considered himself less than least of all saints

- grace given to **preach the unsearchable riches of Christ (Messiah)** among the Gentiles

v.10 – the preaching of Christ leads to the manifold wisdom being made known through the church to the principalities and powers – they will have to bow the knee to the revelation that Jesus the Messiah is Lord

- **Philippians 2:9-11** – every tongue and every knee in "heavens, earth and under the earth"

- This manifold wisdom is revealed and released every time we meet together in Christ
- the amount of us is not important, God will deliver by many or few
- like in the days of Gideon – 300 passed test and they delivered Israel
- most times God decides to deliver by few, the labourers are few

Generally we are ignorant of “Christ” not knowing what it means

- ❖ most people combine “Jesus Christ” as if it is one word
- ❖ most have reduced the gospel to salvation, just come to Jesus and be “saved”
- ❖ salvation begins by accepting Jesus as Saviour
- ❖ Jesus’ goal for the believer is to grow up to maturity in Christ
- ❖ Are you in? Are you committed?

24x times in New T “Saviour” is used

17x times Jesus is referred to as “Saviour”

550+x the title “Christ” is used

Have we preached the balance properly?

We need to preach Him as the Christ!

The preaching of the first apostles

Acts 2:22-36

- ❖ **v.22-24** – biography of Jesus, ministry, death and resurrection
- ❖ **v.25-28** – quote from Psalm 16 about resurrection of Messiah
- ❖ **v.29-36** – This Jesus is both Lord (Adonai) and Christ (Messiah) and He is alive from dead
- ❖ **v.37-42** – 3000 souls cut to heart, repent and baptized and then continued steadfastly in apostles’ doctrine ...
- ❖ **v.43-47** – God-fearing community, working together, the Lord adding to the number daily
- ❖ **This is how the glory of God is to fill the earth**
- ❖ The Christian community in Jerusalem were known for how they loved one another

Acts 5:42

- ❖ The apostles felt very privileged to suffer and be beaten for talking about Jesus – **v.40-41**
- ❖ **They did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ**

Acts 9

v.18 - God sent Ananias to Paul to lay hands on him and be filled with Holy Spirit, he was baptised

v.20 – Now Paul preached immediately that Christ was the Son of God

v.22 – proving that this Jesus is **the Christ**

When you start preaching “Christ”, you start preaching kingdom, rulership, kingship!

- ❖ God told us to pray for our leaders to be saved by coming to knowledge of truth – not to pray for wisdom (**1 Timothy 2:1-7**)
- ❖ Then God will raise up more preachers to share the truth

The unsearchable riches of Christ/coming to know the mystery

2 Peter 3:16-17 – Peter exhorts us to read Paul's writings, as they are Scriptures

- Paul was delegated to bring us into the knowledge of the mysteries

Ephesians 3:8

❖ Paul preached unsearchable riches of Messiah to Gentiles

v.9 – so that all the saints will be able to **see** what is the fellowship (administration, dispensation) of the mystery

- “see” is speaking of revelation
- we are to understand the **mystery**
- what is the **“fellowship of the mystery”**
- Preaching Jesus is King of all rulers of the earth (**Psalm 2:10-12, Rev.1:5**)
- we need to see this mystery

Colossians 2:1-3

❖ Paul had a great conflict in Laodicea

❖ He was struggling because he felt they had not really gotten hold of the mystery

❖ They needed a deeper understanding of mystery

v.2 – hearts encouraged, knit together in love

- encouraged to all riches of full assurance of understanding the **mystery of God**
- what is the mystery of God? **It is of Father and of Christ** – think about these things – the mystery is not the “trinity” it is **Father and Christ**
- we need to pray **Ephesians 1:17-23**, to get this understanding

1 John 1:3 – the fellowship of the mystery of God

- “fellowship” with us (the apostles)
- what is the “fellowship” that the apostles had?
- **it was “fellowship” with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ**
- **this will release joy in us to the full!**

As we walk in the fellowship of this mystery, our lives change, the Bible is the Book of the Revelation of God, the revelation of the Word discloses the mystery, brings healing, ethnic restoration!

Revelation is “what you see”

Jeremiah 1:10-12 – “what do you see?”

2 Kings 2:1-10 – “if you see” then you will get the anointing

The Fellowship of the mystery

❖ “fellowship” = a sharing (**Philemon 6**), a communion, a participation

Hebrews2:10 – it is a fellowship of sons, sons love to talk about the Father, the mysteries of the Word

1 Corinthians 2:6

- we speak “wisdom” for the mature
- not wisdom of this age/world, not learnt at Theological school, not intellectual
- is “hidden wisdom”, not inspired by rulers of this age

v.7 – mystery has to be spoken

- we must be equipped to speak the mystery
- God ordained this wisdom from before the world **for our glory**

A New Testament “son” is one who has come to the age of maturity and inheritance

- **Galatians 4:6** – The “Spirit of His Son” released in us, it is the Spirit that came on Jesus at the baptism – “This is the Son”
- **Colossians 1:27** – this is reality of “Christ in us”
- This is the fellowship of the mystery

The glory of God is to fill the earth

Numbers 14:21

- ❖ God said that He would fill the earth with His glory
- ❖ God said “As truly as I live”
- ❖ God is alive! So His Word is true

Isaiah 11:9

- ❖ earth filled with knowledge of YAHWEH as waters cover the sea
- ❖ what an amazing picture!

Habakkuk 2:14

- ❖ the earth will be filled with the **knowledge of the glory of YAHWEH** as the waters cover the sea

Hebrews 2:10 – sons brought forth into glory because Jesus has already been perfected through suffering

John 1:14 – glory seen in Jesus, full of grace and truth

- ❖ Jesus is the Pattern Son – all we experience and inherit is modelled by Him
- ❖ As sons we are to be full of grace (the ability God gives us to walk in truth) and truth (the Word)

Colossians 1:28

- ❖ goal of ministry is to present every believer perfect in Christ Jesus, so they are in this fellowship of the mystery
- ❖ this is discipleship, so that you can talk about the kingdom easily to anyone you meet

Genesis 2:25

- ❖ creation of man and woman
- ❖ they were both naked but not ashamed
- ❖ they were covered by His glory!

Isaiah 4:5

- ❖ God creates above every dwelling place of Zion (**John 14:2**, many dwellings) and every assembly (gathering in houses)
- ❖ **The glory of God will be a covering**
- ❖ Cloud by day and fire by night

Glory is different to power

- ❖ Charismatic and Pentecostal moves release power
- ❖ **Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49** – Pentecost is meant to release power
- ❖ Gifts, signs, wonders, miracles
- ❖ it is expression and fulfilment of Feast of Pentecost

Now we are coming to Feast of Tabernacles = the indwelling of the Godhead in His people

- ❖ this is the realm of the glory of God filling the earth

John 14:23

- ❖ If love Jesus, Father and Son will come and make home in you

Colossians 2:9-10

- ❖ fullness of Godhead dwelt bodily in Messiah
- ❖ we are complete in Him
- ❖ He is the head over all principality and power

Glory comes when Godhead comes to indwell us

Colossians 1:25-29

- ❖ Paul gives us a profile of a minister and the goal of ministry
- ❖ The goal is for every believer to be filled with Christ, the fullness of Godhead and functioning in the Body

Psalms 102:16

- ❖ Yahweh shall appear in His glory!

Psalms 84:7

- ❖ they shall appear before God in Zion

Hebrews 12:22

- ❖ we have already come to Mt Zion, the city of Living God
- ❖ we are destined to live in the glory
- ❖ this means you are always in the dwelling place of God, no matter what you are doing

The Commission/Creation mandate

- ❖ What is the fulfilment of Scripture and reality of God's glory being seen in the earth?

Genesis 1:28

1. **be fruitful**
2. **multiply**
3. **fill the earth**
4. **subdue earth**
5. **have dominion over creation**

- ❖ each one of us is to be fruitful in work of ministry = spiritual children you bring up
- ❖ multiply = sons we have been brought up have children
- ❖ fill the earth = fruitfulness and multiplication brings forth disciples and sons in the earth
- ❖ subdue earth = mature sons knowing the mystery moving aside the principalities and powers of nations by declaring the manifold wisdom of God
- ❖ dominion over creation = sons of God ruling in the earth, delivering creation from bondage

Pray the Lord of the harvest for workers to be raised

Luke 10:2

- ❖ appointed 70 workers
- ❖ we need more workers
- ❖ more disciples to be trained to be workers

The Work is great

The need for workers is pressing

Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest to raise up many workers

Session 15

Speaker: Nick Jackson

APOSTOLIC COMPANY

A company of brethren – companions in the faith.

Not a human organisation or structure

Not a denomination

It is a term describing those who walk together in committed relationships in the grace and apostleship that is given through Jesus Christ.

You join by having the same heart and the same mind.

Rom 1:5 – through Him (Jesus), we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name

- ❖ A company of people committed to this mandate to bring nations to the obedience of the faith
- ❖ It involves commitment – pushing through to follow Jesus
- ❖ God is looking for a company that is committed
- ❖ Each member of the body knowing their placement and role

Jesus had a company of disciples

- **Luke 24:22** - ...certain women of our company...

- ❖ Jesus sent out seventy trained men at one time (in addition to the 12)
- ❖ The brethren who related with Jesus and followed Him saw themselves as a company
- ❖ **Heb 3:1** – Jesus is the Apostle
- ❖ **The apostolic company are the people who like to hang out with Jesus the Apostle** (they have a revelation of Jesus the Apostle)
- ❖ We begin to see the Father in Jesus (Jesus was sent to represent the Father)
- ❖ We need to receive Jesus as our apostolic Father – allow Him to change you, correct and discipline you
- ❖ Jesus the Apostle is the Great Discipler

Jesus as our Father

Isaiah 9:6 – His name will be called...Everlasting Father..

- ❖ receive Jesus as the Everlasting Father when you receive Him as Apostle

John 15:9 – as the Father loved Me, I also have loved you

- ❖ Jesus loved the disciples as a Father
- ❖ He trained them as a father

Heb 2:11 – because we are set apart (being sanctified) by Him who sanctifies, we are all of one

- ❖ we are of the brethren of Jesus
- ❖ **v.13** – ‘Here am I and the children whom God has given Me’
- ❖ we as Jesus’ brethren, are His children

1 Thess 3:2 – Paul calls Timothy his brother (on other occasions he calls him his son – **1 Cor.4:17**)

- Jesus is our brother and our Father
- Jesus as our Father raises and trains us and then sends us out as a brother

Isaiah 8:16-20

- ❖ **v.16** - the people involved in this company have a testimony

What is the testimony?

- a) **Rev 19:10** – the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus
- b) **Rev 12:11** – the word of their testimony (part of how we overcome)
the reality of what the word has done in us
- c) **Acts 1:8** – you shall receive power... and you shall be witnesses

Seal the law among my disciples

- “**Law**” is the “teaching, instruction” – in Hb. **Torah**
- ❖ **Jer 31:33** – I will put My law in your mind and write it on your heart
- ❖ A people in whom the Word of God is living
- ❖ A company devoted to the teaching (**Acts 2:42** – continuing steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine)
- ❖ **Matt 28:20** – teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...I am with you always

The law (teaching, instruction) is to be sealed in our hearts and outworked in our lives.

Isaiah 8:18 – here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me, we are for signs and wonders in Israel

- ❖ if you have the testimony of Jesus and the law sealed in you, you are a sign and a wonder
- ❖ we are meant to be a pattern people – a Messianic community, a sign to the whole world of the reality of Jesus

v.19 – the apostolic company is completely set apart from the works of the devil, not seeking demonic help or signs

- we are not to be seeking witchcraft signs, but looking unto Jesus
- overcoming all forms of demonic power

v.20 – to the law and to the testimony (of Jesus)

- a company that walks in discernment, knowing good from evil, not carried about by every wind of doctrine (**Heb.5:14, Eph.4:14**)

The Army of YAHWEH

- ❖ We are delivered to be an army, to inherit the promises of God in Christ
- ❖ **Ex 6:26** – the children of Israel – God considered them His armies
- ❖ **Ex 7:4** – My armies – My people
- ❖ the LORD of Hosts – lit. YAHWEH of Armies
- ❖ the apostolic company is the army of the LORD – He is in the midst of His army

Rev 19:14-15 – armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen (**Rev 19:8** – the righteous acts of the saints, priests)

- ❖ This is talking about the saints
- ❖ **V.13** – following the Word of God
- ❖ A company completely obedient to the word of God – following **the Word of God** into battle
- ❖ **V.15** – out of His mouth a sharp two-edged sword that strikes nations, The **Word of God** in the midst of His army and spoken by this army will **strike the nations**

To be a disciple, means to be disciplined

David's Army

1 Sam 13:11-14

- Samuel had told Saul to wait for him
- Saul became disobedient because of fear of man
- we need to wait on the LORD and be obedient
- Saul was worried about his own leadership, people were leaving him, scattering
- 1 Sam 18:12** – Saul was afraid of David because Yahweh was with him
- when people begin to walk in obedience to the word of God and receive apostles, it challenges those in the religious system
- we need to be like David, who continued to trust, he waited for God
- David had a company develop around him (600 men and their families)
- they learned how to function as a company/ community
- it was to this company that God gave the kingdom

God is raising apostolic companies today that can receive the kingdom

1 Sam 22:1-2 – everyone who was in distress, in debt and discontented gathered to him

1) everyone in distress

- **Matt 9:35-38** – sheep weary and scattered
- the apostolic company is a place where those who are in distress can go and get healing, deliverance and teaching

2) everyone in debt

- the religious system keeps people in debt (serving with no inheritance)
- the apostolic company releases the inheritance
- **Rom 13:8** – the only debt we have is to love one another (**Eph 4:16**)

3) the discontented

- not content with the experience of church they have had (missing the reality of Christ)
- **Jesus is the head of this body/company**

The apostolic company in the New Testament

Phil 3:12-17 – the apostolic mind (the mind of Christ)

- ❖ I press on, toward the goal
- ❖ We are partakers of a heavenly calling
- ❖ **V.15** – this is the mature mind

- ❖ A mind willing to go on, willing to change and grow in the revelation of who Jesus is
- ❖ A company walking with this mind (a body)
- ❖ If in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you
- ❖ A mind willing to change and allow God to reveal what the word of God says
- ❖ Willing to let go of stronghold doctrines
- ❖ **V.16** – walks by the same rule
- ❖ There is a conduct and behaviour that we walk by
- ❖ Commitment, submission and accountability
- ❖ Submitted to the appointed leadership and to one another
- ❖ **V.17** – brethren join in following my example and note those who so walk
- ❖ A pattern people
- ❖ Note the example of the apostles and those who have been raised up by the apostles
- ❖ They are a model to follow

Acts 2:42-47 – apostolic company functioning

Acts 6:1-7 – how apostolic company functions when a problem arises

Acts 4:13 – they saw the boldness of the apostles... they realised that they had been with Jesus

The Apostolic Company keeps company with Jesus –

you will be known as someone who “has been with Jesus”

Session 16

Speaker: Paul Galligan

THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

From baptism to glory through suffering!

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE WERE BAPTIZED?

- This is when we were crucified

Romans 6:3

- ❖ when baptized into Christ Jesus, we are baptized **into His death**
- ❖ this is when we were **crucified with Christ**
- ❖ we have to submit to go through the water

v.4

- buried with Him through **baptism into death**
- not a symbol
- I died when I was baptized – because the Bible says that is what happened
- justification, identification leading into sanctification

This death of our old life began with being born again but then fully put to death at baptism

Baptism – work of initial salvation/justification is completed – **Mark 16:16**

- ❖ Baptism is not a symbol or sign
- ❖ It is a reality
- ❖ New Testament does not have types and shadows – it is the fulfilment of all things in Christ, reality (Lord's Table and baptism are all realities of being in Christ)

Romans 6:5

- ❖ united in likeness of His death
- ❖ certainly also in His resurrection
- ❖ because baptism by faith in Jesus, not only death, but we share and identify in the resurrection from the dead
- ❖ **Hebrews 6:2** – doctrine of resurrection of the dead, even referring to your resurrection through baptism into Christ – the reality of the resurrection now (**John 11:23-26**)
- ❖ Doctrine of resurrection begins at baptism

v.6

- our old man was crucified with Him
- old body of sins done away with
- freed from sin, no longer slaves of sin
- power of old man was broken when you were baptized

v.7

- He who has died has been **“freed from sin”**

CRUCIFIED WITH HIM

Galatians 2:20

- ❖ I have been crucified with Christ (when I was baptised, I was crucified with Him – **Romans 6:6**, I died on the Cross in Him, that is where history changed, where eternity came into the temporal, where I became a new creation)
- ❖ No longer I who live – therefore no more racial distinctions, ethnic, religious, male and female – no discrimination – only a new creation
- ❖ Christ lives in me – **Colossians 1:27**, Christ gets in you officially at your baptism = the marriage ceremony, we become **one spirit with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)**
- ❖ Life I now live in flesh
- ❖ I live by “**the faith of the Son of God**” – it is not by me trying to believe in Jesus, it is living by His faith, I believe Him – the life of Christ in me is accessed by faith!
- ❖ He loved me and gave His life for me

Not our faith but His faith

The faith movement emphasised you needed faith for this and that

Faith is a gift – **Ephesians 2:8**

Galatians 5:24

- ❖ **v.19-21** – gross sins of the flesh, if practice them will not inherit the kingdom of God
- ❖ **v.22-23** – fruit of Spirit, no law against them
- ❖ **v.24** – flesh needs to be crucified with its passions and desires
- ❖ **the result = we will not practice works of flesh, but will manifest fruit of Spirit**
- ❖ when passion and desire comes up we crucify them
- ❖ **v.25** – the result = we will walk in the Spirit
- ❖ “**live in Spirit**” = **born again**
- ❖ “**walk in Spirit**” = **crucifying flesh, walking it out**

Galatians 6:14

- ❖ only boast in Cross of Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ world crucified to me and I to the world, not friends with the world
- ❖ we should boast in the Cross, boasting in that we were able to die to the flesh
- ❖ Cross is the power of God to those who are being saved

HOW DO WE FACE UP TO THIS BIBLICAL REALITY?

2 Corinthians 4:7

- we have the treasure of light of knowledge of glory of God in earthen vessels (the treasure is **2 Cor. 4:4, 6**)
- that the excellence, pre-eminence, excess, superiority of the power may be of God and not of us

v8

- ❖ Therefore (because of this treasure in us):
- ❖ I am hard-pressed but not crushed
- ❖ Perplexed but not in despair

v.9

- Persecuted but not forsaken

v.10

- Always carrying about in the body the “dying of the Lord Jesus” – Jesus is dying in us, His death in us
- Why? – So the life of the Lord Jesus may manifest in our body

v.11

- we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake
- why? So life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh

v.12

- death is working in us but life in you
- death and life of Jesus are to manifest in our mortal body
- dead men walking

When you are no longer friends with the world, you just do not get on with the world

v.13

- faith is a spirit – I have the same spirit of faith
- believe and therefore speak, have to speak

v.14 – why do we speak?

- knowing that the One who raised Jesus will also raise us up with you (with the Body)

v.16

- we do not lose heart
- outward man is perishing
- inward man being renewed day by day, growing stronger, being revived daily

v.17

- suffering = light affliction, is only for a moment
- works for us! A far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory
- this inner life of Christ in me is growing and developing
- getting more easily corrected, I can more quickly pull out of anger etc.

v.18

- we are not looking at the things that are seen but the things that are unseen – eternal not temporal

2 Corinthians 5:7

- walk by faith not by sight

v.9-11

- we make it our aim whether present or absent to be well pleasing to Him
- my aim is to be well-pleasing to Jesus
- we will all appear before the judgement seat of Christ – is for believers, to give account for what we do in the Body
- knowing the terror of the Lord (Jesus) we persuade men
- are you well known to God

Crucified life = not friends with world but friends with God
= not works of flesh but fruit of Spirit

Session 17

Speaker: Nick Jackson

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The word 'day' – Hb #3117 'yowm' – from root meaning to be hot, it can be literal or figurative

First mentioned in **Gen 1:5** – God called the light 'day'

- ❖ the **day** has to do with light
- ❖ at this time there was no sun, moon or stars
- ❖ this was the light that was proceeding from God
- ❖ in the day there is no darkness

1 John 1:5 – God is light. In Him there is no darkness

The **day** of the Lord is a day of light, a day when God is manifested as light

- ❖ **Rev 21:23** – ...the Lamb is its light...
- ❖ We as the city of God are meant to be living in the day – no need of the sun
- ❖ **Prov 4:18-19** – the path of the just is like the shining sun that shines ever brighter until the **perfect day**
- ❖ we are walking unto the day of the Lord, things are getting brighter until that day
- ❖ **v.19** – the way of the wicked is like darkness

Old Testament prophetic scriptures of the Day of Yahweh

Isaiah 2:12-22

- ❖ a day of judgment on everything proud and lofty
- v.13** – it comes upon kings and commanders (trees)
- v.14** – it comes upon the mountains and the hills (kingdoms and nations, cities, principalities and powers – all the high places)
- v.15** – it will come upon military power and might (towers and fortresses)
- v.16** – upon all the economic systems (commerce, trade ships)
- v.17** – the pride of man shall be bowed down...Yahweh alone shall be exalted
- v.18** – the idols He shall utterly abolish – shown to be worthless
- v.19** – there is going to be a shaking
- ❖ a day of terror, but also a day of the glory of His majesty
- ❖ **Rev 6:15-17** – men wanting to hide from the One who sits on the throne and from the Lamb – literally "Lambkin" – a small suckling Lamb
- ❖ **V.17** – the great day of His wrath

Isaiah 2:20-21

- ❖ they are throwing away their idols, but they are not turning to God
- ❖ we, as the church, are to live in view of this day
- ❖ **Heb 11:7** – Noah, by faith, was warned of things not yet seen – he was moved with godly fear to prepare the ark
- ❖ The day of Yahweh is to move us in to action
- V.22** – don't put your trust in people who don't trust in the LORD
- ❖ Don't put your trust in the world – the world system and governments

Ez 13:3-5 – prophets have a role to prepare the people for the Day of Yahweh

- ❖ there is a battle on the day of Yahweh – we need to be prepared
- ❖ the preparation is a wall being built to stand in battle

Rev 16:14-16

- ❖ the battle of the great Day of God Almighty
- v.15** – blessed is he who watches (stay in prayer)
- ❖ we are to keep our garments (putting on the whole armour of God – clothed with Christ, the Word)
- ❖ we don't want to be found naked, but clothed – found in Him (**Phil.3:9**)

Obadiah 15

- ❖ the day of Yahweh comes upon all nations
- ❖ a day of judgment
- v.17** – on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance and holiness – Salvation for those on Mt Zion
- ❖ the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions – they receive the inheritance
- ❖ **Heb 12:22** – we have come to Mount Zion, as the church we are to be seated with Christ on Mt Zion
- ❖ We are to be found on Mount Zion (the place of all authority)
- ❖ It is a day of complete deliverance
- ❖ It is a day of holiness (separated unto God)
- ❖ A time of inheritance
- V.18** – the people of God shall be as a fire in that day
- ❖ Esau represents the flesh – all the flesh shall be as stubble in the day of Yahweh
- V.21** – deliverers shall come to Mount Zion
- ❖ the kingdom shall be Yahweh's – the kingdom of God manifest in all the earth

Malachi 4:1-6

- ❖ the day is coming, burning like an oven
- ❖ all who do wickedly we be stubble
- ❖ the day which is coming shall burn them up
- ❖ it will leave neither root nor branch of wickedness
- v.2** – but to you who fear My name, the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings – to the righteous it is a wonderful Day
- ❖ you shall go out and grow fat (carrying the fullness of God)
- v.3** – you shall trample the wicked, they shall be ashes under your feet
- ❖ this is the destiny of those who fear the name of Yahweh

How do we prepare for this Day?

- v.4-6** – tell us how to be prepared
- ❖ (**Matt 28:20**) – remember all the teaching (the **Law of Moses**), the commandments, Christ has fulfilled the Law of Moses, we are to keep His commandments, His teaching
- ❖ This is preparing us for the **great and a dreadful Day of YAHWEH**
- ❖ the prophet Elijah will be sent before this day (**Matt 17:11-12**)
- ❖ Elijah has come (in John the Baptist) and he will come to usher in the great and dreadful Day
- ❖ The spirit and power of Elijah prepares us for the coming of the Lord – **Luke 1:17**
- ❖ Turning the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children (release of the Spirit of Sonship) – **Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6**
- ❖ The sons of God will manifest and deliver creation from its bondage (**Romans 8:19-21**), to usher in the Day of the Lord

New Testament – Day of the Lord

2 Pet 3:10-13

- the day will come as a thief in the night
- the earth and the works that are in it will be burnt up
- the wicked and the proud are burned
- the elements will melt

'Elements' – Gk #4747 'stoicheion' – means something orderly, an arrangement, fundamental, initial, basal (a base, a foundation)

Galatians 4:3

❖ we were in bondage under the elements of the world

v.9 - ...weak and beggarly elements – they cause people to be in bondage

Col 2:8, 20 – “basic principles of the world” – this is the teaching of the world and world system

Heb 5:12 – principles = elements, “principles of the oracles of God”

- ❖ We are to be delivered from the elements of the world into the **elementary principles of Christ!**
- ❖ The building blocks that the world's system is built on will be burnt up

2 Peter 3:11

- the day of the Lord will dissolve all wickedness
- what sort of person ought you to be?
- walk in holy conduct (behaviour) and godliness
- **1 Tim 3:15** – we need to learn how to conduct ourselves in the house of God
- **v.16** – mystery of godliness – God in the flesh
- we are to walk as Jesus walked – Jesus as God in the flesh, showed us how to conduct ourselves in Godliness!

2 Pet 3:12

- looking for and hastening the day
- we have an active role in seeing the day of the Lord come to pass

2 Pet 1:19

- we have the prophetic word confirmed – Jesus transfigured was the prophetic word confirmed!
- we will do well to heed this word as a light shining in a dark place!
- we need to heed the prophetic word that has been confirmed
- then we will experience the day dawning in our heart – the **Day** will rise in our hearts as the Bright Morning Star – (**Rev.22:16**)

Philippians 1:5-6

- ❖ he who has begun a good work in you will complete it unto the **Day**

How do we prepare for this Day?

v.5 - we need to stay in the fellowship of the gospel

v.6 - we can have confidence that God will complete what He has begun in us

v.7 – you are all partakers of grace with me – we need grace to prepare us

v.9 – Paul prays for us to prepare us for this **day**

- ❖ that your love may abound in knowledge and all discernment

v.10 – you will be able to approve the things that are excellent

- ❖ that you may be sincere and without offense

v.11 – being filled with all the fruits of righteousness

Philippians 2:12-16

❖ the **coming** and the **day** are always in focus in the gospel

How do we prepare for this Day?

v.12 - work out your salvation with fear and trembling

❖ we are getting ready for the **day**

v.13 – allow God to work in us, to will and do according to His good pleasure, cooperate with Him, submit to His working in your life

v.14 – do all things without complaining and disputing

v.15 – that we may become blameless and harmless, children without fault, shining as lights in the world, we are to manifest the Day, the Light

v.16 – holding fast the word of life – so that we can rejoice in **the Day of Christ**

Heb 10:19-25 – more on how to prepare for the Day

v.19 - by entering into the Holy of Holies by the blood

v.22 – coming in full assurance of faith

v.24 – stirring each other for love and good works

v.25 - not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together and exhorting each other as you **see the Day approaching**

1 Thessalonians 5

v.2 – the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night

v.3 sudden destruction comes

v.5 - the **Day** does not overtake us because we are all **sons of light** and **sons of the day**

- we are manifesting the light and the day

How do we prepare for the Day?

v.6 – let us not sleep, let us watch and be sober

v.8 – put on breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet the hope of salvation

Eph 4:30 – the Day of the Lord is a day of redemption

- We are sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption

Rom 13:11-14 – high time to awake out of sleep,

- the day is at hand,

How do we prepare for the Day?

- cast off works of darkness,

- put on the Lord Jesus Christ,

- make no provision for the flesh, have no premeditated thought for your flesh

Session 18
Speaker: Paul Galligan

JESUS THE APOSTLE

Hebrews 3:1

- ❖ Have you really **considered Jesus as the Apostle?**
- ❖ Historically the Christian Church has remembered Jesus as the **High Priest** (redemption, salvation in Christ Jesus)
- ❖ When we receive Jesus the Apostle, it changes our life, preaching and experience
- ❖ We need revelation of Jesus the Apostle

We have learnt as a company that Jesus is the Apostle

A key, core way of understanding apostolic revelation is found in **Matthew 10:40**

- “He who receives you (apostles) receives Me (Jesus), and if they receive Me, they receive the One who sent Me (the Father)
- **apostles are ones who are sent**
- sent on behalf of those who sent them
- the role of the apostle is to fully represent Jesus who sends them
- If Jesus raises apostles and sends them, and you receive them, you will receive Jesus and **get a revelation of the Father**
- it is so important that the church comes to receive Jesus as the Apostle
- apostles have been rejected in the church for at least 1800 years

One of Jesus’ most important roles was the Apostle, the One who came to earth and manifested the Father

Most of church told to believe in Jesus so we can go to heaven

When we receive a revelation of Jesus the Apostle the whole universe changes, your whole ecclesiology (word concerning the church), theology changes

We need to understand the role and task of Jesus the Apostle

Task of Jesus the Apostle

= build house of God in the earth

Role of Jesus the Apostle

= to represent and make known the Father

Building house of God in the earth

What is the house of God?

1 Timothy 3:15 – the house of God is the church of the Living God

Hebrews 3:1-6

v.3 – Jesus counted of more glory than Moses

- Jesus is builder of House

v.4 – Jesus is God, the builder of the house

v.5 – Moses faithful as a servant in the house

v.6 – Christ is faithful as a Son **over His own house, whose house we are**

Matthew 16:18

❖ on this Rock **I will build My church** (Ecclesia – congregation, government) and gates of Hell will not prevail

❖ made up of living stones – **1 Peter 2:5**

How did Jesus build the house of God in the earth?

John 17:4

- finished apostolic work God gave Him to do

v.6 – Jesus as the Apostle manifested the name of the Father to the men God gave Him

v.6-19 – accounting to the Father the work of training up the apostles

v.18 – As Father sent Jesus as the Apostle into the world, Jesus sent them as apostles into the world

Had Jesus finished building the church?

No – but he had laid the foundation by raising 12 apostles!

Ephesians 2:19-22

- household of God is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself is chief cornerstone

- the whole building is fitted into Him to be the temple of the Lord in the earth

- Jesus had to be the Cornerstone for the house to be built

Ephesians 4:11-13

- This is how Jesus the Apostle continues to build the house today

- by giving 5 ministries to mature the church, build it up

How did Jesus the Apostle fulfil His role as Apostle?

Role = to represent and make known the Sender (the Father)

Matthew 10:40

❖ if they receive apostles, they receive Jesus, they receive Father

❖ the role of apostles is to fully represent Jesus, make Him known

John 5:19

❖ The Son can do nothing of Himself

❖ Son does what the Father does in like manner

❖ If you see Jesus doing something, you will actually see what the Father is doing

❖ Watch Jesus and you will learn of the Father

John 14:9-10

❖ if you have seen Jesus have seen Father

❖ Jesus had done a perfect job of fully representing Father

❖ **John 10:30** – Father and Jesus are one

In our day, Jesus is raising apostles again to bring to the church the revelation of the Sender – Jesus the Messiah!

If you receive revelation of Jesus the Apostle, you will receive the Father!

Without the apostolic revelation (Col.2:2 – mystery of God, Father and Christ) the church cannot be built into completion, it will not be finished

Jesus the Apostle came as the **Word**

John 1:1

- ❖ In the Beginning was the “Logos” (Word, communication, message)
- ❖ The Logos is God – the message we need to receive is the message/Word of God
- ❖ The Logos was God speaking

v.14 – The Word/Logos (who was God) became flesh and dwelt among us

We receive the Communication of God becoming a man

- ❖ we saw His glory – the glory of the One who sent Him, the Son came manifesting the glory of Father, full of grace and truth

John 3:34

- ❖ He whom God has Sent (as Apostle), speaks the words of God
- ❖ The Word in flesh keeps speaking the Word, representing the Sender
- ❖ God gave Him the Spirit without measure (happened at His baptism – **Matthew 3:16-17**)
- ❖ Apostolic revelation has got to do with becoming sons (**Galatians 4:6**)
- ❖ Apostolic teaching will change your life
- ❖ When you receive Jesus the Apostle, you receive the One who sent Him
- ❖ If you have the Son, the Apostle, you have the Father! You have come to know the **mystery of God**

God is speaking the Logos still

We are to receive this Word

It is the teaching and preaching of Jesus the Christ – **Acts 5:42**

This is the apostolic Word which needs to be brought and received

Luke 24:25-27

- ❖ Jesus spoke to 2 on the road to Emmaus
- ❖ Beginning at Moses and all the prophets He expounded the things concerning Himself

v.44 – all things fulfilled in Christ which were written in Psalms, Law and prophets

- we need help to comprehend the Scriptures, we need Light to see
- we need apostolic revelation, we need the anointing of the apostles that Jesus is raising today to comprehend the Scriptures

Acts 2:41-42

- ❖ 3000 who received word gladly **continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine**
- ❖ The teaching of the apostles
 - v.46-47** – church met in houses – 3120 new believers all meeting in many places with 12 apostles
 - maybe 150 house meetings a day (20 people per house)
 - 12-13 meetings per apostle each day

Apostles' doctrine

John 7:16-17

- ❖ it is the doctrine of the One who sent Him
 - ❖ which doctrine should you be teaching?
 - ❖ It should be the doctrine of the apostles – it is the doctrine of God
 - ❖ The Word we speak is in the Bible, but many have never seen it before! It reveals Jesus!
- v.18** – if speak from yourself, seeking your own glory
- if speaking the doctrine of God, seeking the glory of the One who sends
 - many preach to make people feel good, not repentant
 - true doctrine reveals glory of Jesus

John 17 = report card to God the Father

How did Jesus train 12

- v.6** – manifested the name
- v.8** – gave them the words Father gave Him – the doctrine
- v.10** – His glory revealed in them
- v.11-12** – kept them in **name Father had given Jesus**
- **keep them in Your name** or **keep through Your name which You gave me**
 - **His name was Jesus** – He kept the apostles in the name!

In prayer of John 17 Gk word “apostello” appears 5 times – “sent as apostle”

John 17

- v.8** – know that you “sent” (apostello = root word of “apostolos” – apostle) Me
- v.18** – apostello 2 times – Jesus was “sent” as apostle, Jesus “sent” them as apostles
- “apostello” means to send on a mission as a delegate
- v.21** – believers who believe through word of apostles (apostles' doctrine) – purpose = all of them One as Father in Jesus and Jesus in Father
- the result will be “that the world may **believe that God “sent” (apostello) Jesus!**
- v.22-23** – glory makes us One, we get into the glory by receiving the deeper wisdom (1 Cor.2:7) which God ordained for our glory
- the result = everyone knows that **God “sent” Jesus** – not Mohamed, Buddha or anyone else
 - glory makes us One so we can be perfect in Christ
 - this is the victory of the gospel, the message of Jesus the Messiah so powerfully clear in the earth

Steps to the glory

Submission, humility, grace, ministry, making known mystery, mystery reveals glory, glory makes us one, Oneness makes us perfect

The name

John 17:6 – Jesus said He manifested the **name**

In Old T – “YHWH” over 6500 times

John 12:13 – Word Wealth in Spirit filled Bible

- ‘Name’ = “onoma” Gk #3686 – quite common in Heb and Gk to use “onoma” for all name implies – rank, authority, position, character... occasionally the name is **synonymous with a person**

- **the name fully represents the person, place or thing** – e.g. “Bethel” – means “House of God” (**Genesis 28:12-22**)

Zechariah 14:9

- we are talking of the name of the Apostle Jesus
- YHWH will be King over all the earth
- **Revelation 19:16** – Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords
- In that day – YHWH One and His name One

Matt.28:18 – Jesus said “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me

❖ Jesus had **all** authority on earth – He is the King

❖ The day has come that Jesus has all authority on earth and heaven!

v.19 – baptise them into the **name** of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

v.20 – teach them to observe all things – one of those things was Jesus and Father are One, The Word is God

- **name** is singular – Peter obeyed Jesus by telling them to be **baptised in the name of Jesus Christ**

- **this name includes the full revelation of the Godhead, this name makes the Father known**

Jesus the Apostle – in His very name He brings a revelation of the Father

Acts 9:1-6

❖ Saul blinded by the Light from heaven

❖ Saul heard the voice

❖ Saul said “Who are you, Lord?” – He called Him Lord but does not know who He is

❖ Voice answered “I am Jesus”

V.15-16 – Saul a chosen vessel to **bear My name**

- Paul’s ministry was to bear the name, to tell everyone about Jesus

- Paul was also to suffer for the **name**

Acts 5:42 – Let us all commit to do this!

HARVEST TIME

Matt 9:35

- ❖ Jesus showing us how to work in the harvest
- ❖ Jesus went to all the cities and villages
- ❖ He went teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel, healing sickness and diseases
- ❖ Teach, Preach, Heal and Deliver – this is how to labour in the harvest!
- ❖ Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes – they were like sheep without a shepherd

V.37 The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few

‘Labourers’ – Gk ‘ergates’ – a worker, a toiler, fig. a teacher

- ❖ **We need teachers/ labourers for the harvest**
- ❖ **2 Tim 2:15** – be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a **worker (teacher, labourer)** who can rightly divide the word of truth
- ❖ We need to be prepared. We need to be diligent, able to teach the Word rightly if we are to be labourers in the harvest
- ❖ **1 Thess 5:13** – esteem them (those who **labour** among you) very highly in love for their **work’s** (labour’s) sake

Matt 9:38 – pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out** labourers into the harvest

‘Send’ – Gk #1544 ‘ekballo’ – to eject, translated to drive out, cast out, thrust out, propel, to expel

- ❖ As soon as the labourer is ready they are to be thrust out

Matt 10:1 – Jesus appoints 12 to go out into the harvest

- ❖ He gave them power

Genesis 8:22

- ❖ while the earth remains, seed time and **harvest** shall not cease
- ❖ this is first mention of the word “harvest”
- ❖ God is talking about more than the natural harvest

The feasts that Yahweh appointed are all around harvests

Lev 23:10-11 – firstfruits (part of **Passover**) – a harvest of resurrected people to come

- ❖ we come alive in Christ by believing in Jesus

Lev 23:15-17 – feast of weeks, **Pentecost**

- ❖ this was when the whole harvest would come in
- ❖ on the day of Pentecost 3000 souls were saved, baptised and filled with Holy Spirit (come alive)
- ❖ reaping souls into the kingdom
- ❖ we need labourers to preach the gospel
- ❖ need the Holy Spirit to be witnesses
- ❖ they needed the **former rain**
Rain comes for the purpose of a harvest.

Deut 16:13-14 – Feast of Tabernacles (Ingathering)

- ❖ there is a harvest of wine (grape) and the olive (oil)
- ❖ a feast of maturity
- ❖ bringing all the souls to maturity in Christ
- ❖ this is the harvest that Jesus is wanting to see among His people
- ❖ a harvest to bring in the end of the age – a church walking in maturity
- ❖ we need **latter rain** to bring in the harvest of mature sons

Harvest time means that there is a ripe crop (a mature crop).

When the time of harvest comes:

- 1) **it needs immediate attention** – we cannot wait, workers are needed straight away
- 2) **it is hard work**
- 3) **it is long hours**
- 4) **it is joyful** – there is a reward

Prov 6:6-8

- ❖ go to the ant you sluggard, consider her ways and be wise
- ❖ they provide their supplies
- ❖ they know that they need to work
- ❖ don't be lazy in harvest time

Prov 10:5

- ❖ he who gathers in summer is a wise son
- ❖ don't sleep in harvest, don't miss it
- ❖ missing it will cause shame

Prov 20:4

- ❖ the lazy man will not plough because of winter
- ❖ when harvest comes he will have nothing, no fruit
- ❖ must give ourselves to the preparation work

Lots of preparation goes into the harvest, but when it comes you have to be ready.

When the harvest comes, it comes suddenly.

Jer 8:20

- ❖ the harvest is passed, the summer is ended and we are not saved
- ❖ the harvest did not come because they got distracted by other things, idols
- ❖ they missed it and they weren't saved

An idol is a worthless doctrine – if you are focussed on them, you will miss out on the harvest – **idols** can be the “prosperity doctrine”, “rapture doctrine”, “anti-Christ preaching” all distracting the church from the work of the harvest

We need to be able to rightly divide the word of truth.

- ❖ The harvest brings salvation and deliverance

There are 2 harvests that we need to be involved in – **new souls** and **maturity**

How do we get ready for the harvest?

- ❖ we need rain
- ❖ the former rain is the infilling or baptism of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ the latter rain is the release of the Spirit of sonship, enabling us to grow to maturity
- ❖ **John 7:38-39** – in the context of the Feast of Tabernacles
- ❖ He who believes in Me... out of his belly will flow rivers of living water to give drink to the thirsty
- ❖ The rain is to equip us to become workers in the harvest

Jer 5:24 – Yahweh gives rain, both the former and the latter in its season

- ❖ They did not fear Yahweh who gives the rain
- ❖ Those who fear Yahweh will receive the rain
- ❖ The harvest is God's appointment, the feasts are God's appointment
- ❖ The anointing, power and glory are released to equip us for harvest

Hosea 6:3

- ❖ He will come to us like the rain, like the former and latter rain
- ❖ If we pursue God, He will give us the rain that is needed – He will release the Holy Spirit

James 5:7

- ❖ be patient until the coming of the Lord
- ❖ as a farmer waits patiently for the former and the latter rain
- ❖ we need the rain in order for the harvest to come
- ❖ be ready – wait patiently, don't go before your time
- ❖ put yourself in a position/place where you can be trained so that when you are ready, you can be thrust out into the harvest

Job 29:22-23

- ❖ they waited for me as for the rain
- ❖ people waited for Job to speak to them as to receive the rain
- ❖ The **rain** is also the **doctrine**

Deut 32:2

- ❖ let my **teaching/doctrine drop as the rain**...as showers on the grass
- ❖ the rain is the doctrine dropping on you as the rain
- ❖ we need to be equipped in the doctrine
- ❖ **Eph 4:11-13** – ministers sent to bring the church to maturity, to equip the saints, to give them **rain** so that they can be prepared for service

Joel 2:23-24

- ❖ Yahweh has given the former rain faithfully (the outpouring of the Holy Spirit)
- ❖ He will cause the rain to come down to you
- ❖ The former rain and the latter rain at the same time
- ❖ This is the harvest time that God is bringing and He is wanting labourers to be ready

V.24 – an abundance of fruit being reaped in the earth

❖ **Matt 13:36-43** – this is the harvest at the end of the age, the major revival of the former and latter rain coming together to see a great ingathering of new souls into the kingdom while at the same time bringing them up to be mature sons who can inherit the kingdom

The labouring of the harvest is to bring forth sons who can inherit the kingdom. This harvest is worldwide!

Are you going to give yourself as a worker, to be trained and sent/thrust out?

Session 20

Speaker: Paul Galligan

RECEIVED UP INTO GLORY

Revival has begun

We are to continue – **Acts 2:42**

People will be added – **Acts 2:47**

The Anointing in us speaks to the spirit of men, deep calling unto deep

1 Timothy 3:15-16

- know how to conduct yourself in the house of God – this is how we behave in all aspects of life, in family, in home, in all our relationships, in the workplace, while we are alone, on the internet
- if you are serious about living in revival you must repent, are you easily corrected, are you teachable, willing to keep changing – **2 Corinthians 3:18** – in beholding Him we are changed
- House of God is the church of the Living God
- it is the pillar (mainstay) and ground (foundation) of the truth

v.16 – the kernel of truth

- without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness:
- God was manifested in the flesh...
- Received up in glory

What does it mean to say that Jesus was “received up into glory”?

Acts 1:9

- ❖ Jesus was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight
- ❖ This is the Ascension

Luke 24:51

- ❖ Jesus was parted from them and “**carried up into heaven**” = **received up into glory**

Mark 16:19

- ❖ After Lord spoke to them “**He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God**”
- ❖ “received up into glory” means also He sat down at the right hand of God
- ❖ Jesus is seated in the realm of glory

Acts 7:55-56

- ❖ Stephen by the Holy Spirit gazed into heaven and **saw the glory of God**, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God**
- ❖ Stephen said he saw **heavens opened** and saw the Son of Man **standing** at right hand of God

Ephesians 1:20

- ❖ resurrection power worked in Messiah, raised Him from the dead, **and seated Him at the right hand in the heavenly realm**
- ❖ Jesus went back into that realm where He was before He came to earth – the heavenly realm is uncreated, eternal

v.21 – that realm is “far above all rule, authority and dominion..” He is seated here forever

v.22 – God put all things under Jesus’ feet, and as Head over all those things He was given to the church

v.23 – the church is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all

- **Romans 8:29-30** – all in past tense, God has already done it – even **glorified**
- because Jesus has ascended and sat at right hand He has secured even our **glorification**
- church is not separated from the Head, we are a glorified Body, the fullness of Him
- Revival is believing the Word of God, waking us up to our glorification!

Psalms 110:1

- ❖ the most oft quoted Old T verse in the New T
- ❖ Eternal God (YAHWEH) said to my Lord, “sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool”
- ❖ The Judge sits, and then the court is in session
- ❖ This effects all nations and all creation
- ❖ Jesus is ruling and reigning

Philippians 2:9-11

- ❖ in the context of Jesus being revealed as God becoming a man, dying and being exalted
- ❖ God gave Him the name above all names
- ❖ Every knee bow and every tongue confess in all areas of creation that Jesus the Messiah is Lord
- ❖ His rule effects every realm of creation – heavens (principalities and powers), earth (men on the earth), all beneath the earth (demons of hell) because **Jesus was received up into glory!**
- ❖ **This is the final essential part of the gospel, that Jesus ascended and sat down at right hand**
- ❖ **Ephesians 4:9-10** – He had to first descend but then ascend to fill all things with His Presence!

Colossians 3:1

- ❖ if raised with Christ, seek things above, where Christ is, seated at right hand of God
- ❖ this is why we should change our behaviour, because Jesus is at right hand
- ❖ baptism causes us to be “raised with Christ”

v.2 – set mind on things above, not on things of earth

v.3 – you died – in baptism

- your life is hidden with Christ in God
- the glory of Christ is your covering

Galatians 3:27 – “clothed in Christ” through baptism, put Him on

- because Jesus is received up into glory, and we are hidden in Him, we are covered and should seek things which are above
- being covered by Him, we are not exposed

v.4 - when Christ our life appears

- we will appear with Him in glory
- there is an appearing of the Messiah, we have fixed our minds on Him and hidden in Him
- not talking about the Coming

v.5-8 – goes on to say that we are putting off old man, sins of flesh, sins of mind
So when Jesus manifests in any way, we appear with Him in that glory of His manifestation

We are found in the glory with the Messiah!

Hebrews 1:3

- i) Jesus, the Son of God, is the Brightness of Glory
- ii) The express image of God's Person
- iii) Upholds all things by Word of His power
- iv) Purged our sins by Himself
- v) Sat down at right hand of Majesty on high

v.8-9 – quotes from **Psalms 45:6-7**

- Son's throne is God's Throne and it is forever - eternal
 - Sceptre of righteousness is Sceptre of His kingdom – **2 Peter 3:13, Matthew 13:43**
- kingdom full of righteousness
- how do you get into this revival, this kingdom? – Love righteousness and hate lawlessness
 - Son is anointed – it is well pleasing to God for you to seek the Anointing, the anointing of Christ in you
 - it is the anointing of gladness and joy

Hebrews 12:2

- i) Look unto Jesus
- ii) by faith, He is author of faith – Jesus gives us faith
- iii) Joy motivates us to want to be in this revival – Jesus was motivated by the joy set before Him
- iv) There is suffering – joy enables us and arms us to go through the suffering, carry the dying of Jesus so that you can carry His life
- v) Enduring the suffering leads to the glory, sitting with Jesus on His throne

Hebrews 10:19

- ❖ How do we get into this glory?
- ❖ With boldness by His blood we can enter into His glory, the Holiest, this is where Jesus is seated

Hebrews 9:23

- ❖ heavenly things needed to be sanctified with a “better sacrifice” – the blood of Jesus

- v.24** – Jesus entered into heaven itself
- now He appears in the Presence of God for us
 - we can come with boldness to enter the Presence

Hebrews 10:12

- ❖ this Man after offering sacrifice
- ❖ sat down at right hand – received up into glory!

v.13 – now waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool (remember **Psalm 110:1**)

- there are enemies to be dealt with

v.14 – by that offering He **has perfected us forever who are being sanctified**

- Jesus has done it but we enter it through being sanctified

Revelation 1-3

- ❖ the revelation of who Jesus is
- ❖ revelation of Jesus in midst of lampstands – churches
- ❖ 7 messengers in His right hand
- ❖ 7 letters of Jesus teaching His church how to overcome
- ❖ **Rev.3:21** – final promise to overcomers is to **sit with Jesus on His Throne!**
- ❖ He wants us to overcome so we can enter the glory and sit with Him on the Throne

Revelation 4

v.1-2 – then a door opened in heaven – in the glory

- “Come up here!” – Jesus wants us up into the glory!

Revelation 4-5

- ❖ all in the Throne room – in the glory
- ❖ vision of the Throne, the worship around the Throne
- ❖ Holy Spirit is there as 7 eyes and 7 horns

Revelation 11:15

- ❖ kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ...

Revelation 11:19

- ❖ then “temple of God was opened in heaven” – the inner sanctuary
- ❖ the ark of the Covenant was seen
- ❖ Holy of Holies opened
- ❖ Because the 2 witnesses (**not Moses and Elijah, they have received their heavenly bodies – 1 John 3:2, Romans 8:29**) witnessed and declared who Jesus is, speaking out curses and blessings
- ❖ They finished their testimony, then God allowed them to be killed for a short time, then raised again
- ❖ 2 witnesses are the church that witnesses, the sons of fresh oil, the revived church, witnessing in the glory, seeking those things above
- ❖ Then the inner sanctuary of the temple was opened

Revelation 15:5

- ❖ after these things, the “temple (inner shrine, holy of holies) of the Tabernacle of the Testimony was opened in heaven
- ❖ as we grow in glory, in Spirit and truth
- ❖ the church that has stopped going to church to “be the church”
- ❖ we see the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle is opened
- ❖ the full glory is revealed
- ❖ 7 messengers sent to bring about complete destruction of Babylon, all that is anti-Christ
- ❖ Through the release of revived church with all the ministries functioning properly, Babylon falls – **Rev. 18:20**

Session 21

Speaker: Nick Jackson

THE SEVEN ONES

John 17:21 – Jesus prayer – that they all may be one, as You Father are in Me and I in You, that the world may believe that You sent Me

- ❖ we are to become one in Jesus (not agree to disagree)
- ❖ Jesus never said to the Father “Let’s agree to disagree”
- ❖ The oneness that Jesus wants is not denominational unity but to be one as Jesus and the Father are one

Eph 4:4-6

- ❖ a measuring stick for being one
- ❖ 7 ones – 7 speaks of completion
- ❖ One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father
- ❖ The complete revelation of the **one God in the one body**
- ❖ This is written in the context of receiving the 5 ministry gifts (**Eph 4:11**)

All ministers are to minister to the one body, by the one Spirit, establishing us in the one hope, declaring the one Lord, bringing us to obedience to the one faith, immersing us in the one baptism so we can come to know the one God and Father of all

1) ONE BODY

- ❖ Jesus is only growing one body, not many

1 Cor 12:12-13 – as the body is one and has many members... so also is Christ (the body is a revelation of Christ)

- ❖ we are part of Messiah when we become a member of His body

v.13 – requires us to be baptised into one body by one Spirit

- ❖ baptism into Christ places us into one body, not baptised to become a member of a particular church

Ephesians 1:23 – His body, the fullness of Christ – we are the fullness of Him

1 Cor 12:18 – God has set each member in the body just as He pleased

1 Cor 10:17 – we, though many, are one bread and one body

- ❖ as the one body, we can partake of the Lord’s Table
- ❖ we partake of the one bread (Christ) – no divisions, Christ is not divided (**1 Cor.1:13**)
- ❖ (**Eph 4:16** – one body building itself up in love)

Colossians 2:19 – one head of this body

- ❖ **Hold fast to the head – Christ**
- ❖ The ministers of the body are to properly connect us to the head (Christ) (**Eph 4:15**)

2) ONE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:3 – endeavour to keep the unity (oneness) of the Spirit in the bond of peace

- ❖ **We are to be one with the Spirit of God**
- ❖ Being ruled by the Spirit of God
- ❖ Endeavour to be one with the Holy Spirit – and we will function as one body

Descriptions of the One Spirit

Romans 8:9-11

- a) **v.9** – the Spirit of God (He is God)
 - b) **v.9** – the Spirit of Christ (Messiah)
 - c) **v.10** – Christ in you (the Anointed King in you)
 - d) **v.11** – the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead
- ❖ **John 4:24** – God is Spirit
 - ❖ **Matt 10:20** – the Spirit of your **Father**
 - ❖ **Philippians 1:19** – the Spirit of **Jesus Christ**
 - ❖ **2 Cor 3:18** - ...as by the **Lord** Spirit (lit.) (the Spirit of the Lord)
 - ❖ **Rom 8:15** – the Spirit of **adoption** (sonship)
 - ❖ **Heb 9:14** – the **eternal** Spirit – the Spirit of “I AM”, the Eternal One

John 14:16-18 – another **Helper**, He will abide with you forever

- ❖ the **Spirit of Truth**
- ❖ He will **dwell with you and be in you**
- ❖ **V.18** – Jesus said, “**I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you.**”
- ❖ **Jesus comes to us by the One Spirit and He becomes our Father**

3) ONE HOPE OF OUR CALLING

The hope of Glory

Rom 5:2 - ...we rejoice in **hope of the glory** of God

Heb 6:18-20 – **lay hold of the hope** set before us (pursue it)

- ❖ This **hope anchors our soul in the glory** behind the veil
- ❖ Jesus – the forerunner has entered there already

Col 1:27 – the Messiah in you, the **hope of glory** – the full manifestation of the Messiah in us is our hope of glory

Titus 2:13 – looking for the **blessed hope** and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ

- ❖ the appearance of His glory in us (Christ in us)
- ❖ in the context it speaks of our behaviour – our conduct manifesting Christ
(**Tit.2:11-12**)

The Hope of the Resurrection

Acts 26:6-8 – the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers – that God raises the dead

Acts 23:6 – the hope and resurrection of the dead

Rom 8:23-25 – the adoption, the redemption of our body (We were saved in this hope)

❖ we eagerly wait for it with perseverance

The Complete Transformation

1 John 3:2-3 – that we will be fully transformed like Jesus

Romans 8:29-30 – fully conformed to His image and glorified!

4) ONE LORD

In the Old Testament

Gen 18:3, 27, 30-32 – 5x Abraham calls Yahweh ‘Lord’

❖ ‘Lord’ – Hb ‘Adonai’ – only refers to God

Ps 110:1 – Yahweh said to **Adonai** (“Lord” only referring to God) sit at My right hand
- Yahweh was speaking to the “Lord” – The One who was God in the flesh sitting down at His right hand

In the New Testament

Acts 2:36 – Jesus, whom you crucified, God has made Him both **Lord** and Christ

❖ Jesus the Christ is the Lord

❖ The term “Lord” used for Yahweh is used for Jesus in the New Testament

Rom 10:9-10 – we are saved by confessing that Jesus is the Lord (Adonai)

❖ **V.13** – whoever calls on the name of Yahweh (the Lord) shall be saved

❖ **The Lord that we call upon is Jesus – Yahweh and Jesus are the One Lord!**

1 Cor 12:3 – it is impossible to call Jesus **Lord** except by the Holy Spirit – it is a revelation

Philippians 2:11 – every tongue confess that Jesus is **Lord** to the glory of God the Father – this is the revelation that will come to all areas of creation – it will come through the **One body**

2 Cor 3:17-18 – the Lord is the Spirit – there is One Lord

Matt 11:25 – Father – Lord of heaven and earth

Col 2:9 – all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Jesus – He is the One Lord

5) ONE FAITH

❖ there is only one faith that we are to adhere to

Ephesians 4:13 – we are to come to the unity of the faith = “oneness” of the faith

- ❖ There are 5 ministry gifts given to bring us to the one faith, not divided denominational doctrines

Jude 3 – contend earnestly for the faith

Rom 1:5 – grace and apostleship given to us to bring nations to **obedience of the faith – nations must come to obey the faith!**

Acts 14:22 – **continue in the faith**, teaching them to endure tribulation

Philippians 1:27 – strive earnestly together for **the faith of the gospel** (stand fast in the one Spirit)

2 Cor 13:5 – a way to know that **we are in the faith** – do you not know yourself that Jesus Christ is in you – the one faith brings reality of Jesus in you, is not a statement of faith academically agreed upon

Acts 2:42 – the faith is called **the apostles' doctrine**

1 John 1:3 – the faith is called **the word of life** (causes us to have fellowship with the Father and the Son)

2 John 9 – the faith is called **the doctrine of Christ** which causes us to abide in the Father and the Son

Acts 5:42 – teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ – this is the the **One faith** which brings true fellowship with God, Father and Son!

6) ONE BAPTISM

- ❖ **into One body by the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)**– a spiritual reality, being placed into the body of Christ

1 Pet 3:21 – it is the answer of a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:27 - Clothes us with Christ

7) ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL

John 17:3 – the purpose of the gospel = this is eternal life, **that they may know You the only true God** and Jesus Christ whom you sent

Who is the One God?

1 Cor 8:6 – the One God is **the Father**

Titus 2:13 – our great God and Saviour **Jesus Christ**

John 1:1 – **the Word** was God

Isaiah 9:6 – **the Son** = Mighty God

1 John 5:20 – the Son, Jesus Christ – this is the true God and eternal life
John 4:24 – God is Spirit

Who is the one Father?

Ephesians 1:3 – the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Isaiah 9:6 – everlasting Father = the Son

- **John 14:9** – if you have seen Me you have seen the Father
- **John 10:30** – I and Father are one

2 Corinthians 1:3 – Father of mercies – the Source of mercy

James 1:17 – Father of lights – He does not change, He gives good and perfect gifts

Ephesians 1:17 – Father of glory – He gives the Spirit of wisdom and revelation

Hebrews 12:9 – Father of spirits - the one who disciplines us, corrects us, chastens us so we can partake of His holiness

Ephesians 4:6 - above all, through all and **in us all**

- **He is in you!**

- **John 14:23** – if you love Me and keep My commandments, **Father will love you and We** (Father and Son) will come and make our abode/home with you
The Father is in you!

Session 22

Speaker: Rhoda Jackson

THE TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS **THE PLANTING OF YAHWEH**

Planted by Yahweh

Psalm 1:1-3

- ❖ “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper”
- ❖ These are the ones who are meditating in the Word, trusting in Yahweh, keeping from wickedness

Jeremiah 17:8

- ❖ he shall be like a tree planted by the waters
- God has always wanted to plant His Sons in the earth

Jeremiah 32:38-41

- ❖ one heart and one way
- ❖ they will fear Yahweh forever
- ❖ everlasting covenant with them to do them good
- ❖ put My fear in them
- ❖ I will assuredly **plant them in this land with all My heart and all My soul**
- ❖ God really wants to plant us in the land!

Isaiah 61:3

- ❖ those anointed by Yahweh by the Spirit
- ❖ will be like **trees of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, that He may be glorified**
- ❖ **We are His planting!**

Isaiah 60:21

- ❖ God's people are all righteous by faith in Jesus the Messiah (**2 Cor.5:21**)
- ❖ They shall inherit the land forever
- ❖ **The branch of My planting that I may be glorified**

1. **we are planted in the land**
2. **we shall inherit the land forever**
3. **it is the work of His hands**
4. **He plants us with all His heart and all His soul**
5. **we are the planting of Yahweh**
6. **it is so that He may be glorified**

Planted by the waters

Psalm 1:3 – planted by rivers of wates

Jeremiah 17:8 – planted by waters

Psalm 65:9 – the River of God is full of water

Revelation 22:1

- ❖ pure river of water of life
- ❖ clear as crystal
- ❖ proceeding from Throne of God
- ❖ this is the River we need to be planted by

v.2 – Tree of Life is in the midst of River

- bearing fruit
- leaves are for healing of the nations

We tap into this River when we come to Jesus

John 4:13-14

- ❖ whoever drinks of this **water**...it shall become a **fountain** in him springing up into everlasting life
- ❖ Jesus releases the water when we receive Him in our life

Rivers in the desolate places and Trees in the wilderness

Isaiah 41:17-19

- ❖ poor and needy seek water
 - ❖ tongues fail for thirst
 - ❖ I, Yahweh, will hear them! I will not forsake them
 - ❖ There is a great need of water in the earth, He will hear them
 - ❖ He will open rivers in desolate heights (they are to flow out of the people of God), fountains in midst of the valleys
 - ❖ I will plant them in the wilderness
- This is Revival!

Rivers in desolate places

John 7:38-39

- ❖ out of his heart will flow rivers of living water
- ❖ same as river from the Throne
- ❖ We are to believe in Jesus according to the Scripture – rivers will be released

Fountains in valleys

John 4:13-14 – water becomes a fountain in God's people

Rivers and fountains come from God's people!

God is specific with the Trees He plants!

7 trees

Isaiah 41:19

- ❖ **Cedar, Acacia, Myrtle, Oil, Cypress, Pine, Box**
- ❖ They are planted in the wilderness by Yahweh

1. CEDAR TREE

“cedar” – Hb ‘erez’ - #730

From word #729 ‘araz’ – **to be firm**

- ❖ **we are to be firm and well established**

Colossians 2:6-7

- ❖ as received Christ Jesus walk in Him
- ❖ rooted and built up in Him
- ❖ Established in the faith!

1 Corinthians 16:13

- watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong

1 Corinthians 15:58

- be steadfast, immovable (rooted, strong) in the Lord

We are to be like the cedar – firm and well established in the faith!

2. ACACIA

‘Shittah’ – Hb #7848 – comes from ‘shittym’ – to pierce and to scourge

- ❖ speaking of the suffering of the Cross
- ❖ Jesus was pierced and scourged

The Acacia was known for its scourging thorns

Matthew 16:24 – take up your cross and follow Jesus

Hebrews 12:5-6 – God scourges every son whom He receives

- ❖ rebukes, chastens and scourges sons
- ❖ willing to be crucified

3. MYRTLE TREE

‘Myrtle’ – Hb ‘Hadac’ #1918 – Spirit Filled Life Bible p.637

- ❖ **‘Hadassah’** – Esther’s Hebrew name was Hadassah which means “Myrtle”. It referred to the well-known and beautiful ever-green shrub. She reflected the Myrtle in her courage and obedience, which clearly did not wither, even when she faced death
- ❖ It is ever-green, leaves do not wither (**Psalm 1:3, Jer. 17:8**)
- ❖ Even when heat comes
- ❖ Green speaks of new life
- ❖ Always full of life of God
- ❖ Even in midst of tribulation

2 Corinthians 5:17 – new creations, new life coming forth

Psalm 92:13-14 – planted in house of Yahweh, flourish in courts of our God

- ❖ they shall be fresh (**full of oil**)
- ❖ flourishing (**green**)

**We are to be as Myrtle Trees, remaining ever-green,
whose leaves do not wither in heat**

4. OIL TREE

‘Oil’ – Hb. ‘shemen’ #8081 – grease, fig. richness

From Hb ‘shaman’ #8080 – to shine, be oil or glossy

- ❖ oil signifies Holy Spirit, being anointed
- ❖ we are to be people filled with the anointing of Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

- ❖ **filled with Holy Spirit**

Psalm 92:10

- ❖ anointed with fresh oil

Acts 6:15

- ❖ when people looked at Stephen, He was shining, face like an angel

Acts 7:55

- ❖ Stephen – full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw glory of God

We are to be as the oil tree filled with the richness and fatness of Holy Spirit, the Anointing of God

5. CYPRESS (FIR) TREE

‘cypress’ – Hb ‘berowsh’ # 1265– used to make musical instruments for worship

2 Samuel 6:5

- David...played music before Yahweh with all kinds of instruments of **fir wood (cypress)**

We are to be instruments of worship for Yahweh!

Hebrews 13:15

- ❖ continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name

Romans 6:13

- ❖ offer members of our bodies as **instruments of righteousness to God**

Cypress was also used as material in making the house of God

2 Chronicles 2:8-9

- **also send me cedar and cypress**
- prepare timber in abundance for the house

We are to be a people who are being built together, a dwelling place of God in the Spirit – we are the material!

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ we are growing into a holy temple
- ❖ being fitted together
- ❖ built together for dwelling of God in the Spirit
- ❖ we are the material for the house of God

We are to be as a cypress tree – instruments of worship for Yahweh and built into His House

6. PINE TREE

‘Pine’ – Hb ‘tidhar’ #8410– enduring, lasting tree

- ❖ Pine tree represents people who endure, persevering and patient

Hebrews 12:1-2

- ❖ let us run the race with **endurance**

- ❖ like Jesus who “**endured** the Cross” for the joy set before Him
- ❖ we are to be an enduring people

Colossians 1:11

- ❖ strengthened with all might...for all **patience and longsuffering with joy**

We are to be as the Pine Tree, running the race with endurance
We are to endure to the end – Matthew 24:13

7. BOX TREE

‘box’ – Hb ‘t ashshuwr’ #8391– to be straight

We are to be a people who are growing straight who have been saved out of this crooked and perverse generation

Luke 3:4

- ❖ the ways of Yahweh are straight ways

Proverbs 4:25

- ❖ Let your eyes look straight ahead
- ❖ Ponder the path of your feet
- ❖ We need to be looking straight ahead, looking unto Jesus

Ephesians 4:13

- ❖ we are growing up to the full stature of Christ
- ❖ growing straight up into Him

Ephesians 4:15

- ❖ growing up into the head – Christ

**We are to be as the Box Tree, a people walking straight ahead,
in straight paths of Yahweh and growing straight up into Him**

The wilderness begins to look like a good place

Isaiah 32:15

- ❖ when Spirit is poured out upon us from on high
- ❖ wilderness becomes **fruitful field**
- ❖ fruitful field becomes a **forest**
- ❖ **Forest = many trees**

God wants the earth filled with His trees – a forest

SUMMARY – We are to be:

- 1. Firm, established in faith – Cedar**
- 2. Willing to suffer, crucified life – Acacia**
- 3. Growing as ever green, full of life of God – Myrtle**
- 4. Full of anointing of Holy Spirit – oil**

5. Instruments of worship and material for God's house – Cypress

6. Enduring, persevering – Pine

7. Growing straight up into Him – Box

These are the sons Yahweh is planting in the earth!

Isaiah 41:19

- ❖ these trees are planted together
- ❖ we need all these trees to be outworked in our lives
- ❖ allow God to plant and establish us in the land
- ❖ the wilderness will become a fruitful field!

Session 23

Speaker: Nick Jackson

APOSTLES TODAY

God is emphasising the restoration of the apostolic ministry to the church today.

Are there apostles today?

- ❖ many say there are only 12
- ❖ apostle Paul was not the 12th apostle

Acts 1:24-26 – there needed to be someone to take the place of Judas

- ❖ To be one of the 12, they had to have been with Jesus from His baptism till His ascension
- ❖ Matthias was the 12th apostle (he replaced Judas)

Rev 21:14 – the 12 apostles of the Lamb (their names are the foundation of the Holy City)

- ❖ Paul was not one of the 12 apostles of the Lamb

What type of apostle was Paul?

Ephesians 4:8 – when Jesus ascended on high He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men (v.11)

- ❖ The first gift mentioned in the ascension of Christ is the gift of the apostle
- ❖ Paul was an ascension gift apostle

When was Paul given as an apostle?

Acts 9:15-16 – Paul was called into the apostolic ministry at this time

Acts 13:1-3 – Paul was released into the gift of apostle (previously he was functioning as a teacher)

V.2 – the Holy Spirit spoke and He released something to happen

V.3 – Paul and Barnabas were sent as apostles (after prayer and laying on of hands)

Acts 14:14 – Paul and Barnabas are clearly called apostles

1 Thess 1:1; 2:6 – Paul, Silvanus and Timothy – apostles of Christ

- ❖ the apostles are the most named ministry in the New Testament
- ❖ the apostolic ministry is emphasised in the New Testament

Eph 4:13 – the gift of apostle is given **until** we come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

- ❖ The ministry of apostle is still here today

WHY DO WE NEED APOSTLES TODAY?

1. Apostles provide the foundation for building God's house which is the church (**1 Cor 3:10-11**) – Paul describes himself as a wise master builder, building on the foundation of Jesus Christ

- ❖ Paul knows how to lay the foundation – Jesus Christ
- ❖ True apostles teach and preach Jesus the Messiah (they bring revelation)

Eph 2:20 – the house of God is built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets

- ❖ A firm house needs to be built on the Rock (Christ)
- ❖ Apostles and prophets connect the house to the Rock (they bring revelation of Jesus the Christ – **Matt 16:18**)

- ❖ In the book of Acts, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ (**Acts 5:42**)
- ❖ Apostles bring the doctrine of **Heb 6:1-2** (the elementary principles of Christ)

2. It is God's appointed order

1 Cor 12:28 – God has appointed apostles first in the church

- ❖ God has set and appointed apostles
- ❖ This is a foundational order not a hierarchical order
- ❖ Apostles are appointed by God
- ❖ All the ministry gifts are appointed by God

Gal 1:1 – Paul, an apostle, not from men...but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead (given in His ascension)

3. Apostles are needed to set the church in order

a) They appoint elders

Acts 14:23 – Paul and Barnabas appointed elders in every church in that region

Titus 1:5 – set in order the things that are lacking and appoint elders in every city

b) Apostles are to equip/set in order the saints (Eph 4:12)

- ❖ apostles are given first to be the ones equipping and setting the church in order (**Eph.4:11**)
- ❖ the church will begin to function properly when apostles are in place

4. Apostles are fathers and they release the Spirit of sonship

- ❖ a restoration of the fathering grace of God

Mal 4:5-6 – Elijah the prophet ...will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the heart of the fathers to the children

1 Cor. 4:14-17 – Paul carried the Corinthians in his heart as his beloved children

- ❖ You have many instructors, but not many fathers
- ❖ In Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel
- ❖ Apostles have sons (Paul raised up Timothy as a son)
- ❖ Fathers take responsibility for the children
- ❖ The church is not an institution, it is a family

1 Thess 2:6-8 - ...we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cherishes her own children

- ❖ they imparted their own lives
- ❖ true apostles want to give their lives for the children

v.11 – we exhorted, comforted and charged every one of you as a father does his children

- ❖ through apostles comes the reality of sonship

5. Apostles know the plan of God and they reveal the mystery

1 Cor 3:10 – they have wisdom to know how to build

Eph 3:4-5 – Paul had knowledge in the mystery of Christ (revealed by the Spirit to God's apostles and prophets)

- ❖ Revelation of the deeper things of Christ
- ❖ Apostles are to deliver understanding of this mystery to the church

1 Cor 2:6-8 – we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery

- ❖ Paul wanted to reveal the mystery
- ❖ The church can only grow to maturity by receiving revelation of the mystery

6. Apostles are to lead the church by example in their lifestyle

- ❖ Jesus was approachable
- ❖ Apostles are to be approachable
- ❖ True ministers are among the brethren

1 Cor 11:1 – imitate me just as I imitate Christ

- ❖ True apostles are able to say, 'come and imitate my lifestyle' (**1 Cor 4:16**)

Philippians 3:17 – brethren, join in following my example and note those who so walk

2 Tim 3:10-11 – you, Timothy, have carefully followed my doctrine, my manner of life, my purpose, my faith, my longsuffering, my love, my perseverance, my persecutions and afflictions...you saw how the Lord delivered me

1 Thess 1:6-8 – you became followers of us ... and you became examples

- ❖ we will become examples to others as we imitate the lifestyle of apostles

7. Apostles are needed to bring us back to the one faith

- ❖ one of the major roles of the apostles is to guard the doctrine

1 Tim 1:3 – teach no other doctrine

- ❖ **3:8-9** – holding the mystery of the faith
- ❖ **4:1** – Paul warns that some will depart from the faith because of deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons
- ❖ **4:6** – nourished in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine
- ❖ **4:16** – take heed to yourself and to the doctrine
- ❖ **6:1** – that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed
- ❖ **6:3** – the doctrine that accords with godliness, the words of the Lord Jesus Christ

We need apostles to restore us back to the pure faith

- ❖ **Jude 3** – contend earnestly for the faith

8. Apostles are needed to empower the church to reach all nations

Rom 1:5 – grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name

- ❖ By receiving the apostles that Christ gives
- ❖ True apostles give us a vision for all nations
- ❖ Apostleship (Rom 1:5) = a commission
- ❖ Apostles empower and equip the church so that we may reach all nations

9. Apostles represent Jesus the Messiah to the church

Matt 10:40 – if they receive you, they receive Me and they receive Him who sent Me

- ❖ We receive Jesus the Messiah by receiving apostles
- ❖ Paul referred to himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ
- ❖ There are no other types of apostles in the Scriptures
- ❖ True apostles represent Jesus and are sent by Him

Session 24

Speaker: Paul Galligan

SOWING THE VISION AMONG THE NATIONS

The Lord Jesus Christ has given us the commission

Matthew 28:18

❖ all authority given to Jesus

v.19-20 – make disciples of all nations, baptise and teach

Mark 16:15-18

❖ go to all the world, preach gospel to every creature

Not called “Great Commission” in Bible

We are called to be obedient to Jesus’ command to **make disciples of all nations** (ethnic group)

What is your reason for existing?

We exist to be in obedience to Jesus’ commission to disciple all nations

Luke 24:46-49

❖ repentance and remission of sins preached to all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit

What is the result of making disciples?

Acts 8:1-4

- ❖ persecution against church, disciples scattered
- ❖ those who were scattered went everywhere **preaching the Word**
- ❖ fruit = people who can be sent **preaching the Word**
- ❖ **this is how we sow the vision among the nations!**
- ❖ Generally the Christian world is involved in activities that do not actually make disciples

Acts 28:30-31

- ❖ Paul dwelt 2 whole years in own rented house
- ❖ Paul was not a “wealthy man”
- ❖ Received whoever came to him
- ❖ Preached kingdom of God
- ❖ Taught things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ He did this with all confidence
- ❖ We know how Paul conducted himself when he was out of the limelight
- ❖ He never veered off the path

Romans 1:5

- ❖ Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship
- ❖ This is for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name

What is grace?

- ❖ grace is God working, it is the work of God
- ❖ it is God's work to bring nations to obedience to the faith
- ❖ "obedience" = "to hear under" – nations are to hear the word
- ❖ Faith comes by hearing the Word
- ❖ Nations prepared for apostles to come, nations are to hear the clear, pure, proclamation for the Word of God
- ❖ God has given the grace to do this ministry work

What is apostleship?

- ❖ it is the gift of God
- ❖ God gives the gift of apostleship to fulfil the work
- ❖ God sends the apostle to bring that word
- ❖ We need apostles today to preach the Word in the nations, so that nations will hear under the Word
- ❖ This is the authority to do the work

When Jesus was on the earth He spent three and a half years raising 12 apostles to do the work

Jesus brought the ministry of Apostle into the earth – it was not in the Old Testament (**Hebrews 3:1, John 17:18, 20:21**)

John 17:4

- ❖ Jesus said "I have finished/completed/accomplished the work You gave Me to do"
- ❖ One of the apostles was a failure
- ❖ Jesus had raised 12 apostles (1 a failure but Matthias is ready!)
- ❖ The house of God can be built, God will be revealed and the earth will be ready for Me to come!

Apostleship

Acts 1:25-26

- ❖ replace for this "ministry and **apostleship**"
- ❖ Matthias chosen as 12th

This **grace and apostleship** is so powerful that it will bring **all nations** to obedience of the faith

How will we fulfil the commission?

- ❖ by receiving grace and apostleship from Jesus the Messiah!

Many people have gone out with the attitude to fulfil the commission – but have not heard many sharing that they could do it through grace and apostleship

This is how we sow the vision in the nations!

Primary focus is to fulfil – Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-49

What is our vision?

- ❖ **to make disciples**
- ❖ **to provide training**
- ❖ **to function from house to house**
- ❖ **to reach every nation with the Word**

- ❖ **through directly going and through sons raised in the ministry, we will reach every nation**

We are to stick with the doctrine

Paul exhorted Timothy many times to “preach no other doctrine”

Do not go on tangents, you will lose the momentum, lose the vision, lose the authority, lacking the authority of “apostleship”

- ❖ People can still have grace but lack the apostleship
- ❖ Apostleship will see things established, laying foundation for church which will last forever

We are learning how to nurture relationships in Christ

Even through Facebook, Skype, emails, messages, YouTube we can provide training

We have a manual called “Advance Discipleship” – 18 lessons, proving fruitful

- ❖ it is about being taught and teaching others
- ❖ questions are put through the lessons
- ❖ questions are to help us think seriously about what the Word teaches, not what we already believe
- ❖ this is to equip us

How do we sow the vision into the nations?

- ❖ We also have “Basic Discipleship” manual
- ❖ Originally written with local church pastors in mind to help them do discipleship
- ❖ first 9 lessons – who is Jesus
- ❖ What is the Bible, being born again
- ❖ Foundations of Hebrews 6:1-2
- ❖ First works of church – Acts 2:42
- ❖ Teaching on disciples’ prayer (Matt.6:9-13)
- ❖ Who is Holy Spirit, how to be filled
- ❖ How does God guide?

God has kept us in the way as a ministry for 17 years

What is God’s purpose for us as disciples?

- ❖ It is to plant a church right where we are
- ❖ Stop going to church and be the church
- ❖ What is a church plant?
- ❖ It is when a family, 2 or 3, come together in Jesus’ name, to seek the Lord, to reach the lost in the area
- ❖ Read Acts 2:41-47
- ❖ Word is preached, people are baptised, and people commit to **Acts 2:42** – apostles’ doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer
- ❖ Can happen anywhere – car, plane, house, restaurant ...
- ❖ Strategy = preach gospel by power of Holy Spirit to all of the nation, city by city, village by village... all are to hear

How to sow vision in nations

- ❖ **make disciples**
- ❖ **train disciples to be able to minister/work in the nations teaching the Word**
- ❖ e.g. teaching Religious Instruction classes in schools locally

Gideon's 300

- ❖ Gideon had 32,000 men rally to him for war
- ❖ God said Gideon had too many
- ❖ If any afraid, young wife at home etc.. go home
- ❖ 22,000 left leaving 10,000
- ❖ God said still too many
- ❖ God said to test them – what was the test
- ❖ 9,700 dived into the water
- ❖ 300 drank of the water in a position of being sober and vigilant, watchful (1 Pet.5:8)
- ❖ God chose the 300
- ❖ Many came to revival and jumped in the River, having experiences with God, some pretending, but did not move on into God's plans
- ❖ Imagine if we had 300 people – going out 2 by 2 or even teams of 3 or so that would be 150 teams or so
- ❖ It is so possible to reach Australia and other nations – to reach nation, our generation, to deliver God's people, in Gideon's time peace was released for 40 years (a generation)

7 steps to fruitfulness

a) prayer – supplication, seeking God earnestly for us to be involved in His purpose in our generation

- 2 or 3 meeting together, breaking bread
- **Acts 13:36** – David served his generation well

b) evangelism – preaching the gospel, preach to the ones you are praying for, share the Word

c) nurture – new disciples, need milk of Word

d) discipling – being taken on (for most they had to go to Bible School) – meant to be the way Jesus did it, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”

- given the meat of the Word
- you really change

e) training and equipping – this is what SHILOH training schools are about (mainly on teaching)

- Thursday ministry school is more for training disciples
- a lot of training happens on ministry trips, hands on experience

f) sending out – to plant the church, to do ministry

- e.g. Pastor Rob Cochrane – disciple, house church planted in his house, trained, sent out to north

g) new ministries emerge – start to see clearly what people's ministry is

- Rob Cochrane is a **pastor** – an apostolic pastor

This is the model – a pattern

Session 25
Speaker: Paul Galligan

THE CHARGE

Go and make disciples

Acts 1:1-9

- ❖ Jesus seen for forty days after resurrection giving infallible proofs

Jesus' last recorded statement

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ Go and make disciples of all the **nations** (political nations and ethnic groups)
- ❖ Jesus said He had **all authority in heaven and earth**

Disciple

1. learner
2. one who follows another
3. one who abides with the teacher
4. an adherent, sticking with and to
5. an imitator

Biblical disciples stuck with, lived with, imitated and followed the Teacher!

Jesus made disciples!

Luke 6:13

- ❖ v.12 – Jesus continued all night in prayer to God
- ❖ v.13 – 12 disciples who became apostles

Luke 10:2

- ❖ Jesus appointed 70 others
- ❖ Jesus at least had 82 disciples, would have been many more, including women

Peter and the apostles made disciples

Acts 6:1-7

- ❖ apostles were not to leave Word of God and serve tables
- ❖ apostles must give themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word
- ❖ 7 “deacons” appointed to look after welfare
- ❖ They laid hands on them (ordination)
v.7 - Result = word of God spread, number of **disciples multiplied greatly**

Acts 8:1,4

- ❖ those scattered went everywhere preaching the Word
- ❖ How is this possible? They had not been to Bible school!
- ❖ They were discipled well by the 12 apostles!
- ❖ First apostles conduct was **Acts 5:42** – not stopping teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ

Acts 11:19

- ❖ those scattered from persecution, **preaching the Word** – because they had been disciplined
- ❖ **v.20** – they were preaching the Lord Jesus to the Greeks – great breakthrough, Jew and Gentile together

Paul and Barnabas made disciples

Acts 13:2

- ❖ as they fasted Holy Spirit told them to separate Barnabas and Saul
- v.3** – they **sent** them out as apostles (**Acts 14:14**)
- v.4** – sent out by Holy Spirit, not a man idea, not a “church” idea, they were empowered to do the work

Acts 14:14

- ❖ there were more apostles!
- ❖ Both Barnabas and Saul/Paul were apostles
- ❖ Jesus gave them in His ascension – **Ephesians 4:8,11-13**
- ❖ They were given to bring the church to maturity, perfection, unity of faith, to knowledge of Son of God

Acts 14:21-22

- ❖ they preached the gospel to that city
- ❖ they **made many disciples** by preaching and teaching the Word faithfully
- ❖ they taught them that **through many tribulations we enter the kingdom of God**
- ❖ Let's get serious about the kingdom of God, teaching how to persevere in tribulation

Local churches made disciples

Acts 16:1

- ❖ Paul came to Derbe and Lystra and a certain disciple there named Timothy was found
- ❖ Also Iconium was mentioned
- ❖ 3 local churches in same region, working together
- ❖ Elders of the local churches were making disciples – Timothy was one of them
- ❖ Timothy had respect as a good disciple, a good testimony
- ❖ Now Timothy is ready for training

Making disciples is the commission/command that Jesus gave us

A true test of a leader is can you follow that leader as the leader follows Christ
Do you have a lifestyle that people can follow?

Jesus hated the doctrine of the “Nicolaitans” = conquering the people, the clergy/laity division

A properly functioning local church is bringing up disciples to be ready to be trained to minister

Hebrews 5:12

- ❖ Apostle talking to the Hebrews that they should be teachers by that time

Disciple

1. **disciples abide/continues/lives in the word – John 8:31-32** – the outcome is they get set free
2. **abide/live in the Lord – John 15:7-8** – His word is to abide in us - the outcome is we will bear fruit and give glory to the Father
3. **John 6:60** – some disciples turn back, **v.66** – His disciples went back and followed Him no more, they got offended by the Word – if you are offended you will not bear any fruit

How to make disciples

1. **Preach the gospel – Mark 16:15**
2. **Baptise believers – Mark 16:16** – this is what the apostles did, this is what Jesus told us to do
3. **Teach the believers**
 - i) teach who Jesus is
 - ii) teach foundations – **Hebrews 6:1-2**
 - iii) teach sound doctrine – **Titus 2** – how to behave as Christians, conduct, workplace relationships, marriage, children/parents, tithing, giving, contributing to the Body

Disciples

1. Mark 3:13-15 – disciples abide with the teacher

- ❖ Jesus calls disciples
- ❖ Appointed 12 to be **with Him** – Jesus wanted some close companions, the pattern of training, discipleship
- ❖ That He might **send them**
 - i) to preach Word
 - ii) to heal sick and cast out demons

2. Philippians 2:19-24 – disciples imitate the teacher

- Paul had no one like minded as Timothy
- had same care as Paul
- Timothy a son to Paul in the ministry – a family relationship
- **1 Corinthians 4:14-17**
- not many fathers, Paul was a father to them
- **v.16** – believers are to have an apostolic father whose lifestyle they can imitate
- **v.17** – Timothy = beloved son, relationship
- = faithful son, faithful to teach the Word that was taught him
- = a true son, entrusted (**1 Tim. 1:2**)
- Timothy was ready to be sent

Next step in discipleship is to be ready to be sent

Luke 10:1-2

- ❖ Jesus sent out 70 others to prepare the way for Jesus to come
- ❖ They were ready to be sent

1 Thessalonians 1:6

- you became “followers of us” = Paul, Silvanus and Timothy
- 2:6** – Timothy and Silvanus were both apostles

1:8 – from you (Thessalonians) the word of God has sounded forth in every place
❖ your faith toward God has gone out!

The Call of Jesus the Messiah

Matthew 4:18-22

- ❖ “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”
- ❖ IF you respond to Jesus’ call He will make you into a fisher of men

Called to leave everything

What was necessary response to preaching of gospel?

- ❖ Baptism – **Acts 2:38**
- ❖ **1st step = baptism**, leaving your old life and stepping into the new
- ❖ we are very open to re-baptism – why? Because many just go through a ceremony of baptism, not a reality – **Acts 19:1-6**
- ❖ baptism is the first step of leaving everything to follow Jesus
- ❖ now we are serving the king in His kingdom

Matthew 16:19

- ❖ Jesus gave Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven
- ❖ Whatever you bind on the earth will have been bound in heaven
- ❖ This is awesome authority
- ❖ we are called to be in the kingdom

Philippians 3:20

- ❖ we are citizens of heaven

We are commanded by Jesus to preach the gospel – **Mark 16:15**

We are commanded by Jesus to wait to be endued with power of Holy Spirit – **Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8**

The Sending

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations
 - ❖ Baptising them into the name
 - ❖ Teaching them all things I commanded
1. Sent in His authority
 2. make disciples
 3. preach and baptise
 4. teach the Word
 5. He will be with us

Are you willing and available?

Matthew 8:19-20

- ❖ Cost of discipleship will be a call to a tough lifestyle, itinerant, learning to be happy in strange beds

v.22 – cost involved changing our priorities
- it effects family relationships

Matthew 22:1-10

- ❖ involves turning away from old ways, traditions, cultural practices
- ❖ it may involve ridicule and persecution

Are you willing to be changed?**John 6:53-54**

- ❖ this is speaking of a totally different lifestyle from a totally different life source
- v.55** – flesh and blood is food and drink
- do you know the flesh is food, have you eaten the bread of Life?
 - life is in the Blood – we partake of Him
 - our life is in Him, if we feed on Him we will live!
 - who are you feeding on? Who influences your thinking? Do you have a real relationship with Jesus and His Word?

Will you be trained?

- ❖ there are many who go out without being trained
- ❖ **1 Timothy 3:15** – we need to be trained as to how to conduct ourselves in the house of God, we need to know how to conduct ourselves in the ministry
- ❖ **Once responded to call and accepted the challenge you need to be trained**

Timothy was well trained by Paul

The main issue of conduct is “what is the truth”

1 Timothy 3:16

- the mystery of Godliness
- Jesus is God manifested in the flesh...

What is the fruit of discipleship?

- ❖ it is a properly functioning Christian Community or Messianic Community
- ❖ “Ecclesia” – assembly of God’s people
- ❖ Not just assembling on Sundays but meeting from house to house
- ❖ Preaching the Word till 4am is there
- ❖ Breaking bread after midnight is there!

**May God give us more disciples to be trained to be workers
who can go out into the harvest**