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Session 1

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

The Great work God has Given to Us

Matt 28:16-20

V16. Apostles **trained** and obedient to Jesus to meet Him at mountain

V17. They worshiped Him but some doubted – Jesus still accepted them and gave them commission

V18. Jesus has all authority

V19-20. Sent with all authority to disciple nations

What is the great work?

To disciple all nations

Matt 4:19

- ❖ Jesus told them to follow Him
- ❖ This is the call, it is a personal call
- ❖ Great change to take place from time of the call to when we are sent
- ❖ Jesus will do the change in us
- ❖ Discipled – trained – transformed to be fishers of men

Profile of a Fisher of Men:

Mk 16:14-20

These apostles still had unbelief. Jesus rebuked their unbelief even after the resurrection. Despite unbelief He sent them into all the world with the gospel

- 1) Fishers of men preach the gospel
- 2) Baptise those who believe
- 3) signs will follow those who believe, the Lord will work with them
- 4) Sent by the Lord Himself enthroned in Heaven
 - This is the beginning of the great work which God has called us to do - calling people to Christ through the gospel
 - This is the work of the evangelist

Lk 24:44-49

- **this is the prophetic** – prophetic understanding of Christ in the Scriptures (Acts 8:5,12 Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ, the name of Jesus Christ & Kingdom of God)

V46-47 – repentance equals change

- ❖ preach remission of sins – victory, deliverance

V48-49 – Witnesses are promised empowering by Holy Spirit

John 21:15-17

- ❖ **This is pastoral/teaching commission**

V15 – feed My lambs – new believers

V16 – Tend My sheep – look after them

V17 – Feed My sheep – feed the word

❖ pastors/teachers need to bring new believers up

V18-19 – Follow Me even unto death

Matt 28: 16-20

❖ **This is the sending, the apostolic commission**

V19. 'Go' – the sending

What is the purpose in this sending?

Context of John 17 – what is the Lord's goal

Jn 17:6-19

❖ importance of discipling and training, receiving the word of God

❖ being sent by Jesus into the world

V20-26 – Goal is a transformed body of people who reveal the glory of the One God sent into the world- even Jesus the Son

Why have revivals failed to last?

1) Lack of biblical foundations

2) No apostles involved generally

3) Only limited reformation took place – means bringing church back to biblical function

4) People have clung to experiences and not to revelation of the truth

The latter rain revival of 1948

- took place in a bible school in Canada

- release of revelational teaching from the Scriptures

- we flow in that stream today

The great work is to go and make disciples!

Eph 2:10

❖ disciples will walk in the good works that God prepared beforehand for us

❖ discipleship is God's workmanship

- not many are really doing discipleship

Acts 20:27

❖ declaring the whole counsel of God

V20. Kept nothing back that was helpful but taught publicly and from house to house

2 Tim 3:16-17 - this is our declaration!

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Session 2

Speaker: Apostle Nick Jackson

Journey to the Apostolic

- ❖ we need reality in Christ
- ❖ The apostolic is like a spear-head, cannot be hemmed in by human ways
- ❖ It is a journey out of religion, human way of doing things
- ❖ It is a journey into a raw and real authentic living relationship with Jesus the Messiah

Matt 15:2-9

- ❖ Jesus had to confront religious trappings of men
- ❖ religion blinds you to the reality of Christ
- ❖ God is calling us out of religion into reality – he who has ears to hear let him hear

1 Cor 4:9

- ❖ Paul is speaking as an apostle and representing all things apostolic. In Christ we can expect the same
- ❖ God has displayed us as men condemned to death – made a spectacle to the world
V10. – We are fools for Christ's sake
- ❖ We are to embrace our weakness on our journey to the apostolic
V11-12. – the sufferings Paul went through
- ❖ There is a reality to the work we are doing
V13. – 'Being defamed we entreat'
- ❖ As you walk with Jesus in reality, all these experiences will come with joy
- ❖ People may defame you for loving Jesus in reality
- ❖ It is the journey of discovering the fullness of God in Jesus the Christ
- ❖ knowing the Father in the Son

1 John 1:3

- ❖ John's relationship with the Word of Life
- ❖ May you have fellowship with us (the apostles) as you receive the declaration of who the Word of Life is
- ❖ true apostolic Fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ

The beginning of the Journey

John 3:3-6

- ❖ We must be born again
- ❖ It is something that happens in you, it is real
(Matt 16:24 – take up the cross, deny yourself and follow Jesus)
- ❖ It brings you into relationship with Jesus Christ
- ❖ To release the knowledge that your sins are forgiven

1 John 2:12

- ❖ Little children know their sins are forgiven

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- ❖ v 13. You have known the Father, as a child
- ❖ when born again we are meant to grow in Christ, many get in bondage with religion

Gal 3:1 – religion is 'bewitching'

- ❖ don't try to perfect yourself by religious works
- ❖ being born again is a release of the Spirit in you, stay with the Spirit of God

John 1:12-13

- ❖ To those who receive Jesus they are given the right to become children/sons of God. From that moment we have a destiny
- ❖ Once born again we need discipleship to grow (1 Pet 2:2 – desire pure milk of word)
- ❖ Foundations of faith get laid. Baptism is a foundation
- ❖ The apostolic ministry is the foundation (Eph.2:20)– we will be built on the right foundations when we journey into the apostolic
- ❖ Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a foundation (Acts 1:8 – Holy Spirit releases power to be a witness)
 - The Holy Spirit helps us to serve (servant hood) by empowering us
 - It is a God given desire to serve but He wants it directed towards service to the gospel, not serving man's interests
- ❖ On the journey God will bring up the problems in your life – that you may overcome them
- ❖ real freedom comes by coming to Jesus, coming to know the fullness of God in Christ (**Col 2:9-10** – we are complete in Him who is the Head)
 - He is head of all principality and power
 - In the apostolic you no longer are fighting them.
 - You are now in Him who is the Head of all the principalities

'Apostolos' comes from 'apostello' – 'to send' but also to 'set at liberty'

The apostolic is coming to the truth which sets us free – when we receive apostolic we get freedom

- ❖ By receiving the Holy Spirit we begin to experience charismatic gifts and the "Anointing" and "Power" of the Lord
- ❖ experiencing the power of God though does not necessarily change our heart
- ❖ We need to know that God wants us to move on from there
- ❖ began to look for a father – someone to teach me how to walk with God

Mal 4:5-6

- ❖ hearts of fathers turned to the children and children to the fathers
- ❖ the earth is cursed without fathers
- ❖ before the great judgement comes there will come this restoration
- ❖ It is speaking of spiritual fathers and spiritual children
- ❖ The experience of becoming a son – the heart cries 'Abba Father' (Rom.8:15)
- ❖ Apostles are fathers to the church and release this "spirit of sonship"
- ❖ It is becoming a son to Father God and a son to a spiritual father
- ❖ revelation and understanding of the word of God flooded into my life, the spirit of wisdom and revelation (Eph.1:17)
- ❖ Coming home to Father's house, knowing my place as a son in His house, the church

As a result:

- the need for training came
- trained as a disciple
- means commitment
- takes time (3 years min)
- the heavens opened – walking with an ease of revelation and understanding

Acts 16:1-3 – Timothy an example

- ❖ a certain disciple, well spoken of
- ❖ Paul took him on team
- ❖ A timothy receiving training for ministry
- ❖ It is not formal bible college training but is committed relationships in Christ (Phil 2:20-22) – serving as a son with a father in the gospel
- ❖ Growing as sons is receiving training and discipline, including correction
- ❖ A remnant people called out to give everything for the great commission, living out the reality of the Bible
- ❖ Psalm 110:3 – volunteers in day of His power
- ❖ Becoming a bond slave (volunteer)
- ❖ In the context of the body of Christ

1Peter2:9

- Be a part of this chosen generation that is called out of darkness into His marvellous light.

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Session 3

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LISTENING PRAYER

- ❖ we are created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27), so we can communicate with him

Amos 3:7 – God speaks to us and gives us forewarning

Deut 4:31 – not forget the covenant He has with us

Hagg 1:13 - God with them (remnant)

2:5 – His Spirit remains among us

Matt 28:20 – with us til the end of the age

Heb 13:5 – God will never forsake us

Ex 33:11 – God wants to speak to us as friends

John 15:14-15

- ❖ Friends obey Jesus' commands
- ❖ He wants to speak the whole counsel of God to us

Heb 1:1

- ❖ God speaks to us by the Son

John 14:26

- ❖ The Holy Spirit will teach us all things
- ❖ Can hear Him speak to us personally

- We need His guidance by God speaking to us

Rom 8:14

- ❖ sons are led by the Spirit of God

Psalms 32:8

- ❖ God will instruct and teach us in the way we should go
- ❖ God guides us with His eye

John 16:13

- ❖ God wants to tell us things to come

Conversations between God and men:

- **Gen18:23-32** - Abraham

- **Ex 33:12-23** – Moses
- **Jer 1:4-8** – Jeremiah
- **Acts 9:10-16** – Ananias

- ❖ Draw aside and spend time with God
- ❖ On your own with God
- ❖ God wants to come and sup with you

Eph 1:17-19

- ❖ pray the God of our Lord Jesus Christ would grant to us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.....
- ❖ Have eyes of understanding enlightened

Joel 2:28

- ❖ Spirit poured out - prophecies, visions and dreams
 - a) Tell what is to come
 - b) Direction
 - c) Warnings and instructions
 - d) Make sure everything lines up with Scripture

How do we know the will of God?

- 1) agree with the word
- 2) Confirmation and peace by Holy Spirit
- 3) Circumstances line up, door opens

Things that hinder us from hearing God:

- 1) Deliberate sin (Is 59:2)
- 2) Unforgiveness (Matt 6:15)
- 3) Wrong relationship between man and wife (1 Pet 3:7)
- 4) Selfish motives (Jam 4:3)
- 5) Involvement with other gods

Passages for prayer and meditation:

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| 1) James 4:7-10 | 4) 2Peter 1:5-10 |
| 2) 1Peter 5:5-9 | 5) John 14:15-18 |
| 3) 1John 5:18-21 | 6) John 15:12-17 |

Session 4

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Apostolic Revelation

We are growing to maturity in Christ

2 Cor 3:18 – 'from glory to glory'

Rom 1:17 – 'from faith to faith'

The Word we have now is the Word God has given us for this age – there is no more to come (**Heb 1:1-2**)

- ❖ The Word of God is an unfolding revelation
- ❖ Have a relationship with the Word of God
(**Rev 19:13**) - which is with Jesus

Apostolic revelation

Matt 10, Mk 3, Lk 6 – the calling of apostles

- ❖ Jesus called apostles by name to train them
- ❖ Last 1800 years church has lost apostolic nature and doctrine
- ❖ By second century church already entertaining strange doctrines eg. They made new converts wait 12 months for baptism, doctrines concerning the Godhead that were not from Scripture
- ❖ Now God is restoring the Church with apostolic revelation

Heb 3:1

- ❖ We are to consider and have confession of Jesus as the Apostle and High Priest
- ❖ most of the church has never considered Jesus as the Apostle and not had a scriptural confession of Him as the Apostle

John 17:18

- 'sent' Gk 'apostello' – where we get the word 'apostle' from
- Jesus was sent into the world as apostle

John 20:21

- ❖ 'As Father sent Me' – He is confessing His apostleship
 - 1) apostles are sent
 - 2) to represent the sender
 - 3) to build the house of God
- ❖ true revival is functioning in apostolic revelation
- ❖ various foundations that the church has been built upon are called denominations
- ❖ Find out where your denomination came from; what were their beliefs and practices?
- ❖ what is their foundation?

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- ❖ We are still all called out of denomination to get on the right foundation.
Denominations are not in the bible, they are called schisms (divisions)
- ❖ God is restoring His church according to the pattern of the New Testament Scriptures

Exodus – tabernacle of Moses was built according to the pattern, how much more so the church?

- ❖ In the 20th Century strange doctrines introduced to the church eg. The doctrine of a secret rapture of the church
- ❖ The restoration God is doing is a restoration of truth – is coming through the restoration of apostles

1 Tim 2:1-10

The call for prayer of the church

- ❖ for those in authority and all men to be saved by coming to knowledge of truth
 - ❖ Truth = one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus
 - ❖ The truth is to be testified
- V7** – Paul appointed as an apostle to testify to this truth (**2 Cor 5:19**)
- ❖ appointed as preacher, apostle and teacher
 - ❖ they all speak the word of God
 - ❖ God's answer to our prayer for the lost is to raise people who will go and speak the truth to them
 - ❖ To raise a new generation of apostles, preachers and teachers

Why do we need apostles today?

It is a particular calling that Jesus established

1) apostles are an appointment by God

1 Cor 12:28

'God has set in church 1st apostles, 2nd prophets, 3rd teachers

- ❖ These are specifically appointed to the church by God to testify to the truth that God was in Christ
- ❖ They are not positions, they are callings

2) apostles are foundational to the building of the church, house of God (Eph 2:20)

- ❖ they bring revelational understanding of Jesus the Messiah (Acts 5:42)

3) the church is to be devoted to the teaching of the apostles

Acts 2:42 – 'apostles doctrine'

4) It is a ministry of grace

Eph 4:7-16

- ❖ grace given through Christ's gift
- ❖ the gift is the five-fold ministry (v11)
- ❖ 'Some apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers'
- ❖ Grace of God released to the church through these ministries

5) It is referred to as apostleship (Rom 1:5)

- ❖ 'apostleship' means 'commission'
- ❖ Apostles carry the commission to bring nations to obedience to the faith
- ❖ Obedience means 'hearing under'
- ❖ **Acts 1:25, 1 Cor 9:2, Gal 2:8**

6) Apostles represent Christ

Matt 10:40

- ❖ receive apostles, receive Jesus and if receive Jesus, receive One who sent Him

7) Apostles bring revelation of mystery of Christ

Eph 3:2-5

- ❖ special dispensation of grace to understand the mystery – it is a gift (Eph 1:17-19 – The prayer Paul prayed)
- ❖ v5. Mystery is revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets

8) Apostles minister ascension/ resurrection life

Eph 4:8-10

- ❖ ministries given in Christ's ascension
- ❖ they release resurrection life to the body

9) Apostles are to be fathers to the church

1 Cor 4:15

- ❖ not many fathers
- ❖ apostle Paul begot them through the gospel

Mal 4:5-6

- ❖ restoration of fathers and sons
- ❖ The Spirit and power of Elijah
- ❖ Apostles bring this restoration
- ❖ Restoration of true spiritual relationships where apostles are received as fathers
- ❖ This brings revelation of sonship – as God's sons
- ❖ 'Sonship' - new word for Spanish dictionary
- ❖ 'ship' speaks of relationship
- ❖ Sonship = sons in relationship with God

Rom 8:15 – spirit of adoption/sonship

- ❖ adoption is becoming the sons of God

10) Apostles need to be restored

Rev 18:20 - Babylon will fall when there are functioning apostles and prophets in the earth

Col 2:1-2

- 1 Tim 3:16** – ‘God was manifested in the flesh.’
2 Tim 2:11-13 – a faithful saying

NOTES

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Session 5

Speaker: Simo Kahri

Ministering in Evangelism

Matt 22:14

- ❖ Many are called few are chosen
- ❖ We need to choose to be chosen
- ❖ we need to answer that call
- ❖ There is freedom to preach and teach!

'The gospel is the message of the ultimate victory of Jesus'

- ❖ It is good news
- ❖ It is glad tidings of things that have already happened
- ❖ It includes warning of judgement

Dynamics of the Gospel

1 Thess 2:8-9

V8. 'imparting the gospel and our own lives' - the gospel is imparted by preaching

- ❖ the impartation enables you to minister the gospel to others

Rom 16:25-27

- ❖ 'My gospel' – the gospel is to become our own
- ❖ It becomes part of your own personality
 - Jesus in our lives

Gal 1:11-16

- ❖ The gospel comes by revelation of Jesus Christ
- ❖ The Son of God being revealed in us and through us
- ❖ We need to tap into Christ in us to minister the gospel – in the anointing

Rom 1:14-17

- ❖ Paul was compelled to preach the gospel to all,
- ❖ no other choice appreciating where we have come from
- ❖ The gospel is the power of God to save all who believe
- ❖ It is the power of God to heal us
- ❖ It is from faith to faith

Rom 15:15-21

- ❖ When you go and preach the gospel you will have your own testimonies
- ❖ Making the Gentiles obedient
- ❖ signs and wonders follow
- ❖ The gospel fully preached everywhere
- ❖ Have heart to go where Christ is not preached
- ❖ The gospel brings understanding (**Rom 10:14-17**) and faith

It is the gospel of the Kingdom

Matt 4:23-25

- ❖ The gospel must be preached
- ❖ The sick and diseased will be healed
- ❖ Don't fight the devil with human methods but preach the gospel of Jesus Christ
- ❖ The gospel of the Kingdom manifests the Kingdom of God
- ❖ Tasting of the powers of the age to come
- ❖ Everything not of the Kingdom has to leave

Matt 24:14

- ❖ the gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to all nations
- ❖ It is a sign of the end of the age

2 Cor 2:12-13

- ❖ It is Christ's gospel
- ❖ Preaching the gospel opens the door
- ❖ it is the will of God for you to preach the gospel

2 Cor 4:3-6

- ❖ the gospel is hidden to the lost
 - ❖ the gospel is of the glory of Christ
- (**Hab 2:14** – the gospel brings knowledge of the glory)

2 Tim 4:5

- ❖ do the work of the evangelist
- ❖ it is for all of us
- ❖ evangelism is fun!

Session 6

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY – PREPARING THE CHURCH

Eph 4:12

- ❖ the purpose for five-fold ministry
- ❖ for the work of the ministry (works of service) (**V7-16**)
- ❖ grace given to each of us according to measure of Christ's gift

1. It is a work of grace to build up God's people

- historically ministers have tried to impress people or follow holy religious format

2. This gift is gifts (V8).

3. Gifts were released when Jesus ascended – they come from heaven, but Jesus had to go 'down' to get them (V9-10).

- ❖ Full of ascension life and power
- ❖ They are given to prepare the church for His coming

4. Five gift ministries (V11).

- ❖ apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- ❖ five ministries represent the hand of God

5. Why these gifts have been given (V12).

- a) The work of the ministry
- b) Perfecting/equipping the saints – each one
- c) building up the whole body of Christ - all together
- ❖ until the church has come to maturity
- ❖ you can never function on your own, you are part of the body
- ❖ we need to identify what particular gift ministry we have and then we need training in that ministry
- ❖ the perfecting of the saints is each one in particular – growing together into corporate body
- ❖ the work of ministry must continue UNTIL.....
- ❖ there is an end to the ministry
- ❖ when the body comes to maturity

What is the work of ministry – it is until:

1. we all come to unity of the faith

- ❖ historic doctrines divide the body
- ❖ true orthodoxy is the glory of Christ being revealed in His body
- ❖ 'apostles creed' was written by bishops, other creeds were written also (Nicene creed 4th Century, Athanasian creed 5th Century)

Jude v3

- ❖ we should contend earnestly for the faith that the apostles gave us
- ❖ warning of Jesus in Revelation that we should not add or take away from what is written

2. we all come to the unity of the knowledge of the Son of God

- ❖ who is Jesus the Christ?
- ❖ Stumbling block to Jews, foolishness to Greeks
- ❖ If you don't know the Son, you don't know the Father
- ❖ Knowledge of God is through the Son
- ❖ Mohammed is only son of man, Jesus is the Son of God
- ❖ Jesus is God – we need to be taught and come into the knowledge of the Son of God
- ❖ solution = **1 Tim 3:16** 'Great is the mystery.....God was manifested in the flesh'
- ❖ Knowledge of Son of God = knowing who Jesus is
- ❖ He is God coming into the world, born of a woman (**Phil 2:5-8**)

3. Until we come to a perfect man

- ❖ walking in complete wholeness
 - ❖ according to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ
 - ❖ we cannot have Christ without each other
 - ❖ the Perfect man is the corporate Christ
- (1 Cor 12:12)**

Word wealth for 'perfect'

Word Wealth 3:2 perfect, teleios

(tel-eye-oss); Strong's #5046: From telos, "end." Teleios refers to that which has reached an end, that is, finished, complete, perfect. When applied to persons, it signifies consummate soundness, and includes the idea of being whole. More particularly, when applied to believers, it denotes maturity.

Hayford, Jack (2002-08-01). New Spirit-Filled Life Bible: Kingdom Equipping Through the Power of the Word (Bible Nkjv) (Kindle Location 185607). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

4. To bring us from being children to mature believers

- ❖ from childhood to maturity (**Eph 4:14**)
- ❖ no longer deceived by winds of doctrines and trickery of men (preaching for offerings etc)

5. Speaking the truth in love to one another

Psalms 25:5 - word wealth given

'truth' - Hebrew 'emet: (beginning – middle and end letters of Hebrew alphabet) stability, certainty, truth, rightness, trustworthiness, firm, permanent & established. Dependability and reliability.

- ❖ You can stake your life on the truth of God's word
Greek : 'aletheia' – veracity, reality, sincerity, accuracy, integrity, propriety
- ❖ is what you speak 'truth'?
- ❖ truth is Jesus is the governor of the Kings of the earth (**Rev1:5**)

6. Growing up in all things into Him who is the Head – Christ

- a) grow up spiritually – led by the Spirit of God in our spirit
- b) to teach the brethren how to attain to physical well-being.
Basic needs are met
 - food, clothing, shelter, basic education
 - not to provide these needs but to teach believers how to believe for these needs to be met
- c) i - social and psychological well-being
 - God wants His people socially secure, able to converse with each other meaningfully
 - psychologically secure – not being over sensitive
- ii – mental and intellectual development
- ❖ well read, understanding many things (not talking about going to university)
- ❖ not being ignorant about the world
- ❖ we are to bring good knowledge and understanding

7. It must continue until Eph 4:16 – the whole body joined together in meaningful relationships

- SONS in relationSHIP with God = sonship

Eph 3:9

- ❖ all coming to know the fellowship of the mystery – oneness in Christ
- ❖ able to speak the word
- ❖ contend earnestly for the faith

Phil 3:15

- ❖ if you think otherwise God will bring revelation (**Eph 1:17**)

Eph 4:16- the whole body being knit together = end of individualism, cultism, culture, exclusive networks in the body

- ❖ each part doing its share, every joint supplying, God working in us and through us
- ❖ The whole body is building itself up in God's love corporately

Session 7

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The Resurrection of the Dead

Heb 6:1-2

- ❖ elementary principles of Christ
- ❖ we can go on to perfection if God gives permission (**v3**)

Heb 5:12

- ❖ first principles of the oracles of God
- ❖ Basic elements, component parts
- ❖ They establish us in Christ and keep us in Christ

Word Wealth 23:6 resurrection, anastasis (an-as-tas-is); Strong's #386: A standing up again, restoration to life, rising from the dead. A compound of ana, "again," and histemi, "to stand." The resurrection of Jesus is the firstfruits or prototype of the future resurrection of all that are in the grave. In v. 6, anastasis is the coming resurrection that occurs at the Judgment Day. Another usage of anastasis is "a moral recovery of spiritual truth."

Hayford, Jack (2002-08-01). New Spirit-Filled Life Bible: Kingdom Equipping Through the Power of the Word (Bible Nkjav) (Kindle Location 161314). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

- ❖ a Standing up again – having right standing before God is in resurrection

Luke 2:34

- ❖ Jesus is destined to the fall and rising of many in Israel
- Resurrection can mean: a spiritual recovery of moral truth

Eph 5:14

- ❖ awake you who sleep, arise from the dead and Christ will give you light
- ❖ Resurrection wakes us out of spiritual sleep, out of darkness

Why do we need a resurrection?

Rom 6:23

- ❖ wages of sin is death - sin causes death

Gen 2:17

- ❖ God made man to live forever – there was no death in the beginning of creation
- ❖ If you eat of tree of good and evil 'you shall surely die' (lit. dying you shall die)
- ❖ death will begin to work in you
- ❖ the principle of death entered the world
- ❖ God made a promise (**Gen 3:15**) in the midst of sin entering the world
- ❖ the Seed shall crush head of serpent

What was the hope the apostles had?

Acts 23:6

- ❖ 'concerning hope and resurrection of dead I am being judged'

Acts 26:6-8

- ❖ I am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers
- That God raises the dead!

Gen 5:21-24

- ❖ Enoch begot Methuselah
- ❖ Enoch walked with God for 300 years, 'and he was not for God took him (received him)' (v24)
- ❖ The more you walk with God, the more you are not
- ❖ Enoch was 7th from Adam of godly seed – speaks of maturity, perfection. He did not see death – he walked into the resurrection
- ❖ It is possible in this world to live in victory over death

Gen 22:5

- ❖ Abraham was asked by God to sacrifice his only son (v2) – typifying 'only begotten son'
- ❖ "we will come back to you" (v5) – Abraham and Isaac shall come back to you.

Heb 11:17-19

- ❖ by faith Abraham, when tested, offered up Isaac
- ❖ The promise was given through Isaac
- ❖ Abraham believed that God could raise the dead – He believed in the gospel
- ❖ He believed in the resurrection

Isaiah 25:7-8

- ❖ God will destroy surface of covering cast over all people – veil spread over all nations (2 Cor 3:16 – veil removed in Christ)
- ❖ He will swallow up death forever

Dan 12:13

- ❖ Go your way till the end 'for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance'
- ❖ Daniel had hope in the resurrection

Hosea 13:14

- ❖ I will ransom them from the power of the grave (the hand of sheol)
- ❖ Death I will be your plagues
- ❖ O' grave I will be your destruction
- God's promise to destroy death and its power

Elisha and Elijah experienced power of God to raise the dead – it was a sign

- ❖ a sign points to an ultimate reality
- ❖ it is a sign that the resurrection will take over everything! – no more death

John 11

Jesus bringing Lazarus back from the dead

V 23 – Jesus said to Martha “Your brother will rise again”

- ❖ Martha believed in the doctrine of the resurrection
- ❖ Jesus wanted to bring her into a deeper reality – Jesus said to her, ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’ (**v 24**)
- ❖ Jesus is the resurrection
- ❖ It is a present reality – not a doctrine to receive but a person to receive
- ❖ is the resurrection in you?
- ❖ If you believe in Him, even if you die you shall live (**v 26**)
- ❖ When you know the Resurrection you will not fear death or what man can do to you

Acts 4:2

- ❖ The apostles were witnesses to the resurrection
 - ❖ They preached in Jesus the resurrection of the dead
- V33.** With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus
- ❖ Not just witnessing by telling that Jesus was raised
 - ❖ They lived a life raised from the dead
 - ❖ Are you living a life of resurrection?

Gal 1:1

- ❖ Paul knew he was an apostle through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead
- ❖ He ministered from resurrection life
- ❖ All ministry is ministering resurrection

Lk 20:34

‘the sons of this age marry and are given in marriage’

- ❖ They are only concerned with the affairs of this life, this age (**Matt 24:38**)
- ❖ Sons manifest what they are of – sons of this age manifest this age
- ❖ They have decided to remain sons of Adam – sons of death

1 Cor 15:22 - Two types of people living

- ❖ those dead in Adam (Old creation)
- ❖ those alive in Christ (new creation)

V 45.

- ❖ first Adam a living being
- ❖ last Adam a life-giving Spirit

V46-47.

- ❖ there are heavenly people – of the resurrection
- ❖ there are people of the earth – made of dust

Lk 20:35

‘those counted worthy to attain that age’ –

How do we attain resurrection?

- ❖ we need the first principles of Christ laid in our lives for us to attain to the resurrection

- 1) **repentance** (change of mind) from dead works
 - ❖ dead works do not produce the life of God
 - ❖ to experience resurrection we must come out of dead works of sin & religion
- 2) **faith toward God** – how? (**Heb 11:1**)
 - ❖ 'faith is the substance of things hoped for' – the resurrection is our hope
 - ❖ We apprehend the substance of the resurrection through faith
 - ❖ we must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead (**Rom 10:9**)
 - ❖ We have the evidence of what we do not see – the evidence of resurrection is in us even though we do not see our bodies in resurrection yet.
- 3) **Doctrine of baptisms (Rom 6:4-5)**
 - ❖ United in Christ's death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection
 - ❖ Baptism places us into Christ's resurrection
 - ❖ (**v11-12**) do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies
 - ❖ Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead
- 4) **Laying on of hands (Rom 8:9-11)**
 - ❖ Spirit of God dwells in us
 - ❖ His Spirit is life because of righteousness
 - ❖ The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead – He will give life to your mortal bodies
 - ❖ We receive the Holy Spirit - who is the power of the Resurrection

How do we attain?

Phil 3:10 "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death....to attain to the resurrection from the dead"

- ❖ knowing Christ (by experience) is knowing the resurrection
- ❖ there is only one way to experience the resurrection - we must first die

When did Jesus die?

On the cross He died physically

- ❖ in Gethsemane He died to His own will, He prayed to the Father 'not My will but Yours be done'
- ❖ Jesus allowed Himself to be put to death and God raised Him from the dead
- ❖ We are to be conformed to His death – 'not My will but Yours be done'

2 Cor 4:7-8

- ❖ 'we have this treasure in earthen vessels'
- ❖ We can be hard-pressed on every side but we cannot be crushed – Jesus in us cannot be destroyed
- ❖ the apostle Paul was stoned and left for dead but he arose again and went and preached the gospel in another city – he experienced the power of the resurrection (**Acts 14:19-20**)
- ❖ We are to always carry about in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus, then Jesus will manifest in our mortal bodies (**v11**)
- ❖ Manifest (**1 Tim 3:16**) – to appear, be made visible

1 Pet 3:18

- Jesus was put to death in the flesh but He was made alive by the Spirit
- Jesus never died, His body died but He lived
- He went and preached to the spirits in prison
- We also must have our flesh put to death and be made alive by the Spirit

Eph 2:1-6

- ❖ we were once dead in sin but now we have been made alive in Christ – justified to have resurrection life
- ❖ We are raised with Him and seated with Him

1 Cor 15: 50-54. The final aspect of the resurrection is that it will fully take over our mortal flesh – in the twinkling of an eye

- ❖ corruption will put on incorruption
- ❖ mortality will put on immortality

Col 1:18

The head of the body is the firstborn from the dead

- ❖ we are of the same nature as the Head
- ❖ we partake of Christ's resurrection
- ❖ Body of Christ is a resurrected Body

Session 8

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

John 15:7

- ❖ 'if you abide in Me
- ❖ and My words (rhema) abide in you,
- ❖ you will ask what you desire
- ❖ it shall be done for you'

Matt 6:6

- ❖ when you pray go into your room (closet) – draw aside to be alone with God
- ❖ Pray to your Father in heaven
- ❖ don't use vain repetitions (v7)

Logos and rhema

- ❖ they are both translated into English as 'word'
 - ❖ Logos – John 1:1 'in the beginning was the Word' – communication, message and utterance
 - ❖ It refers to Jesus
 - ❖ Heb 4:12 – is the logos word, the expression of God in the written word
- John 8:31-32** – 'if you continue in My word (logos), you will be My disciples'

Rhema

- ❖ it is a particular quickened word that comes out of the general logos (that which is written) at a particular time for that moment eg. Jesus being tempted by the devil

Matt 4:4 – the word proceeding from the mouth of God

- ❖ man shall live by every word (rhema) that proceeds from mouth of God

Lk 1:38

- ❖ 'let it be done to me according to Your word (rhema)'

Rom 10:17

- ❖ faith comes by hearing word (rhema) V8-10
- ❖ the word (rhema) is near you in your mouth and in your heart – the word of faith which we preach
- ❖ this brings salvation

- ❖ Praying scripture is going to what is written and then praying it – after a little while it becomes a rhema word

Scriptures we can pray:

Eph 1:17-23

Eph 3:14-21

Col 1:9-14

- ❖ you will find God is doing in you what you are praying for
- ❖ God takes you to what He wants you to pray
- ❖ Let the Bible be your handbook
- ❖ We need to learn to pray the Scriptures

Rom 10:13

- ❖ 'whoever calls on the Name of the LORD (Yahweh – the Eternal One) shall be saved'
- ❖ if you would like answered prayers start praying the will of God
- ❖ Pray what the Father puts into your heart – it is what He is praying through you
- ❖ Jesus prayed 'Father not My will but Yours be done'
 - We are to call on His Name – it means you Know Him

John 17:6

- ❖ Jesus said 'I have manifested Your name to the men which you gave Me'
- ❖ V7. 'keep through Your name the men which You have given Me...'

Matt 28:19

- ❖ we are commanded by Jesus to baptise in the Name

John 16:23; John 14:13

- ❖ 'whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you'
- ❖ Praying scripture is both a disciplined learning process and a revelatory release of the knowledge of God's will
- ❖ **Heb 13:20-21** Prayer and doxology
- ❖ **Jude v24-25**

Session 9

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

A MODEL OF APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Acts 13 & 14

- ❖ sending out of Paul and Barnabas as apostles and their reporting back gives us insight into the functioning of apostolic ministry
- ❖ They did not go alone but two by two, Jesus Himself also sent apostles out two by two.

Acts 8:4

- ❖ persecuted disciples went out preaching the word – Philip went to Samaria

Acts 11:19

- ❖ same disciples went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus & Antioch preaching the word – but only to Jews

Acts 10 –

- ❖ Peter went to Gentile house of Cornelius (a Roman Centurion) and preached Jesus to whole household
V44. – while Peter still speaking Holy Spirit came and all began speaking in tongues – they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus
- ❖ a change in the heavenly realm took place – Gentiles brought into relationship with the living God

Acts 11:20

- ❖ some of the disciples spoke to the Greeks about Jesus – there was freedom to speak the gospel to the Gentiles
- ❖ we must be led by the Spirit of God – this will bring the breakthrough
- ❖ There is a difference between 'Spirit-filled' and 'Spirit led' – it is the difference between 'pentecost' and the 'apostolic'
- ❖ Because Peter was led by the Spirit it brought a cosmic breakthrough for the Gentiles, which enabled others to preach to the Gentiles

V21-23

- ❖ Who was Barnabas? He was a Levite from Cyprus (**Acts 4:36**)
- ❖ He was a committed disciple to the apostles and he gave all that he had and laid it at apostles feet (**Acts 4:37**)
- ❖ His name was Joses but apostles named him 'Barnabas' – son of encouragement
- ❖ He was sent as an apostolic delegate

V24. – He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and a fruitful minister

V25. – He believed in Saul and wanted him to help the new church in Antioch

- ❖ He was functioning as a son of encouragement – this was probably Saul's first ministry appointment
- ❖ They made disciples, first called 'Christians' (**v26**)

Acts 13:1

- ❖ certain prophets and teachers in Antioch (no pastors mentioned)
- ❖ Barnabas, Simeon (the black - African), Saul.....
- ❖ Saul is called a teacher - **1 Tim 2:7; 2 Tim 1:11** – Saul would have been functioning as a teacher in Antioch
- ❖ Barnabas would have functioned as a prophet by the meaning of his name
 - V2.** The Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Saul to new ministry
 - V3.** They fasted and prayed and sent them out
 - V4.** They are sent out by the Holy Spirit as apostles

Barnabas' ministry is changing from prophet in local church to becoming an apostle himself, being sent out by ministry team in Antioch

Saul changed his name to Paul. Why? Saul is Heb name, Paul is Greek name

- ❖ Paul changed from teacher in local church to being an apostle – 'sent one'
- ❖ Their ministry changed dramatically
- ❖ They pioneered the gospel where it had not been and established churches where they were not established

Acts 14:4

- ❖ Paul and Barnabas called 'apostles'
- V14.** 'apostles Paul and Barnabas'

The ministry work of apostles

1) They made many disciples - apostles are to make disciples

- ❖ then those disciples can go out preaching everywhere
- ❖ **Matt 28:18-20** – The commission Jesus gave to the apostles
- ❖ Jesus said to baptise into the name
- ❖ Most ministers do not mention the name in baptism because they have not been taught by apostles
- ❖ It is in the name of Jesus (**Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 19:5**)
- ❖ The name of Jesus manifests and glorifies the Father (**John 17:6, Phil 2:9-11**)
- ❖ This is basic apostolic doctrine and practice, but most of the church has followed bishops who have not taught or practised the apostles doctrine
- ❖ The foundation of baptism is to be restored in the church – it is not a symbol but it is being baptised into Jesus' death, burial and resurrection (**Rom 6:3-5**)

Acts 14:21

The apostles Paul and Barnabas made many disciples

2 Tim 2:2 – 'the things you have heard....commit to faithful men who will teach others also'

- ❖ the apostles followed up on the disciples they made and brought them up further in the word of God and established them as functioning churches with elders
- ❖ we need to be obedient to make disciples and then the church will be formed & built
- ❖ establish the church by appointing elders (**V23.**)

The summary

- a) Preach the gospel and make disciples
- b) strengthen souls of disciples
- c) appoint elders

2. It is an itinerant ministry

Acts 14:21 - 25 - they returned to Lystra.....

- ❖ it is much more than a teaching ministry
- ❖ must be in field making disciples, setting church in order, appointing elders (pastors and teachers) and making known deeper things of Word of God
- ❖ pastors and teachers are to serve in the apostolic ministry locally, not just being a law to themselves

3. Apostles sent out from a base

Acts 15:40

- ❖ 'they were commended by the brethren to the grace of God'
- ❖ The home base sends them – it is essential for apostles to have a home base.
- ❖ It is fruit of their ministry
- ❖ Most apostles have an international call 'disciple nations'
- ❖ Apostles lead the church in the great commission

Acts 14:27

- ❖ 'They gathered the church together (home base) and reported all that God had done with them, they stayed for some time there discipling'
- ❖ There is no such thing as a 'gypsy apostle' – functioning alone
- ❖ Apostles must be open and preach the gospel free of charge

4. Apostles preach the gospel

Mk 16:15

- ❖ it is the gospel of the kingdom we are to preach

Acts 8:12

- ❖ Philip preached the kingdom of God and name of Jesus Christ

Acts 5:42

- ❖ They could not cease preaching and teaching Jesus the Christ in the temple and in every house

5. The apostles strengthened the souls of the brethren (disciples)

- ❖ 'strengthened with might in the inner man by Spirit' (**Eph 3:16**)
- ❖ Souls are to be enlightened (**Eph 1:18**)

Acts 18:23

- ❖ 'Strengthening all the disciples'

Acts 15:36

- ❖ 'let us visit our brethren in every city where we preached the Word and see how they are doing'
- ❖ We need to show them how to grow and continue

6. They exhorted the brethren

- ❖ 'to continue in the faith' (**Acts 14:22**)
- ❖ To contend earnestly for the faith that was delivered to them by the apostles (**Jude v3**)
- ❖ The gospel is revealed from heaven from faith to faith and in it the righteousness of God is revealed (**Rom 1:17**)
- ❖ We are all to come to unity of the faith (**Eph 4:13**)
- ❖ Faith (verb): believing into, relying upon and trusting in Jesus
- ❖ Faith (noun) refers to the beliefs, word of God that is written, the gospel

7. Apostles instruct brethren to endure tribulation (Acts 14:22)

- ❖ rapture (escaping tribulation) is not teaching of the Scripture
- ❖ we must through many tribulation enter the kingdom of God
- ❖ the church is called to endure tribulation

Matt 24:13

- ❖ endure to the end to be saved

John 16:33

- ❖ 'in the world you will have tribulation'
- ❖ 'be of good cheer I have overcome the world'

John 17:15

- ❖ 'I am not praying for You to take them out of the world' – I am sending them into the world

'Tribulation': pressure, stress, anguish, crushing, squeezing, squashing, distress, adversity

Rom 5:1-5

- ❖ we have grace through faith in Jesus Christ to glory in tribulation

8. The goal is to enter the kingdom of God

- **1 Thess 4:13-14** – heaven is not the goal, those in heaven are coming back with Jesus

The Kingdom

- a) is eternal (**2 Pet 1:11**)
- b) we must be born again to enter (**Jn 3:3-6**)
- c) pray for Kingdom to come on earth (**Matt 6:10**)
- d) know the authority of the King (**Matt 28:18**)
- e) His will is to be done on earth (**Lk 11:2**)
- f) We are to seek the Kingdom above all else (**Matt 6:33**)
- g) Know the nature of the kingdom (**Jn 18:36**)
- h) Know the culture of the Kingdom (**Rom 14:17**)
- i) We are to live in kingdom (**Matt 5-7**)
- j) Kingdom is our inheritance (**Dan 7:18**)

The work of the elders was to continue discipling the brethren and continue the work of the apostles

Session 10

Speaker: Pastor Rob Cochrane

The Anointed King and His Kingdom

1 Cor 1:23

- ❖ 'we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block to the Greeks foolishness'

V 24 – 'Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God'

Key Words

English word '**Christ**' from Gk 'Cristos' and from Hebrew 'Messiah'

- ❖ means the 'anointed King'
- ❖ 'anointing' is consecrating to an office
- ❖ Jesus came preaching the Kingdom of God **Mk 1:1, 14-15**
- ❖ 'the beginning of the gospel of Jesus the 'anointed King' the Son of God'
- ❖ The good news is not only of salvation but it is of the Kingdom of God
- ❖ If we don't preach the Kingdom of God we rob people of the blessings of the Kingdom
- ❖ We are no longer ours, we were bought at a price – we are now in the 'Kingdom of Light'
- ❖ Gospel of Salvation does not worry about discipleship
- ❖ When born again, the King of this Kingdom comes to live in us

Matt 28:18

- ❖ Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth
- V19.** in that Kingdom authority He tells us to go and make disciples of all nations
- ❖ we are baptised into Him – the King
- ❖ the name is equal to the person

Mk 1:14-15

- ❖ Preach the Kingdom of God
- ❖ The Kingdom of God is at hand
- ❖ Repent and believe

'The time is fulfilled' = the fullness of time

- ❖ there was an appointed time for the Kingdom of God to come – when the King came
- ❖ the Prophets had pointed to it
- ❖ a) '**Repent**' - 'change your mind' after a conviction of the heart (**Acts 2:36-38**)
- ❖ The result of repentance is 'be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ (the anointed King)'
- ❖ b) '**believe the good news**'
- ❖ We can be forgiven, set free, have life abundantly

Jesus had come with a purpose – to bear the sin of mankind, so that mankind could rule and reign in the earth with Him

- ❖ in the fullness of time Jesus the anointed King came

Some of the promises in Old Testament

2 Sam 7:12-14a, 16

Isaiah 9:6-7 – 'Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son given and the government shall be upon His shoulders and His name shall be called - Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace....'

- ❖ this is one of many promises that the Jews knew much about.
- ❖ In the gospel of John Ch 1, there was expectation of Messiah coming

Matt 16:13-19

- ❖ Jesus asked, 'who do men say that I the Son of Man am?'
- ❖ Jesus then asked, 'who do you say I am?'
- ❖ Peter replied, 'You are the Christ (Anointed King) the Son of the Living God'
- ❖ Jesus replied, 'upon this rock I will build My Church....gates of hell shall not prevail against it'

The church is not a building – it is the 'called out ones', the congregation of God's people

- ❖ the revelation Peter received came from His knowledge of the Scriptural promises of Christ
- ❖ God revealed to Peter that this Jesus was that Christ – the Anointed King
- ❖ Christ is God manifested in the flesh
- ❖ as the King, Jesus is building His called out ones – it is upon the foundation of Jesus the Anointed King

How does the church fit in with the Kingdom?

- ❖ The church manifests the Kingdom in the earth, the church is the citizens of the Kingdom who have bowed their knees to the King and received Him
- ❖ **Jn 1:12-13** - 'the right to become the sons of God'
- ❖ True apostles preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God (**Matt 28:18-20**)
- ❖ Jesus is the highest authority
- ❖ we are to teach all things that Jesus commanded

Jesus taught about the Kingdom

Acts 1:1-3 'speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God'

John 3:1-17

- ❖ Nicodemus – a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus by night
- ❖ **V3.** Jesus said 'you must be born again to see the kingdom'
- ❖ **V5.** 'born of water and the Spirit to enter the Kingdom'
- ❖ **V9.** Nicodemus said 'how can these things be?'
- ❖ **V13.** Jesus speaking heavenly things

Jesus is telling Nicodemus how to be born again, how to be saved and enter the Kingdom of God – 'to have eternal life'

- ❖ Eternal life is in the Kingdom

John 17:1-3

- ❖ Jesus has authority to give eternal life
- ❖ Eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus the Anointed King whom you have sent
- ❖ Eternal life is being in a living relationship with the true God, the King
- ❖ The kingdom of God is the only Kingdom where every citizen has an intimate relationship with the only true God

God's covenant

- ❖ from the least to the greatest of them they shall know Him
- ❖ **Col 1:13** 'conveyed out of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son of His love'
- ❖ Where He reigns there is righteousness, peace and joy (**Rom 14:17**)
- ❖ Out of our relationship with Him we have right standing with Him, peace with Him and inner delight
- ❖ When walking with the King we do not need to fear tribulation or any authority of hell
- ❖ The relationship we have with the King is to be worked out in our lives daily

Rev 2:1-7

- ❖ **V2-3.** The church of Ephesus were doing good works
- ❖ **V4.** The love relationship with Jesus (the King) was not given first place
- ❖ **V5.** 'remember from where you have fallen, repent and do first works'
- ❖ Our works come from our relationship with the King

1 John 5:21

- 'little children keep yourselves from idols'
- ❖ anything that we put as first place instead of God
 - Submitting to God – Jesus our King, means we are allowing Him to rule and reign in our hearts
- ❖ Ten virgins (**Matt 25** - parable)
- ❖ The King was warning the citizens of the kingdom of heaven
- ❖ Wise and foolish virgins
- ❖ The wise were prepared with extra oil

Are we continuing to prepare ourselves?

The essence of it all is that we know Him and that we abide in Him and He in us. That we be those wise virgins allowing Him to do His work in us

Is our relationship with Jesus - the King, the most important thing to us?

Session 11

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

Prayers of Agreement

The 'Church' is 'called out to govern'

Matt18:19

- ❖ 2 of you agree on earth concerning anything it will be done by My Father in heaven
- ❖ God is waiting for us to agree concerning His will in the earth and then He will empower us to walk out that decision
- ❖ Kingdom of God is a reality now – Jesus is King already, not “soon coming King”

Matt. 18:15-20

v.15 If brother sins against you, you tell him his fault alone and if he hears you, you gain him.

v.16 If he does not hear you take one or two more (elders) so that can have witnesses (Deut.19:15)

v.17 If then they still refuse, tell the church – if still refuse, they are put out of the church (treated as a heathen – unbeliever & tax collector - traitor)

- ❖ The gathered church decides in agreement to put out the sinning brother from fellowship

v.18 Corporate Church has authority to bind and loose

- ❖ God delegates to His Church this authority

v.19 Again (out of this reality), if 2 of you **agree** together on earth concerning **anything** they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

v.20 For (because) where 2 or 3 are gathered together in **My name, I AM There** (**Ezek.48:35 – Yehovah Shammah, 'I AM There'**)

- ❖ The Father works through the Son – when gathered in name of Jesus, Jesus will be there and Father will do what we ask
- ❖ We need to re-examine our way of praying

Matt.16:19 – authority to bind and loose on earth what is bound or loosed in heaven is called 'keys of the kingdom of heaven'

- ❖ This authority was released as a result of Peter's revelation of who Jesus is, He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God

Warning: Do not ask God to do things He wants you to do.

God has given to us the keys of kingdom

Agree: Gk. 'Sumphoneo' – symphony, harmony, to sound together

Together

Acts2:1

- ❖ in one accord (unanimous, mutual consent)

Acts20:7

- ❖ disciples came **together to break bread**
- ❖ we can agree together at the Lord's table

Answers can be God giving us insight how to handle the situation we are facing

1Cor.14:26

- ❖ how do we do our meetings? Are we in agreement or following a religious unspoken order of service that is dry and boring.
- ❖ Whenever we come together **each of you** has a psalm, a teaching, a tongue, an interpretation.
- ❖ We are all to bring something, maybe you will not bring it in the meeting but be ready to when the Holy Spirit tells you to bring it
- ❖ It is ok for us to have a talk as a church fellowship that we should plan and agree together to see what we can all bring to the meeting

Workshop – in groups, talk and explain situation to each other and come to agreement and pray out of that agreement

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Session 12

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

The Divinity of Christ

Deut 6:4

- ❖ 'Shema Israel'
- ❖ 'Hear O Israel; The LORD our God the LORD is one'
- ❖ It is noted that this is the most important scripture in the Old Testament, it is the foundational truth for world redemption

Heb 1:1-2

- ❖ God spoke in times past by the Prophets
- ❖ In these last days He speaks to us by the Son
- ❖ The Son is Jesus the Messiah

Ex 3:14

- ❖ God is instructing Moses to go and deliver His people
- V 13.** 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you'
- ❖ when they ask 'What is His Name?' what shall I say to them
- V 14.** God said, 'I AM who I AM'
- tell them I AM has sent you
- 'Yud Heh Vav Heh' (Jewish Bible - Hebrew)
- ❖ this is where 'Yehovah' comes from
- ❖ in English bible 6800+ times this name is translated LORD = YAHWEH or YEHOVAH
- ❖ The God who spoke to Moses identified Himself to be the Eternal God - I AM

John 8:58

- ❖ Jesus discussing with some Jews, they were accusing Jesus
- V 56 – 58**
- Jesus spoke to them 'before Abraham was I AM'
- Jesus identified Himself to be the one who spoke to Abraham
- V 24**
- Jesus said 'you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe I AM, you will die in your sins'
- V 28**
- 'when you lift up the Son of Man you will know that I AM'
- Jesus speaking of the cross – being crucified
- Jesus only does what the Father does

Eph 4:12-13

- ❖ the five fold ministries given by Christ must continue in the work of ministry until we all come to the unity of the knowledge of the Son of God

John 1:18

- ❖ 'no one has seen God at any time'
- ❖ 'the only begotten Son in the bosom of the Father, He has declared (explained)'
- ❖ Jewish bible says '*no one has ever seen God but the only and unique Son who is identical to God and is at the Fathers side...*' – this separates Jesus from the Father
- ❖ Jesus is not at the side of the Father, but He is coming out of the bosom to reveal the invisible God to you!
- ❖ He has come to reveal who God is
- ❖ He is one and the same God – not just identical

What did the first apostles of the Lamb preach and teach?

Acts 5:42

- ❖ The apostles 'daily in the temple and in every house they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ'
- ❖ They taught that Jesus was God manifested in the flesh (**1 Tim 3:16**)
- ❖ Most of church has only preached Jesus as Savior
- ❖ In preaching Christ the whole counsel of God was made known

Whom did Adam speak with?

Gen 1: God is called God 'Elohim' - God the Creator (primary meaning)

Gen 2:4

- ❖ 'this is history of the heavens and earth when they were created...in the day that the LORD God made the earth....'

V16-18

- ❖ YEHOVAH God spoke to man who He had created

John 1:3

'all things were made through Him (the Word - God)'

V14 - 'He became flesh and dwelt among us'

Who did Abraham speak to?

Gen 18:2

- ❖ 'three men were standing by him (Abram)'
- ❖ Abram bowed himself to the ground
- V3** - Abram said 'my Lord (Adonai)'
- ❖ 'Adonai' – only refers to God as the absolute Lord
- V13** – This same one talking to Abram is suddenly identified as YEHOVAH – 'and the LORD said to Abraham'

Whom did Joshua see?

Josh 5:13-15

- ❖ 'a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand'
- ❖ Joshua said, 'are You for us or against us?'
- ❖ He replied, 'no but as Commander of the LORD's army I have come'
- ❖ Joshua bowed down and worshiped Him

- ❖ The Triune God appeared to Joshua as the Commander of the army of YEHOVAH
- ❖ God revealing Himself in flesh form

The Son of God

Lk 1:31

- ❖ 'you will conceive in your womb...bring forth a Son and shall call His name JESUS'
- ❖ 'JESUS' – means YEHOVAH saves
- V32** – 'He will be called Son of the Highest and given throne of David'
- V33** – He will reign and no end of His kingdom
- Lk 2:11** – He is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord

Matt 1:20

- ❖ 'that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit'
- ❖ 'His name is JESUS for He will save His people from their sins'

Isaiah 7:14 – done to fulfil this Scripture

'virgin will bear a Son - call His name Immanuel, which means 'God with us'

Jesus is Savior, Christ and Lord!

What happened for Jesus to be called the Son of God?

- ❖ the Eternal God who is Spirit caused there to be a conception in the womb
- John 1:14** – 'the Word (who was God) became flesh'
- ❖ the glory of the only begotten of the Father is in Jesus
- ❖ 'if you see Me you see the Father' (**John 14:9**)

Jesus is worshiped

Matt 4:9-10

- ❖ Satan is asking Jesus to worship him
- ❖ Jesus replied, 'you shall worship YEHOVAH your God and Him only shall you serve'

Matt 2:11

- ❖ the wise men came to find Jesus
- ❖ they fell down and worshiped Him
- ❖ Jesus was only a young Child
- ❖ He is God manifested in the flesh

Matt 8:2

- ❖ a leper came and worshiped Jesus
- V2** 'Lord if your are willing You can make me clean'
- ❖ Only God can make one clean

Matt 9:18

- ❖ a ruler of the Jews came and worshiped Jesus
- ❖ He is a man of authority of the local Synagogue (an elder) – a religious ruler
- ❖ He came to Jesus and worshiped Him and 'if You (Jesus) lay your hand on my daughter she will live again'

Matt 14:27-28

- ❖ Literally 'Be of good cheer! I AM, do not be afraid' (He did not say 'it is I')
- ❖ Peter said, 'If you are the I AM command me to come to You on the water'
- V29** – Jesus replied, 'Come'
- ❖ Peter began to walk on the water towards Jesus

John 9:35-38

- ❖ A man Jesus healed was found by Jesus when he was cast out of Synagogue
- ❖ Jesus said to him, 'do you believe in the Son of God'
- ❖ The man answered, 'who is He Lord that I may believe in Him?'
- ❖ Jesus replied, 'you have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you'
- ❖ The man said, 'Lord I believe' – he fell down and worshiped Him

John 20:27-28

- ❖ Thomas was not believing that Jesus had risen from the dead unless he touched Him
- ❖ Jesus appeared and told Thomas to touch Him
- ❖ Thomas recognised that Jesus was the Lord God Almighty in human form. He said, 'My Lord and my God'

Phil 2:5-6

- ❖ let this mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus
- ❖ 'who being in the form of God,
- ❖ He did not consider it robbery to be equal with God
- V7** 'He made Himself of no reputation....came in the likeness of men'
- V8** – 'He was found in appearance as a man'
- ❖ He even humbled Himself to death on cross

Rom 9:5

- ❖ 'of Whom are the fathers and from whom according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God'

Titus 2:13

- ❖ 'looking for the blessed hope and the appearance of the glory of the great God and Savior of us, Jesus Christ'

Isaiah 43:11

- ❖ 'I, I, I AM and besides Me there is no Savior'

2 Pet 1:1

- ❖ '...by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ'
- ❖ Peter knew who Jesus is
- ❖ the common understanding of Jews was that the Messiah would be God coming in the flesh

Deut 6:4-6

- ❖ 'hear O Israel, YEHOUAH our God, YEHOUAH is one'
- ❖ The Divinity of Christ is understanding that Christ is God

- ❖ In the book of revelation Jesus is revealed to be the 'Alpha and Omega' and in Isaiah
- ❖ He is revealed to be the One who was, is and is to come, the Lord God Almighty

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Session 13

Speaker: Apostle Nick Jackson

The Eternal Purpose of God

- ❖ **'purpose'** – Greek 'prothesis': a setting forth, a proposal, showbread (that which we need daily – Jesus, the Word)
- ❖ The purpose to be acted upon
- ❖ God wants us to understand His purpose
- ❖ 'God's will' - 'thelayma' : a determination, volition, a purpose, decree
- ❖ Our individual purpose will always be within His purpose

Acts 22:14

- ❖ 'God of our Fathers has chosen you:
- ❖ 'To know His will'

- ❖ Coming into the apostolic ministry brings an understanding of God's will – His eternal purpose - speaking the word of God as it is written

Col 1:9

- ❖ a prayer that we should all pray for ourselves
- ❖ 'that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will....'
- ❖ 'in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ('putting two and two together')

Acts 20:27

- ❖ 'The whole counsel of God'

Eph 5:17

- ❖ 'understand what the will of the Lord is'

Phil 2:13

- ❖ 'God is working in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure'
- ❖ This is a present reality in us
- ❖ Many Christians fight against His will, desiring to do their 'own will'
- ❖ We need to come out of religion and flow with His will – working with Him

2 Tim 1:8-10

- there are sufferings in the gospel and the apostle Paul was teaching Timothy to share in them

❖ 'He has called us':

- 1) '**with a Holy Calling**' – set apart/separated unto the Lord
- 2) '**Not according to our works**'
 - it is by His grace
 - our works will burn up
- 3) '**according to His own purpose and grace**'
 - God did not save you for your purpose but for His purpose
 - Salvation is His purpose – it is all about Him

- God will save people for His purpose
- It was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began (before creation)
- God had a purpose in Christ Jesus

V10 'it was hidden but has now been revealed to us by the appearing of the Saviour of us Jesus Christ'

- ❖ '**appearing**' – a shining forth, manifestation, a revealing, epiphany

How do we access this grace?

Rom 5:1

- ❖ 'having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ'
- ❖ 'We have access into this grace into which we stand'
- ❖ His grace releases His eternal purpose in our lives
- ❖ True faith releases His grace in us
- ❖ We can now rejoice because of the hope released in our hearts of the glory of God

Eph 1:3

- ❖ 'Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ'
- ❖ with a blessing comes all the resources needed for the situation – so they can do what they were blessed for

Gen 1:28

- ❖ The first thing God did after He made man in His image was that He blessed them
- ❖ It was a blessing for them to do the task

Gen 12:3

- ❖ God blessed Abraham
- ❖ 'in you Abraham every family of the earth will be blessed'

Eph 1:4

- ❖ 'He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world'
- ❖ The choosing was for a purpose – it is outworked in Christ

Isaiah 42:1

- ❖ The Messiah is His elect One, 'in whom His soul delights'

Eph 1:5

- ❖ 'predestined/planned before us for adoption as sons
- ❖ 'the placement of sons in maturity, to receive the inheritance'
- ❖ It is by Jesus Christ and to Himself
- ❖ God wants sons!
- ❖ Sons abide forever

Who was the first son of God?

Lk 3:38 - 'the son Adam, the son of God'

What makes him a son?

Gen 1:26-27

- ❖ 'Let us make man in Our image...'
- ❖ 'so God created man in His own image'
- ❖ God made man in the earth
- ❖ '**image**' – image in the sense of essential nature – the substance/weightiness of who God is
- ❖ God made man to have the characteristics of Himself
- ❖ '**likeness**' - to act like – to act out of His nature, in the pattern of, fashioned

When was man made?

- ❖ He was made on the 6th day – the last to be created
- ❖ He gave man a commission (**V28**)
- ❖ He was to be 'fruitful' – having sons in the image and likeness of God

Ex 33:18

- ❖ 'fruitful – multiply – fill the earth' (**Gen 1:28**)
- ❖ the earth filled with sons of God – in His image and likeness
- ❖ Moses speaks to God and says, 'Please show me Your glory' – the deepest part of God, it is His essential nature
- ❖ It is what makes God, God
- ❖ Moses wanted to know and have His glory
- ❖ Sons act out of the essential nature of their Father
- ❖ God revealed who He was to Moses
- Ex 34:6-7** – 'I AM, I AM God, merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, by no means clearing the guilty'
- ❖ this is the image of God – this is His glory!

Num 14:21

- ❖ 'as truly as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD – the Eternal God'
- ❖ When this happens will be subduing the devil in the earth

Rom 3:23

- ❖ 'for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory'
- ❖ It does not say 'heaven'
- ❖ It is His glory – His image and nature
- ❖ God provided a Saviour (**Rev 13:8** – before the foundation of the world)
- ❖ (from Amplified bible: **Matt 1:21** – '*prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life which is in God*')

What is the characteristic of a son?

- ❖ Adam was not a child born but he was a son who was made in the image of God
- ❖ Jesus was the 'only begotten Son'
- ❖ **Col 1:15**- Jesus 'is the image of the invisible God'
- ❖ Being a son is representing the Father
- ❖ The image of God is being restored
- ❖ **Heb 1:3** – 'the express image of God's person' – the engraving, the character

❖ **If Christ is in you the image of God is in you**

2 Cor 4:4

- the god of this age has blinded those who don't believe
- unless the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ - the image of God should shine on them

Heb 2:5-10

- ❖ the world (age) to come is not in subjection to angels
- V6-7** – the son of man/mankind is set over the works of His hands
- V9** -we don't yet see everything under man but WE SEE JESUS
- ❖ Jesus is crowned with glory and honor and has tasted death for everyone
- V10** – 'bringing many sons to glory'
- (**Acts 2:23** – predetermined purpose of God)

John 20:21-22

- ❖ 'As the Father sent Me, so now I am sending you'
- ❖ Jesus then 'breathed on them...receive the Holy Spirit'
- ❖ Jesus is a life-giving Spirit

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Session 14

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

Fellowship of The Mystery

Eph 3:8-13

- ❖ 'I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ'
- ❖ Even as Paul received grace to preach this mystery among the Gentiles so all of us are able to receive this grace
 - V2.** – dispensation of grace given, by revelation the mystery is made known
- ❖ We all need to receive grace to understand the revelation of the mystery
 - V4.** – it is the knowledge/revelation of the mystery of Christ

Col 1:25-27

- ❖ 'given a stewardship (dispensation) from God' - it is the grace
 - ❖ The grace of God comes on the inside and His grace enables us to stand on the inside
 - ❖ Grace is tangible – you know you have received the grace, it enables you to understand the will of God, it builds you up
 - ❖ Grace is the opposite of being legalistic
 - ❖ 'grace given to fulfil the word of God – the mystery'
 - ❖ the mystery was hidden but is now revealed to His saints through Christ
- (Eph 3:5 – holy apostles and prophets make known the mystery)**

V27. The outworking of the mystery is 'Christ in us the hope of glory'

- ❖ the mystery is for the saints and the role of ministry in the New Testament is to make known the mystery of Christ

Points of the 'Mystery' (Eph 3:8-13)

1) Receive the grace – revelation comes

2) The mystery is to be preached (Eph 3:8)

- a - Him we preach - Christ (**Col 1:28**)
- b - Every member of Christ presented perfect – complete

Rom 16:25 - the mystery was kept secret since the world began but now is manifested by preaching Jesus Christ (**Acts 5:42, Acts 8:4** – taught by apostles)

Matt 16:15-17 – 'You are the Christ the Son of Living God'

- ❖ this revelation came from the Father in heaven
- ❖ on the basis of this revelation Jesus said 'I will build My church (government)'

3) 'To make all to see what is the fellowship of the mystery'

- ❖ we need to see by revelation
- ❖ does not come by flesh and blood but comes from above

Eph 1:17-18 – Paul prays for all of us to receive revelation and enlightenment

- ❖ revelation is seeing something you could not see previously
- ❖ enlightenment is 'turning on the light'

- ❖ we are to see the fellowship of the mystery
- 2 Kings 2** – Elisha asking Elijah for a double portion
- ❖ 'if you see when I go you will have it'
- Jer 1:11** – 'what do you see?'
- ❖ He saw an almond branch – God replied 'you have seen well, I am watching over My word to perform it'
- ❖ I want you to see how you can come into this fellowship
- Isaiah 6:1** – 'I saw the Lord'
- ❖ What do you see?

4) **There is a fellowship of the mystery**

- ❖ 'fellowship' Greek word 'koinonia'
- ❖ People looking for fellowship, some even fellowship with works of darkness
- Acts 2:42** – early church continued steadfastly in 'apostles doctrine and fellowship'
- ❖ 3000 entered the fellowship of the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship of breaking bread, the fellowship of prayer
- ❖ The result was great fear came upon all the people, mighty signs and wonders done (**V 43**)
- ❖ Everyone's needs were met (**V44-45**)
- ❖ Daily they continued in the fellowship, daily those were added to this
- Heb 2:10** – there is a fellowship of sons together – coming to glory
- Eph 1:5** – predestined for this
- Rom 8:14** – sons are led by the Spirit of God (not just Spirit-filled)
- Gal 3:26** – through faith we are all sons of God
- Gal 4:6** – it is through the Spirit of His Son in our hearts

5) **The Mystery**

Greek meaning of 'mystery' – 'musterion': a secret known only to the initiated, something hidden requiring revelation, something people could never know by own understanding but only by revelation from God

a) **It is the mystery of the Kingdom of God/heaven**

Matt 13:11 – 'mysteries of kingdom of heaven'

Luke 8:10 – 'mysteries of Kingdom of God'

- ❖ it is not of this world

b) **It is for the mature**

1 Cor 2:6 – 'wisdom for the mature, not the wisdom of the world but it is hidden wisdom of God – the mystery'

- ❖ the mystery releases the glory

c) **The mystery of Israel's blindness and God's grace on the Gentiles**

Rom 11:25 – 'Israel partly blinded until fullness of Gentiles comes in'

d) **The mystery has been kept secret**

Eph 3:9 – 'hidden in God from beginning of ages'

- ❖ Adam and Eve did not know the mystery, they refused to grow up in the knowledge of this mystery

- ❖ They were seduced to something carnal that promised them this wisdom i.e. occult, witchcraft, dark arts (Rom 10:6-7)
- ❖ Tree of Life releases the wisdom of God
Col 1:26 - the mystery is now revealed to the saints (those who seeking first the kingdom)

e) It is the secret wisdom of God

1 Cor 2:7 – the secret wisdom is the mystery

- ❖ God ordained this wisdom for our glory before the ages
- ❖ it is openly declared, it is open in the heavens (**Col 3:1-4**)

f) The mystery is concerning the transformation that takes place at the resurrection

1 Cor 15:51-52 – not all die but will be changed, in a moment the cosmos will be changed

- ❖ the graves will open and those alive shall be changed
- ❖ We need to speak together about the mysteries – comfort one another with them (**1 Thess 4:13-18**)

g) revealed by grace

h) fellowship of the mystery

i) the mystery is Christ and His Church

Eph 5:22-33 – talking about Christ and the church in such a way that we learn about marriage

V32. – ‘I am speaking of a mystery – Christ and His church’ (not many churches)

- ❖ we need to discover the church of the scriptures (**Matt 16:18**)

j) it is the mystery of the gospel

Eph 6:19 – ‘to make known the mystery of the gospel’ – it is the mystery of Christ (**Col 4:3** – ‘speak the mystery of Christ’)

k) The mystery of Christ is to be made known to the Gentiles

- ❖ Gentiles have had no history of expecting a Christ
- ❖ Jews need to know that Jesus is the Christ

l) It is the mystery of God

Col 2:2 – ‘the knowledge of the mystery of God – both of Father and of Christ’

V3. – ‘in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge’

Rev 10:7 – ‘the mystery of God would be finished as He declared to His servants the prophets’

- ❖ everything written in the word of God is fulfilled in Christ
- ❖ the book of revelation is a revelation of Jesus the Christ
- ❖ In the apostolic age we declare what the prophets have written and what was given to us by the apostles – the mystery of God will be finished in Christ Jesus

m) mystery of iniquity

n) mystery of Babylon – great harlot (Babylon will be fully destroyed by restoration of apostles and prophets (Rev 18:20)

o) mystery of godliness

p) mystery of the faith

q) mystery of the seven stars and the lampstands

For what purpose?

Eph 3:10 – ‘**that now** the manifold wisdom of God will be made known **through the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places’

Phil 2:9-11 – every knee shall bow to Jesus Christ and confess that He is Lord

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Session 15

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

The Tabernacle of Witness

Rev 15:5 – the tent of witness

'behold the temple (inner sanctuary or shrine) of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened'

❖ the inner sanctuary is the Most Holy Place

Matt 27:51 - the veil torn when Jesus died

Ex 38:21 - 'the tabernacle of the Testimony'

❖ it was to built according to the commandment of Moses

Heb 8:5 – 'they serve the copy and the shadow of the heavenly things as Moses was divinely instructed'

❖ it was built exactly according to the pattern

❖ how much more so the house of God – the church should be built according to the pattern given by Jesus and the apostles

❖ we should be building exactly according to the pattern given by our fathers – apostle Paul and Peter

Num 1:50 – Levites appointed over the Tabernacle of the Testimony

❖ ministers were appointed to serve in the Tabernacle

V53. – Levites shall camp around the Tabernacle so that no wrath will come on the congregation

❖ Levites shall keep charge of the Tabernacle of the Testimony

(**Zech 3:7** – 'if you will keep charge of My courts' – speaking of Joshua the High Priest)

What is the Testimony?

❖ Spirit of Prophecy is the testimony of Jesus

❖ The Levites/ministers were to guard the Testimony

1 Tim 3:8-9 – 'deacons hold the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience'

V13. 'deacons who have served well obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus'

1 Tim 3:16 – this is the testimony of Jesus – 'God manifested in the flesh'

❖ the ministers are to guard this testimony – it has been opened in heaven

Num 9:14

❖ strangers are included to celebrate the Passover – invited to be a part of the covenant

V15. – 'the day the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of Testimony (witness)...like the appearance of fire'

V16-17 - the cloud remained

a) they kept the Passover – Lord's Table

❖ should be open to strangers as long as you explain the rites of the meal – explain what it is about (preach the gospel), and then let them eat and drink

- b) the cloud settled upon tabernacle – the presence of God

Num 17

- ❖ elders from the tribes told to bring their rods before Yahweh at the tabernacle of Witness (**V7**)
- V8.** – the rod of Aaron had sprouted and put forth buds – My word in and through Aaron will be fruitful
- ❖ it is the place of resurrection life, spiritual appointment and a guarantee of fruit (bringing souls to maturity in Christ)

Acts 7:44

- ❖ Stephen referring back to the tabernacle of witness – made according to the pattern

1 Cor 12:28

- ❖ God has an appointed pattern – first apostles, second prophets....

Rev 15:5

- ❖ the tent of witness was open
- ❖ out of the inner sanctuary came the seven angels/messengers, having seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, chests girded with golden bands (high priestly garments), same garments as Jesus (**Rev 1:13**)
- ❖ these messengers are priests – a holy priesthood (**1 pet 2:9**), ministers of the inner sanctuary of the tabernacle of testimony
- ❖ they are heavenly men because they have the priestly garments
- ❖ they are ministering in heaven – where is heaven?
- ❖ The camping around the testimony is knowing how to conduct yourself in the house of God (**1 Tim 3:15** – ‘the house of God is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth’)
- ❖ Our conduct guards that testimony
- V7-8.** – ‘the temple was filled with the smoke from the glory of God’
- ❖ the inner sanctuary is open and priests are ministering there and they are to guard it. When the glory lifts they are to follow it and carry the tabernacle with them
- a)** we are ministers of the sanctuary
- b)** we are to camp around the tabernacle of witness (Jesus Christ)
- b)** we need to learn to be in that tabernacle even when it is full of power and glory and learn to stand and minister

Ch 16:1 – seven messengers told to pour out the wrath of God

Ch17-18 - Babylon falls!

- ❖ the word of God is to judge Babylon and all unholiness, uncleanness, lawlessness and occult etc

Ch19 – the harlot is judged fully

(Wickedness judged by the word of righteousness: **2 Cor 10:5-6, Matt 13:41-42, 2 Thess 1:7-8**)

Rev 11:19 – the temple of God was opened in heaven (inner sanctuary)

- ❖ the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple

- ❖ **ark represents:** God's presence, glory of God, throne of God, indwelling of God, all the covenant promises given by God

Where is heaven? It is not created, it is an eternal realm – the realm of God

John 3:13 – being on earth and in heaven at the same time

- ❖ heaven is in the realm of the Spirit
- ❖ the earth was created out of things invisible (**Heb 11:3**)

Whenever we have the privilege of gathering in spiritual worship we will see heavenly things because the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven is opened

Isaiah 40:3-5

- ❖ 'voice of one crying in the wilderness - 'prepare the way of the LORD....the glory of the eternal God shall be revealed, all flesh shall see it together''

John 17:21-23

- ❖ 'that they all may be one as You Father in Me – I in them, You in Me.....they may be made perfect in one'
- ❖ The church fully manifesting the everlasting presence of God

Rev 21:3

- 'behold the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them, we shall be His people, God Himself will be with them, their God'

Session 16

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

These Things

2 Pet 1:8-13

'these things' mentioned 5x

- ❖ so important that Peter said when I am gone I want you to remember 'these things'
- ❖ essential component steps in growing to maturity in the kingdom of God

Ch 1:1-13

1a – Simon Peter – apostle and bondservant

- ❖ Simon comes from 'Simeon' – it means 'a hearing'
 - ❖ Simon is one who 'hears from God'
 - ❖ Jesus gave Simon the name 'Peter' (Cephas) – means a 'small rock' or 'stone' (hewn from the rock) (**Jn 1:42**)
 - ❖ Jesus knew that Simon would be a foundation stone
- (**1 Pet 2:5** – we are all 'living stones' having come to the Living Stone – Jesus the Christ - being built together a spiritual house as priests, able to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God)

1a – Peter is a bondservant/slave of Jesus the Messiah = a voluntary slave

- ❖ most people expect Jesus to serve them
- ❖ we need to change our attitude and become voluntary slaves of Jesus the King

'I am an apostle of Jesus the Messiah'

- ❖ Peter knew who he was
- 1b** – lit. 'to those who are equally precious with us and we have obtained faith through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus the Christ'
- ❖ Peter is part of apostolic team – all equally precious
- ❖ **Peter recognises that Jesus the Christ is the God and Saviour of us** – not 'our God and Saviour' but 'the God and Saviour of us'
- ❖ this helps us take our place as His servants, His sons, His ministers
- ❖ this is a powerful verse concerning the divinity of Christ – He is God and Saviour

V2 – 'Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God...'

- ❖ Grace is God's enabling power
- ❖ Peace is how we penetrate into the realm of God - beyond understanding, coming out of our natural mind
- ❖ this grace and peace is released in us in multiplication through the knowledge (full knowledge) of God - Jesus the Lord of us

V3. 'His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...'

- ❖ '**divine**' – Str # 2304 'theios' means 'God-like', divinity, translated:- Godhead, divine
- ❖ It is the power of Jesus our Lord – the Godhead

- ❖ **'godliness'** Str # 2150 means piety, holiness, refers to revelation of God through the gospel, is the gospel scheme through which God reveals Himself through Jesus the Christ (**Mk 1:1, 1 Tim 3:16**)

- **'through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue'**

'glory' Gk 'doxa' refers to good reputation, in New T it refers to the splendour, radiance and majesty of God expressed through Jesus (**Jn 1:14 – Grace and truth**)

- ❖ the call is an invitation, you are invited!
- ❖ we are to make our calling sure
- ❖ it comes through His divine power – He wants you to respond to the call – say 'yes'

'virtue' - the manifestation of divine power (an emanation of holy power), also moral excellence, intrinsic eminence, beyond reproach

- ❖ 3 x in gospels it is translated in King James in reference to 'healing power', virtue went out from Jesus and healed people

V4. – 'through this glory and virtue we have been given exceedingly great and precious promises'

- ❖ God releases to us these great and precious promises (can be relied upon)
'Through these we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust'
- ❖ He has released to us the power of the Godhead Himself
- ❖ To hear and believe and understand the gospel
- ❖ (**Mk 1:1-15** – the beginning of the gospel – John the Baptist – baptism of Jesus (heavens opened, Spirit without measure) – overcame devil in wilderness – came out of wilderness in power of the Spirit, preaching the Kingdom)
- ❖ we become partakers of the **divine nature**: - it means Godlike, divinity

V5. 'also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue..'

- **'diligence'** – speed, eagerness, dispatch, one who keeps up with the pace
- 7 things he wants to add to our faith – they are 'these things'
- **'add'** Str # 2023 – to supply fully and abundantly, God is the supplier (**Gal 3:5** – God supplies the Spirit), supplying generously God supplies the faith and Spirit we need

1) Virtue (see notes on virtue)

- ❖ faith was given by God as a gift, now we must cooperate with God to add virtue

2) knowledge, Gk 'gnosis' –

- ❖ the knowledge of spiritual truth, investigation, inquiry, a seeking to know

3) Self-control/temperance – one who masters his desires and passions, especially sensual appetites, comes from a word that means 'strength'

- ❖ the strength that God gives us in the inner man (joy is a power within you from God)
- ❖ don't fight in the flesh turn your attention to God

4) Perseverance/patience

- ❖ Str # 5281 Gk 'hupomone' – to dwell under

- ❖ Do not fight your circumstances and be impatient
- ❖ Dwell under God's covering in your circumstances - stay under
- ❖ It is a much mentioned characteristic of God in the New T
- ❖ We learn patience through tribulation
- ❖ 'mone' is the place of dwelling under and in Christ in the midst of tribulation

5) Godliness (see notes on godliness)

- ❖ **1 Tim 2:2** 'lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence'
- 1 Tim 4:7-8** – exercise yourself toward godliness
- ❖ 'godliness is profitable for all things'
- 1 Tim 6:3** – 'the doctrine which accords with godliness' – does the doctrine you teach make known the scheme of the gospel?
- V5.** some suppose that godliness is a means of gain – withdraw yourselves from people like this
- V11.** 'pursue godliness'

6) add brotherly kindness

Str # 5630 Gk 'philadelphia' = love by chance

Heb 13:1 'let brotherly love continue'

V2. practice hospitality, willing to entertain strangers

V3. visit prisoners

V4. marriage should be honored, sexual relations outside of marriage is not 'making love'

V5. being without covetousness

7) 'add love' (agape)

- ❖ word wealth Rom 5:5

Word Wealth 5:5 love, agape (ag-ah-pay); Strong's #26: A word to which Christianity gave new meaning. Outside of the NT, it rarely occurs in existing Greek manuscripts of the period. Agape denotes an undefeatable benevolence and unconquerable goodwill that always seeks the highest good of the other person, no matter what he does. It is the self-giving love that gives freely without asking anything in return, and does not consider the worth of its object. Agape is more a love by choice than philos, which is love by chance; and it refers to the will rather than the emotion. Agape describes the unconditional love God has for the world.

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2 Pet 1:8

- ❖ if 'these things' are yours and abound you will be neither barren (idle) nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ to be barren and unfruitful is not coming to the full knowledge of Jesus

V9. 'he who lacks 'these things' is short sighted'

V10. 'be even more diligent to make your call and election (selection – Rom 11) sure

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- ❖ if you do 'these things' you will never stumble
 - V11.** 'an entrance abundantly supplied into the everlasting kingdom'
 - V12.** 'I will not be negligent to remind you always of 'these things''
- ❖ **we must be reminded continually**
- ❖ even though you are established in the present truth you still need to be adding 'these things' to your faith
 - V13-15** – always have a reminder of 'these things'

NOTES

Session 17

Speaker: Apostle Nicholas Jackson

THE AGE TO COME – part 1

'Age' – Gk 'aion', properly an age, perpetuity, by implication the world, a Messianic period
Vines dictionary: the primary stress is time in its unbroken duration, it is a time viewed in relation to what takes place in that period, that of a period marked by spiritual and moral characteristics

- the age to come is something we are meant to be coming in to.

Eph 1:19-21

- ❖ Paul's prayer for us 'to know the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of God far above all principality and power and every name that is named in this age and in that which is to come'
- ❖ Jesus' rulership in both ages

Eph 2:1-2

- ❖ 'and you once dead in trespasses and sin...in which you once walked according to the age (course) of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in sons of disobedience'
- ❖ What does it mean to be a son of disobedience? It means in one sense disobedience is your father – you manifest what you are coming under, manifesting disobedience – this age is characterised by disobedience
- V3.** - 'we conducted ourselves in the lusts of the flesh, children of wrath'
- V4.** – 'God who is rich in mercy....you He made alive together with Christ in the heavenly places'
- ❖ this position continues into 'the age to come'
- V7.** 'so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace'
- ❖ A testimony of God's grace and kindness towards us. He saved us to display us in the ages to come.
- ❖ We have been saved to enter a 'new age'
- ❖ there is no future for this present age

2 Cor 4:3-6

- ❖ there is a god of 'this age' – we become like what we worship
- ❖ the god of 'this age' has blinded those who do not believe
- ❖ to come out of 'this age' we need to believe in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God
- V5.** – 'we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord'
- ❖ we deliver people out of 'this age' by preaching Jesus the Christ
- V6.** 'it is the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ'
- ❖ when Christ is preached it releases the knowledge of God's glory
- ❖ that light shines in our hearts

Hab 2:14 – God's eternal purpose, 'the knowledge of the glory of the Eternal God is to cover the earth...'

- ❖ the veil stops you from seeing the glory, the veil is a covering that blocks us seeing the true God in Christ
- ❖ when Jesus died the veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom – so we can see His glory
- ❖ His glory delivers us out of this age, out of bondage to the 'god of this age' – no longer under his covering
- ❖ The glory characterises the age to come

Eph 6:11-12

- ❖ 'put on whole armor of God to stand against wiles of devil, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, rulers of darkness of 'this age'
- ❖ when we preach Messiah the Lord, we are preaching another age
- ❖ this is the "clash of the ages"

1 Cor 2:6-8

- ❖ 'we speak wisdom among those who are mature, not the wisdom of 'this age', nor of rulers of this age'
 - ❖ the wisdom and rulers of this age are coming to nothing!
- V7-8.** – 'hidden wisdom God ordained before the ages for our glory, none of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom'
- The hidden wisdom is of another age and if the rulers of this age knew it they would not have crucified Jesus

Gal 1:3-5

- ❖ **'that He might deliver us from this 'present evil age''**
- ❖ salvation is a deliverance out of this present evil age and into the 'new age', of that which is to come
- ❖ this is accomplished by Jesus dying for our sins

Characteristics of age to come

Luk 18:28-30

- ❖ **'we've left everything to follow you'**
- ❖ If we are willing to forsake everything for the Kingdom, Jesus promises to supply for us now in the present time and in the 'age to come – eternal life'
- ❖ Eternal life is knowing the true God and the One whom He sent – Jesus the Christ (**John 17:3, 1 John 5:20**)
- ❖ Eternal life characterises the age to come – we possess eternal life now by faith in Jesus the Christ

Matt 19:27-29

- ❖ 'in the regeneration when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory'
- ❖ Regeneration – a birth again (**Titus 3:5**) – new birth
- ❖ If you have been regenerated and you know the Messiah on His throne of glory, you have entered into the 'age to come'
- ❖ We are born again to enter the kingdom of God (**Jn.3:3-6**) – this is the 'age to come'

- ❖ Knowing the Son of Man on the Throne of His glory is knowing the reality of the age to come
- ❖ Do you know and have revelation of where Christ is seated? Do you know and have revelation that you are seated with Him? If yes, you are in the regeneration, experiencing the age to come

Luk 20:34-36

- ❖ 'sons of 'this age' marry and are given in marriage' – it is speaking of a manner of life that is only concerned with this existence
- ❖ only concerned about temporal things – the here and now

Matt 24:36-40 – 'as in days of Noah...marrying, giving in marriage'

- ❖ the flood took them all away
- ❖ God will not allow the 'sons of this age' to continue – His judgement will come
- ❖ Noah lived in view of the age to come – beyond what he could see
- ❖ It is dangerous ground to live a life where salvation is just a 'ticket to heaven'
- ❖ We need to learn how to walk according to the age to come. 'Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation' (**Gen.6:9**)

Lk 20:35

- ❖ 'counted worthy to attain that age'
- ❖ It is an age of the resurrection
- ❖ No marrying or giving in marriage

Why no marrying or giving of marriage in age to come?

1 Cor 7:29-31

- ❖ Our marriage is no longer according to the ways of the world
- ❖ when married husbands and wives agree together to live in view of the age to come, not as the "sons of this age"
- ❖ our marriage, house etc is not for us but for Jesus and His purposes – we are now married to Christ (**Eph.5:32, 1 Cor.6:17**)
- ❖ 'the form of this world is passing away' – this world is dying

Luk 20:36

- ❖ In the age to come there is no death (**Jn 11:25-26**) – if you live and believe in Jesus death no longer rules over you – you live
- ❖ they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection – the age to come is made up of people who manifest who God is and who manifest the power of the resurrection
- ❖ this makes up the 'age to come'

Matt 13:38-41

- ❖ parable of wheat and tares
- ❖ 'the field is the world'
- ❖ 'good seeds are sons of the kingdom' – they manifest the reality of the kingdom of God
- ❖ 'tares are sons of the wicked one' – they manifest the essential nature and character of the devil

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- ❖ 'enemy is devil and harvest is the end of 'the age' – there are sons of the Kingdom being brought to maturity and the wickedness also is maturing - then the age will come to an end
- ❖ 'His messengers will gather out all things that offend'
- ❖ Sons of Kingdom coming to maturity = righteousness of God, His Kingdom filling the earth
- ❖ Sons of the wicked one are taken out by the fire of His word
- ❖ Evil age will end but kingdom of God will continue

Heb 1:1-2

- ❖ 'in these last days He has spoken to us through His Son...He is heir of all things, through whom He made the worlds (ages)'
- ❖ The Son of God has been over the ages

Heb 11:3. – 'the worlds (ages) were framed by the Word of God'

Word wealth 'framed' and 'equipping'

Word Wealth Heb 11:3 framed, katartizo (kat-ar-tid-zoe); Strong's #2675: To arrange, set in order, equip, adjust, complete what is lacking, make fully ready, repair, prepare. The word is a combination of kata, "down," and artios, "complete," "fitted." It is used for the disciples' mending their nets (Matt. 4:21) and for restoring a fallen brother (Heb. 13:21).

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Word Wealth Eph 4:12 equipping, katartismos (kat-ar-tis-moss); Strong's #2677: A making fit, preparing, training, perfecting, making fully qualified for service. In classical language the word is used for setting a bone during surgery. The Great Physician is now making all the necessary adjustments so the church will not be "out of joint."

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- ❖ the five-fold ministry is to 'equip' (prepare, arrange, set in order) us – preparing us for the age to come
- ❖ Jesus is bringing forth a new age/world by His Word being ministered through the ministries He has appointed
- ❖ Many in 'church' are not being prepared for the age to come
- ❖ It is very serious that we receive the five-fold ministries otherwise we will not be ready or prepared for the age to come

Heb 6:1-6

- ❖ the context is have the foundational principles of Christ laid properly in our lives so we can 'go on to perfection'

(1) repentance from dead works – (2) faith toward God – (3) doctrine of baptisms (baptism is reality to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places) – (4) laying on hands – to receive the Holy Spirit – (5) resurrection - (6) eternal judgement

V4. – there is an enlightening that comes in our understanding

- ❖ we are to have experienced the heavenly gift - the Holy Spirit
- ❖ partakers of the Holy Spirit – it is the life of the age to come
- ❖ tasted the good word of God – hearing God speak His word to us
- ❖ tasting the powers of the age to come
- ❖ do not turn back if you have tasted!

How should we live in view of the age to come?

Rom 12:1-2

- ❖ in view of God's mercy
- ❖ present your bodies a living sacrifice – holy and acceptable
- ❖ do not be conformed (to the outer fashion) to this world (age), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- ❖ to prove what is the good, acceptable perfect will of God – characteristics of the age to come

Matt 13:22

- ❖ parable of the sower
- ❖ seed among the thorns is he who hears the word but the cares of 'this age' and the deceitful riches chokes the word and makes you unfruitful
- ❖ are we making decisions in view of the age to come – are you making time for discipleship?
- ❖ Noah gave himself to be obedient to God and he was prepared for the 'age to come' – the word was not unfruitful in him, it did exactly what it was sent for
- ❖ The Word prepared and set Noah and his family in order for the age to come

1 Tim 6:17-19

- ❖ those who are rich do not be haughty, do not trust in uncertain riches
- ❖ do good, be rich in good works, willing to share
- ❖ Storing up for yourselves a good foundation for the 'age to come' - invest into the age to come

Tit 2:11-14

- ❖ grace of God has appeared
- ❖ teaching us we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this 'present age'
- ❖ looking for the blessed and appearance of the glory of our Great God and saviour of us Jesus Christ

Matt 28:18-20

- ❖ all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth
- ❖ Go! Therefore and make disciples of all nations.....
- ❖ 'and lo I am with you until the end of the age'

- ❖ Jesus is with us until this age ends, until the age to come fully takes over and this age is burned up (**Matt.13:40-41**)

NOTES

Session 18

Speaker: Apostle Nick Jackson

The Age to Come – Part 2

- ❖ **'kosmos'** Str #2889 – is an orderly arrangement ie. A decoration, by implication 'the world', includes inhabitants of the world
- ❖ From Vine - 'Denotes the world or the universe divinely arranged'
- ❖ Order, government, constitution

Word wealth 'kosmos' orderly

Word Wealth Jn.18:36 world, kosmos (kos-moss); Strong's #2889: Compare "cosmic," "cosmogony," "cosmopolitan." Originally, kosmos was orderly arrangement, decor, adorning, beauty, symmetry, and the regularity of the world order. Kosmos later focused on "the Earth" (contrasted with heaven) and the secular world. Often in the NT the word describes a world system alienated from and opposed to God, lying in the power of the Evil One.

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Matt 4:8 – the devil showed Jesus all 'the kingdoms of this world and their glory'

V9 – 'all things these I will give You if you bow down and worship me'

- ❖ The present world is characterised by the worship of the devil
 - Jesus rebuked the devil

Matt 16:26 – 'what profit if a man gains the whole world and loses his own soul'

- ❖ Jesus is speaking in the context of discipleship
- ❖ Jesus is showing us the way out of 'this world' – it is by following Jesus 'take up your cross and follow Me'

Matt 13:38 - 'the field is the world' – there is something growing here – wheat and tares

- ❖ 'the good seed are the sons of the kingdom' – growing up in the world to maturity
- ❖ Sons of kingdom will be the ones who remain
- ❖ 'there are sons of the wicked one' as well – they will not remain but will be taken out

Lk 12:29-31 – 'all these things the nations of the world seek after'

- ❖ nations seeking after temporal things 'do not worry or be anxious about these things'
- ❖ 'but seek the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added'
- ❖ we need to be a people not of the world
- ❖ the principles of God and His Kingdom set people free from bondage to this world

John 3:16-19 – ‘God so loved the world...that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life’

- ❖ the world system is perishing
- V17.** God did not send His Son to condemn world but that the world would be saved
- ❖ Jesus wanted to rescue people out of ‘this world’ that is perishing
- ❖ He who believes is not condemned
- ❖ Jesus delivers us from ‘this world’
- ❖ ‘the light has come into the world, but men love darkness more than light’
- ❖ This present world is dark

John 9:5 – ‘as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world’

- ❖ into the darkness of the world came light through Jesus (**2 Tim 1:10** – light of the gospel)

John 1:9-13 – The true Light came into the world

- ❖ the world was made through Him
- ❖ the world did not know Him

Col 1:13 – delivered from the power of darkness (present world)

- ❖ conveyed (transferred, translated) into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love (new world)

1 John 2:8 – darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining

- ❖ this world in its present form is passing away – true Light shining
- ❖ shining ever brighter unto the perfect day
- ❖ the Morning Star arising in our hearts – the knowledge of the glory of God (**2Pet.1:19-20**)
- ❖ Finally the Light will take over everything

V15-17 Characteristics of the world

- ❖ ‘do not love the world or the things in the world...if you love the world the love of the Father is not in you’

The world is made up of:

- 1) lust of flesh
 - 2) lust of eyes
 - 3) pride of life (wisdom of man)
- ❖ these are the ‘basic principles’ that govern this world
 - ❖ Jesus overcame all these areas where Eve fell (**Gen 3:6, Matt 4:1-11**)
 - ❖ Jesus wants us to overcome the world

V17. – ‘the world is passing away and the lust of it’

- ❖ when you are born again the world becomes increasingly less appealing as the kingdom of God becomes increasingly more appealing
- ❖ Where nothing in ‘this world’ attracts you – no longer corrupted by the lusts of it
- ❖ **‘he who does the will of God abides forever’**

What should we be doing in the world?

Phil 2:12-16

- ❖ 'work out your own salvation with fear and trembling' – take it seriously
- ❖ It does not mean 'working for our salvation' it is by having God working in us – how to live out this salvation in a real way
 - V14** – 'do all things without complaining and disputing/complaining'
- ❖ the world always grumbles and complains, we need to not be in bondage to this
- ❖ 'become blameless and harmless children without fault in the midst of a wicked and perverse **generation** – shine as lights!

- ❖ '**generation**' 'Str #1074, an age, the period or the persons that make up that age, a race of people with similar characteristics
- ❖ this is not just physical characteristics
 - Acts 2:40** – 'be saved from this perverse generation'
 - Acts 8:33** – 'who will declare His generation?'
- ❖ Jesus had no physical generation/offspring but He did have a seed
 - Is 53:10** – 'He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days' – being born of God makes us part of His seed
 - Gen 3:15** – two generations – seed of the woman and seed of the serpent
 - Matt 12:39** – don't just look for a sign – part of a wicked and adulterous generation
 - Matt 17:17** – 'faithless, unbelieving and perverse generation'
- ❖ **come out and be believing!**
 - Matt 23:36** – 'all these things (judgement) will come upon that generation'
- ❖ don't have similar characteristics of the people back then – they did not receive those whom God sent to them (the prophets)
 - Matt 24:33-35** 'This generation will by no means pass away until all these things take place'
- ❖ 'heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not'

- Rom 4:13** – promise is through the righteousness of faith – Abraham's generation – you are an heir of the world
 - seed of Abraham will inherit the world – it belongs to you!
- 1 Cor 6:2** – 'the saints will judge the world'
- 1 Cor 3:21-22** - the world belongs to you 'all things are yours'

- ❖ We are not being "taken out of the world" in a rapture – the world is being given to the saints to rule and judge
- ❖ our salvation has already delivered us out of the world – God wants to use us to judge the world and inherit it!

John 17:15 Jesus prayed to the Father - 'do not take them out of the world but in the world deliver them from the evil one'

2 Cor 5:18-19 – we have received the ministry of reconciliation

- ❖ '**God in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**'
- ❖ God through Christ is bringing the world back into order through Him

- ❖ so that this world order passes away and God's world order covers the earth

1 John 4:3-5 – do not be scared of anti-Christ

- we need a good confession of godliness – we need to know who Jesus is – 'God manifested in the flesh'

- ❖ the spirit of the anti-Christ is already in the world

V4 – 'you are of God little children'

- ❖ a generation come forth of God

- ❖ 'You have overcome (subdued) them' (anyone manifesting the spirit of anti-Christ), 'He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world'

- ❖ God always intended for us to subdue the world (**Gen 1:28**)

V5. 'they speak as of the world'

V6. 'we are **of God**'

Gal 4:3 – 'in bondage under the elements (principles) of the world'

- ❖ God sent forth His Son to redeem us out of the world by becoming sons (**Col 2:8,20** – basic elements/principles of the world – not according to Christ)
- ❖ in baptism we die to basic principles of this world

2 Pet 2:4-5

- ❖ God did not spare the ancient world – the world before the flood
- ❖ it was a world full of every person continually thinking evil in their hearts
- ❖ it is not referring to the physical earth/matter – that world was a world of ungodliness
(**Gen 6:9** – Noah blameless in his generation – he went through into the next world and became the father of a new world)

2 Pet 3:5

- ❖ there was a heavens and earth of old
V6 – 'the world that then existed perished'
V7 – 'the heavens and earth which are now are preserved by the same word - reserved for fire'
- ❖ right now there is a reservation for judgement of this world (the old heavens and earth)
- every basic principle/element (world system) of this world shall melt with fervent heat (the word of God is like a fire – **Jer.23:29**)
- ❖ 'we look forward to a new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells' – this means we look forward to whole new world order where everyone is walking in righteousness being obedient to Jesus the governing authority

Rev 20:11 – 'the earth and the heaven fled away before His face' – this world order is judged – no longer the covering of the devil's lies

Rev 21:1 – 'I saw a new heavens and a new earth' – the first heaven and earth have passed away (old order done away with)

Rev 11:15 – 'the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ....He shall reign forever'

Amen

NOTES

Session 19

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-10

v.1 – First of all: supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men be made

v.2 – for all in authority (positions of responsibility) so that we can lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence (dignity and respect)

Supplications: to plead for mercy, very serious, fully engaged crying out to God. Takes up all of our strength and attention, often on your knees, often on your own, desperate for Him to help you (Heb.11:6) – God changes you through the supplication

Prayers: communicating with God, can happen anywhere, all the time, includes listening to God (is a dialogue)

Intercession: what Queen Esther did going before King with a petition – standing between people with a need and standing before the King who could intervene in the situations.

Takes the needs of others before God. Jesus is our Intercessor.

Giving of thanks:

i) it builds faith in us, thanking Him for what He has done so that we can believe for something now.

ii) allows us to remember the big God, thanking the Eternal God for His goodness and mercy – it opens the door for victory

iii) remembering prayers answered before

Who are we to pray for?

a) for all men (people) v.1

b) especially for kings (presidents, prime ministers) v.2

c) all in authority (all leaders at every level who carry responsible) v2.

d) result of prayers – lead quiet and peaceable life in all godliness (where gospel is taught and explained, the gospel scheme) and reverence (dignity, respect)

v.3 – This is good and acceptable in sight of God the Saviour of us

v.4 – God wants all men saved by coming to knowledge of truth

❖ You can tell anybody and everybody that God actually wants them saved

v.5 – truth = One God and One Mediator/Representative between God and men – The Man Himself, Jesus the Christ

v.6 – He gave Himself for you by dying on the Cross as a ransom for your life

- ❖ it is to be testified in due time! – Somebody has to tell somebody!

How is this truth going to be testified?

v.7 – for which reason I (Paul) was appointed a preacher, an apostle...a teacher of the Gentiles

- ❖ When we get serious about praying for all men and kings and authorities – the first part of the answer is God raising up somebody to preach and share with who you are praying for
- ❖ God will raise more preachers, apostles and teachers who will testify the truth to those we pray for
- ❖ It is time to testify to the truth
- ❖ Find ways to teach the Gentiles the faith

v.8 – I desire men everywhere lift up holy hands without wrath and without doubting

Lift up holy hands

- ❖ without wrath – cannot have revenge in the heart if you are going to pray with holy hands
 - wrath is anger seeking revenge
- ❖ Do not have doubt – believe that God can and will answer your prayers

v.9 – women dress modestly when you pray
- not exposing the body to be a distraction
- when lift hands no exposure

v.10 – be as women professing godliness (women preaching the gospel)

v.11 – let a woman learn in silence with all submission (men should also learn in same way)

- ❖ there were some troublesome women under Timothy's oversight

v.12 – I do not permit **a woman** to teach or have authority over a man

- ❖ a particular woman **not** women in general
- ❖ literal translation is that a woman is not to "teach in such a way as to usurp the authority of a man but to be in silence"
- ❖ could be referring to the woman's husband or Timothy as the leader

v.13 – Adam formed first, not Eve

- ❖ was a heresy at time that woman was first and gave birth to Adam

v.14 – Adam not deceived (must mean he was outright rebellious, consciously disobeyed God)

- ❖ woman was deceived
- ❖ common culture is to blame the woman for all the problems in the world
- ❖ In New T Adam is blamed for sin in the world

v.15 – nevertheless she (Eve) will be saved in childbearing (the bearing of the child)

- ❖ which child? The Christ child
- ❖ Mary became representative woman who bore the child
- ❖ they will be saved if they continue in faith, love and holiness in self-control

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Session 20

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

Eternal Judgement

Heb 5:12 - 'though by this time you ought to be teachers but you need the first principles of the oracles of God'

- ❖ there has been a failure
- ❖ the goal is to be a teacher
- ❖ this written to believers – we should no longer be needing milk but growing up to solid food
- ❖ we need to be properly founded in the first principles of God

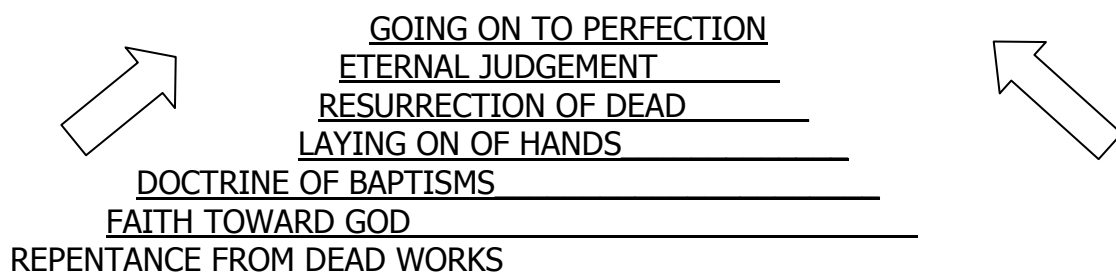
V13-14

- ❖ everyone needs to be trained
- ❖ to grow from babe to maturity
- ❖ to speak the word of righteousness – the word that divides (Heb 4:12)
- ❖ we need to receive the word of righteousness ourselves – the division of soul and spirit in our lives
- ❖ the power of the word in the secret place
- ❖ we need to know to walk in the light
- ❖ milk is for babies

Ch 6:1 – 'leaving discussion of elementary principles of Christ.'

- ❖ let us go on to perfection (maturity)
- ❖ **Col 1:28** – goal is perfection in Christ

Each foundation builds on previous one



V3. we need the permit to go on to maturity

- ❖ we must be established in the foundations

'eternal' 'aionis' – frm Gk word that means 'age' – means perpetual, stresses idea of time, negates the end of time, speaks of unmeasured time, used chiefly when something future is spoken of, a time ahead with no end

Rom 16:25

- ❖ the mystery of Christ kept secret since world began (since eternity)

2 Tim 1:9

- ❖ grace given to us in Christ Jesus before time began (eternity)

Titus 1:2

- God promised eternal life before time began
- 42 x translated 'eternal', 25 x 'everlasting'

- ❖ **God** is eternal- (**Rom 16:26**)
- ❖ **God's power** is eternal- (**1 Tim 6:16**)
- ❖ **God's glory** is eternal- (**1 Pet 5:10**)
- ❖ **God's spirit** is eternal- (**Heb 9:14**)
- ❖ **Redemption** is eternal- (**Heb 9:12**)
 - through His blood Jesus has cleansed our conscience from dead works
- ❖ v 15 – eternal inheritance for those called
- ❖ **Salvation** is eternal - (**Heb 5:9**)
- ❖ **Life (saved life)** is eternal - (**John 3:15**)
- ❖ Believe in Jesus Christ – will not perish but live forever (**v 16**)
- ❖ **Jesus' words** have eternal life - **John 6:68** 'words of eternal life'
- ❖ **We are appointed** for eternal life –(**Acts 13:48**)
- ❖ Eternal life is the life **of the age to come** – (**Mk 10:30**)
- ❖ **Bear fruit** to eternal life - (**John 4:36**)
 - take heed how you build on the only foundation - Jesus the Christ (**1 Cor 3:12-15**)
 - The fruit that last for eternity = souls walking in maturity
- ❖ **The new body** is eternal - (**2 Cor 5:1**)
 - 'A house not made with hands eternal in the heavens' - speaking of the eternal body we will receive – a resurrected body
- ❖ **The kingdom** of God is eternal – (**2 pet 1:11**)

Introducing Eternal Judgement – Heb 9:27

- ❖ **Judgement** is eternal - **condemnation** (**Heb 6:2, Mk 3:29**) (blaspheming Holy Spirit)
- ❖ **Fire of judgement** is eternal – (**Mt 18:8, 25:41**) (place prepared for devil and his angels and those who rebel against the King- Jesus)
- ❖ **Vengeance** is eternal - (**Jude V7**)
- ❖ **Destruction** is eternal - (**2 Thess 1:9**)
- ❖ there is only one judgement – guilty or not guilty
- 'Judgement'** Str # 2917 'krima', a decision that is everlasting, it is the decision that is for or against, sentenced pronounced, verdict, always against sinners, God's judgement upon man
- ❖ we must avoid judgement

Rom 2:2 – it is according to truth

V3 – if we practice sin we will not escape the judgement of God

V5 – righteous judgement of God

V6 – each receives according to his deeds

V7 – eternal life to those who seek glory, honour and immortality (by doing good)

❖ the best news is you can avoid the judgement - it is very simple – you agree to have His pardon and release

V8-9 – indignation, wrath, tribulation and anguish on every soul who does evil

(you either seek for the glory of God – His honour and immortality or you can continue to be self-seeking and not obey the truth and experience His wrath)

V10 – glory, honour and peace are given by God to those who do good

V11 – no partiality with God - same for Jew and for Greek

V12 – sin brings us to eternal judgement (with or without law)

V16 – ‘God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel’

❖ the true gospel is the revelation of God in Christ – not man’s doctrines

❖ we must get in the gospel and stay in it!

❖ The revelation of Jesus Christ in me – God will judge the hearts by Jesus Christ

How do we avoid certain judgements?

Rom 3:21-26

❖ the righteousness of God apart from the law is now revealed

❖ it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ

❖ it is to all and on all who believe

V24 – justified freely by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus

V25 – whom God set forth as a propitiation (mercy seat) by His blood

- Jesus is the real mercy seat

(in old Testament blood was put on mercy seat in Tabernacle to cover sins of people)

❖ God had passed over sins previously committed

❖ He takes all our sin away! – we don’t have to remember them

V26 – He (God) is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus the Messiah

V28 – a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law

V29 – God is God of the Jews and the Gentiles

V30 – so one God – justifies Jew and Gentile by faith

Rom 4:6-8

❖ the blessing of righteousness imparted apart from works

V7 - blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven – whose sins are covered

Rom 5:12

❖ through one man sin entered the world – death came – the judgement was death

❖ because of Adam’s sin (not Eve) not fit to be father of the Messiah, it had to be a Child begotten of God through a woman (Gen 3:15)

V14 – Adam - a type of Him who was to come (Christ)

❖ where Adam failed Christ came to restore

V15-16

Free gift

Grace (through Jesus)

Justification

- Offense

- Death

- Condemnation

Established In The Present Truth

Life released
(abundance of grace)
Gift of righteousness
Justification of life
Grace came
Righteousness came
Eternal Life

- Death reigned
- Judgement came
- Eternal condemnation

- Sin came
- Judgement
- Eternal death

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Session 21

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

FIVE FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS – **How do they Function?**

Eph. 4:11

- ❖ In Jesus' ascension He gave five gifts to His Church
- ❖ **V.12** – to perfect the saints, to build up/grow up the body of Christ until we all come to perfection/maturity

❖ Jesus is the fullness of the five gifts
Jesus is: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher

Evangelist

Str. #2099 – a preacher of the gospel, to announce good news

Root of word is from 'angel' = 'messenger'

Messenger going out with message of gospel

3x in New T

Eph.4:11 – part of five fold ministry

Acts 21:8 – refers to Philip the evangelist (only person named in Bible as evangelist)

2 Tim.4:5 – 'do the work of an evangelist'

Timothy was an apostle but to fulfil his ministry it included doing the work of the evangelist
(we are all to do the ministry work of evangelist)

Acts 8:4

- ❖ disciples who were scattered due to persecution – 'went everywhere preaching the word' – they went out as evangelists

v.5 – '**preached Christ** to them' in Samaria (a city) – occult power in that city came down

v.6 – city heeded Philip's preaching, miracles seen and heard

v.7 – demon possessed set free, and the result was that the sick were healed

v.8 – great joy in the city!

v.9-10 – Simon the Sorcerer introduced, people had heeded him saying 'he is the great power of God'

v.11 – had astonished people with his sorceries (magic arts) for a long time

v.12 – but people believed Philip as he preached concerning Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus the Messiah – the result was men and women baptized (Philip baptized those who believed)

Evangelists have authority and responsibility to baptise believers

v.16 – baptized in name of Lord Jesus (Jesus said baptize in name of Father, Son, Holy Spirit – **Matt.28:19**) – name of Jesus is name by which we know Godhead

- Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not names but titles or descriptions

'name' in Gk. 'onoma' – refers to character and nature of the person named

- ❖ name of Jesus represents the person of Jesus, who is the person who manifests, reveals and makes known the fullness of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ❖ all baptisms in book of Acts are in name of Jesus (**Acts 2:38, 19:5**) – humble down and be obedient to word of God

Acts 8:26

- ❖ the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip
- ❖ leave successful revival in Samaria and meet one African man on his way home to Jerusalem
- v.31** – Philip invited into his chariot
- v.35** – Philip preached Jesus to him from book of Isaiah
- v.36** – response of man 'look, water, I want to be baptised' – to follow Jesus we must be baptised
- v.37-39** – Philip baptised him and immediately he was caught away (raptured) by Spirit
- v.40** – preached in all the cities (itinerant)

Pastor

Acts 20:28

- ❖ apostle Paul addressing **elders** at Ephesus
- ❖ 'shepherd/pastor the church of God' – elders are pastors here
- ❖ Holy Spirit has made/appointed you 'overseers' = word 'bishop', supervisor
- ❖ Pastors look after flock as overseers
- ❖ Office of bishop which operates in church today is not the office mentioned in **1 Timothy 3:1-2** – bishops are to function as pastor/elders
- ❖ God appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers (bishop may fit in here)
- 1Cor.12:28**
- ❖ Pastor/shepherd/feed/tend/look after the flock
- ❖ Flock = church of God, belongs to Him not to us

1 Peter 5:2

- ❖ Pastor/Shepherd flock of God – belongs to God
- ❖ serving as 'overseers'
- ❖ willingly, not by compulsion
- ❖ not for dishonest gain but eagerly – some go in for work of ministry to earn money – must examine your motive

Acts 20:30

- ❖ warning, men will rise up drawing disciples away – this happens, beware
- ❖ new ministries appearing should not be divisive but done under administration of apostle

John 21:15-17

- v.15** – 'feed My lambs'
- v.16** – 'tend My sheep'
- v.17** – 'feed My sheep'
- '**feed**' Gk. '**bosko**' – to pasture, to give fodder, to provide food (in **v.15, 17**)

- **'tend' Gk. 'poimaino'** – to tend as a shepherd, refers to the guidance and guarding bringing into the sheepfold and providing pasture:- **'pastor/shepherd'**

Used for Christ in **Matthew 2:6** – 'out of you shall come a **'Ruler' = 'poimaino'** a shepherd

Rev. 2:27 – **'rule' (shepherd/pastor)** them with rod of iron

Rev. 12:5 – male child was to **'rule' (shepherd/pastor)** all nations with rod of iron

Rev. 19:15 – Jesus will **'rule' (shepherd/pastor)** them with a rod of iron

Jude 12 – bad guys – spots in your love feasts, **'shepherds/pastors'** who feed themselves without fear

This is a warning for pastors/bishops etc making money (feeding themselves) and not feeding the flock of God

Every ministry should have the heart of the Shepherd

No ministry is to rule over the flock, but to shepherd the flock

Teacher

John 3:2

- ❖ Nicodemus knew Jesus was a "Teacher" from God because of signs He did
- ❖ True teachers come from God
- ❖ Signs accompany true teachers

Acts 13:1

- ❖ At Antioch certain 'teachers and prophets'
- ❖ 1st mention of 'teachers' in New T
- ❖ **Acts 11:26** – for 1 year they taught great many people (Barnabas and Paul)
- ❖ Paul was specifically a teacher at that time

Church has 2 major expressions of word of God – Preaching and Teaching

- ❖ **Acts 5:42** – not cease 'teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ'

1 Tim. 3:2

- qualifications of elder/bishop
- must be able to **teach**

1 Tim. 5:17

- elders **labor in word and doctrine** should get double honour

Tit. 1:9

- ❖ elders/bishops hold fast faithful word, by sound doctrine convince, exhort, convict those in opposition
 - ❖ teachers can function in the eldership
- In Antioch ministry team consisted of teachers and prophets – teachers 'feed' the Word

Isaiah 28:9-10

- ❖ whom will he teach knowledge and make understand the message?
- ❖ Pastor gives the milk
- ❖ Teacher is to bring discipleship in the Word

- ❖ 'Precept upon precept...line upon line...here a little, there a little...' This is ministry of teacher, thorough teaching

1 Cor.12:28

- ❖ Teachers are an appointment by God in the church

All ministries are to teach the word

Prophet

Ministry of prophet is not about personal prophecy telling people they will be great at this and that

Some 'prophetic ministries' speak nonsense

Rom. 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:10

- ❖ gifts of prophecy
- ❖ **1 Cor. 12** lists the 9 spiritual gifts – available to any Spirit-filled believer, gift of prophecy does not make you a prophet
- ❖ **Rom. 12** lists 7 gifts – 'motivational/creational gifts', something born with which is a gift of God in your life – 'prophecy' in this list is a 'gift of insight' – does not make you a prophet

Eph. 4:11

Prophet Gk. 'prophetes' – one who speaks forth or speaks openly, a proclaimer of a divine message, 'an interpreter of oracles of God'

Eph. 3:5

- ❖ revelation of mystery of Christ revealed by Spirit to holy apostles and **prophets**
- ❖ apostles and prophets anointed to make known the mystery of Christ

Acts 15:22

- ❖ send Judas and Silas, **leading men** among brethren, (part of council, elders **Acts 15:6**)
 - v.32** - themselves being **prophets** also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words (not necessarily individual prophecies but preaching word of God)
 - a preaching ministry
 - do not look so much for individual prophetic word but see if the 'prophet' is speaking the word of God rightly and reliably

Luke 24:27

- ❖ Christ Himself, expounded Old T Scriptures about Himself = prophetic exposition

2 Pet. 1:12

- ❖ know and established in **present truth**
- ❖ prophets used to establish us in truth that is present among us in specific time (kairos)

2 Pet. 1:19

- ❖ prophetic word confirmed, do well to heed until morning star rises in hearts Old Testament Scriptures are showing mystery of Christ – prophets reveal these things

1 Cor. 14:29

- ❖ 2 or 3 prophets speak, others judge
- v.30** – if anything revealed to another let first keep silent
- v.32** – spirits of prophets are subject to prophets (very important)
 - Holy Spirit never forces us to do anything
 - you are in control of your own spirit
 - things are to be done decently and in order

Apostle

- 1) Represent Jesus in specific way (**Matt. 10:40**) – receive apostle, receive Jesus and One who sent Jesus
- 2) Responsible to teach the doctrine (**Matt.28:20, Acts 2:42**)
- 3) To train, appoint and send new ministers (**Acts 6:1-7, Acts 8:4-5**)
- 4) Are to make known mystery of Christ (**Eph.3:2-7**)
- 5) Are to be the fathers (**1 Cor.4:14-17**)
- 6) Are as master builders to build house of God (**1 Cor.3:10**)
- 7) Are to minister grace enabling people to grow
- 8) Are called to love the whole church (no such thing as exclusive 'apostolic networks') – they are impartial, called to whole body of Christ

Session 22

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

OVERCOMING JEZEBEL

The Victory of Christ

Rev. 2:18

- ❖ letter to messenger of church in Thyatira
- ❖ These things says Son of God who has **eyes like flame of fire, feet like fine brass**
- ❖ Letters written by Jesus, particular aspects of Jesus are shown in each letter

Eyes flame of fire = holiness, judgement, inspiring fear, burning, anger, piercing, captures your attention, serious

Feet like fine brass = Altar of sacrifice (shedding of blood to cover sin) and brazen laver (baptism, remission of sins) made with brass in outer court of Tabernacle – dealing with sin

- ❖ is a scary letter to Thyatira – not the “Shepherd” writing this letter

v.19 – works, love, service, faith, patience and works are more than first

v.20 - have this against you – you allow Jezebel to teach in your midst

Jezebel = daughter of Ethbaal (worshiper of Baal), name means ‘unmarried’, unsubmitted

Eph.5:21

- ❖ we are all to submit to one another in Body of Christ in the fear of God
- ❖ Christian marriage comes out of the mutual submission learnt in the Body
- ❖ Wife’s obedience is conditional – submitting to husband as to the Lord, not need to obey husband against Christ

v.20 – Jezebel calls herself a ‘prophetess’ – she **teaches** and **seduces** My servants, not teaching sound doctrine

- ❖ **1 Tim.2:12** – **a woman** was **teaching** in such a way that she usurped the authority of a man – acting as a ‘Jezebel’, teaching false doctrine
- ❖ Paul corrected this situation

Jezebel **seduced** (smooth tongue, religious face, ‘hearing from God’, wanting to get alongside leaders, even to sexual immorality)

- ❖ Jezebel is spirit of Satan
- ❖ **1 Kings** - Ahab linked with Jezebel, he was a weak man because he married Jezebel
- ❖ Ahab aligned himself with a high priestess of Baal worship, agreed with wife to introduce pagan worship in all of Israel
- ❖ Jezebel used her husband’s authority to do evil things

‘to eat things sacrificed to idols’

- ❖ people go to witch doctors with a need, then witch doctors sacrifice animal and give portion of sacrifice to person with need to eat – they take a demon spirit into themselves
- ❖ it is partaking of the demon behind the sacrifice and partaking of that power
- ❖ generally in Western world witchcraft is not openly done but illegal drugs (sorcery Gk 'pharmacia' – drugs) used to partake of demonic spiritual world
- ❖ Yoga, meditation, Buddhism (monks trained in witchcraft) all take you to the same demonic spiritual world
- ❖ Powerful Islamic leaders also practice witchcraft and sorcery

v.21 – Jesus gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, she did not repent

v.22 – Jesus will cast her into a sickbed, those who commit adultery with her Jesus will cast into great tribulation, unless they repent

- ❖ does not need to be literal 'adultery' – but also a spiritual seduction
- ❖ when been seduced by Jezebel, feels as though 'manhood' is taken away from you
- ❖ feel spiritually weak and exhausted, unable to fight, need brethren to deliver you, not because you agreed with her but got overcome by that spirit
- ❖ if have interaction with Jezebel in any way, you will come under attack, feel bound, need help of brethren
- ❖ witchcraft can be released by other ministers speaking against you – for release, forgive, release blessing, condemn words spoken against you (**Is.54:17**)
- ❖ Jezebel tries to stir your fleshly emotions

Jezebel did not repent

- ❖ Jesus casts her into a sickbed
- ❖ It happens, Jesus acts and knows when Jezebel tried to harm a church (His church)

v.23 – Jesus said, 'I will kill her children with death'

- ❖ Jezebel has children, can spring up unexpectedly, Jesus will kill them (strong language)
- ❖ zero tolerance policy in all fellowships, guard against spirit of Jezebel (a prophetic person influencing brethren in unrighteous way)
- ❖ Jesus is One who searches minds and hearts and gives to each one according to their works

v.24 – some say, 'we have deep doctrine of understanding Satan'

e.g. hundreds of curses of Freemasonry to be broken for brethren to become free – do not need to 'know the depths' of Freemasonry to renounce it – we need to know Christ and His power in us

- ❖ warning: be careful of what you call "spiritual warfare"
- ❖ church not called to battle with principalities and powers in heavenly places

Eph.1:19-21

Victory and position of Jesus the Messiah

- ❖ Where is Jesus Christ now? He is raised from dead and seated (holds authority) on Throne of God

- ❖ He has been raised far above all principality, power, might and dominion
- ❖ He has greatest name in this age and in one to come
- ❖ Names of Islam, Buddha etc are under name of Jesus
- ❖ **Phil.2:9-11** – at name of Jesus every knee bows in heavenly realm, earthly realm and realm of hell below – every tongue confess Jesus the Christ is Lord
- ❖ Church goes out to war without the King leading them
- ❖ Jesus' warfare is finished – on Cross He disarmed principalities and powers (**Col.2:15**)

Where is the church?

Eph.1:22-23

- ❖ God has put all things under Jesus' feet
- ❖ Jesus has Head over all things was given by God to the church
- ❖ God wants you to receive Jesus the King
- ❖ Church is Body of Him who fills all in all
- ❖ Church is fullness of Christ filling every place
- ❖ Live out of this reality
- ❖ Jesus did not command us to go and pull down the powers of every city
- ❖ Jesus sent us to make disciples, preach the gospel

Acts 8

Philip preached Christ in Samaria and all the powers were subject to him in Jesus' name and the gospel bore fruit

Eph.2:6

- ❖ Church made to sit together with Christ in heavenly places

You do not need to know what the devil is doing to have the victory

Eph.3:8-11

You need the revelation of Jesus the Christ to have the victory

- ❖ preach the unsearchable riches of Christ
- ❖ make all to see fellowship of mystery
- ❖ manifold wisdom (mystery of Christ) made known by church to principalities and powers
- ❖ we do not fight these powers but Jesus reveals His victory over them through us

Jesus taught us to pray 'deliver us from the evil one' – Jesus will deliver us and deal with Jezebel (if we have a zero tolerance for her)

v.25 – '**hold fast** what you have till I come (to judge Jezebel)'

- stay firm and on track, Jesus will come and judge after giving time for her to repent

v.26 – Overcomers (who keep Jesus' works till the end) will receive power over the nations

- ❖ to some extent we are walking in this
- ❖ we need to know who we are in Christ and who He is in us

v.27 – He shall **shepherd** them (nations) with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces like the potter's vessels

- ❖ Christ Himself will give us power over the nations, to shepherd them

Established In The Present Truth

❖ As Jesus received this authority from His Father (**Psalm 2:9**)

v.28 – the Morning Star will be given

i) prophetic revelation of Old T Scriptures

ii) **Num.24:17** – Messiah prophecy

iii) **Rev.22:16** – Jesus Christ is Morning Star rising in our hearts

NOTES

Session 23 – Short Talk

Speaker: Helen Jervis

INHERITANCE

The inheritance that Elisha was given

1 Kings 19

v.9 - What are you doing here Elijah?

v.10 - I am only faithful one left

v.11-12 – God came in a still small voice

v.13 – Elijah wrapped his face in his mantle

v.14 – Elijah explained his zeal

v.15-16 - Go,

i) anoint king of Syria

ii) anoint king of Israel

iii) anoint Elisha to be prophet in your place

v.17 – Elisha will kill anybody left

v.19 - Elijah threw his mantle on Elisha

❖ He arose and followed Elijah and became his servant

❖ Example of sonship – apostolic relationship

Mal.4:5-6

❖ Spirit of Elijah coming before dreadful day of Lord

❖ restoration of father/son relationships

❖ many in church today looking for a father

❖ God joined Elisha to Elijah – Elisha followed him wherever he went

2 Kings 2:1-11

❖ Gilgal to Bethel (house of God) – Elisha would not leave him

❖ Bethel to Jericho – asked Elisha what did he want – “a double portion of your spirit”
(**Deut.21:15-17** double portion given to sons)

v.11-12 – Elisha saw Elijah go and cried “My father, my father” – he received firstborn son’s inheritance

❖ Elisha functioned in same power as Elijah
(Jesus said to His disciples **John14:12**)

John 1:12-13

❖ we are born again to become sons (grow up)

We are to be subject to our parents and serve our parents (like Elisha with Elijah)

❖ “Adoption” in Bible is not speaking of illegitimate child put in family

- ❖ is speaking of a placement as a son in maturity, knowing our place in the "Father's house"
- ❖ is a real experience of knowing our placement
- ❖ "I have found my Father, He has placed me in His house, His body, His family"

Psalm 68:6

- ❖ He puts the solitary in families, not to be alone

Eph.1:5

- ❖ predestined to this adoption as sons

Gal. 4:1-7

- ❖ there is a time we need to sit under "guardians and stewards/tutors until time appointed by Father"
- ❖ until placement as son (v.5)
- ❖ until no longer slave in bondage to fear, but a son (v.7)

Rom.8:15

- ❖ Spirit of sonship works in our heart to know God fully as Father

Eph.4:14

- ❖ we are to grow up from being children so we will not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine

Heb.3:5-6

- ❖ Christ as a Son over His own house

Matt.3:17

- ❖ Jesus received His Sonship and from that time forth He ministered powerfully

Ex.4:22-23

- ❖ God called Israel His son
- ❖ God took the life of Pharaoh's son and God's son (Israel) was set free

Ex.13:2

- ❖ every firstborn son belongs to God

Col.1:15-18

- ❖ Jesus is firstborn over all creation
- ❖ We are joined to firstborn, we are firstborn of His strength

Right of firstborn is to look after family

John 19:25-27

- ❖ Jesus looked after His mother when He was going to die on cross

Matt. 28:18-20

- ❖ We all need to be under a father, being taught and disciplined so we can go to the nations
- ❖ God wants to send us as sons to the nations

Sons:

John 5:19-20 – do what Father does, hear and obey

Rom.8:14 – are led by the Spirit of God

Heb. 12:5-6 - receive discipline, correction, submitted, willing to change, chastened and scourges – word of God is a rod of correction

Rev.21:7 – receive inheritance

Matt.13:38 – are planted in the world and receive kingdom of their Father (**v.43**)

Is.9:6 – Jesus (the Son) is our everlasting Father (**Jn.14:9, 10:30**)

3 stages of growth – 2Cor.1:21-22

a) salvation – the new birth (established)

b)**Acts 1:8** – receive power of Holy Spirit to serve, being empowered (anointed)

c) Sonship being worked in our heart by grace through faith (sealed)

All creation is waiting for sons of God to be revealed (**Rom.8:18-21, Col.1:27**)

Father wants deep relationship with all of us

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Session 24 – Short Talk
Speaker: Pastor Rhoda Jackson

Knowing Father in the Son

John 6:40

- ❖ It is the will of Father for us to '**see the Son**'

Eph 1:17

- ❖ The apostle Paul prayed, '*that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him*' – this is how we come to **see the Son**

John 9:35-39

- ❖ The blind man was cast out of the synagogue because He testified that Jesus had healed him
- ❖ Jesus found him and asked him "do you believe in Son of God?", he replied, 'yes but who is He?'
- ❖ Jesus replied "You have both **seen Him** and it is He who is talking with you"
- ❖ The man **worshiped Jesus**

Who was he worshiping?

John 4:23-24 – Jesus said, 'true worshipers **worship the Father in spirit and in truth**'

- ❖ He saw Jesus as Son of God – He was now able to worship Father in spirit and truth – He saw Father in the Son

John 14:9

- ❖ He who has seen Me has seen Father

John 14:6

- ❖ I am the Way, the truth and the life. No one comes to Father except through Son
- 1 John 1:2** - Eternal life is with the Father and manifested in the Son

The Way: Matt 7:13-14

Broad Way – Wide Gate

Col 2:8 – Commandments and teachings of man
1 Tim 4:1 – Doctrines of demons
Eph 4:14 – various winds of doctrines
Heb 13:9 – strange doctrines doctrine

Straight/constricted Way - Narrow Gate

John 1:1 – The Word is God
2 John v9 – Doctrine of Christ/
has God – both Father and Son
Acts 2:42 – The apostles'
1 Tim 6:3 – Doctrine which
accords with godliness
John 7:16-18 – Doctrine of God

John 5:37-38

- ❖ Father testifies of Me
- ❖ You have not heard His voice or seen His form because you do not have His Word in you or believe in the One whom He sent
- ❖ we need to have His word abiding in us and believe in the Son of God, then we will hear the voice of the Father and see His form

John 14:7

- ❖ If you have known Me (Jesus) = you will know the Father
- ❖ You know Him and have **seen Him** (If you see Jesus, you see the 'form of Father')

Jesus came in the Father's name

John 5:43

- ❖ I have come in My Father's name – you do not receive Me
- ❖ To come "in the name" is to come as that person

Is.9:6 – the Son shall be called "Everlasting Father"

Matt.24:5 – many will come in "My name saying "I am Christ"

1 John 5:12-13

- ❖ Eternal Life is in the Son, He who has the Son has life
- ❖ we must continue to believe into the name of the Son of God - believing into who He is

e.g. Peter believing Jesus is "I AM" and walked on the water with Jesus (Matt.14:27-30 – Peter began to doubt and not continue believing 'in then name' so began to sink)

Jesus and the Father are One

John 10:27-30

- ❖ no one shall snatch them out of **Jesus' hand**
- ❖ no one is able to snatch them out of **My Father's hand**
- ❖ **"I and My Father are one"** (Jesus' hands are the hands of the Father!)

1 John 2:22-23

- ❖ liars deny Jesus is the Christ = denying Father and Son
- ❖ if you deny the Son, you do not have Father
- ❖ if you acknowledge the Son, you have the Father also

Eph.4:6

- ❖ One God and Father of all
- ❖ Above all
- ❖ Through all
- ❖ In you all – **How is the Father in you?** It is through the Son being in you that the Father is in you

Gal.4:6

- ❖ because you are sons, God has given the Spirit of His Son in your hearts

Established In The Present Truth

- ❖ It is through receiving the Spirit of His Son that we can call 'Abba Father' – we receive a revelation of Father.

Do you know the Son?

Have you believed into His name?

Have you come to the Father through the Son?

Have you received the Spirit of His Son into your heart that you may know the Father?

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Session 25

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

TAKE THE LAND

2013 is a year to be more serious in the gospel, the great commission

Is.1:19-20

- ❖ willing and obedient = eat good of the land
- ❖ we need to sow the seed, the inheritance and the life is in the seed

Prov.1:23

- ❖ Turn at My rebuke – I will pour out My Spirit
- ❖ Do not walk in our own pride, stubbornness
- ❖ God will enable us by His Spirit and make His words known to us
- ❖ **v.33** – listen to Me, dwell safely
- ❖ **Acts 2:42** – prayer, praise and worship, fellowship (**v.46**) – in company of brethren, corporate – God speaks

2 Tim.3:2-3

- ❖ Perilous times, list of descriptions of these times
- ❖ in midst of this time God is calling His church to fulfil the Great Commission – to take the land
- ❖ it is time to make a whole-hearted commitment to go forward in the gospel
- ❖ even “churches” are approving wickedness in these times e.g. homosexuality

Creation Mandate – Gen. 1:26-28

- ❖ man made in image and likeness of God and given dominion – male and female
- ❖ blessed them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over creation”
- ❖ Adam and Eve disobeyed
- ❖ Approx 1400yrs later, Flood destroyed world

Gen.9:1 – renewing creation mandate through Noah – God wants His righteous people to take the land

- ❖ Noah found grace in midst of wicked generation (**Gen.6:8**)

We are saved to inherit

Acts 2:40

- ❖ ‘be saved from this perverse generation’
- ❖ This generation is also wicked and perverse, God not acknowledged
- ❖ We are saved and being saved to inherit the land
- ❖

Prov.10:30

- ❖ righteous will never be removed
- ❖ wicked will not inhabit the earth

- ❖ we need to preach the Word of God that Jesus is the One ruling and reigning and will continue to do so

The call of Abraham

Gen.12:1

- ❖ called out to take the land
Abraham had to leave:
 - 1) **his 'country'** (what was familiar and comfortable for him)
 - 2) **his family** (prioritise family commitments to have God first – **Lu.14:26** – must hate family in comparison to Jesus and His commands) – Jesus was tough in his expectations when it came to calling people (calling of Peter and other disciples) – many found Him too tough (rich young ruler)
 - 3) **his father's house** – he had to break with family traditions, religion and culture
 - ❖ he had to be willing to step out of traditional patriarchal covering, which included idol worship
 - ❖ Abraham's father did go with him, but only went as far as Haran (means 'a dry place')
 - ❖ Father's name was 'Terah' – a place in the desert
 - ❖ Had to wait for father to die before he moved from Haran to the land – he was released to proceed in call of God
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- ❖ We must guard against staying in dry place – many get comfortable with this.
 - ❖ Go forward in the call of God. Many want to stay in the dry place but it is time to go on and take the land.

Abraham obedient and willing to take the land

Gen.13:17

- ❖ Arise, walk in the land – I will give land to you as far as you can see (similar to **Josh.1:3**)
- ❖ Abraham moved his tent when he heard from God
- ❖ Do not go back – keep moving on and let others join you
- ❖ In Haran God joined many people to Abraham
v.18 – built altar in Mamre to LORD (Yahweh)
- ❖ sign of Abraham's willingness to believe in and obey God
- ❖ when go out on mission, build altars – remember the Lord at covenant table
- ❖ stay on focus when following Lord

Our commission is clear to make disciples of all nations

Our altar is prayer and Lord's Table – He will give us instructions and strategy for how to take the land

God is calling us to be more serious about the Great Commission

Put Him and His commission first and I will not compromise any longer 'as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD'

Matt.6:33 – seek His kingdom first

Do not worry about tomorrow – settle in today and do what He wants you to do

Involves warfare

Gen.14:14

- ❖ Abraham prepared, 318 trained and armed servants in his household
- ❖ **Eph.6:12** – there is a wrestling, but we are not to initiate or go looking for a fight with devil – we are to stand, resist and do all to stand (**Eph.1-5** – do all things mentioned)
- ❖ **Eph.6:10-17** – put on the armour, 'belt of truth' (**1 Pet.1:13** – loins of mind) – 'mind' is in the belly, the inner parts, not in the head it is in the spirit – do you think as a Christian, having a 'saved mind'
- ❖ **Breastplate of righteousness** – heart (**Rom.10:9-10**)
- ❖ **Shoes of gospel of peace** – walk in peace
- ❖ **Shield of faith** – 'it is written' (**Matt.4:1-11**)
- ❖ **Helmet of salvation** – decisions of the will to make godly decisions
- ❖ **Sword of Spirit** – word (rhema) of God
- ❖ **Pray at all times in Spirit for all saints and pray for the apostle**
- ❖ Then you can stand and withstand, pushing devil back
- ❖ 318 servants were part of Abraham's family
- ❖ Abraham was a trainer of men, able to stand with him
- ❖ Can only take land by discipleship and training

Melchizedek and the Tithe

Gen.14:18-20

- ❖ bread and wine was a victory meal offered by Melchizedek
- ❖ Melchizedek is 'King of righteousness, king of Peace, Priest, like Son of God' (**Heb.7:1-3**)
- ❖ He blessed Abraham in name of God Most High
- ❖ Abraham tithed in response – on the blessing he received (be like Abraham)
- ❖ We will also be blessed by tithing (**Mal.3:10**)
- ❖ We are blessed when we acknowledge all that we have is from God
- ❖ It costs money to take the land, to train and equip brethren to take the land
- ❖ Train those 'born in the house' = sonship
- ❖ One's trained are 'armed' – speaks of equipping for warfare
- ❖ Through tithe, God provides ministries to train brethren
- ❖ We tithe to Melchizedek – revelation of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Result = He gives dominion in the earth
- ❖ Therefore do not put up with sickness, do not be ripped off, guard what God gives you carefully
- ❖ Tithe and offer purposefully
- ❖ We must train our children about how to deal with finance

Who will inherit?

Gen.15

- ❖ Abraham concerned that have to give inheritance to servant – but only sons inherit
- ❖ Worldwide problem in church is ministers caught in 'servant' mentality, unable to receive and walk in inheritance

- ❖ Moses could not inherit, 'a servant' (**Heb.3:2,5**)
- ❖ Moses spiritual son Joshua inherited land

We must believe in the One who gives the vision

Gen.15:4-6

- ❖ Look at the **stars (sons)** if you count them, so will your descendants be (**Phil.2:15** – we are children of God, lights/luminaries in the world)
- ❖ We are sons of God, sons of Abraham
- ❖ Abraham **believed in Yahweh, the Eternal One (v.6)** - in the person
- ❖ **Rom.4:3- believed God (in the vision)**
- ❖ We must first believe into (trust, rely upon) Jesus then we can believe the promise/vision
- ❖ Abraham received the revelation of God, His faith in God made him righteous
- ❖ When we believe in Jesus the Christ, then we will have faith for great Commission

We inherit through Christ

Gen.16

- ❖ Abraham fathered a son – Ishmael
- ❖ He faltered

Gen 17

- ❖ Abraham the 'father of many nations' – but still no son yet
- ❖ Isaac came later, but Isaac not even the real son
- ❖ Jesus the Christ is the real seed/son (**Gal.3:16,29**) – seed of Abraham inherits, Christ is seed, we are in Christ = we inherit

Psalm 2

- ❖ Son inherits nations
- Rom.1:5** – we receive grace and apostleship to the nations

Rolling away the reproach

Gen.17:10

- ❖ circumcision the sign of covenant
- ❖ baptism (**Col.2:11-12**) in New T
- ❖ **Josh. 5:3-11** – circumcised before entering the land – reproach rolled away
- ❖ children of Israel could have Passover, now could eat produce of land (of their inheritance)
- ❖ must understand baptism – reproach of sin is broken and rolled away, old man of sin finished with, it happened – then must walk in faith of what has happened (**Gal.2:20**)
- ❖ **Josh.5:13-15** – Joshua then saw the commander of heaven's armies – saw God in human form (**Heb.2:9** – But we see Jesus!)
- ❖ Joshua got the strategy for taking the land
- ❖ must have revelation of Jesus the Christ (**Matt.16:16, Rev.19:16**)

Christ – 550x in New T – must understand Jesus as the Christ, Son of God to walk in the land

- ❖ Jesus can only build His church on this foundation (Christ, Son of God – **Matt.16:18**)

- ❖ Jesus will lead us into victory, He is God manifest in flesh (1 Tim.3:16)

Gen.18:10

- ❖ Yahweh appeared to Abraham and visited him in his own tent (our tent is our own life)
- ❖ He spoke prophetically and revealed way forward – his wife would bear a son
- ❖ Future is for the sons, is attainable
- ❖ Judgement is inevitable (v.16-33) – Sodom and Gomorrah – (Matt.13:37-43 – wheat and tares, wicked come to harvest in earth, taken out and handed to fire of judgement)

Gen.20

- ❖ problems living in the land

Gen.21

- ❖ son was born
- ❖ Ishmael still a problem – our mistakes still come back to trouble us but must repent and move on and not disqualify ourselves
- ❖ Abraham had to accept mistake

Gen.22

- ❖ Abraham tested
- ❖ Confirmed faith in resurrection
- ❖ Learn to live by power of resurrection (Phil.3:10-11)

Do you believe in purpose of God and able to sacrifice everything for it?

Do you trust God to fulfil His own purposes?

- 1) God's purpose to take the land
- 2) Our own nation and all nations belong to Christ by inheritance (Ps.2:8)
- 3) Jesus promises that His people who overcome have power over nations (Rev.2:27)
- 4) In great Commission Jesus sends us to make disciples of all nations (Matt.28:18-20)
- 5) Given us grace and apostleship to bring nations to obedience to faith (Rom.1:5)

What we learnt from Abraham:

- 1) live by faith
- 2) obeyed God
- 3) answered call and went out to inherit new country
- 4) dwelt there as a foreigner/temporary dwelling place
- 5) he raised sons, passing on promise and expectation of inheritance (Heb.11:17-22)
- 6) he waited and looked for the city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God (Heb.11:10)

Eph.3:8-11

- ❖ the church is to rise up and take the land!

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Session 26

Speaker: Apostle Paul Galligan

WHAT SHALL WE DO

- ❖ It is easy to settle for less than God intends
Martin Luther – brought change, motivated by faith but he settled for less, was still compromised
- ❖ baptism according to Scriptures not restored, still continued many religious practices
- ❖ he wrote that there was a “church within a church” – he was not fully apostolic, not returned fully to Scriptures
Brownsville Revival – touched millions, only lasted a few years, division and scandal among main leaders
- ❖ lack of apostles and prophets – right foundations not there

What about us?

1 Tim. 1:12

- ❖ Christ Jesus enables, counts faithful, gives mercy, grace that releases faith and love in Christ Jesus
- ❖ Can you thank God for this?

What is the work?

Acts 14:21-22

- ❖ work is making disciples
- ❖ preached gospel and made many disciples
- ❖ returned to other cities to strengthen souls of other disciples
- ❖ exhorting to continue in the **faith** (**Jude 3** – this is the “faith” – delivered by apostles of Jesus Christ)
- ❖ it is a faith that requires obedience
- ❖ we are to come to unity of faith (**Eph.4:13**)

Do you know who Jesus is in reality? Is He still a doctrine to you or do you know Him? Can you access Him?

- ❖ We are to come to a perfect Man (**Eph.4:13**)
- ❖ **James 3:2** – not stumbling in word, bridling tongue to only speak the word = perfect man
- ❖ Speak the Word **soberly (=a saved mind)**

Acts 14:22 – must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God

- ❖ suffering is essential for us to grow – embrace your suffering, not complaining about your needs, wants, lacks etc.

Kingdom is:

- 1) **Eternal**
- 2) **It is to come (Matt.6:10)**
 - ❖ We are to subdue the evil in the earth
- 3) **Is to be sought above all else (Matt.6:33) –**
 - ❖ It is first priority, if put first God will add everything necessary, daily needs are not first priority
- 4) **The kingdom is not of this world-** Authority of King **John 18:36-37**
 - ❖ **Jesus is King of this kingdom**, He bears witness to the truth – authority comes by speaking truth
 - 2 Peter 1:16-17** – referring to transfiguration – “we were eyewitnesses of His majesty”
 - ❖ “we saw His power and **coming** (Gk. ‘Parousia’)” – His coming is Him revealing His eternal glory and personhood
 - ❖ His Sonship was declared
- 5) **The will of King is to be done in the kingdom (Matt.6:10)**
- 6) kingdom is **in the Holy Spirit (Rom.14:17, Jn.3:3-6)**
 - ❖ Matthew calls it ‘kingdom of heaven’
 - ❖ Is not of this world
- 7) **The culture of kingdom:**
 - righteousness , peace, joy (**Rom.14:17**)
 - ❖ **joy** = strength of Lord in us (**Neh.8:10**), **1Pet.1:7-8** – ‘joy inexpressible/unspeakable and full of glory’ = experience of glory, glory always releases joy
 - ❖ **peace** = **Phil.4:6-7** – passes understanding will **guard** heart and mind in Christ Jesus – peace is a **guard, a presence (shalom)**
 - ❖ **righteousness** – comes through faith in Jesus Christ (**Rom.3:22**) – is a **covering and a gift (on all, to all)**
- 8) The kingdom is **our inheritance**
- 9) **life is in the kingdom (Matt.5-7)**
 - ❖ (**ch.5**) blessed attitudes, salt and light, law fulfilled, loving enemies
 - ❖ (**ch.6**) pleasing God, praying, fasting, attitudes to anxiety, riches
 - ❖ (**ch.7**) judging others, seeking, narrow way, building on Rock
- 10) Kingdom parables (**Matt.13**)

2Cor.3:17-18 – The Lord is the Spirit

- ❖ the Spirit is called “Lord” – lit. ‘LORD SPIRIT’
- ❖ where Holy Spirit is there is liberty/freedom
- ❖ **John 14:18** – Jesus said He would come to us in context of sending Holy Spirit (Lord Spirit)
- ❖ Spirit tells us His will, enables us to do His will, trusts us to do His will, works through us, shines through us (**John 14:19**)

Revelation of Jesus Messiah, Anointed King

-Revelation - Gk ‘apocalupsis’ – revelation, disclosure, manifestation

John 20:22 – ‘Peace’ and breathed on them the Holy Spirit (= being born again, new creature)

Luke 24:49 – but wait till endued with power from on high (**Acts 1:8**) – needed empowering by gift of Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 – receive the gift/empowerment

We are to simply concentrate on Jesus

Acts 8:12 – Philip preached kingdom and name of Jesus Christ

v.35 – showing from Scripture who Jesus is – can you do this?

- ❖ Word is to be made flesh again – Jesus shining forth through us
- ❖ you have right and responsibility to speak to others – do not hold back!
- ❖ training does not finish! Part of training is witnessing to others of Jesus

Unity of faith does not come from relationships – comes by preaching and teaching Jesus Christ, the Word of God

- ❖ making disciples is priority, relationships come from this
- ❖ Jesus said to make disciples by teaching and preaching the Word
- ❖ Unity of faith comes by believing the same thing, the Word (not confessions and denominational doctrines)
- ❖ Just become obedient to what Jesus told us to do, disciple, train and send – then all Jesus promised will come to pass
- ❖ Bible says God has entrusted His Word to the foolishness of preaching – we must preach Jesus the Christ (this will bring oneness in Him)
- ❖ Church is growing, disciples are being made and equipped for ministry

Prayer is the preparation (breaking the ground)

Word needs to be planted

Word needs to be watered

Let us be:

- **Committed**

- **Discipled**
- **Focused**
- **Unrelenting**
- **Zealous**

It is time:

- **To plan**
- **To be briefed**
- **To change our expectation**
- **To act**
- **To communicate (key to relationship, understanding each others hearts)**
- **To speak the truth in love**