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Revelation 1:12-13

SEEING JESUS AS HE IS

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TO SEE JESUS AS HE IS

There is a great need in the church worldwide to come to the full ***“knowledge of the Son of God”*** so that we can ***“grow up in all things into Him who is the head – even Christ”*** coming ***“to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*** Ephesians 4:13,15.

The hope of the gospel

As children of God we have a hope in the gospel. The apostle John wrote ***“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure”*** 1 John 3:2-3.

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We are to see Him as He is so that we can be like Him. We can only see Him as He is if He reveals Himself to us. The book of Revelation is ***“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”*** Revelation 1:1a. John’s main purpose in writing what has become the last book in the canon of Scripture is so that we can come to see Jesus as He is; unveiled and full of glory.

Apostolic faith is personal

The faith that was once and for all delivered to us by the early apostles was not a set of instructions for religious observance. It was not a faith to tie us to a religious system. They preached a Person not a system. ***“And daily in the***

temple and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ” Acts 5:42.

Removing the veil

God desires to lift the veil from our minds, ***“to enlighten the eyes of our understanding” Ephesians 1:18, “to shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ 2 Corinthians 4:6.***

The apostle Paul says that ***“when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away” 2 Corinthians 3:16.*** God is calling His church to turn to the Lord! The people of God cast off restraint

“where there is no revelation” Proverbs 29:18.

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Jesus reveals Himself to His church

The book of Revelation was written by the apostle John to reveal Jesus as He is to the churches. The image we have of God determines how we relate to Him. There are many descriptions given of Jesus as He relates to the churches mentioned in His revelation. It is good for us to consider Jesus in all the ways He reveals Himself so that we can fully appreciate who He is and be changed.

There are seven churches mentioned in the first 3 chapters of the Book of Revelation. In the Spirit, John heard Jesus dictate a letter to each of the seven churches mentioned. In each letter Jesus greets the churches unveiling something of who He is. Jesus reveals Himself to each church in a uniquely particular way. When we see all of these unveilings put together there is a profound revelation of who Jesus is and who He is unveiling Himself to be to us, His church. May our hearts and minds be open to receive the reality of who He is.

JESUS –

**He who holds the seven stars
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One like the Son of Man

We must always remember that Scripture will always interpret Scripture. When John began to receive this revelation He heard a voice that sounded like a trumpet (**Revelation 1:10b**). When He turned to see that voice he ***“saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man...He had in His right hand seven stars”*** Revelation 1:12, 16a.

The mystery of the seven stars and seven lampstands

In **Revelation 1:20** Jesus reveals this mystery to John by saying, ***“The seven stars are the angels [or messengers] of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches”***. Jesus has seven angels [or messengers] in His right hand and He walks in the midst of the seven churches!

In His right hand

Firstly we see that these “angels” are in Jesus’ right hand! The right hand is the place of authority and power. Jesus is seated at God’s right hand meaning that He is in the position of

all power and authority. These “angels” carry the authority of Jesus and Jesus is able to send them with this authority to speak His message to the seven churches.

The meaning of “angel”

The word “angel” comes from a Greek word “aggelos” which means “a messenger”. This word normally refers to a heavenly being but can also refer to a human messenger. In this context Jesus is giving His angels/messengers a message to deliver to the churches.

We must receive the ones He sends to receive the revelation of who Jesus is.

Certainly heavenly messengers **“are sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation”** Hebrews 1:14, however, the sharing of a message to the church is done by human ministers, and especially in the New Testament, it was the apostles who were the ones sent with the message carrying the delegated authority of Christ.

Jesus is revealed in the ones He sends

These messengers were in the right hand of Jesus. They carry the authority of Jesus and are sent by Him to the churches. Jesus said of the apostles that He raised, **“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me”** Matthew 10:40. As we receive the messengers that Jesus sends, we will actually receive a powerful revelation of Him that brings us to the knowledge of the Father, the One who sent Jesus! We must receive the ones He sends to receive the revelation of who Jesus is.

Jesus is raising and sending apostles to the churches

When Jesus ascended on high ***“He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men...And He Himself gave some to be apostles...”*** Ephesians 4:8,11a.

As surely as Jesus has ascended to the right hand of God, truly the apostolic ministry gift is a reality in the church today. All the ministries mentioned in **Ephesians 4:11, “apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers”**, are to be functioning in the church today as proof of Christ’s ascension to the right hand of God. They are representatives of His authority, ministering life from the throne of heaven, God’s right hand. Jesus is raising and sending these ministries to the church. He holds them in His right hand and we should be careful not to despise those whom He sends.

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Do not reject the messengers

Sometimes people reject the message because they do not like or agree with the messenger. We must be careful – Jesus was telling the church in Ephesus that He holds the messengers in His right hand. If we reject those messengers we are actually rejecting Jesus’ authority and we will forfeit the grace that could have been ours and we will miss the plans God has for us and the corrections He wants to bring to us.

Jesus comes to us and is revealed to us in the messengers that He sends!

The meaning of “seven”

In the Bible the number seven speaks of completion. God rested on the seventh day after completing His work of creation. There are seven days that complete a full week. It speaks of the full complement. Seven messengers in Jesus’

right hand speaks of the full complement of ministry representing Him and His authority.

In the context there were literally seven churches mentioned defined by their locality. The message that Jesus had was for those churches but it is also a message for the whole, complete church that exists in the world. The messages written are just as relevant for us today as they were back then.

Jesus walks in the midst of the seven churches

Jesus is revealed in the midst of His church. The church is

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to be the expression of Him, ***“His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”*** Ephesians 1:23. As we receive the “seven stars”, the ministries that are in His right hand, the church will begin to reveal Him by coming to ***“the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*** Ephesians 4:13c. Jesus is to be revealed in the midst of His people.

Jesus manifests among His people

Jesus told His disciples ***“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I AM there in the midst of them”*** Matthew 18:20. Jesus will manifest among us as the Eternal One, I AM, when we purposefully gather in agreement in His name. Jesus wants to be powerfully present whenever we are together with other believers because He is the One who walks in the midst of the seven lampstands, the churches.

Jesus is in the midst of His assembly declaring God’s name, leading us in worship

The writer to the Hebrews says that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren. He then quotes a Psalm relating it to Jesus the Messiah saying, ***“I will declare Your name to My***

brethren; in the midst of the assembly [church] I will sing praise to You” Hebrews 2:12.

Jesus is in the midst of us revealing God’s name. This means that He is manifesting God’s person to us – making us to know who God is in the midst of us! He even leads us in worship because as He reveals Himself in the midst of us our desire is to praise Him for who He is!

The seven lampstands

The picture of the Lampstand comes from the Tabernacle of the Testimony which God commanded Moses to build as a sanctuary for God (**Exodus 25:8-9**). The Lampstand was in the Holy Place of this Tabernacle and was the light-giver to the Holy Place – there was no natural light in that area. Jesus said ***“I AM the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”*** John 8:12.

Jesus is the Light that illumines the darkness.

Jesus also said ***“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden”*** Matthew 5:14. Jesus is in the midst of the Lampstand, the church, causing us to shine in a dark place! It is ***“God who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”*** 2 Corinthians 4:6. The Light of the world is in the midst of His church!

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The Lampstand is one

Jesus shares with us that this lampstand is representative of the church and Jesus is in the middle of it. When Moses was instructed to make the lampstand he was told that ***“all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold”*** Exodus 25:36b. The Lampstand was not a conglomerate of pieces put together. The church is not a conglomerate of denominational groups trying

to fit together. The true church has Jesus in the midst of it and is ***“one hammered piece of pure gold”***.

The substance of the Lampstand

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Jesus.**

Gold speaks of the glory and nature of God. The Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle was full of gold. The church and Jesus are one! We are members of His Body and ***“partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”*** 2 Peter 1:4b.

The writer to the Hebrews said ***“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren”*** Hebrews 2:11. We carry the same nature as Jesus. Jesus and His church are one piece of pure gold, revealing the nature of the only true God to the world!

Jesus is revealed in us!

The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Colosse to explain the ***“revelation of the mystery”*** to them. He said that ***“to them [the saints] God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”*** (Colossians 1:27). Jesus walks in the midst of His church by revealing Himself in us corporately. This is the hope of glory we have. Jesus as the Christ, fully manifested through His church!

Stay in love with Jesus

Jesus revealed Himself to the church in Ephesus as the One who walks in the midst of seven lampstands. The church in Ephesus was going well, working hard for the Lord and could discern evil, even discerning false apostles (**Revelation 2:2-3**). However Jesus said to them ***“you have left your first love”*** (v.4). If they did not repent and do the first works Jesus said to

them ***“I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place – unless you repent” (v.5).***

We can be doing many things that are right but be cold in our heart towards Jesus, having lost the intimacy and therefore the presence of Jesus in the midst of us. We are to stay in love with Jesus by doing the ***“first works”*** and experience Jesus in the midst of us. To remove the lampstand was to remove them from being the church. We must also take heed to this warning. There are many things in the modern world that we call “church”. But is Jesus there? The church is the people in whom Jesus is! If His presence is not there, it ceases to be the church!

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Doing the first works – Jesus in the midst

The early church ***“continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” Acts 2:42.*** These are the first and foundational works that the church in the book of Acts continued in.

The result was ***“Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles...and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” Acts 2:43,47.*** God was in the midst of this church doing wonders, causing them to love one another and adding to them daily people being saved! We would do well as the church today to return to these foundational works, fall in love with Jesus and see His Presence demonstrated in the midst of us!

**JESUS HOLDS THE SEVEN STARS IN HIS RIGHT HAND &
WALKS IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS!**

JESUS – The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life Revelation 2:8

I fell at His feet as dead

When Jesus revealed Himself to John it says, ***“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me...”*** Revelation 1:17a. When confronted with the reality of Jesus in all His glory it causes death to our flesh. We realise that in and of ourselves ***“that is in my flesh, nothing good dwells”*** Romans 7:18. No one can look at the face of God and live – His unveiling causes death ***“but He laid His right hand on me”!*** This is the right hand of power! This is the right hand of Him who rose from the dead!

Do not be afraid

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When Jesus touched John with His right hand He said to him, ***“Do not be afraid; I AM the First and the Last”*** Revelation 1:17b. We are not to be afraid of death to the flesh. Jesus is the First and the Last. He is ***“the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End”*** Revelation 1:11. Everything begins with Jesus and ends with Jesus and Jesus is everywhere in between. There is nothing that we go through that can separate us from Him for ***“Christ is all and in all”*** Colossians 3:11c.

Do not be afraid! No matter if you are going through ***“tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword”*** Romans 8:35 for the sake of

Christ. Do not be afraid! In all these things ***“you are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”*** Romans 8:37. For nothing can separate you from the One who is the First and the Last. Jesus is the First and He has the final say; He is the Last! Tribulation and persecution will eventually cease when they have had their perfect work in us. For as surely as Jesus is the First, He is also the Last!

Strength to endure

The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to ***“John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ”*** Revelation 1:9. Jesus gave this revelation of Himself to encourage us through the tribulation we face. He revealed Himself to John as the First and the Last in order to give us strength to endure.

If you stay
with Jesus
from the First
to the Last,
you will be
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The author and finisher of faith

The writer to the Hebrews gives us the same encouragement saying, ***“let us run with endurance the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross...”*** Hebrews 12:1-2.

Jesus is the author, the originator and the source of faith. He is also the one who finishes, completes, perfects and brings our faith to an end, ***“the end of our faith, the salvation of our souls”*** 1 Peter 1:9. The completion of Jesus' faith was that He ***“sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”*** Hebrews 12:2. If you stay with Jesus from the First to the Last, you will be with Him where He is. ***“I will grant to sit with Me on My Throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His Throne”*** Revelation 3:21.

He who began the good work will complete it

Jesus has begun a work in us. Being born again is the beginning but there is more growing up to do. Jesus also wants to complete and perfect Himself in us. We can be confident that ***“He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”*** Philippians 1:6. It is ***“God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure”*** Philippians 2:13.

The One who is the First and the Last is bringing us to maturity. The completion of His work in us is being able ***“to present to Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle”*** Ephesians 5:27. We are being conformed to ***“the image of His Son”*** Romans 8:29 and we are to allow Jesus to finish this work in us!

He is the Foundation

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The Church is built upon the Rock foundation which is Christ! ***“Upon this rock I will build My church”*** Matthew 16:18. ***“And that Rock was Christ”*** 1Corinthians 10:4. ***“There is no other foundation that anyone can lay than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ”*** 1Corinthians 3:11. Jesus is the First stone to be built upon in the building of ***“the house of God, which is the church of the living God”*** 1Timothy 3:15.

He is the Cornerstone

Jesus Christ is also the ***“chief cornerstone in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows...”*** Ephesians 2:20c-21a. Our lives are fitted into Christ the cornerstone as we give ourselves to discipleship, being conformed to His life and learning how to ***“conduct ourselves in the house of God”*** 1Timothy 3:15.

He is the Capstone

Jesus Christ is also the Last stone to be put in place, the capstone. When Zerubbabel was given the task of rebuilding the house of God, God spoke through Zechariah saying, ***“He shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”*** Zechariah 4:7b. When Jesus finishes His work of building us into His dwelling place we are to be a people who are ***“to the praise of the glory of His grace”*** Ephesians 1:6. The finished work of the church fully growing up ***“into Him who is the head – Christ”*** Ephesians 4:15 will be seen by the world as a work of His grace. Jesus is the First and He is also the Last!

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The One who is alive from the dead has first place

After Jesus told John He was the First and the Last, He said, ***“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore”*** Revelation 1:18. He is the One who ***“was dead and came to life”*** Revelation 2:8.

By virtue of His resurrection, Jesus has the right of being first place in everything, ***“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence”*** Colossians 1:18.

We are to join Jesus in His resurrection life

Do you know Jesus as the One who is alive from the dead? Is the hope you have the hope of His resurrection? Have you realised that Jesus is the One who has ***“the keys of Hades and of Death”*** Revelation 1:18? He is the First and the Last so there is no more fear of death. ***“Inasmuch as the children partook in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise***

shared in the same, that through death He might destroy Him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death had all their lifetime been subject to bondage” Hebrews 2:14-15.

Jesus is the Eternal God

Jesus was
saying
that He
was
Yahweh.

God spoke through Isaiah 700 years before Christ came in the flesh saying, ***“Thus says the LORD [Yahweh, the Eternal God], the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God’”*** Isaiah 44:6.

When Jesus said He was the First and the Last He was speaking to John the apostle who knew the Old Testament Scriptures. Jesus was saying that He was Yahweh. He was the King of Israel, in charge of all God’s hosts, God’s armies and that He was the Redeemer. **Besides Jesus there is no God!**

Jesus is the fulfilment of what is written

Jesus was saying that those Scriptures were speaking of Him. He is Yahweh, the eternal God, appearing in the flesh. He is the First – ***“In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”*** John 1:1,14.

He is also the Last ***“I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done”*** Isaiah 46:9-10. Let us put our trust in Jesus, the eternal One, who is the First and the Last!

**JESUS IS THE FIRST AND THE LAST, WHO WAS DEAD,
AND CAME TO LIFE**

JESUS –

He who has the sharp two-edged sword

Revelation 2:12

The sword of His mouth

When Jesus revealed Himself as the One who has the ***sharp two-edged sword*** He was speaking to a church that was following some wrong doctrine. In their midst there were those ascribing to the seductive ***“doctrine of Balaam”*** which lures people away from devotion to Jesus to be enticed to worship other gods. There were also those who held to the ***“doctrine of Nicolaitans”*** which taught a separation between priesthood and laity (the people) – teaching rulership over the people.

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Jesus told this church to ***“repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth”*** Revelation 2:16. The sword is of Jesus’ mouth. It is wielded by what comes from the mouth of Jesus and it fights against false doctrine and seductive and heretical teachings that lead God’s people astray.

The Sword is the Word of God

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart”
Hebrews 4:12.

The word of God is alive. The “word” is the oracles of God, the message and communication that God has given concerning Himself and it is powerful to judge and discern the

very secret thoughts and motivations that are in our heart. Jesus said, ***“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day”*** John 12:48. The word of God is our judge. Have we obeyed the word or are we simply honouring Jesus with our lips but neglecting what He says?

The Word of God is to be in our bones

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our bones. Jeremiah said, ***“But His word is in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not”*** Jeremiah 20:9. The word of God is

to come into the deep places of our hearts and into the marrow, the very core of our beings. The ***“entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple”*** Psalm 119:130.

Jesus is the Word

Jesus and His word are One! **The Word is God and the Word became flesh! John 1:1,14.** Jesus is the manifestation of the Word living out a life as a human being. When Jesus speaks to us and we receive His word we are actually receiving Him. When we receive Him by receiving the Word we receive the ***“right to become children of God...born of God”*** John 1:12-13. We are ***“born again...through the word of God which lives and abides forever”*** 1 Peter 1:23.

God speaks through the Son

Jesus is the One through whom God speaks – ***“God...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son”*** Hebrews 1:1-2. Jesus is the speaking place of God, ***“I speak what I have seen with My Father...And I know that His***

command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak” John 8:38, 12:50.

Jesus is God’s speaking place

In the Old Testament God said to Moses, ***“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony” Exodus 25:22.*** This was the Most Holy Place, the place of God’s glory and Presence.

- God speaks from the place of His glory. Jesus, the Son, ***“is the brightness of His glory” Hebrews 1:3.***
- Jesus is our mercy seat, ***“Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation [literally “mercy seat”] by His blood” Romans 3:24-25.***
- Jesus is the Testimony, ***“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” Revelation 19:10.*** When we testify of who Jesus is we enter into true prophetic utterance, speaking forth the living Word, the oracles of God!

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Jesus’ name is the Word of God

In the revelation given to John, Jesus was described as being ***“clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God” Revelation 19:13.*** He is the One who ***“judges and makes war” (v.11).*** Jesus wars and judges

with the word of His mouth. The fact that His **name** is called the Word of God means that the essence of who Jesus is, His person and character is revealed through His Word.

It is written in **Psalms 138:2** ***“For You have magnified Your word above all Your name”***. When we know the Word, we know God. His Word revealed His name, His person.

The nations are struck by His Word

When the Word is preached, Jesus manifests and the nations will recognize His authority and be “obedient to the faith” Romans 1:5

In **Revelation 19:14** John then sees a heavenly army following Jesus, the Word. Are you a follower of the Word Himself? Are you clothed in fine linen? This heavenly army follows the Word into battle and ***“out of His mouth goes a sharp sword that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself shall rule [lead] them with a rod of iron”*** (v.15). The nations are struck by the Word. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would ***“strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked”*** Isaiah 11:4. Jesus as the Word of God fulfils this prophecy!

The Word must go forth!

The word of God must go forth. Jesus is the Word, the message, the communication of God. When the Word is preached, Jesus manifests and the nations will recognize His authority and be ***“obedient to the faith”*** **Romans 1:5**, no longer believing lies but knowing the word of truth which sets them free. The Word of God then leads the nations, shepherding them into the ways of God.

JESUS IS HE WHO HAS THE SHARP TWO EDGED SWORD

JESUS –

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

Revelation 2:18

Jesus the Son of God

What does the “Son of God” mean?

Jesus as the Son of God *“is the brightness of His [God’s] glory and the express image of His person, upholding all things by the word of His power”* Hebrews 1:3. As the Son, He is the expression of the Father’s love and has possession of all that is the Father’s for *“For the Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand”* John 3:35.

Jesus as the Son is the embodiment of God Himself *“For no one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him”* John 1:18. Jesus as the Son is the declaration and explanation of God the Father, *“God manifested in the flesh”* 1 Timothy 3:16.

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The Son of God deals with Jezebel

When Jesus revealed Himself to the church in Thyatira as *the Son of God* He was coming to them to deal with the problem of *“Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess”* Revelation 2:20. This self-proclaimed prophetess was seducing God’s people away from love for Jesus, usurping authority. In this atmosphere Jesus comes to stamp His ultimate and complete authority as the Son of God.

The Son of God carries the authority of the Father

Jesus' authority as the Son of God is absolute. Even the Jews knew that by calling God His Father He was ***"making Himself equal with God"*** John 5:18. As the Son Jesus said ***"I and My Father are one"*** John 10:30. To the one who overcomes Jezebel, Jesus said He will give ***"power over the nations...as I also received from My Father"*** Revelation 2:26-27. Jesus as the Son has power over the nations. As the Son the nations and the earth are His inheritance and possession (**Psalms 2:7-8**).

Knowing the Son is knowing the Father and escaping false doctrine

The Holy Spirit bears witness that the Son of God is God's testimony of Himself.

The apostle John brings out the mystery of the Son of God in his letters by saying ***"Who is a liar but he who denies Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also"*** 1 John 2:22-23. The antichrist spirit seeks to bring down the reality of knowing God only through the Son. It is only through the Son that we can know God as our Father.

Believing in the Son overcomes the world

When we believe in Jesus as the Son of God, as the fullness of God in flesh, we ***"overcome the world"*** 1 John 5:5. When we believe in Jesus as the Son of God, we receive the witness of the Holy Spirit in our inner man testifying of the truth of God (**1 John 5:10**). The Holy Spirit bears witness that the Son of God is God's testimony of Himself. ***"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life"*** 1 John 5:12.

His eyes are a flame of fire

The eyes are the lamp of the body

Jesus taught us that ***“the lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body is full of light...”***

Luke 11:33. The eye gives us the reflection of what is in a person. Jesus was described by John to have eyes like a flame of fire! If Jesus' eyes are a flame of fire, then Jesus must be full of fire! ***“For our God is a consuming fire”***
Hebrews 12:29.

He is the
Baptizer
with fire to
cleanse us,
purge us
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Jesus – the Baptizer with fire!

When John the Baptist was preaching concerning the Messiah he said, ***“I indeed baptize you with water, but One mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”*** **Luke 3:16.** Malachi spoke of this centuries before Jesus came that the ***“Messenger of the Covenant”*** would come and ***“who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire...He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver...that they may offer to the LORD [Yahweh] an offering of righteousness”*** **Malachi 3:1-3.**

The fire is to cleanse and purify. Jesus is full of fire. He is the Baptizer with fire to cleanse us, purge us and judge the wickedness. John the Baptist said, ***“His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor...but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire”*** **Luke 3:17.** The fire burns up the chaff, the wicked (**Psalms 1:4**). Jesus revealed Himself to the church in Thyatira, that was flirting with Jezebel, as the One whose eyes are a flame of fire. He will not share His glory with another.

Our works are tested by fire!

When apostle Paul was writing to the Corinthians he shared that ***“Now if anyone builds on this foundation [of Jesus Christ] with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear...because it will***

be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is” 1 Corinthians

3:12-13. Jesus will test our work. He is a consuming fire. When Jesus is revealed, He will be ***“revealed from heaven...in flaming fire...”***

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8.

The fire will
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from bondage
*“under the
elements of the
world”*
Galatians 4:3.

The elements will melt with fervent heat

Peter says that even the ***“heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat”*** 2 Peter 3:12. The result of the fire of God being released through Jesus is ***“a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells”*** 2 Peter 3:13.

Allow Jesus with eyes like a flame of fire, to purge you and cleanse you because He is preparing you for righteousness and for the age to come, a new heavens and a new earth. The fire will release you from bondage ***“under the elements of the world”*** Galatians 4:3. These elements melt under the fire of God!

Feet like fine brass

Walking in judgement

When David prophesied about the Messiah he said ***“The LORD [Yahweh] said to my Lord [‘Adonai’ in Hebrew - Master, Controller], ‘Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool’”*** Psalm 110:1. Jesus is the Lord (Adonai) whose enemies are made a footstool for His feet. The

only place for Jezebel and all of Jesus' enemies is under His feet! Jesus' feet were revealed to the church so we would understand that Jesus walks in victory and judgement over His enemies! He has all power and is unchangeable!

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Brass – a symbol of judgement on sin

When Moses was instructed by God to build the Tabernacle brass was only used in the outer court. Brass was used to overlay the altar of burnt offering (**Exodus 27:2-4**) and also to make the bronze laver for washing (**Exodus 30:17-21**). The altar of burnt offering was where sin was judged. This speaks of Jesus' sacrifice for sin on the cross where ***"He condemned sin in the flesh"*** **Romans 8:3**. The bronze laver was where the priests washed themselves clean so that they could enter the sanctuary. For us it speaks of baptism, our old man of sin dying, being judged with Jesus, and rising up in a new life (**Romans 6:6**).

John noticed Jesus' feet

John noticed Jesus' feet earlier when he said ***"His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace"*** **Revelation 1:15**. His feet were like pure brass, refined and reflective. Jesus has defeated the enemy of sin. He has defeated the sin that destroys our lives. Jesus wants to reveal Himself to you as the One who walks in complete, perfected triumph over sin. When you doubt victory over sin, just look at Jesus' feet and see Him walking triumphantly over His enemies – sin is now a footstool for His feet!

**JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD WHO HAS EYES LIKE A
FLAME OF FIRE AND FEET LIKE FINE BRASS**

JESUS –

He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars

Revelation 3:1

The seven Spirits of God

The apostle Paul in writing to the Ephesians was very clear about how many “spirits” God has. He said

Jesus is *“the fullness of the Godhead dwelling bodily”*
Colossians 2:9.

“For there is one body and one Spirit”

Ephesians 4:4. Surely we understand that God is one and ***“God is Spirit”*** John 4:24.

However, like it has been shared earlier, the number seven in the Bible speaks of completeness, perfection and fullness. The seven Spirits of God therefore is speaking of the fullness and full capacity of the Spirit of God – even the sevenfold nature of the God’s Spirit.

Jesus has the seven Spirits of God

Jesus is ***“the fullness of the Godhead dwelling bodily”*** Colossians 2:9. The fullness of God, who is Spirit, dwells in Him, there is nothing lacking! The complete nature and character and essence and being of God Himself is at a complete a full measure in Jesus – nothing in Jesus falls short of this glory!

The seven Spirits

Isaiah prophesied the ***“seven Spirits of God”*** coming upon the Messiah when He said, (1) ***“the Spirit of the LORD [Yahweh] shall rest upon Him,*** (2) ***the Spirit of wisdom and*** (3) ***understanding,*** (4) ***the Spirit of counsel and*** (5) ***might,***

(6) the Spirit of knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD” Isaiah 11:2. This is the fullness of God’s Spirit enabling the Messiah to rule and reign as God Himself in the earth!

The seven fold anointing of the Spirit

When Jesus began His ministry in Galilee He began by sharing with them that He had the seven fold anointing prophesied by Isaiah, ***“The Spirit of the LORD [Yahweh] is upon Me because (1) He has anointed Me (2) to preach the gospel to the poor; (3) He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, (4) to proclaim liberty to the captives, and (5) recovery of sight to the blind, (6) to set at liberty those who are oppressed; (7) to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD”*** Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:1-2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit set Jesus apart as the Messiah, **the Anointed One.**

Seven horns, seven eyes, seven Spirits of God

As the revelation of Jesus unfolded to John, he saw more of this mystery unveiled when he said, ***“I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth”*** Revelation 5:6. This verse says that the seven Spirits of God are seen also as seven horns and seven eyes.

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Seven horns

Horns speak of power, authority and kingdom. The all-powerful rule, reign and kingdom of God is ***“righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”*** Romans 14:17. The Messiah, the King would be known by the seven-fold Spirit

coming upon Him so that He could rule as God and inherit the kingdom as a man. These seven Spirits, which are the One Spirit of God, are seven horns enabling the Messiah Jesus to rule, judge and shepherd the nations! Because He has the fullness of God's Spirit and the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead (**Romans 8:11**), He said ***"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me"*** **Matthew 28:18**. He has all power! He has the seven horns!

Seven eyes

The seven eyes speak of the all-knowing nature of the Spirit of God in the Lamb.

The seven eyes speak of the all-knowing nature of the Spirit of God in the Lamb. He knows and sees all things. These seven Spirits mentioned above are the characteristics through which Jesus looks at us.

The Spirit of God is also the One who opens eyes to see by revelation! Jesus has all knowledge and He said the Spirit would ***"take of what is Mine and declare it to you"*** **John 16:14**.

These are the seven horns and the seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God in the Lamb! Jesus is not just a man but He is a ***"life giving Spirit"*** **1 Corinthians 15:45**.

Zechariah saw the seven eyes on the stone

Zechariah saw the seven eyes when he said ***"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes...And I will remove the iniquity of the land in one day"*** **Zechariah 3:9**.

Jesus is the ***"stone which the builders rejected which has become the chief cornerstone"*** **1 Peter 2:7**. This stone has the fullness of God's Spirit, seven eyes, and has taken away the iniquity and sin of the land in one day. Because this

stone has the fullness of the Spirit it is a ***“living stone”*** and when we come to Him we also become ***“living stones being built up a spiritual house”*** 1 Peter 2:4-5.

You have a name that you are alive but you are dead

When Jesus revealed Himself to the church in Sardis He said to them ***“I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive but you are dead”*** Revelation 3:1. Jesus revealed Himself as having the seven Spirits of God to this church because ***“it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing”*** John 6:63. Jesus had not found the works of the church in Sardis ***“perfect before God”*** Revelation 3:2. They were not walking in the Spirit but had resorted to the flesh.

Many churches have succumbed to the pressure to try and be “contemporary”, looking good, looking alive and fun but there is no anointing of the Holy Spirit. They have a name that they are alive but they are dead because life only comes from knowing Jesus as the One who has the seven Spirits of God! We must be filled with the life of the Spirit so that we will overcome and ***“be clothed in white garments”*** Revelation 3:5, all of our works being perfect, led by the Spirit!

“it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing”
John 6:63.

These seven rejoice!

Zechariah then saw that ***“these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD [Yahweh] which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth”*** Zechariah 4:10. Zerubbabel was the governor of Judah, in the family line of Messiah, given the task to rebuild the house of God after the Jews came back from exile. He was doing an apostolic work of building the house of God.

The plumb line speaks of the true Word of God, which we are to measure up to in order to be built correctly into the house of God ***“the church of the living God” 1 Timothy 3:15***. The seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, rejoice to see the Word of God in the hands of the apostolic leadership. The Spirit of God rejoices because He knows that the house of God will be built properly when the Word of God is being released by His apostolic messengers.

The Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism

These ***seven Spirits of God*** came upon Jesus at His baptism and enabled Him to function in kingdom authority and power. John the Baptist recognized Jesus at the Jordan River by saying ***“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the***

The Lamb is the One who has the seven Spirits of God and He is the Baptiser with the Spirit.

sin of the world” John 1:29. He also was able to distinguish who Jesus was by saying, ***“I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit...this is the Son of God’” John 1:33-34.***

The Lamb of God is the One who has the seven Spirits of God!

The seven Spirits of God are sent out into all the earth

Now that Jesus has died, is risen from the dead and is now in the midst of the throne, seated at God’s right hand, He is able to release the fullness of God’s Spirit into the earth! The Lamb is the One who has the seven Spirits of God and He is the Baptiser with the Spirit. John saw by revelation the ***“seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth” Revelation 5:6.***

The seven stars release the Spirit of God

How does Jesus, the Lamb of God, send out His Spirit into all the earth? Jesus is the One who ***“has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars”*** **Revelation 3:1**. Earlier we saw that the mystery of the seven stars is that they are the seven ***angels*** or more appropriately translated ***messengers*** that are in His right hand.

We are sent
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fully
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Jesus raises up His ministers, His messengers, His apostolic delegates and sends them into the world to release the ***seven Spirits of God...into all the earth!*** John the Baptist said that ***“He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure”*** John 3:34.

Messengers are sent in the fullness of the Spirit

When we are sent apostolically we are given the Spirit without measure. We are sent in the fullness of the Spirit to fully represent Him. Jesus told the apostles He had trained, ***“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’”*** John 20:21-22.

God wants the earth full of His Spirit

God wants the earth full of His Spirit. We are to go out and preach the gospel being filled by His Spirit to fulfil the task (**Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8**). We are to lay hands on new believers so that they are filled with this Spirit (**Acts 8:17, 19:6**). The Spirit of God coming upon the nations is the fulfilment of God’s promise to bless every nation through Abraham’s seed (**Galatians 3:13-14**). Jesus raises up His messengers, His stars, His sons in His right hand, so that the seven Spirits of God are sent out into all the earth!

The seven Spirits of God are to be found in the church

Finally the fullness of God's Spirit is to be seen in the church that stands before His throne. In his revelation, John saw ***"And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God"***

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Revelation 4:5. We previously saw that the mystery of the seven lampstands is that they are the seven churches. Now the lampstand is before the throne burning brightly on the anointing oil! This is the church which has discovered her place, ruling and reigning with Jesus at the throne, being ***"filled with all the fullness of God"*** Ephesians 3:19 and being ***"the fullness of Him who fills all in all"*** Ephesians 1:23.

**JESUS IS THE HE WHO HAS THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD
AND THE SEVEN STARS**

JESUS –

He who is holy, He who is true, *He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens*
Revelation 3:7

The Holy One

Isaiah saw an amazing vision in the year that King Uzziah died. He said ***“I saw the Lord [Adonai] sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim...And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory”*** Isaiah 6:1-3.

The Hebrew word for ‘holy’ is the word ‘qadosh’. It means: set apart, dedicated to sacred purposes, sacred, clean, morally or ceremonially pure. Here it is describing the Lord, who is also the Eternal God Yahweh. He is holy. He is ***“The Holy One of Israel”*** Psalm 78:41.

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Who did Isaiah see?

We saw previously that Isaiah said he saw the Lord, Adonai, who was the LORD, Yahweh, the eternal God. John when writing His gospel account of Jesus shared ***“But although He [Jesus] had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him”*** John 12:37. This was a fulfilment of what Isaiah heard when God spoke of their eyes being blinded and their hearts hardened (**John 12:40, Isaiah 6:10**). Isaiah was in the midst of a vision of Yahweh on

the throne and being commissioned by Him to speak the Word of God to the people.

John in His gospel then said ***“These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him”*** John 12:41. **Isaiah saw Jesus!** And he saw the seraphim around Him crying **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**. Jesus is Yahweh on the throne and He is worshiped as **Holy!**

Jesus the Holy One

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David prophesied in the Psalms that the Messiah would be called the **Holy One** when he said ***“For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption”*** Psalm 16:10. Peter on the day of Pentecost said that this verse was speaking about the resurrection of the Christ, the Messiah (**Acts 2:25-32**). The Holy One is the Messiah and He cannot be corrupted. He is resurrected and His life is immortal and incorruptible, holy and undefiled!

Mary told that Jesus was the Holy One

When Mary, the mother of Jesus, was being told she would bear a Son the angel Gabriel spoke ***“The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore also that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God”*** Luke 1:35. Because Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, He is the Holy One, the Son of God.

The Holy One of Israel is the King

It is written in the Psalms ***“For the LORD [Yahweh] is our defence; And the Holy One of Israel is our King”*** Psalm 89:18 KJV. Jesus is the Holy One who is the King and ***“as He***

who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” 1 Peter 1:15.

He is true

The word ‘**true**’ in the Greek means: genuine, real, true, ideal, manifest, unconcealed, actual. It carries with it the idea of being authentic and completely without falsehood. Jesus is true! There is nothing false about Him. He is genuine and intrinsically full of integrity. There is nothing that undoes Him. He is the genuine God.

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Jesus is the True God

There are many so called ‘gods’ in the world but Jesus is the real, genuine, authentic and actual God. He is true. John wrote ***“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life” 1 John 5:20.*** Jesus said ***“I am ... the truth” John 14:6.*** We know the true God by knowing Jesus. He is true. Stay with the truth ***“Little children, keep yourselves from idols” 1 John 5:21.*** Every other thing you try to derive power from is an idol. Remain in Jesus, the One who is true!

Jesus has the keys to every door in creation.

Jesus has the key of David

Isaiah prophesied of a man named Eliakim [God raises] the son of Hilikiah [Yahweh appoints] who would be ***“a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem” Isaiah 22:20-21.*** He then says about this man, who is God raised and appointed by Yahweh, that ***“The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; so he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut***

and no one will open” Isaiah 22:22. Jesus is the One who is God raised and appointed by Yahweh. Jesus is the One who has the key of the house of David. It says of this One that ***“he will become a glorious throne to his father’s house” Isaiah 22:23.*** The One who has the keys will rule as a King and His throne will be glorious!

The keys of David are the keys of the kingdom

The keys of the house of David are the same as the keys of the kingdom of God. David was the type of the great King to come and the Son of God is ***“upon the throne of David and over His kingdom...” Isaiah 9:7, Luke 1:33.***

The keys are released by revelation of who Jesus is

When Peter made the awesome revelational declaration to Jesus ***“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” Matthew 16:16,*** Jesus declared that His church would be built and then He told Peter ***“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind [forbid, shut] will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [untie, allow, open] will be loosed in heaven” Matthew 16:19.***

Jesus has the keys to the house of David, the kingdom of heaven, and He gives those keys to the ones who know He is the Christ, the Son of God!

The keys are authority to open doors

Jesus has the keys to every door in creation. Gates of nations, cities and people groups. David saw this when he spoke ***“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in” Psalm 24:7.*** The gates and doors must open to Jesus, the King of Glory.

The keys are also used to shut doors

We must walk with the One who has the keys to open and shut.

Jesus also shuts doors that He does not want us to go through. Paul had received the commission of the Lord to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, however at a certain time

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“they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia” Acts 16:6. Again “they tried to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them” Acts 16:7. After this Paul had a vision in the night of a man from Macedonia calling for help and they concluded that “the Lord had called them to preach the gospel to them” Acts 16:10.

We must be close to the One who has the keys

We must walk with the One who has the keys to open and shut. The nations open and shut at His command. We must move with the One who has the keys if we are to be fruitful in reaching the nations.

Walk through the doors He opens

Jesus told the Philadelphian church ***“I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it”*** Revelation 3:8.

This church was doing well in the midst of some people whom Jesus called ***“a synagogue of Satan”*** Revelation 3:9.

Religious spirits will try to shut doors to the gospel being proclaimed, however, we need to realise that if Jesus has opened the door ***no one can shut it!***

Apostle Paul told the Corinthians ***“For a great and effective door has opened to me, and many adversaries”*** 1 Corinthians 16:9. There may be adversaries but if Jesus has opened the door ***no one can shut it!***

**JESUS IS HE WHO IS HOLY, HE WHO IS TRUE, HE WHO
HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE
SHUTS AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS**

JESUS –

The Amen, the Faithful and True

Witness, the Beginning of the creation

of God

Revelation 3:14

The Amen

Jesus is the **Amen!** In Hebrew the word ‘**amen**’ means: sure, truly, faithfulness and comes from a word ‘**aman**’ which means: to build up, support, to be permanent. It is of the same root as the Hebrew word for ‘**believe**’. In Greek the word ‘**amen**’ means: firm, trustworthy, surely, so be it.

He is the
Amen, the ‘so
be it’, to all
that God has
said and is.

Jesus is the sure support, the permanent One who can be built upon, the faithful One, the firm, established and trustworthy One.

All God’s promises are ‘Amen’ in Christ Jesus

The apostle Paul stated ***“For all the promises of God in Him [Christ] are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us” 2 Corinthians 1:20.*** All God’s promises are sure, established, firm, supported, built up, permanent and firm in Jesus! He is the Amen, the ‘**so be it**’, to all that God has said and is. He is the fulfilment of all that God has promised. He is the affirmation of the New Covenant. The eternal purpose of God is ***“accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord” Ephesians 3:11.***

Whatever we ask in His name He will do

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everything
we ask in
His name

If we are walking in Christ, **the Amen**, we will find Him establishing all that we ask in Him. Jesus said, ***“If you ask anything in My name I will do it”*** John 14:14. He is the **Amen** to everything we ask in His name, according to His nature and character. Jesus wants us to know Him as the **Amen**.

The Faithful and True Witness

Jesus is the One who is called ***“Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war”*** Revelation 19:11. The word ‘faithful’ here can also mean: believing, trustworthy, trusting. Jesus is a believing and truthful witness. He is trustworthy and genuine as a witness to who God is.

John heard He who sat on the throne say ***“Behold, I make all things new”. And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful’”*** Revelation 21:5. In Jesus, the One who is faithful and true, we are ***“a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new”*** 2 Corinthians 5:17. Come to the Faithful and True witness and experience the new creation!

A True Witness delivers souls

In Proverbs Solomon wrote ***“A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful witness speaks lies”*** Proverbs 14:25. Jesus as a true witness is able to save us! He delivers our souls because His witness was true. ***“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son...And this is the testimony; that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son”*** 1 John 5:9,11. Jesus as the true witness of God gives eternal life and delivers our souls!

The Faithful and True Witness was prophesied

Isaiah prophesied of a time when God would make a ***“an everlasting covenant with you – the sure mercies of David”*** **Isaiah 55:3**. This new covenant would reveal the mercy of God according to the promise God made to David to raise up a seed who would be King.

Then God said through Isaiah ***“Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people”*** **Isaiah 55:4**. Jesus is the Witness of this new and everlasting Covenant releasing the mercy of God to us. Jesus is the Leader and Commander of the people of this covenant ***“And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses”*** **Revelation 19:14**.

Jesus is the Faithful and True Witness in fulfilment of what was spoken! Those who have received His witness follow Him into battle being clothed with fine linen, His righteousness being imputed to them (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)!

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The Beginning of the Creation of God

The word **“beginning”** is a Greek word **“arche”** which means: a commencement, a chief, an order of rank, a beginning, origin, source. Jesus is the **Beginning!** He is the Source and Chief of God’s Creation. All things find their commencement in Jesus and out of Him comes forth everything that has ever been made. ***“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...All things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made”*** **John 1:1,3**.

The Source of the Body

Paul said that Jesus the Messiah is ***“the head of the Body, the church, who is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead that in all things He may have the pre-eminence”*** Colossians 1:18. Jesus as the head of His Body is the **Beginning**, the source of all life in the Body of Christ. The Church finds its beginning in Him and He has first place in rank and order. Jesus is the Origin of the Body – we flow from Him and grow up into Him. He is the principal One.

The Author of faith

In Hebrews we are exhorted to be ***“looking unto Jesus, the Author [“arche” in Greek] and finisher of faith...”***

Hebrews 12:2. Jesus is the Originator, Beginning and Source of faith. Faith originates in Him, not us. We are ***“saved by***

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grace through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God”

Ephesians 2:8. Faith is a gift given by the Source of faith, Jesus. We are to live ***“by the faith of the Son of God...”*** Galatians 2:20

KJV. It is His faith that we live by because He is the Author of it. Jesus is the Beginning of faith.

The Prince of Life

When Peter was preaching to the people at the Temple after the amazing miracle of the crippled man walking he told the people there that they ***“killed the Prince [“arche” in Greek – Originator, Source] of Life, whom God raised from the dead...”*** Acts 3:15. Peter called Jesus the Source, principal, originator and beginning of life itself. Life flows from Jesus and all life in the created universe flows from Him, the Beginning of Life.

Jesus confronting the church with who He is

When Jesus as the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God, revealed Himself to the Laodicean church, He was confronting a church that was indifferent about their life in Christ. They were happy with material wealth saying ***“I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing”*** Revelation 3:17.

They had forgotten that Jesus was the One in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled. They had forgotten that He was the completely trustworthy and genuine witness of all that God is. They had moved away from a life that recognized Jesus as the Source and Originator of their whole life.

**Allow who He
is to enter in to
you and you
will be changed
to be like Him!**

Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart

Jesus says to the church today ***“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me”*** Revelation 3:20. Open up to the revelation of who Jesus is. Acknowledge Him and let Him be your source of life and living. Allow who He is to enter in to you and you will be changed to be like Him!

**JESUS IS THE AMEN, THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE
WITNESS, THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD**

It is time to see Jesus as He is!

Knowing Jesus

Jesus wants us to know Him. We can only know Him truly and in reality by revelation. Jesus said ***“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him”*** Matthew 11:27. The Son of God wills to reveal Himself and therefore the Father to you.

Come to Jesus

After Jesus spoke about revealing Himself and the Father to whomever He wills, He then said ***“Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”*** Matthew 11:28. We find rest in Jesus when He reveals Himself to us.

Through this booklet many facets of Jesus have been revealed to us. The Book of Revelation is full of Jesus revealing Himself to us so that we can know Him, be assured of Him, be corrected, be comforted and challenged by Him.

Pursue Jesus

I encourage you readers to have the heart of the apostle Paul and cry with him ***“that I may know Him”*** Philippians 3:10. There is no time to be complacent in our pursuit for the ***“excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord”*** Philippians 3:8. It is high time for the church to awaken out of sleep for your Bridegroom is Coming! Will you know Him when He comes? Will your lamp be lit? Will your love be burning?

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”
Revelation 22:20

God is awakening His church in these last days. He is awakening us to the reality of Jesus in the midst of us! Do you perceive Him working in the midst of your life? Do you understand His eternal purpose and what He is achieving through His people?

It is time to see Jesus as He is! It is time to know Him according to the way He has revealed Himself to the church. Without true revelation of Jesus we will perish, lose hope and not fulfil the destiny He has won for us, His body, His bride.

This booklet looks at the way Jesus revealed Himself to the seven churches mentioned in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Jesus described Himself in a particular way to each church. If we receive Him in the way that He reveals Himself, we will be overcomers.

Read and join Jesus in His victory and kingdom!

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