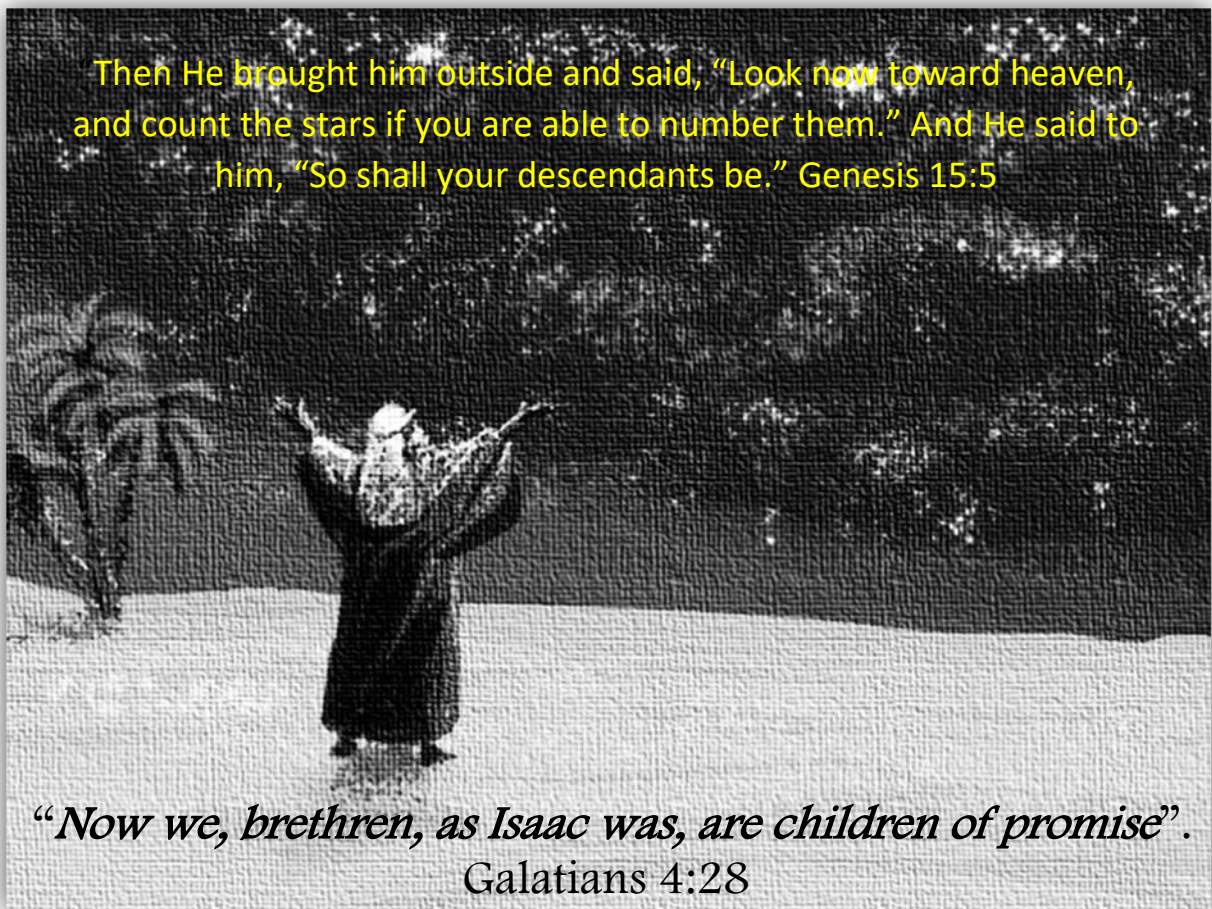


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SONS OF PROMISE

Galatians 4:28

- ❖ "We brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise"
- ❖ Paul is writing to the churches in the region of Galatia
- ❖ Paul was their spiritual father (**Gal.4:19**)
- ❖ Paul wanted to bring them, as spiritual children, up to maturity into their inheritance in Christ
- ❖ Paul is writing to them after they have received some people trying to get them to accept a form of Judaism
- ❖ Galatians is a book of "faith", breaking us free from bondage to religion
- ❖ "the law" in the 21st Century, for Gentiles, is not necessarily the "law of Moses" but a religious law, even a "Christian law"

THE PROMISE

What is the Promise? - **Acts 13:32-33**

- ❖ the promise that was made to the fathers – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- ❖ This Promise was "glad tidings"
- ❖ God has fulfilled the Promise by "raising up Jesus"

2 Corinthians 1:19-20

- Son of God, Jesus the Messiah, was "Yes"

All the Promises of God in Him (Christ) are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. God is glorified by fulfilling His Promises in Christ through us

We must receive the Scriptures as the Word of God

We have received them and we must receive them as Scripture if we are to receive revelation

2 Peter 1:2-4 If we receive the Scriptures, the oracles of God, that which is written, we will receive the promises and become partakers of the Godhead (the divine nature). These promises are great, precious and magnificent

Heir of the world - Romans 4:13

- ❖ The Promise = that Abraham and his seed would be "**heir of the world**"
- ❖ Abraham was the beginning of the generations of the people who would be Hebrews
- ❖ But at the time he was called he was a Gentile, he lives 430 years before Moses and the Law
- ❖ Abraham is our father in the faith
- ❖ The Promise would come through the righteousness of faith

v.14 – promise has no effect if it comes through "law"

- **Psalm 2:7-8** – Jesus, the Seed of Abraham, inherits the nations and the earth

v.16 – it is of faith, that it might be according to grace, promise now is "sure to all the seed"

- Abraham has descendants who received the law

- Abraham has descendants who are of the same faith as his

He is the father of both!

v.17 – it is written “I have made you a father of many nations”

The “Christian Church” of history broke away from the Biblical Hebrew Jewish roots

Children of promise

Romans 9:8

- ❖ Those of the children of the flesh (no matter what their pedigree) are not the children of God. Children of Promise are counted as the seed

v.9 – word of promise brought forth Isaac from Abraham and Sarah

- Isaac came by the Word of God, by a Promise from God
- this was supernatural what took place, this is a type of the “Son of Promise”

Galatians 3:13-14

- ❖ Christ became a curse for us
- ❖ The result = the blessing of Abraham coming upon the nations (Gentiles), all the families of the earth (**Gen.12:3**)
- ❖ Nations receive the **“Promise of the Spirit” by faith**
- ❖ Children of flesh are not heirs, children born of the Spirit are the heirs

The covenant with Abraham

Gal.3:15 a covenant between men cannot be broken, not annulled, cannot add to it

v.16 – “Promises” refers to the covenant word that God has made

- If we do not know the Promises we will not receive them
- so many believers do not know the promises
- Promises (of covenant) made to **Abraham and His Seed**
- Covenant is made from a Greater to a Lesser
- does not say **“and to seeds as of many, but as of one”**
- The Seed of Abraham is a Person, and it is not Isaac, **it is Messiah/Christ**
- The Seed is singular, **The Seed is Christ**
- It is not Isaac, but the One Isaac points to, the Messiah
- everyone on this globe should be focused on Messiah Jesus
- Messiah is the descendant, the One who inherits the nations and the earth

Romans 15:8-10

- ❖ Jesus the Messiah has become a servant to the circumcision (the believing Jews), for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises** made to the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)
- ❖ The Promises have to be understood in Jesus the Messiah, the promises are not received through nature (natural lineage)
- ❖ Jesus the Messiah came so that **“the Gentiles/nations might glorify God for His mercy”**

Romans 16:25-27

- ❖ established according to “my gospel” (Paul’s gospel)
- ❖ Scriptures testify of Jesus, He is the Message of the Old and New Testament
- ❖ It is all about Christ, the Anointed One, Christ is a many-membered Body, a corporate anointing, speak the Word that is in you

Rom.16:26 – the mystery now makes manifest the **“prophetic Scriptures”** to all nations/Gentiles. The prophetic Scriptures make known God’s purpose for all the nations. This is according to the commandment of the everlasting God

Galatians 2:14

- ❖ they were not "straightforward about the truth of the gospel"
- ❖ truth is the Word (**Jn.17:17**)
- ❖ Peter had been living like a Gentile for the sake of the gospel, but then turned from eating with Gentiles when certain Jews came
- ❖ Peter had a problem breaking free from food laws (**Acts 10**)

v.15-16 – justification is not through works of law, but by faith in Jesus the Messiah
- Jews by nature are not justified by trying to keep the law (ceremonial worship, food codes, washings...)

- Gentiles and Jews are justified the same way, through faith

v.19 – through the law we die to the law to live for God (**Rom.7:1-4**)

v.20 – we have been crucified with Christ, no longer us living but Christ living in us...

Galatians 3:1

- ❖ "Foolish Galatians"
- ❖ Witchcraft has overtaken you, "bewitched" – supernatural control has taken over them to lead them astray from faith in Jesus
- ❖ Galatians were now following a different religion
- ❖ Miracles do not happen in the name of the Law

2 Corinthians 7:1

- having these "promises"

2 Cor.6:16-18 – here are the promises, to be a dwelling place for God, He will walk among us, He will be our God and we will be His people, we need to come out, He will be our Father!

Galatians 3:5

❖ How did miracles come? By works of law or by hearing of faith?

v.6 – Abraham believed God (in YHWH) and it was reckoned to him to be righteousness. When he saw the stars, the descendants (**Gen.15:6**)

v.7 – only those of faith are sons of Abraham; there is neither Jew nor Greek...all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (**Gal.3:26-28**)

v.8 – Scripture foresaw God would justify Gentiles/Nations by faith,

- Scripture/God preached the gospel to Abraham by saying "**In you (Abraham) all the nations of the earth will be blessed**"

- we are Abraham's Seed and heirs according to the Promise because we are "in Christ" (**Gal.3:29**)

Genesis 12:3b

- ❖ "And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed"
- ❖ At beginning of Abraham's call, God had all the nations in mind
- ❖ Families = family, type of people, class, kind of people, can be as narrow as an immediate family or as broad as a whole nation
- ❖ According to Paul and the Scripture...This was the gospel preached to Abraham, all nations involved (**Matthew 28:19**)
- ❖ Not just talking to a natural nation descended from Abraham, but a "holy nation" of saved people (**1 Peter 2:9**)

Galatians 3:9

- ❖ those of faith are blessed with believing Abraham

- ❖ no matter what your background you are blessed with believing Abraham when you believe
- ❖ we should go after the inheritance promised to Abraham, to free us up, call us out into the real inheritance

Galatians 3:10 – if you stay under the law, you stay under a curse

v.11 – what did God do about this?

“the just shall live by faith” (**Hab.2:4**)

- just = righteous; we are to live in faith. This is a core verse of the whole Bible

v.12 – no matter how hard you try under the law you will not succeed

v.13-14 – Christ became the curse for us to receive the promised blessing of the Spirit by faith

v.16 – the Seed is Singular, Christ/Messiah

- He is the individual descendant of Abraham who receives the Promise
Law could not change this Promise to Abraham

v.18 – inheritance is not of law but by the Promise to Abraham

v.19 - What was the purpose of the law? It was given to deal with transgressions, sin was now openly judged in the earth

v.22 – Scripture confines all under sin

- promise by faith in Jesus the Messiah given to those who believe
- law in the earth brought judgement on sin everywhere to every nation

v.24 – law was a tutor to bring us to Messiah

v.26 – we are sons of God through faith in Messiah Jesus

- this began when we were baptised, putting on Christ (**v.27**)

v.28 – In Messiah there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female

- we are all one in Messiah Jesus

v.29 – If we are Messiah's, we are Abraham's Seed

- we are therefore heirs according to the Promise!

JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD

Acts 8:36-38

- ❖ "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" – eunuch's confession
 - ❖ Philip commanded the chariot to stop so the eunuch could be baptised
- This confession came out of Philip preaching Old Testament Scriptures.
The Scriptures testify of the Son.

Acts 9:20

- ❖ Jesus had revealed Himself to Saul
- ❖ Immediately Saul preached Christ in the synagogues, that Christ is the Son of God

Matthew 16:15-16

- ❖ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God"

Ephesians 4:13

- ❖ the church is to come to the knowledge of the Son of God (one of the signs of the mature church)
- ❖ the mature church knows the Son of God
- ❖ one of the goals of the ministry is to bring the church to this knowledge that Jesus is the Son of God

A God reality that came to us through the Old Testament Scriptures

1 Chronicles 17:11-14

- David's kingdom had been established and he had rest on every side
- David desired to build God a house
- Nathan brought the word of the LORD to David
- a son of David would come whose kingdom would be forever (an eternal king)
- God would be His Father
- The Son of David would be the Son of God

Romans 1:1-4

- ❖ the gospel was promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures
- ❖ the gospel is concerning the Son of God (**Mark 1:1** – the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God)
- ❖ v.3-4 Jesus was born of the seed of David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead.

Isaiah 7:13-14

- ❖ Hear now, O house of David!
- ❖ The Lord will give you a sign
- ❖ A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel

Matt 1:20-23 – that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit (the Son of God)

- ❖ This is God entering into the world in the flesh
- ❖ V.21 – you shall call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins
- ❖ V.23 – Immanuel = God with us

- ❖ The Son of God is God with us
- ❖ He is the Creator, God who has come to be with us by becoming a man
- ❖ We need to preach Jesus the Son of God.
- ❖ The Son of God is God Himself entering into this world!

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ Isaiah again speaks of the Son
- ❖ Unto us a Son is given
- ❖ The government will be upon His shoulder (**Colossians 1:13** – the kingdom of the Son)
- ❖ His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**

Peter would have known all these Scriptures. Suddenly the verses came alive and he knew they were speaking of Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:16

- there is no argument/ without controversy (confessedly – something to be confessed)
 - God was manifested in the flesh.
 - God (the Creator, the Eternal One) appeared in the flesh.
- This is what needs to be preached.

Colossians 1:16

- ❖ speaking of the Son of God
- ❖ by Him all things were created that are in heaven and on earth...
- ❖ all things were created through Him and for Him (the Son of God)
- ❖ we were made by, through and for the Son of God
- ❖ we will never find our purpose outside of the Son of God

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ His name will be called **Everlasting Father**
- ❖ the name of the Son will be called Everlasting Father
- ❖ receive that the Son is called the Everlasting Father (Father of Eternity)

John 14:7-10

- ❖ Jesus talking to His disciples the night before He was going to the cross
- ❖ Thomas wanted to know the way
- ❖ Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life
- ❖ No one comes to the Father except through Jesus
- ❖ Jesus is not a different person. If you have known the Son, you have known the Father.
- ❖ Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father."
- ❖ The revelation of the Father is only in the Son.
- ❖ Jesus said, "Do you not believe that I am in My Father and the Father in Me?"

John 10:29-33

- ❖ Jesus declared, "I and My Father are one." (Deut 6:4)
- ❖ In response, the Jews took up stones to stone Jesus
- ❖ Jesus asked them for which work they were going to stone Him
- ❖ You, being a Man, make Yourself God (The Jews knew exactly what Jesus was saying.)

1 John 5:20

- Jesus, the Son of God, is eternal life.
- Jesus is the true God

John 9

- ❖ the blind man who was healed testified of Jesus
- ❖ the blind man was cast out of the synagogue
- ❖ v.35 – Jesus came to the man
- ❖ Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
- ❖ He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"
- ❖ "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."
- ❖ The man believed and responded by worshiping Jesus.
- ❖ Jesus received worship from this man. (Only God is to be worshiped)
- ❖ This man saw God in the flesh.

Isaiah 9:7

- ❖ there will be no end to the increase of His government and peace
- ❖ this son of David is the Son of God

Luke 1:31

- ❖ you will bring forth a Son
- ❖ He will be called the Son of the Highest
- ❖ The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David (**Isaiah 9:7**)
- ❖ Of His kingdom there will be no end
- ❖ The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Highest will overshadow you (the Son of God)

Psalms 2:6-7

- ❖ this is God's answer to the nations raging against Him
- ❖ Yet I have set My king on My holy hill of Zion
- ❖ I will declare the decree:... "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."

Luke 3:21-22 – Jesus was baptised and a voice came from heaven declaring, "You are My beloved Son..."

John 1:1 – the Word was God

John 1:14 – the Word (God) became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten

John 1:18 – no one has seen God at any time, but the only begotten has declared Him

- ❖ the only begotten Son declares the Father
- ❖ He is God communicating Himself to us

Colossians 1:15 – the Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation

The Son is God becoming visible to us, so that if we have seen Him we have seen the Father.

THE ADOPTION

Gk. "Huiiothesia"

Mentioned 5 times: Rom. 8:15; Rom. 8:23; Rom. 9:4; Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:5

Means: the placing of the son, not referring to an illegitimate child being put into a family

- ❖ it refers to taking a person of mature age who had been tutored well (as a slave), then taken by the father and "adopted" into the position to inherit all that belongs to the father
- ❖ the father would put a robe on him and announce that "this is my son"
- ❖ At Jesus' baptism the Father "adopted" Jesus as a Son, placed into the position as a mature Son, robed Him with the Holy Spirit
- ❖ This for us refers to Christian sonship in relationship to God
- ❖ This is a relationship that is no longer as a "child" but as a "son", a mature relationship with the Father
- ❖ Believers receive the Spirit of adoption (Holy Spirit) as firstfruits of all that is to be given to the son

Ephesians 1:13-14

- ❖ In Him (Christ) you also trusted...in whom having also believed you were "**sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise**"
- ❖ Holy Spirit as "Spirit of Adoption" is given as guarantee of walking in fullness of inheritance, which finally is a whole new body

Romans 8:23

- ❖ we who have firstfruits of Spirit groan, eagerly waiting for "adoption", the redemption of the body
- ❖ this is the final instalment of the inheritance, the adoption

The Spirit of adoption produces in us the realization that we are the sons of God

Romans 8:15 – We cry "Abba, Father"

v.16-17 – we have the witness of being children of God, we are heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ, but we need to grow up to fully inherit

Galatians 4:5

- ❖ that we might receive the adoption as sons
- ❖ this adoption is not referring to the new birth
- ❖ New birth is a birth, not an "adoption"
- ❖ Born again to be children of God (**Jn.3:3-6**)
- ❖ Adoption is to place us as mature sons
- ❖ This adoption is the special relationship that the Spirit brings us into

Ephesians 1:4-5

- ❖ we were chosen in Christ
- ❖ in love we were predestined to the adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself
- ❖ Based on His foreknowledge God predestined us (**Rom.8:29-30**)

- ❖ We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, **Called, Justified and Glorified** (this happens through **Sanctification**)
- ❖ We learn to walk with the **Father of glory**, sons access the glory of God
- ❖ **1 Cor.2:6-7** – there is a wisdom for the mature, a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory
- ❖ **We need the knowledge of the glory**, to get the knowledge we must be taught, to be taught we need to be committed as disciples to grow
- ❖ **"adoption"** refers to the dignity of the relationship of believers as sons

"Sons" SC#5207 – Huios (Gk) – never means a child, means a male child who has a father who will give them the inheritance

Jesus is called the "Son of Man" 85x - "Son of Man" means He has taken on the characteristics of manhood, the flesh (**Philippians 2:6**)

"Son of God" 49x - means He is exhibiting and showing forth the very nature and characteristics of God

"Son" 42x - Jesus is the "Son"; "Son of David" 15x and "My Beloved Son" 7x

Prodigal Son story (**Luke 15:11-32**) - certain man had two "sons"

There are more references to Jesus as the Son than to just "sons"

"huios" stresses the quality and essence of one where there is no distinguishment between one from the other

"sons of disobedience" - their father is Satan

"sons of resurrection" - these sons will rise from the dead

"sons of God" - walk in the nature of our God

"sons of light, sons of the Day" - We walk in light, manifest light and manifest the Day

"son of perdition"

"sons of the kingdom" - emanate the authority and power of their Father, the King, the Messiah

"huios" gives prominence to the inward, ethical, and legal aspects of parentage

- ❖ being made in the image and likeness of the Father

We become children by the new birth

Once we are born again we need to grow up

Our relationship with God

- **babies** - need milk – **Heb.5:12, 1Pet.2:2**
- **children** – need bread, disciples, need to be taught (bar-mitvah = son of the commandment – **Luke2:41-52** – 12 years old)

- **young men and women** – need meat, doing the work of the ministry, **1Jn.2:14** – up to “30 years old” (**Luke3:21-23; 4:17** – His custom was to be part of Synagogue), being trained, serving – that Baptism of Jesus was His “adoption”, being placed into Sonship
- **sons** – they start to eat the hidden manna, the mysteries, representing the Father, bringing revelation

Once we step into the “adoption” our relationship with the Heavenly Father changes

Servants do the work and get paid

Sons work with the Father

Servants are driven, have to be doing something

Sons do what they see the Father doing (**Jn.5:19**)

Romans 8:14 – them that are led by the Spirit are the sons of God

Sonship happens by faith; Faith comes by hearing

Sonship taps into the provision of the grace of God (**Eph.1:6** – to the praise of the glory of His grace)

5 uses of adoption

Romans 8:15

- ❖ we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear
- ❖ 2 principles can govern your life, fear or adoption
- ❖ We have received the “Spirit of adoption”, the Spirit who places you as a son
- ❖ Now we know God as “Abba, Father”, knowing God as Father
- ❖ Love and approval received

Romans 8:23

- ❖ this is the deep intercessory groaning
- ❖ yearning for the adoption, the placement as a son
- ❖ talking of the redemption of the body
- ❖ even as sons there is still something more to receive, the changing of our bodies

Romans 9:4

- ❖ the adoption pertained to the Israelites before Christ came

Galatians 4:5

- ❖ Jesus redeemed those from under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons
- ❖ God has sent forth the “Spirit of His Son” (**v.6**), same Spirit that came into Jesus when He came up from water at baptism
- ❖ This same Spirit is sent into our hearts, giving us full relationship with God as our Father

Ephesians 1:5

- having predestined us to adoption (placement) as sons

GOD IS LOVE

GOD IS OUR FATHER

The things that separate Jesus from every other 'god' is that He loves us and He is our Father.

Galatians 2:20

- ❖ the Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me
- ❖ Jesus loves us; in that love He gave Himself for us
- ❖ Jesus demonstrated His love for us

Jesus wants us to come into His love.

Other gods require a set of rules that must be followed.

Romans 5:8

- ❖ God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us
- ❖ Love needs to be demonstrated; Love is a choice, commitment and action

1 John 4:19

- We love Him because He first loved us.
- God demonstrated His love for us first.
- Jesus wants us to receive and believe the love that He has for us. (no longer doing things to get God's approval, but doing things out of God's approval)

Other gods are masters. They work through fear of punishment and torment. This is actually a religious spirit masquerading as God.

Romans 8:15

- ❖ You did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear
- ❖ Reject it, don't submit to it.
- ❖ You have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba Father."
- ❖ Receive the love of the Father.
- ❖ No longer having to perform in order to be accepted by God
- ❖ We are accepted
- ❖ We have been released from fear
- ❖ Fear is based on religion
- ❖ We need the foundation that God loves us.
- ❖ We need to know God as a Father who is training us, not continually assessing us.
- ❖ God wants to restore a passionate love, intimacy and security with Him

Matthew 24:12-14

- ❖ because lawlessness will abound, the **love** of many will grow cold
- ❖ lawlessness can cause people to get hard, judgemental and angry
- ❖ he who endures to the end (in love) will be saved
- ❖ We are to endure in the love of God, persevering

Matt.24:14 the action of love = the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world to the nations, and then the end will come

- ❖ The love of the Messiah is to compel us
- ❖ The love of God casts out every fear.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

- stir up the gift of God which is in you
- God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of **love** and of a sound mind

1 John 4:17-18

- love has been perfected (carried through to the end, finished, accomplished) among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment
- we need to allow the love of God to be perfected and carried through to completion in us
- as He is, so are we in this world (This happens as the love of God is perfected among us.)
- When we are motivated by the love of God, we will end up doing all that Jesus did
- We will have boldness in the day of judgment. (Even when judgment is happening around us now, we can be bold to preach the gospel and manifest the love of God.)
- **v.18** – There is no fear in love.
- Perfect (mature) love casts out fear.
- Fear involves torment (punishment)
- He who fears has not been made perfect in love.
- We can ask God to help us grow in this perfect love.

Romans 5:5

- ❖ the love of God is poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
- ❖ poured out in the context of growing to maturity in the midst of tribulation (**v.1-4**)
- ❖ become persuaded that nothing can separate us from this love (**Rom.8:38-39**)

Love - agape (Word Wealth in SFL Bible **Romans 5:5**)

- ❖ an undefeatable benevolence
- ❖ an unconquerable goodwill (this love is strong – **1 Cor 13:8**, it never fails)
- ❖ it always seeks the highest good of the other person no matter what he does
- ❖ gives freely without asking anything in return
- ❖ self-giving
- ❖ a love by choice (not by chance)
- ❖ refers to the will rather than the emotion

God is always looking for our good even if we do not love Him back (**Matt.5:44-48**)

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- the love of Messiah compels us

Compel = to hold together/ to grip tightly

- ❖ God gave us the picture of love (Jesus dying on the cross for us)
 - ❖ We can know that God loves us when we see Jesus who died for us
 - ❖ If He did not spare His only Son, He will freely give us all things (Romans 8:32)
 - Those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and rose again
 - We are to pursue love (**1 Corinthians 14:1**) Love makes difficult things a joy.
- God works through love. He wins us and grips us through His love. God is our Father.

What is the face of our Father?

John 14:9

- ❖ look at Jesus
- ❖ Jesus said, "He who has seen Me, has seen the Father"
- ❖ the face of the Father is Jesus
- ❖ Jesus is the full expression and revelation of the Father (they are One)

We can read the gospels and know that we are reading about our Father who manifested Himself to us. We can be like our Father.

John 15:9

- ❖ As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you
- ❖ Jesus loved the disciples with the love of the Father

Do you know Jesus as your Father?

Isaiah 9:6 – Jesus is the Everlasting Father

Hebrews 2:13 – Jesus is a Father. He has children

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

- Father of mercies (the Father of compassion)
- God of all comfort
- He comforts us in all our tribulation so that we can comfort others

Hebrews 12:9

- ❖ He is the Father of spirits (our spirit came from Him)
- ❖ We are to be in subjection to our Father, so that we can live

v.5-11

- Our Father disciplines and chastens us – this is proof of His love for us
- God deals with us as with sons
- an obedient walk with God as our Father
- we need to learn to be in subjection to the Father of our spirits
- He chastens us for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness

John 14:2

- ❖ In my Father's house are many rooms (dwellings)
- ❖ God's house is the Father's house
- ❖ **1 Tim 3:15** – the house of God is the church of the living God
- ❖ There is a place for you in the Father's house.
- ❖ God wants us to know our place in His house as sons.
- ❖ In His house we walk together as sons

John 14:23

- ❖ if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word
- ❖ My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him
- ❖ Jesus went to the cross so that we could be the Father's house.
- ❖ The Father wants to make His home with us.
- ❖ He wants to live in you
- ❖ Receive the Father and the Son into your life

APOSTLESHIP

This word is concerning the apostleship of Jesus the Messiah and the apostleship we have received through Him

Romans 1:5

- ❖ "apostole" (apostleship) – comes from "apostolos" (apostle), from root verb "apostello" (to send)
- ❖ To be sent on a mission is "apostolic", it is to be sent with authority

John 17

- ❖ Jesus is praying as the Apostle
- ❖ He reports to the Father that He successfully raised up the 11 of 12 apostles (with Matthias waiting)

v.18 – As Father **sent** Jesus, so now Jesus **sent** the apostles

Jesus is the Chief Apostle of God

"apostole" : commission

Through Jesus we have received grace and *a commission* to bring nations to obedience (**Matthew 28:18-20** – the Great *Commission*)

The Apostleship is obeying Jesus to preach the gospel in whole world, baptising believers, and making disciples of those believers by teaching them so that they can make more disciples like themselves

The Apostleship brings us back to original commission

- ❖ **Genesis 1:28** – for the sons of God to fill the earth, we are to be fruitful and multiply...
- ❖ **The kingdom of God manifesting fully in the earth**

Part of Apostleship is expressed for us in **Matthew 16:16-18**

- ❖ Jesus said "I will build My 'Ecclesia' ('called out ones') and the gates of Hades (place of the dead) shall not prevail against it"
- ❖ "Gates" are the authority of the city
- ❖ "Ecclesia" – the word comes from ancient Athens, citizens governing their own city-state, they appointed leaders, the Ecclesia called to decide on going to war, appointing magistrates
- ❖ Jesus will build His government of citizens, His assembly, His congregation

This apostleship is given to the church by Jesus the Messiah, along with grace

This apostleship is so powerful that it will bring nations to "obedience" to the faith

"obedience" = brought to a position to hear the Word

Matthew 24:14 – the gospel of the Kingdom (of the government) of God must be preached to all nations then the end can come; we must be preaching the kingdom, the government of God

Jesus the Apostle

Hebrews 3:1-6

- ❖ holy brethren, partakers of heavenly calling (Heb.6:4-5) – have you eaten of the word, tasted the powers of age to come
- ❖ “heavenly calling” is not inviting you to go to heaven but that all these heavenly things become your daily diet!

❖ “Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our Confession, Christ Jesus”

- ❖ We are meant to have a confession of the apostleship of Jesus

v.2 – Jesus faithful like Moses

v.3 – Jesus the Messiah has more glory than Moses, because Messiah is the Builder of the House

Apostolic work is to build the House of God; Apostleship is given to build the house of God

v.4 – He who builds all things is God – this means Jesus is God, building the House

v.5 – Moses faithful as a Servant in the house for a testimony of things which would be spoken (the things concerning Messiah)

- Moses’ greatest service was to bring the knowledge of God, the knowledge of Messiah, to the world

v.6 – “But Messiah **as a Son** over His own house, **whose house we are**

- Messiah is an Apostle and High Priest, He is a Servant, He is Appointed by God, Faithful, is the Builder of the house (His people, those joined to Him in baptism), He is a Son

3 essential facets of Apostolic mission:

1. It is in the earth
2. To make known the Sender (Jesus revealed the Father, in 4 gospels over 170x Jesus calls God “Father”, 14x in Old Testament), apostles introduce others to Jesus the Messiah
3. To build the house of God in the earth, a place for God to indwell (ultimate fulfilment of Feast of Tabernacles – **John 14:23**)

Ministries are for the earth – **Ephesians 4:11-12,**

to set the church in order/equipping/perfecting/ building up the body until we all come to:

- a) unity of faith,
- b) knowledge of Son of God,
- c) to a Perfect Man

Zechariah 4

v.1 Prophet having a dream/vision

v.2 Saw lampstand (**Rev.1:20**, lampstands represent churches)

v.6 – This is the Word of YHWH to Zerubbabel (he is of the line of David, in Messiah’s lineage, is a ruler, a governor)

- he had the apostolic responsibility of rebuilding the house of God

v.7 – Zerubbabel shall have all authority to do this, no mountain of opposition can stop him, he will bring forth capstone with shouts of “Grace, Grace to it”

- the “Grace” factor – ‘what is grace?’

- **Grace** is ‘the enabling power of God to do His will, it is beautiful, powerful’

- It is grace and apostleship

The Apostolic work

Acts 5:42 – preach Jesus the Christ

1 Cor.3:10-11 – laying the only foundation

Eph.2:19-22, 4:7-16 – building the house

Eph.3:2-11 – understanding the mystery (tapping the real gospel)

4 uses of word "apostleship"

1) Acts 1 – Appointment of 12th apostle of Lamb (**Rev.21:14**) to replace Judas Iscariot

- Holy Spirit will not come till foundation in place, 12 apostles

- **v.20** – "another to take his office"

- **v.21-22** - qualifications to be of 12, been with Jesus from baptism of John till resurrection, had to witness His ministry in the flesh

- **v.23** – 2 qualified

- **v.24-25** – these 2 were good men, faithful to Jesus, God had to choose one to 'take part in this ministry and **apostleship**'

- **v.26** – the lot fell on **Matthias**, he was numbered with the apostles

Apostleship was a particular calling for a particular man to be an apostle
The choosing and the call come from God

Apostolic people are different because they are walking in a revelation that brings an anointing, they know who Jesus is

"Apostolic" refers to something we should have because it is in the Bible and we need to return to it

2) Romans 1:5

- Through Him we have received grace and **apostleship** for obedience to the faith **among all nations**

- this is the international aspect of the apostolic mission

- **Matthew 28:18-20** – make disciples of **all nations**

- apostleship is to reach nations

- exception seems to be apostle James (Lord's brother) who stayed in Jerusalem, but was sending, would have had an international vision

3) 1 Corinthians 9:2

- the Corinthians were the **seal/certification/proof** of Paul's **apostleship** (commission) in the Lord

- there is to be fruit of apostleship

4) Galatians 2:8

- **v.1-2** Paul went to Jerusalem by revelation

- they have a heart to heart talk with the apostles, the pillars in Jerusalem

- **v.8** – **apostleship** to the circumcision and Gentiles

- Paul's **apostleship** (mission, sphere of mission) to the Gentiles

- Peter, John & James **apostleship** to the Jews

This aspect of **apostleship** is speaking of the sphere of ministry, the focus of the mission

FOUNDATIONS IN CONTEXT OF SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

The Spiritual Man

God has a way for us to live

He wants us to grow to maturity, our spirit, soul and body in order to function properly

Body – gives information through the 5 senses

1 Thessalonians 5:23

- whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless (sanctified entirely) at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Jesus is coming for a people entirely sanctified, blameless, not able to be accused of anything

1 Corinthians 2:14

- the **natural man** does not receive the things of the Spirit of God
- they are foolishness to him
- 5 senses cannot discern the spiritual reality of God
- As a Person (a soul) we can exist as a "natural man" or a "spiritual man" depending upon what we feed upon
- If we depend on 5 senses we will be a natural man
- but if we yield to Jesus, we are born of the Spirit and begin to sense the Spirit of God in our life

Galatians 5:16-17

- ❖ walk in the Spirit, and we will not fulfil **the lusts of the flesh**
- ❖ there is a big war going on between the **flesh** and the **Spirit**
- ❖ the war is in your soul between which way you will choose

Galatians 5:22-23

- ❖ if you are able to key into the Spirit this is the sort of fruit which will come forth in your life
- ❖ we must choose to give our attention to the Spirit

v.24 – sometimes we have to make a strong decision to "**crucify the flesh**"

- to purposefully not do what the flesh, the body, wants and do what the Spirit wants
- the Spirit downloading into the soul so the soul is able to bring the body into order (this is becoming sanctified entirely)
- this is how to prepare for the coming

Body – we become conscious of the world around us through the 5 senses

Soul – this is part if the invisible part of us

- ❖ **intellect and emotions**
- ❖ this makes us so **self conscious**

- ❖ the **will**, the volition, the ability to choose, the freedom to choose
- ❖ **the will** is the most powerful part of your soul being

Spirit – the innermost part

- ❖ this area makes us **God-conscious**
- ❖ most people try to satisfy this spiritual part which witchcraft, new age, other spiritual experiences, false religion, occult (this is called a “work of the flesh”)
- ❖ **John 7:37-38** – out of your “innermost being”, your “belly” will flow rivers of living waters, speaking of the spirit, will give drink to thirsty
- ❖ **We need the Word of God in us (1Jn.2:14** – word of God in us causes us to overcome the wicked one)

In our spirit there are 3 major faculties

1. **Conscience**, warns you, tells you right or wrong, good or evil (the will of the soul will pick up on our conscience to make good choices)
2. **Intuition** – where we know things, knowing the things of the spirit (reflects in our mind/intellect part of the soul)
3. **Communion/Worship** – **Jn.4:23** – worship is only possible through your spirit, we fellowship/commune with God in our spirit (this is the Holy of Holies) – this reflects in our emotional part of the soul, feels great to worship

Can link this with feasts (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles), Tabernacle (Outer Court, Holy Place and Holy of Holies)

Soul is meant to follow the Spirit and exercise the body in the appropriate way

The Will

Matthew 26:39

- ❖ Jesus speaking from His soul
- ❖ “Not as I will, but as You will”

v.42 – “Your will be done”

Jesus came into full alignment with will of God, capturing His feelings

Jesus took control of His soul, His feelings, thinking, His will to align with God’s

- ❖ We are saved by our will, we agree with the Word of God
- ❖ We have tremendous authority in our will
- ❖ Let us not excuse ourselves for our behaviour because of problems in our life, keep making good decisions and God will heal

Hebrews 10:5

- ❖ Jesus agreed with will of God to come into a Body prepared for Him in the earth

v.6 – It is written in the Book that Jesus came “to do the will of God”

Romans 12:1

- ❖ present your bodies (the whole person) a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God
- ❖ we are beseeched to make the right choice

This is living in the resurrection of the dead

Philippians 3:11 – Paul wanted to arrive at the resurrection

- ❖ this is a lifestyle; we can attain to resurrection; we are a dead man walking in the Spirit

Philippians 4:6-7

- ❖ **peace** of God guards our **heart and mind**
- ❖ peace is for our soul
- ❖ **Joy is in the spirit**

Luke 1:46-47

- ❖ soul **magnifies** the Lord – Praise in holy place
- ❖ spirit **rejoices** in God my Saviour: joy is strength coming from the innermost part of us

How does this link up with the foundations of faith?

Hebrews 6:1-2

1. Repentance Gk “metanoia” – to change the mind

- **from dead works** = religion, sin
- soul area of “mind” used here
- we have to review in our mind
- belt of truth

2. Faith toward God

- **Romans 10:10** – with “**heart**” we believe unto righteousness
- this has to do with soul, “emotions – heart”
- **Eph.6:14** – put on breastplate of righteousness

3. Doctrine of baptisms

- ❖ it is a decision to be baptised
- ❖ the “will” – a choice
- ❖ to be saved it involves our whole soul – repent (mind, soul), believe (heart, emotions, soul), baptism (will, decision, soul)
- ❖ it is putting on shoes “gospel of peace”

4. Laying on of hands to receive Holy Spirit

- ❖ this is area of “Spirit”
- ❖ Holy Spirit coming into your spirit; can begin to speak in tongues, direct from your spirit
- ❖ Now we can walk as a spiritual man/person
- ❖ This activates the spirit in us - now we can hear from God and be led
- ❖ **Gal.5:16-18, 25**

5. Resurrection of the dead

- ❖ this is to do with offering your “body”
- ❖ **Romans 12:1-2** – we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, being renewed
- ❖ Soul and Spirit are fully activated and functioning in Christ already, now it is time to offer the body

6. Eternal Judgement

- ❖ **Heb.5:14** – the mature/perfect by reason of use have exercised their senses to discern both good and evil
- ❖ we start to recognize good and evil, recognizing the difference between the two trees to eat from
- ❖ **conscience and will fully agreeing together**
- ❖ the result is now we can grow to full maturity as a son – “onto perfection”
- 1 Cor.12:10** – gift of discerning of spirits

Heb.10:22 – hearts sprinkled from evil conscience, so we can live fully in spiritual realm, blood on mercy seat

❖ bodies (soul) washed with pure water (word) – **Eph.5:26-27** – to become glorious bride church

Heb.9:14 – blood of Christ cleanses our conscience from dead works to serve living God

Rom.1:9 – God we serve with our spirit in the gospel

❖ not just serving in mind, will, emotions, good ideas (soul)

❖ we are to serve with our spirit

Finally this is designed to release us into the kingdom

We are growing up into the kingdom, perfection

Romans 14:17 – **experiencing “righteousness, peace and joy in Holy Spirit”**

- the kingdom is in the realm of the Spirit

ROMANS 9-11: A STUDY

Romans 8 precedes, an awesome chapter revealing no condemnation, sonship, the hope of creation, intercession of the Spirit, the awesome predestination, glorification, God is for us, nothing can separate us from His love

ROMANS 9

v.1-2: now Paul is saying he is grief stricken

v.3: He is grieved over his fellow Jews

- Paul even wishes himself accursed to see his brethren saved
- Jesus was the One "accursed" for salvation (**Galatians 3:13**)
- Paul also says that he would wish to fill up in his flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ (**Colossians 1:24**), the "affliction" is to see the church grow to maturity, into the knowledge of Messiah
- Paul cares so much for this to happen that if him being accursed would do it, he would gladly wish that upon himself for the sake of others

v.4-5: 8 amazing facts about the Old Testament people of God, the Israelites

1. adoption – The Israelites were offered the "adoption", the placement into mature sonship to receive the inheritance

When did Israel receive the adoption? Through Moses

Exodus 4:22-23 – "Israel My Son, My Firstborn", "Let My Son go..." (**Colossians 1:15,18** – also Messianic reference of Jesus the "Firstborn")

Hosea 11:1 – "When Israel was a Child I loved Him. Out of Egypt I called My Son" God is speaking in singular but speaking of plural (**Matthew 2:15** – again a Messianic reference to Jesus, the Son)

Revelation 21:7 – He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he will be My son (the glorious church of many sons)

2. the glory

This was the revealed Presence of God that was in the Ark, "the Shekinah"

- the Presence of the Holy One in the Holy of Holies shining forth
- **2 Chronicles 5:13-14** – the glory came in the Temple
- Israel had the "Glory"

3. covenants - Israel received agreements with God

4. the giving of the law - Israel received the Word, the "Torah" (Genesis to Deuteronomy)

5. the service of God - Israel was given the worship of God

Taught a priesthood how to invoke the Presence of God by following the order of divine service given them, sacrificial system, how to conduct themselves in God's House

6. the promises - **2 Peter 1:4** – these promises give us the divine nature

- this gives us divine fullness

7. of whom are the fathers

Israel had the fathers, the patriarchs of the faith (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)

- ❖ the promises were given to them, they are the prophetic insight into God's eternal plan
- ❖ **Mark 12:24-27** – need to know the Scriptures and the power of God, God is "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" – He is the God of the living, the fathers live, their testimonies live, they are with God in His realm

8. Messiah came in the flesh

- Messiah came forth through the Israelites according to the flesh
- Messiah is over all the "eternally blessed God"
- The issue is not that Messiah is Jewish but that the Jews are of Him, just as all nations are of Him, because He is actually God Himself
- The Jews were allowed to be the human community that brought forth the Messiah in the flesh

Romans 9:6 It seemed like the word of God had no effect

- why? "not all Israel are of Israel"
- the problem is not with the Word, the problem is that not all of Israel is actually Israel
- the big question is **"Who is Israel?"** Is it a nation state today, an ethnic community...
- we must understand from God's perspective
- not all who say they are Jews are Jews
- some Jews are the sons of the devil (**John 8:44**), some were a "synagogue of Satan" (**Rev.3:9**)

v.7 – not children just because they are "the seed of Abraham"

- "In Isaac your seed shall be called"

v.8 – those who are children of flesh are not children of God

- "children of Promise" they are the seed
- the children of Promise are not the natural descendants of Abraham (Abraham had 6 other sons – **Gen.25**)

Who are Israel according to God? They are "the children of the Promise"

v.9 – The word of Promise was to Sarah in having Isaac

- the seed through Isaac is the children of Promise; Isaac came through Promise

v.10-13

- many people fight God on these Scriptures
- they fight about God's 'injustice' of choosing and rejecting
- "Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated" what is this talking about?
- Jesus said unless you hate your father and mother you cannot be My disciple (**Luke 14:26**)
- in the context of God, it means to make a choice, God 'acts', not 'feels', He makes decisions
- This has to do with God's election, God's choice
- Jesus' parable of workers in the vineyard (**Matt.20:1-16**), the Master is not unjust
- God is the Potter, He has the right to throw away the pots of His that He does not like

Romans 9:14 – There is no unrighteousness with God

- when God chose the Israelites instead of another people group, should we be angry with God? “Certainly not!” – “not a chance”!

v.15 – God said to Moses He is in charge of dispensing His own mercy and compassion the way He wants to

- we do have a right to justice but we have no “right” to mercy
- Mercy is the decision of the Judge, Mercy triumphs over judgement
- we do not deserve the mercy of God, it is His decision
- we deserve nothing
- Jesus decided to die for us to show mercy

v.16 – not of effort on our behalf of trying to do something for God

- it is of God’s mercy
- let God be God

v.17 – why was Pharaoh so silly?

Exodus 7-14:4 – there are all the different times of Moses interacting with Pharaoh

- ❖ 6 out of 10 times Pharaoh hardened his heart
- ❖ Because Pharaoh hardened his heart, God finally hardened his heart to judge him
- ❖ If we harden our heart enough we will walk in that hardness and God will hand us over to that hardness – for Pharaoh it was losing his firstborn son
- ❖ It began with Pharaoh
- ❖ Is God unjust to hand the Jews over to blindness? But He will have mercy
- ❖ God used Pharaoh to declare His power and name in all the earth

v.18 – God has mercy on the one He chooses

- God hardens who He decides to harden

v.19-22 - there are vessels prepared for destruction

- why? They refuse God’s longsuffering (**2 Peter 3:9**), refuse to humble down, repent and respond to God’s longsuffering

v.23 - primary thing that God wants to do is to reveal His glory in the earth

- He does this by preparing a people who are vessels of mercy
- this is a people who have received mercy and learning to love one another, different to the world
- God has never changed His purpose to fill earth with glory (**Gen.1:28**)
- who are the vessels of mercy?

v.24 - the vessels of mercy are those who He calls

- this is Jews and Gentiles who are “called”

v.25-26 - Paul quotes Hosea

- He will call a people His people who were not His people
- A people outside of the Jewish people
- ones who were “not My people”, will be called “sons of living God”
- This people will be “My People”, “Beloved”, “Sons of God” (by adoption)
- Paul speaks of the calling in of the Gentiles (**Hos.2:23, 1:10**)

Romans 9:27 - the remnant will be saved (talking of Israel)

- even that which is called the "church", will all be saved? Or the remnant?

v.28 - God is completing His purpose in the earth

- Father is working until now to raise up this remnant, of Jews and Gentiles...

v.29 - YHWH has preserved a seed; the seed is the remnant

v.30-32 - Israel was looking for righteousness but in the wrong place

- Gentiles were not looking for it but got it by simply believing who Jesus was

- religious self righteousness blocks us from seeing (e.g. Saul who became Paul, he could not see Messiah)

- righteousness needs to be sought for by faith

v.33 - Jesus is the stumbling stone, the Rock of offense (to the Jew in self-righteousness)

- if we believe in Him we will not be put to shame

ROMANS 10:1-2

❖ there is a zeal for God but no knowledge

❖ so much of Jewish religion is not the Word but rules to follow

v.3-4 - the only way out of the law is Christ

- the only way out of any lifestyle is Messiah; it is by faith that we get out

Who are Israel? It has to do with faith

v.5 - if you want to be under the law you have to keep all of it and make no mistakes

v.6-10 - it is this simple

- the way out of self-righteousness is to settle down and hear the word of faith we are preaching

- have to come out of own self-seeking, judgements, opinions and simply hear the word of faith

- let your heart say "Yes, and Amen"

v.11 - Paul quotes from **Isaiah 28:16** - this has to do with that Stone, Messiah

v.12 - there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; same Lord is over all

v.13 - whoever calls on name of LORD (YHWH – Jesus, YHWH saving us)

- the issue that causes the stumbling is that Jesus is God

v.14-15 - need to receive the apostle, preachers are to be "sent" (apostello)

- **Acts 5:42** – did not stop preaching and teaching Jesus the Christ (the stumbling stone...)

v.16-17 we must hear and hear by the Word of God

- respect Jewish people and preach Jesus to them

v.18 they have heard! The word has gone out

Romans 10:19 God will provoke the Israelites to jealousy by those who are not a nation

v.20 - we can pray for people who are not even seeking the Lord

- God will be found and manifest to those who are not even looking for Him

v.21 - God calls the Israelites a disobedient and contrary people

ROMANS 11:1 - God did not cast His people, Israel away, Paul is proof

v.2-4 - God did not cast away the people He foreknew (**Romans 8:29**)

- God foreknew His people

- God will not fail in His purpose for His people (**Eph. 5:26-27**), it is predestined

- Elijah an example, 7000 not bowed to Baal

v.5 - so there is a remnant of the Israelites who were saved, according to God's election of grace

v.6-7 - Israel did not obtain what it sought, but a remnant, the elect obtained it

- the rest were blinded

- God blinded them (yes because of their obstinance) for a reason

- God had to blind the majority of the Jewish people so that the Gentiles would seek God and receive His mercy

- what purpose? To also make the Jews jealous to bring them in to His mercy

- God's purpose is to raise up an "ecclesia" to maturity to be an effective witness even to the Jewish people

v.8-10 - the prophets spoke of this blindness coming on them

- it is a real thing, there is a real spirit of stupor

v.11 - salvation has come to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews

- God foreknew the Jew and wants them in His body, His One New Man

- we cannot be without them

v.12 - the trespass of the Jew in blindness has been riches for the nations

- some of best medical scientists, doctors, researchers, are Jewish

- so many of Jews have been a blessing to the world, they are a special people, they often are the economy of the nation they are in

v.13-15 - small population of Jews have been such a blessing to the world

- what will happen when they are accepted in Messiah

- it will be "life from the dead!"

- Can God throw away His baby? No, He will fulfil His purpose!

v.16-18 - The Root is Messiah (**Rev.22:16**), Jesus is the holy Root

- Israel is only holy by the relationship with God, who manifested in Messiah

- the Root is not the Jews, the Jews are holy by connecting to the Root, Messiah Jesus

- branches (Jews) were broken off so that Gentiles (a wild olive tree) could be grafted in

- even as "Christian churches" do not boast and think you are the holy ones

- do not develop your own opinions, arguments

- do not say you are something that is not in the Scripture, speak the Word of God otherwise division comes

Romans 11:19-21 - fear God, stand in faith, do not be proud

v.22-23 - continue in goodness, believe

- Jews are re-grafted in by believing, it is that easy

v.24-25 - do not be wise in your own opinion

- but receive the revelation of the mystery

- the mystery is that blindness in part has come upon Israel for the sake of the nations to come in to salvation

- we have a debt to the Jew

- they were hardened so that we could experience God

- blinded until fullness of Gentiles come in (**Rev.11, Luke 21**)

v.26 - not all Gentiles will be saved, but the representative of Gentiles will be

- things are happening (Israel became a nation in 1948)

- And so when all the Gentiles are saved who are saved, then "all Israel will be saved"

- **1 Chron.11:1** – "All Israel came to David" = armies of every tribe of Israel came, a portion of every tribe came

- "all Israel" is a representative portion

- "not all Israel is Israel"

- at end of age the Deliverer will come and take away Jacob's sins

- this is His covenant

v.28 - in gospel, Jews are enemies for our sake

- so we can experience the pain that Jesus and Paul felt for them

- when God lifts the veil of blindness then "all Israel" will be saved

- the enmity is not because of anti-semitism, they are enemies because they refused to accept Jesus as the Messiah, the issue is faith

- concerning the election, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers

- God is faithful friend, "a faithful man", He does not let the failure of their children discourage them

- because God enjoyed the company of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, He still has favour on their descendants

v.29 - God does not change His mind concerning gifts and callings

v.30-31 - this is God's great design, to get the right result

v.32 - God has committed all to disobedience so He can have mercy on all!!

v.33-36 - Glory to God! His ways are awesome!

DISCIPLESHIP REVIVAL

There is an awakening to discipleship. These are days of restoration (a call back to discipleship).

Jesus came to call disciples (learners).

There is humility involved in discipleship (a willingness to be instructed in a new lifestyle).

We are to be walking the lifestyle of Jesus daily (a new and living way).

The way of discipleship releases life.

The gospel is a call to discipleship. It starts with repentance.

Matt 4:17

- ❖ repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand
- ❖ discipleship teaches us how to live in the kingdom
- ❖ discipleship is being taught by the king

v.18-20 – Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

- Simon and Andrew were ready to follow Jesus

- immediately they left their nets and followed Him

God prepares us for discipleship.

Follow – means to come and walk behind (watch me)

We need to stay right behind Jesus and watch the way He does things.

We need to learn this new and living way.

Matt 16:24-26

Luke 9:23

- ❖ If anyone desires to come after Me (Jesus), let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.
- ❖ We need to deny ourselves
- ❖ To no longer live for our own agenda
- ❖ We take up our cross and die to our old life through baptism
- ❖ ***Follow*** – means to accompany, to be in the same way with
- ❖ There are rewards as we follow Jesus (an unfolding revelation)
- ❖ **V.24** – whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it
- ❖ Life is found in the one who made us
- ❖ There is freedom as we follow Jesus and lose our life for Him
- ❖ It is worth giving our lives for Jesus

He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he can never lose.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- ❖ it begins with the revelation of who God is
- ❖ begins with a confession of who God is (Jesus is God)
- ❖ love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength
- ❖ we need to decide everyday to do this
- ❖ the word needs to get into our hearts
- ❖ teach the word diligently to your children (spiritual and natural)
- ❖ be taught and teach others

- ❖ talk about the word of God in your house
- ❖ Understanding comes as we talk about the word of God
- ❖ The disciples asked Jesus what he meant when He spoke the word
- ❖ Speak of the word when you walk by the way, when you lie down & when you rise up
- ❖ Always have the Word near you
- ❖ Meditate on the Word of God
- ❖ Don't be ashamed to proclaim the word of God
- ❖ **V.12** – beware, lest you forget Yahweh who brought you out of bondage

Attitudes of a disciple

Luke 9:57-62

- ❖ Are you willing to keep moving and not get comfortable?
- ❖ We can't follow Jesus on our own conditions
- ❖ Trust Jesus and say 'Yes'
- ❖ **John 21:20** – don't worry about anyone else – follow Jesus
- ❖ **Luke 9:61-62** – we have to be single minded to be a disciple (no turning back)

Matthew 19:16-30

- ❖ don't look for the minimum requirement to be saved
- ❖ obey the King and be a disciple
- ❖ **v.21** – Jesus invited the man to accompany Him
- ❖ he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions
- ❖ we will end up sorrowful and unsatisfied if we reject the call to discipleship
- ❖ We will experience true fulfilment if we accept the call
- ❖ With God all things are possible
- ❖ **V.28** – those who follow Jesus will rule and reign with Him
- ❖ **V.29** – the reward far outweighs the cost (one hundredfold plus eternal life)

Two men in the Old Testament who walked with God

- 1) Enoch – He walked with God 300 years and then he was not
- 2) Noah – He walked with God and was blameless in his generation (he was rewarded with a new earth – wickedness removed)

Learning the Lifestyle

Philippians 4:9

- 1) the things you learned – a disciple is a learner (**Isaiah 50:4**)
- 2) the things we have received (there is an impartation and anointing and grace to receive) **1 Thess 2:8**
- 3) the things that you heard **2 Timothy 2:2**
- 4) the things you saw in me **Acts 2:42**

The result is that we will walk in peace.

Acts 6:7

- ❖ The word of God spread and the number of disciples multiplied greatly
- Go therefore and make disciples!

THE FEASTS IN FULFILMENT

The first Feast in the Biblical calendar in **Leviticus 23**

1. FEAST OF PASSOVER

Lev.23:4 – Feasts of YHWH

- ❖ by the time of Jesus they were called the “Feast of the Jews” (**Jn.7:2**), because they had become religious
- ❖ “holy convocations” – being called together for a purpose, to celebrate God’s feasts
- v.5** – introduces the Passover
- v.6-8** – it is a Sabbath relating to the Feast (1st and 7th day), no customary work, devoted to God
 - each day there was to be an offering by fire to YHWH, which was a Lamb
 - the central part of each day was in New Testament terms was the “Table of the Lord”
 - if we do this we will be in health (**3Jn2**, prospering as our soul prospers)

What do we know about Passover?

Ex.12 – it happened in Egypt

- ❖ Lamb for a household
- ❖ On 14th day they slaughtered the Lamb and ate the Passover
- ❖ “Passover” was the Angel of death “passing over” the houses identified by faith and obedience by having the blood of the Lamb on their doorposts
- ❖ They were to eat the Passover, the flesh of the Lamb, dressed and ready to go, they went out wealthy
- ❖ It also included the going through the Red Sea
- ❖ This was a baptism (**1Cor.10:1-2**, baptised into Moses through Red Sea)
- ❖ It was a type of New T baptism but it was a reality to the Old T people of God
- ❖ Once we have believed in the blood of Jesus we have to be baptised in water into Jesus
- ❖ It was God’s deliverance of His people in Egypt
- ❖ So Passover’s fulfilment is in the world, God’s people being saved from the world, religion and the devil

How is Passover fulfilled in Christ?

His Body being broken and Bloodshed for us at the Cross

- ❖ **1 Cor.5:7-8** – Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us

What is Unleavened Bread about?

- Every day sacrifice = Lord’s table being central
- A Sabbath on 7th Day, no customary work so we can be part of the corporate worship
- “leaven” speaks of sin, false doctrine (leaven of Pharisees)
- “unleavened” for 7 days = getting the sin out of our lives

What is the Day of Firstfruits?

Ex.34:26 – “the first of the firstfruits of your land”

- ❖ this could only be done in the Land

Lev.23:9-14

- ❖ bring a "sheaf" of the firstfruits to be a wave offering before YHWH
- ❖ It is the day after the Sabbath
- ❖ It is a "statute forever"

Matthew 28:1-8

- ❖ the morning after the Sabbath there was a wave offering
- ❖ Jesus had risen from the dead!
- ❖ Jesus fulfilled Unleavened Bread by going down to Hell and preached to the spirits bound in hell (**1Pet.3:18-19**), he took keys of Death and Hades (**Rev.1:18**), He got the ministry gifts and brought them back up with Him (**Eph.4:8-11**), "Paradise", the good place in Hades was brought up into the 3rd heavens with God (**Matt.27:52-53**)

Jn.1:29 – Jesus was the Lamb who took away sins, He is the fulfilment of Passover

How is Passover fulfilled in our lives?

Believe in Jesus taking away sins

Be baptised in Christ Jesus (**Romans 6:3-5**), into His death, burial and resurrection

2. FEAST OF WEEKS/PENTECOST

Lev.23:15-22

- ❖ 50 days after Day of Firstfruits\
- ❖ 50 days after the resurrection

Passover and Pentecost are in the context of cereal/grain harvest

Pentecost is a one day feast day

Still an offering by fire, remember the offering of Jesus on Cross at Table of Lord

Fulfilment of Feast of Weeks

Acts 2:1-4 – day of Pentecost had **fully** come

- ❖ They were filled with Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues
- ❖ Jesus had gone up to heaven 40 days after resurrection, then He sat down at right hand of God (**Acts 2:33**) and sent Holy Spirit

Where was First Pentecost?

Ex.19:1 – third month (time of Pentecost), came into **wilderness of Sinai**, to Mt Horeb

What happened at Sinai in wilderness?

The Law was given

Children of Israel came into covenant with God, the "Old Covenant" through Moses

Ex.24:3-8 – The Covenant made, blood sprinkled, Book of Covenant read, people agreed to do all that was in the book

Jeremiah 31:31-34 – God said He would make a New Covenant

- ❖ not the same as the covenant he made, He was a **Husband** to them
- ❖ Pentecost is the covenant of marriage (or at least betrothal)

Pentecost fulfilled in our life is receiving the Holy Spirit and being married with Him

- ❖ we are one with the Lord (**1Cor.6:17**)
- ❖ some Pentecostals get off track and pursue experiences that become idolatrous for them

- ❖ it is not just about speaking with tongues even though this is the love language of the Spirit He gives us, it is about being married with Jesus
- ❖ **Romans 10:4** – Jesus is fulfilment of all these feasts

3. FEAST OF TABERNACLES

This includes

- a) Memorial of blowing of Trumpets
- b) Day of Atonement
- c) Feast of Booths/Tabernacles

How does Trumpets get fulfilled?

When we preach the gospel of kingdom to all nations, calling you to come to the Great Day of Atonement

- ❖ releasing the clarion call
- ❖ **Romans 10:14-15** – they will not hear without a **Preacher**, and they must be **sent**, they must be an apostolic preacher
- ❖ **Faith comes by hearing (Rom.10:17)**
- ❖ Their sound has gone out to the end of the world (age) – **Rom.10:18**

Historically in 1948 there was a revival in Canada, bringing revelation of Feasts, Tabernacle, Gifts of Holy Spirit, Ministry Gifts, Melchizedek, laying on of hands, sonship

- ❖ this happened in the same year that Israel became a nation state
- ❖ the blowing of trumpets has begun

Lev.23:23-25 – trumpets was to call the people to come to the Day of Atonement, in those days it was to come to Jerusalem

Day of Atonement - Lev.23:26-32

- ❖ there is the Lord's Table again, an offering made by fire to the Lord
- ❖ a day of holy convocation
- ❖ a day of becoming one with God
- ❖ a day of afflicting the soul (this is how it came to be fasting)
- ❖ no manner of work
- ❖ "statute forever"
- ❖ Sabbath of solemn rest
- ❖ the day High Priest went twice into Holy of Holies (first time for his family, second time for all the people)
- ❖ when He came out the second time then there was rejoicing because then salvation, sin completely dealt with (see **Heb. 9:28, Lev.16:11-17**)

Matt.5:17 - Jesus did not come to destroy or abolish law but to fulfil it!

What is the fulfilment of Day of Atonement?

In Jesus:

Hebrews 9:11-15

- ❖ Jesus is High Priest of good things to come
- ❖ Not to do with earthly tabernacle
- ❖ He came with greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, **not of this creation**
- ❖ This gets us into the kingdom of God, **not of this creation**

- ❖ **This is the uncreated realm**, it is the dwelling place of God
- ❖ **Not with blood of goats or calves**
- ❖ He entered Most Holy Place (not of this creation)
- ❖ He went in with His own blood having obtained eternal redemption
- ❖ We are eternally redeemed by Jesus the Messiah taking His blood into the Tabernacle, on Mercy Seat, not made with human hands

v.28 - Christ will appear a second time apart from sin for salvation
 - if there are still sinners after this they are condemned forever
 - we are still waiting for Him to come out a second time

v.14 – Jesus offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit (this is not natural), He was raised by that Spirit also (**Rom.1:4**)

Atonement is the end of sin, the veil lifted (sin-consciousness gone)
 Everyone needs to read **Leviticus 16** to understand the Day of Atonement

Passover we are sinners saved by grace
 At Pentecost, we become ministers, ministering by grace
 At Tabernacles we are sons ruling and reigning by grace (**Rom.5:17**)

Feast of Tabernacles

"Tabernacles" means "dwellings" - there are many dwellings in Father's house (**Jn.14:2**)

Lev.23:33-44

- ❖ Still Lord's Table central
- ❖ 8th day is the high day, the great day
- ❖ This is the harvest of olive and grape (the oil, anointing, and the grape, wine, to rejoice)
- ❖ Take foliage of beautiful trees, branches of palms, boughs of leafy trees, willows of the brooks to make a booth, a dwelling
- ❖ Tabernacles only happens in the Land, Inheriting the Land
- ❖ Tabernacles is the remembrance of the journey of coming to the Inheritance, remembering the foundations
- ❖ This was so the children of Israel would come to know God, living with their Husband (dwelling with God)

John 7:37 - last day, great day of Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus stood and cried out

- ❖ "Come to Me and drink" – anyone who is thirsty for spiritual reality come to Jesus and drink

How will Jesus give the drink?

v.38 – tongues and preaching the gospel comes from our belly, our innermost being
 - out of the innermost being of believers will release the drink to the thirsty, rivers of living water
 - this is the fulfilment of Feast of Tabernacles
 - born again, baptised, Spirit-filled believers releasing the Word of God by the Spirit from their innermost being
 - the water is the Spirit empowered Word
 - The river is the Spirit empowered Word

How else is it fulfilled?

Colossians 1:26-29

- ❖ Paul was called as a minister to fulfil the Word of God (**v.25**)
- ❖ This is to make known the **mystery**
- ❖ The mystery is revealed to God's saints
- ❖ It is God's will to make known the riches of the glory
- ❖ It is fulfilled by the Messiah dwelling in us, the hope of Glory
- ❖ E.g. Jacob fully transformed to be Israel to enter the land
- ❖ Because of this we need to be preaching "Christ/Messiah" to present every person perfect in Messiah Jesus
- ❖ This is our spiritual labour

Passover

Egypt

Jesus

Outer Court

Cross

Bondage

Disciple

Fledgling Church

Rescued

Little Child

Pentecost

Wilderness

Holy Spirit

Holy Place

Sanctification

Freedom

Servant

Servant Church

Service

Young men

Tabernacles

Land

Father

Holy of Holies

Glorification

Ruling

Son

Glorious Church

Reward

Fathers

WHAT WE DO DAILY

Living a lifestyle of revival

1) Proclaim the good news

Psalm 96:2

- ❖ proclaim the good news of His salvation daily
- ❖ *Proclaim* = to preach, to publish

Hebrews 2:3 - so great a salvation

- ❖ it begins with the revelation of who Jesus is

Hebrews 1:2-3 - the revelation of who Jesus is. He is God

Matthew 28:5-8 - Jesus is risen from the dead; He is alive

Now we can be forgiven of our sins

Ephesians 1:7 - redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins

Acts 2:38 - repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins

- ❖ you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 52:7 - how beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news

- ❖ proclaiming peace
- ❖ we can have peace with God - we can be in relationship with God

Release the good news of His salvation.

2) Daily we shall praise Him

Psalm 72:15

- ❖ daily He shall be praised

Psalm 145:2

- ❖ bless His name daily

1 Peter 2:9

- saved to proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light
- speak forth His praise every day

What are we to praise Him for?

Psalm 139:14 - praise Him because you are fearfully and wonderfully made

- ❖ we are His workmanship

Psalm 150:2 - praise Him for His mighty acts and for His excellent greatness

- ❖ He is the God above all other gods

Psalm 119:164 - Praise Him because of His righteous judgments

- ❖ 7 times a day (perfect praise)

Psalm 92:1-2 - it is good to give thanks to Yahweh and to praise His name

- ❖ praise Him for His lovingkindness every morning
- ❖ praise Him for His faithfulness every night

3) Watch daily to see what He will speak

Proverbs 8:34

- ❖ watching daily at His gates; listen for what He will speak

Habakkuk 2:1

- ❖ watch to see what He will say to us; I will stand my watch
- God wants to speak to us daily.

John 10:27

- ❖ My sheep hear My voice
- ❖ They follow Him (Jesus)

The fruit of watching and listening

Matt 26:41 - we will not fall into temptation when we are setting ourselves to watch and see what He will speak

1 Thess 5:6 - we will not be asleep (spiritually); we will be kept sober

4) Take up our cross daily

Luke 9:23

- deny yourself; take up your cross daily and follow Me

1 Cor 15:31 - I die daily – take up our cross

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ

- I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me

Romans 6:11 - reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 4:22-24

- put off the old man which grows corrupt
- be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- put on the new man, created according to God in holiness

Jesus is our pattern. We are to follow His example.

Phil 2:8 - Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient even unto death

v.5 – we are to have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus

5) Continue daily with one accord

Acts 2:46-47

- ❖ continuing daily in one accord

Phil 1:27

- ❖ stand fast in one spirit, with one mind
- ❖ have the mind of Christ

Phil 2:2

- ❖ have the same love; be of one accord; be of one mind

Acts 2:42

- ❖ they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers
- ❖ abiding in the word
- ❖ they didn't lack anything
- ❖ remembering the body and blood of Jesus in our homes daily
- ❖ we are to follow this pattern

6) Teaching and preaching Jesus the Messiah daily

Acts 5:42

- ❖ daily they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus the Messiah

Colossians 1:27-28

- ❖ Christ in you, the hope of glory
- ❖ We are to preach Jesus

Galatians 4:19

- ❖ labouring for Christ to be formed in us

Phil 3:7-8

- ❖ count all things loss for Christ
- ❖ that I may gain Christ

Colossians 2:6-7

- ❖ as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him
- ❖ rooted and built up in Christ

7) Search the Scriptures daily

Acts 17:11

- ❖ search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so

2 Timothy 2:15

- be diligent to present yourself approved to God
- Rightly dividing the word of truth

John 5:39-40

- ❖ the Scriptures testify of Jesus
- ❖ as we search the Scriptures we will be drawn closer to Jesus

Joshua 1:8

- ❖ meditate in the word day and night
- ❖ then you will make your way prosperous
- ❖ you will have good success

8) Reasoning daily in the word

Acts 19:9

- ❖ Paul withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus
- ❖ This continued for 2 years
- ❖ All who dwelt in Asia heard the word
- ❖ The word will start to go out (go forth)

1 Timothy 1:3-4

- teach no other doctrine
- do not give heed to fables and endless genealogies

9) daily carry each other in your hearts

2 Cor 11:28

- Paul carried a deep concern for all the churches (daily)
- He prayed for the brethren

Phil 1:3-11

- ❖ Paul had the brethren in his heart
- ❖ Paul prayed out of this love and burden for the brethren

Colossians 1:3

- ❖ praying always for you
- ❖ **v.9** – that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...

- ❖ pray these Scriptures for one another daily
- ❖ uphold one another

10) exhort one another daily

Hebrews 3:13

- ❖ exhort one another daily
- ❖ v.14 – because we have become partakers of Christ

Hebrews 10:25

- ❖ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together
- ❖ continue to gather together and prepare for His coming

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- pray for all men
- pray for rulers and all who are in authority
- continue in these prayers together

We are to live the lifestyle of a disciple.

GROWING UP IN ALL THINGS **INTO CHRIST**

Ephesians 4:15a

The foundation that must be in place for the church/ecclesia to grow up in Messiah Jesus the Head

HOW CAN THE HOUSE OF GOD BE BUILT IN THE EARTH?

A) THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. First foundation of Great Commission

Mark 16:15-20

- ❖ Great commission in terms of evangelism
- ❖ Preach gospel, those who believe and are baptised will be saved
- ❖ Signs will follow believers

This is the beginning of building the church, doing evangelism

Some of the new versions of the Bible even leave out this commission in Mark

2. Second foundation from Great Commission

John 21:15-17

- ❖ Simon, do you love Me more than these?
- ❖ **Feed My Lambs**
- ❖ **Tend My Sheep**
- ❖ **Feed My Sheep**
- ❖ This is the Pastoral Commission
- ❖ Pastor needs to follow up on the evangelist

3. Third foundation of Great Commission

Luke 24:44-49

- ❖ This is the Prophetic Commission
- ❖ The Scriptures are about Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ The Law (Torah, of Moses), Prophets, Psalms – they are all about Jesus
- ❖ Opening up understanding of prophetic Scriptures concerning Jesus
- ❖ Understanding Jesus is the Christ prophesied in Old T, His death, burial and resurrection was prophesied
- ❖ Then we are to preach repentance and that sins can be remitted by believing in Him
- ❖ Promise of Father sent, Holy Spirit, empowered to fulfil commission

4. Fourth foundation of Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

- ❖ The Apostolic Commission
- ❖ Jesus sends us apostolically to the nations in making disciples
- ❖ Begins with evangelism, includes pastoral care, prophetic understanding, and in this commission "teaching them", **the teacher**

The foundation of growing up in all things into Christ begins with the fullness of the Commission outworking in our lives (all the ministries working in the commission – **Ephesians 4:11**)

B) LAYING THE FOUNDATION

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

- The only foundation of "Jesus the Messiah"

Acts 5:42 - daily in public and in every house they did not stop teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ

Acts 9:20, 22

- ❖ Paul preached the Messiah, the Son of God
- ❖ He was proving this Jesus is the Messiah
- The foundation is "who is Jesus Christ"

Ephesians 2:19-22

- ❖ no longer strangers and foreigners (Gentiles)
- ❖ in New Covenant we are in!
- ❖ we are fellow citizens with the saints and members of household of God
- ❖ we are built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets (not Old T prophets, but this is of the New T building of God – **Eph.3:5**, definitely New T Prophets opening up mystery of Christ by the Spirit)
- ❖ Jesus the Messiah is the Chief Corner, we are built up into Him to become a Holy Temple in the Lord
- ❖ We are being built together for a dwelling place for God in the Spirit (He does not dwell in buildings made with human hands)
- ❖ There is a worldwide building being built, called the "Church"..
- ❖ In every local place there are assemblies

Hebrews 5:12

- ❖ writing to Hebrew believers
- ❖ every believer is expected to be able to grow to be able to teach others
- ❖ what we must be able to teach are the foundations of **Hebrews 6:1-2**
- ❖ These foundations must be laid to grow to maturity – "let us go on to perfection/maturity"
- ❖ Every minister of the word must be judged by the Word
- ❖ **Hebrews 6:3** – God will give the permit to go on when the foundations are in place

Acts 2:30-41

- ❖ **v.30-36** – Peter declaring that Jesus is "Lord/Adonai and Christ/Messiah"
- ❖ the people were cut to the heart, "what shall we do"
- ❖ **v.38** - "repent and be baptised in name of Jesus the Messiah...receive gift of Holy Spirit"
- ❖ **4 foundations there immediately**, Peter had also spoken of Jesus' resurrection
- ❖ **V.42** – then they continued steadfastly in apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers – foundations laid, they were going on

Acts 8:4-5 - those disciples were able to go out everywhere preaching the Word,

Acts 11:19-26 - disciples got to Antioch preaching the Word

C) BUILDING THE HOUSE

All the ministries functioning

Ephesians 4:11-13

- ❖ Gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- ❖ For equipping of saints, doing work of ministry, building up Body
- ❖ **Till** we come to maturity = unity of faith, in mature knowledge of Son of God, to a Perfect Man

1 Corinthians 12:28

- God has appointed/set in the church
- 1st apostles, 2nd prophets, 3rd teachers...
- they are given to release the grace and anointing to the church to be built up
- this is a functional order, not a hierarchy
- apostles' doctrine is the foundation and the means to growth
- prophet works alongside to bring revelation and understanding of it
- teacher is to teach what they have received from apostles and prophets
- these are the three custodians of the word in the church
- charismatic gifts mentioned there (miracles, healings, tongues), in right order

Romans 12:6-8

- ❖ 7 gifts mentioned (prophecy, teaching, service, mercy, giving, leadership, exhortation)
- ❖ Gifts given by grace to function in the Body
- ❖ All in Christ are leaders

1 Peter 2:4-5

- The Spiritual House being built
- we are "living stones" who are being built up a "spiritual house"
- it is under construction

1 Peter 4:10-11

- each one has received a gift
- minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God
- practical and word ministry

D) THE ECCLESIA FUNCTIONING

Romans 5:2-5

- ❖ **v.2** – we have access by faith into the grace

i) first building block = grace

ii) the grace enables us to stand

iii) the standing in grace enables me to rejoice (tap into the joy of the Spirit) in the hope of the glory of God

iv) not only that but we also glory in tribulation (when the tough times come).

- ❖ how do I change my confession even when it is tough?

v) tribulation produces perseverance (knowing that you are growing in the perseverance – Colossians 1:11, with joy)

vi) this perseverance produces character (we grow and can face situations in victory, a character not easily knocked over)

- vii) this character then produces **hope** (eternal), we become men and women hoping for something better
- viii) hope does not **disappoint because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts** (learn to stand in the battle, and you will find the love being poured out in your heart)

This is the church functioning

2 Peter 1:5-11 - once we are in the faith there are some things we need to add to our faith

Add to faith: virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love (committed, sacrificial, decision based love)

Hebrews 6:1 - the goal is maturity/perfection

v.3 – we will do this when God gives the permit

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- Paul reminding the Corinthians of how they got saved
- signs, wonders, gifts, power especially used in evangelism

v.6 – but there remains a wisdom for the mature (do not stay in the charismatic realm forever)

- there is a hidden wisdom, the mystery, that God ordained before the ages for our glory
- we are to search out the mysteries and teach the knowledge of the mystery –

Ephesians 1:17-19 – pray for wisdom and revelation

Ephesians 4:13-16

- ministries bring the church to maturity
- causing children to grow up in all things in Christ
- all parts doing what they are meant to, functioning in “agape” love

Colossians 1:24-29

- Paul called a minister according to the stewardship of God
- ministry = to fulfil the Word
- The Word = the mystery (we must make known the mystery)
- mystery has been hidden but is now being revealed (reading the word as it is written)
- this mystery = “Christ in you; the hope of glory”
- so, “we preach Christ”
- goal = to present every person perfect in Christ Jesus
- this is the work and labor

Maturity

Colossians 3:1-4

- ❖ if you are raised with Christ (baptised, Spirit-filled)
- ❖ then seek things of Christ, things above
- ❖ set your mind on things above
- ❖ are you hidden in Christ?

v.5-9 – putting off

v.10-11 – putting on

v.12-17 – the godly lifestyle

THE GREAT I AM **WHO IS JESUS**

Matthew 2:2

- ❖ Magi, astronomers, came from the East
- ❖ They came **"to worship Him"**
- ❖ Jesus would be known as the "King of the Jews"
- ❖ He was worthy of **worship**

Matthew 4:9-10

- ❖ devil tempting Jesus to worship him
- ❖ **"worship YHWH your God, Him only you shall serve"**
- ❖ Only God is to be worshiped (YHWH)

Hebrews 1:6

- ❖ let all the angels of God **"worship Him"** (the Son of God)

Matthew 2:3-6

- ❖ Herod and all Jerusalem was **troubled**
- ❖ Why were they so troubled?
- ❖ Wise men inquired, "where is the Christ/King to be born?"
- ❖ Religious scholars quoted from **Micah 5:2**, born in Bethlehem
- ❖ Full quote of **Micah 5:2** includes at the end of the verse **"whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting (days of eternity)"**
- ❖ The Ruler prophesied is an eternal Person, a Person from "everlasting", from "the days of eternity"

Isaiah 7:14

- ❖ virgin shall be with Child and bring forth a Son
- ❖ name will be "Immanuel"
- ❖ **Matt. 1:23**, "Immanuel = 'God-With-Us'"
- ❖ This is "God in the flesh"

Isaiah 9:6

- ❖ a Son is given
- ❖ on this Son would be the government
- ❖ the name of Son will be called "Wonderful"
- ❖ **Judges 13:18** – Manoah and wife received Messenger of YHWH, Manoah asked His name, "Why do you ask seeing it is 'Wonderful'"
- ❖ Same One who revealed Himself to Manoah and wife – the Son
- ❖ **"Mighty God"** – there is only One God, The Son will be the Mighty God
- ❖ **"Everlasting Father"** – The Son is the "Eternal Father"
- ❖ **"Prince (source, author) of Peace"**

THE ORIGIN

Exodus 3:13-15

- ❖ What is His name?
- ❖ "I AM that I AM", "I AM has sent me to you"
- ❖ "YHWH (eternal self-existent One), the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob
- ❖ This God is known through personal revelation or relationship
- ❖ Is God one or three? Matthew 28:19 – "Father, Son, Holy Spirit" express to us who God is, not that there are three 'gods'
- ❖ The name 'YHWH' is His memorial name forever to all generations
- ❖ Where is this name in our society today? Many hide it. Even the English Bible hides it over 6800 times, calling Him "LORD"
- ❖ Many times a Person called **"the Angel/Messenger of YHWH"**
- ❖ When people met this Messenger, they realised they met God face to face (the Messenger of YHWH is God manifesting in the flesh)
- ❖ **John 1:18** – John said no one seen God, but "only begotten Son who is in the bosom (deep inward parts of God) of Father, declared Him"
- ❖ **Abraham** met Him, David met Him, Manoah met Him, Gideon

1 Timothy 3:16

- without controversy...God was manifested in the flesh...
- this is the pillar and ground of truth that should be in every Christian fellowship on the earth
- Many people classify Jesus as one third of God – wrong!! He is God

Deuteronomy 6:4

- ❖ Hear O Israel
- ❖ "The LORD our God, the LORD is one"
- ❖ This is not correct translation
- ❖ Literally "YHWH our God, YHWH one"
- ❖ This is the primary declaration of Jewish faith
- ❖ "YHWH" means – I AM, Eternal One, Self-Existent One
- ❖ Every God fearing believer should be able to say this

Zechariah 14:9

- ❖ YHWH shall be King over all the earth
- ❖ In that day it shall be "YHWH one; and His name one"
- ❖ That should help us interpret **Matthew 28:19**
- ❖ One name! The **name** of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ❖ Jesus is King over all earth (**Rev.19:16, Matt.28:18**)
- ❖ Jesus is the name!

"The Name" – Hb. 'Ha Shem'

We have a right to know our Father's name – orphans do not know their Father's name

Deuteronomy 18:5

- ❖ Word Wealth = name, renown, fame, memorial, character. The root suggests "marking" or "branding". People were named after something that marked them.

John 12:13

- ❖ Word Wealth = name (in Gk. 'onoma') – name or term by what something is called. However, quite common in Hebrew and Hellenistic Greek to use a name for all that it implies; rank, authority, character, reputation and is often synonymous with the Person

Philippians 2:5-6

- ❖ Jesus the Messiah "who being in the form of God"
- ❖ "form" means essential and specific form and character
- ❖ "being" means existing
- ❖ Jesus existing in the essential form and character of God!!
- ❖ Not robbery to be equal with God
- ❖ He then took on the form of a human, even a bondservant
- ❖ He came in the likeness of men
- ❖ Appeared as a Man
- ❖ Jesus became obedient to death, the death of the Cross

v.9-11 – because He did this, God gave Him the name (Ha Shem) which is above every name

- all must bow the knee to the Jesus (heavens, earth, under the earth), all intelligent beings will bow the knee
- every tongue should confess Jesus the Messiah is Lord, this makes God happy

Acts 9:1-9

- ❖ Saul was making his living by arresting Christians
- ❖ The Voice from heaven spoke to him "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting Me?"
- ❖ Saul said "Who are You, Lord?"
- ❖ The voice said, "I, I AM Jesus/Yeshua"
- ❖ Saul received the revelation, because he was in the "Light" from heaven
- ❖ Jesus revealed Himself as the "I AM"

John 8:56-58

- ❖ Abraham saw Jesus' day and was glad (2000 years before Jesus)
- ❖ Jesus not yet 50 years old
- ❖ Jesus said "Before Abraham was, I AM"
- ❖ **V.59** – Jews took up stones to throw at Him – they thought He was blaspheming
- ❖ Jews understood what Jesus was claiming
- ❖ Jesus is the I AM

Luke 22:70-71

- ❖ Sanhedrin said "Are You then the Son of God?"
- ❖ In NKJV says 'you *rightly* say that I am'
- ❖ Literal says, 'you say, because, I AM'
- ❖ **V.71** – They said they had heard from His own mouth Jesus say "I AM"

I AM in Gk. "ego Eimi" = I, I AM

"Eimi" by itself means 'I am'

But when "ego eimi" = I, I am – it brings an emphasis

Mark 14:61-62

- ❖ "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
- ❖ Jesus answered "I, I AM" (ego eimi)

- ❖ Their reaction, High Priest tore his garment, now they wanted to kill Jesus
- ❖ They did not need any more witnesses, they heard Jesus say He was the I AM

John 4:25-26

- ❖ Messiah is coming, He will tell us all things
- ❖ Jesus said to woman "I, I AM, the *One* speaking to you"
- ❖ Jesus is the Messiah, the I AM

John 18:4-8

- ❖ "whom do you seek?" - Jesus the Nazarene!
- ❖ Jesus said, "I, I AM" ('he' is added by English translators, not in Greek)
- ❖ When He said "I AM" they drew back and fell to the ground
- ❖ They could not stand, Jesus revealed He was the I AM and they could not stand, it was a momentary unleashing of His inherent power as God!!

Matthew 14:27

- ❖ it is in the wake of feeding the five thousand, a very important miracle
- ❖ there is an intrinsic message in this, in all four gospels
- ❖ 3am onwards this event took place
- ❖ They saw "a ghost" they think
- ❖ Jesus spoke (as He walked on the water) in NKJV 'Be of good cheer. It is I, do not be afraid'
- ❖ 'It is I' literally in Gk. "I AM"
- ❖ While Peter believed Jesus was God he could do anything Jesus told him to do
- ❖ This is confirmed in **Mark 6:50, John 6:20**
- ❖ **Jesus revealed Himself as I AM**

John 8:24,28 are some more

7 compound I AM sayings in John's gospel

- like the compound names of God (YHWH Yireh – our Provider, YHWH Nissi, YHWH Rohi, YHWH M'kaddesh, YHWH Rapha, YHWH Tsidkenu)

- 1. John 6:35 – I AM the Bread of Life**
- 2. John 8:12 - I AM the Light of the World**
- 3. John 10:9 – I AM the Door**
- 4. John 10:11 – I AM the Good Shepherd**
- 5. John 11:25 – I AM the Resurrection and the Life**
- 6. John 14:6 – I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life**
- 7. John 15:1 - I AM the Vine**

Is Jesus God?

How would you relate to others Jesus being God?

Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 (Matt.1:23), Isaiah 9:6

John 1:1 – God was the Word

v.14 – Word (who is God) became flesh

John 1:10 – This One (the Word who was God) was in the world even though He made the world and the world did not know Him

Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Romans 9:5

- ❖ “according to the flesh, Christ, who over all, **the eternally blessed God**”

Titus 2:13

- ❖ “**the great God and Saviour**, Jesus the Messiah”
- ❖ We are to be looking for the appearance of the glory of this great God!

1 Timothy 6:13-16

- Lord Jesus Messiah’s appearing, He will manifest this in His own time, the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings, Lord of lords, alone has immortality, dwells in unapproachable light

2 Peter 1:1b

- who is our God and Saviour? Jesus the Messiah
- Peter has got like precious faith that Jesus the Messiah is the God and Saviour of us

Jude 25

- ❖ God is our Saviour, Jesus is the only Saviour
- ❖ **Isaiah 43:3** – YHWH is the Saviour
- ❖ **Isaiah 43:11** – I, I, YHWH (I AM), besides Me, no Saviour
- ❖ **Isaiah 45:21b-22** – A just God and a Saviour, Look to Him and be saved, Look to Jesus

Revelation 1:8

- ❖ I, I AM the Alpha and the Omega
- ❖ This is said by the “Lord, the Almighty”
- ❖ **V.11** – I, I AM the Alpha and Omega...
- ❖ **V.13** – John saw this One as the Son of Man in the midst of the golden Lampstands
- ❖ **V.17** – I, I AM the First and the Last

Revelation 22:13

- ❖ I, I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the ending
- ❖ **V.16** – I, I AM the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star

Matthew 28:20

- and lo, **I, I AM**, with you till the end of the age!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SAVED

What do we mean by the term 'saved'?

We need understanding of what it means to be saved.

Exodus 2:17

- ❖ the first occurrence of this word in the Old Testament
 - ❖ Moses **helped** (the Hebrew word for saved *yasha*) them
- One of the meanings of the word *saved* is to be helped.
Jesus wants to save and help us.
The name Yeshua comes from this Hebrew word to be saved.
"Yeshua" means "YHWH saves"

Exodus 14:30

- ❖ after the children of Israel have come out of Egypt and gone through the Red Sea
- ❖ Yahweh saved Israel
- ❖ Saved = Delivered
- ❖ The word delivered is a strong word
- ❖ There is a deliverance that takes place (an immediate help that comes)
- ❖ They were delivered out of the hands of the Egyptians
- ❖ Israel saw the Egyptians dead
- ❖ Being saved is very powerful
- ❖ Deliverance and then seeing our enemies destroyed
- ❖ In the New Testament we are delivered by going through the water of baptism

Yasha - Hebrew for saved – means to open wide, to be free, to be safe, to free

Psalm 107:19

- ❖ Yahweh delivered them out of their distresses
- ❖ We need to be saved from the things that weigh upon us

Luke 7:50

Word Wealth – (SFL Bible)

SC#4982 - *sozo*

Means to save, to heal, to cure, to preserve, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, to deliver, to save from physical and spiritual death, to give new life and to cause to have a new heart

v.48 – Jesus told the woman that her sins were forgiven

v.50 – your faith **has saved you**

Acts 28:28

Word Wealth for **salvation** (SFLB) – *soterion* SC#4992

Means rescue, deliverance, safety, liberation, release, preservation, general word for Christian salvation

An all-inclusive word signifying forgiveness, healing, prosperity, deliverance, safety, rescue, liberation and restoration

Total in scope for the total man: spirit, soul and body

God is anointing us to bring this salvation.
This salvation is to be experienced now. Now is the acceptable time.
We are in the day of salvation (**2Cor.6:2**)

WHAT ARE WE SAVED FROM?

Acts 2:40

- ❖ Be saved **from this perverse generation.**
- ❖ Salvation affects us now.

What is this perverse generation?

- ❖ the increase of wickedness
- ❖ a twisted generation

Matthew 17:17

- ❖ O faithless and perverse generation
- ❖ A perverse generation is unbelieving
- ❖ Unbelief is the root of the perverse generation
- ❖ We need to be delivered from being unbelieving.

Galatians 1:3-4

- ❖ He gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us **from this present evil age**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

- We need to be delivered from having a veil over our eyes
- We need to be delivered so that we are no longer blinded to the truth
- We need to be delivered from religion that blinds
- we need to believe and see who Jesus is

Matthew 1:21

- ❖ Jesus will save His people **from their sins** (to prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life which is God)
- ❖ Jesus came so that we would not miss the life that God always intended us to have
- ❖ **Romans 3:23** – all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
- ❖ God doesn't want us to fall short of the glory
- ❖ God has made a way so that we won't fail.

Romans 5:9 – saved from wrath

James 5:20 – delivered from death

WHAT ARE WE SAVED INTO?

1 Peter 2:9

- **a chosen generation**

There are 2 generations today: a perverse one and a chosen generation

- ❖ we are saved to be part of a new nation (a praising people)

If we are delivered from this present evil age, what are we put into?

The age to come

Hebrews 6:4-5

- ❖ enlightened; have tasted the heavenly gift; partakers of His Holy Spirit
- ❖ tasted the good word of God
- ❖ tasted the **powers of the age to come**

This is the real new age! The age in which Jesus is the name above all names (**Eph.1:21**)

A new government

Colossians 1:13

- ❖ He has delivered us from the power (authority) of darkness
- ❖ We have been conveyed **into the kingdom of the Son of His love**
- ❖ We are **saved into a new government**
- ❖ No longer under the control of the devil

Ephesians 2:1-2

- ❖ he made us alive who were dead in trespasses and sins
- ❖ we once walked according to the prince of the power of the air
- ❖ we are no longer under the government of satan
- ❖ we are no longer bound by fear and disobedience
- ❖ we have been liberated to obey the Messiah

A new fellowship

Ephesians 5:11

- ❖ have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness

1 John 1:1-3

- the word of life was manifested
- eternal life is actually a person
- we bear witness that you may have fellowship with us
- our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ
- we are **saved into a new fellowship, a relationship with God**

Members of Christ

Romans 6:3-5

- ❖ we were baptised (immersed) into a person – Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ we were buried with Him and raised with Him
- ❖ we have entered into a new life – the resurrection

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

- we have become a member of Messiah (a many membered body)
- a true member of Christ's body
- rescued from a disjointed confusing existence
- there is a place in the body of Christ that only we can fill (**v.18**)
- we were not saved to just be individual members
- we were created to be in the body – members of Christ and members of one another

Fellowship – society

- ❖ We become part of this society by being immersed in the name of Jesus the Messiah

WHAT ARE WE SAVED BY?

Ephesians 2:8

- ❖ **by grace** you have been saved
- ❖ **through faith** (by believing)

Salvation is past, present and future

- ❖ we need to continue in the salvation
- ❖ grace is an act of God
- ❖ grace is God's storehouse of help
- ❖ faith is the key to see grace released in our life to rescue us and place us into God's purposes

Romans 10:9

- ❖ confess the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead
- ❖ you will be saved
- ❖ Are you confessing Jesus is Lord in the situations you are facing right now?
- ❖ Keep the confession of the Lordship of Jesus (He is above all)
- ❖ Trusting with the heart
- ❖ Vocalise this trust with your mouth

Mark 16:16

- ❖ he who **believes and is baptised will be saved**
- ❖ he who does not believe will be condemned
- ❖ the issue of salvation is whether or not you are experiencing the life of Jesus now
- ❖ baptism releases us to walk in the new life that we received by being born again
- ❖ we need to be delivered from the bondage of the old man of sin
- ❖ we can experience the freedom and liberation of God through being baptised

2 Thess 2:9-10

- we are **saved by loving the truth**
- we are saved from deception
- we are saved from lying wonders and signs
- we need to have a love of the truth then we will reject error
- Your word is truth (**John 17:17**)
- Love the Word of God
- Jesus' words are spirit and they are life

1 Timothy 4:16

- take heed to yourself and to the doctrine (the Word)
- continue in them
- then you will **save both yourself and those who hear you**

I have been saved. Now what?

Discipleship

- ❖ learn to follow Jesus

WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR BEING SAVED?

Romans 8:23-24

- ❖ the adoption (in fullness)
- ❖ the redemption of our bodies
- ❖ our bodies will be delivered from bondage to corruption
- ❖ we were **saved in this hope**

Are you saved, rescued and delivered?

Are you walking in this salvation?

THE COMING

Coming *parousia* Gk SC#3952

Means – a being near

It comes from a verb that means to be at hand or to be near.

2x translated as presence (Phil 2:12, 2 Corinthians 10:10)

This is something of the hope of the gospel.

1 Cor 15:23

Word Wealth *parousia* SC#3952

The technical term signifying the second advent of Jesus

It was never used to describe His first coming.

It was originally the official term for a visit by a person of high rank, especially a king. It was an arrival that included a permanent presence from that coming onward. The glorified Messiah's arrival will be followed by a permanent residence with His glorified people.

The coming is not a secret. It is the arrival of the King and His permanent presence from that time onward.

2 Peter 3:1-13

- scoffers will come saying, "Where is the promise of His **coming**?"
- we need to know the prophetic Scriptures (**Jude 14-15** – Enoch prophesied concerning the coming of Messiah)
- beware of scoffers
- **v.5** – they wilfully forget the days of Noah
- the Western world has wilfully forgotten that the world was judged in the days of Noah (the world that then existed perished)
- speak the truth boldly
- the Bible is a recording of real history
- **v.7** – the coming has a lot to do with judgment

Parousia (coming) – according to Strong's definition – "specifically talking of Christ coming to punish Jerusalem and finally the wicked"

- ❖ **v.8-9** the Lord is not slack concerning the promise of His **coming**
- ❖ He is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance
- ❖ **V.10** – the '**day of the Lord**' is in the context of the **coming**
- ❖ The elements (basic principles/ teachings of this world) will melt with fervent heat
- ❖ **V.11** – what manner of person ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness
- ❖ **V.12** – looking for and hastening the **coming** of the day of God
- ❖ We can be a part of bringing the coming on the earth
- ❖ When He comes He will be glorified in His people (there needs to be a people ready)
- ❖ The church is to grow to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, to a perfect man

- ❖ Our 'holy conduct', how we conduct ourselves in the house of God (**1Tim.3:15**), will hasten the **coming**
- ❖ **V.13** – we, according to His promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, this is the ultimate result of the **coming**

2 Peter 1:16

- we did not follow cunningly devised fables
- we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- we (Peter, James and John) were eyewitnesses of His majesty
- the coming is in the eternal realm, Peter witnessed it! Peter saw it!
- when the veil is lifted we can see it also
- **v.17** a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory (**Matt 16:28- Matthew 17:5**)
- **v.19** – we have the prophetic word confirmed, what the Old Testament Prophets spoke of was confirmed by Peter the apostle witnessing it!
- we need to heed this prophetic word that He is **coming**
- until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts (**Rev 22:16** – Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star)
- when a day dawns, the morning star is a sign that the Sun is about to rise – so when Jesus, the Morning Star is rising in our hearts it is a sign to us and the world that the Son is ready to Come!
- ❖ we can see the coming by revelation (in the eternal realm)

We hasten the day by our conduct.

How is God preparing us?

1 Thess 5:23-24

- He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it
- our whole spirit, soul and body preserved blameless at His **coming**
- He is preparing us by sanctifying us completely! So we can be ready to stand in the day of His **coming**

1 John 2:28

- abide in Him
- make your dwelling in Him
- that when He appears we can have confidence and not be ashamed at His **coming**
- we must learn to have our dwelling in Him, walking in a manner worthy of Him

Matthew 24:3

- ❖ the disciples asked Jesus about His **coming** and the end of the age
- ❖ the punishment of Jerusalem was a sign of Jesus' **coming**

Matthew 24:27

- ❖ like lightning flashing from the east to the west
- ❖ everyone will notice and see the **coming** of the Son of Man
- ❖ **v.28** – a major sign of the coming is judgment (dead bodies, carcasses)
- ❖ **v.36-37** – of that day and hour no one knows (the Father knows)
- ❖ as the days of Noah, so will the **coming** of the Son of Man be
- ❖ **v.38-39** – the flood came and took the wicked away in judgment
- ❖ the wicked were removed in judgment
- ❖ the **coming** is the final dealing with all the wicked

- ❖ **v.40** – one taken and the other left (in the context the wicked were taken away)
- ❖ this is the promise (wickedness removed)
- ❖ those left receive the arrival of the King

1 Thess 4:15-18

- those who have died in Christ will not miss out
- they will come with Jesus
- the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God
- the resurrection will take place at the **coming** of the Lord (**1 Cor 15:50-55**)
- we who are alive and remain until the **coming** shall be caught up together with them (the dead in Christ who are rising) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air
- the resurrection takes place in the earth
- the Scriptures don't tell us that Jesus will ascend again
- He is descending to the earth and we will meet Him on His way, in the air
- Thus we shall always be with the Lord

JESUS IS COMING!

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The church of Jesus Christ is not made up of small independent, unrelated house churches
Nor made up of different denominations
Nor big Pentecostal churches
Nor big TV ministries
Not primarily known by studying church history even when the historical church could seem true

Church of Jesus Christ is only known by revelation of the Word of God
The true Church is betrothed to Jesus the Messiah, not to men of history

1. The church is only known by revelation

Matthew 16:18

- ❖ first mention of word "church"
- ❖ Jesus asked the disciples who He was (**v.15**)
- ❖ Peter said Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living Word (**v.16**)
- ❖ Jesus then said "You are Peter and upon this rock, I will build My church (ecclesia, assembly, congregation)"
- ❖ Hades will not be able to overcome it
- ❖ Jesus then gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter (**v.19**), Peter will know the will of God and be able to bind and loose, permit and forbid

2. The church is the government

Acts 8:1

- ❖ Word Wealth in NSFLB – "ecclesia" – used in secular Greek for an assembly of citizens (sons who govern corporately) and it was used in the Septuagint (Greek translation of OLD Testament) for the "congregation" of Israel (**Acts 7:38** 'congregation', **Hebrews 2:12** – 'assembly')
- ❖ In English Jewish Bible "church" is called "Messianic community"
- ❖ Ecclesia has come to mean 1) whole body of Christians worldwide 2) a local church constituting a company of Christians gathering for worship, teaching and sharing 3) churches in a district (e.g. Galatia)

Matthew 18:18-20

- ❖ local church has keys to the kingdom through elders appointed
- ❖ in the context of a brother or sister acting sinfully to another brother or sister (**v.15-17**)
- ❖ brother or sister has refused to repent after meeting individual and then elders, so it is brought to the 'church'
- ❖ the church has awesome authority, should be exercised wisely – if 2 of you agree it will be done by Father in heaven
- ❖ first congregation = 2 or 3 gathering together in name of Jesus, He is there

3. The church is a Body

1 Corinthians 12:12

- The body is one

- many members
- the church is Christ
- Christ/Messiah = Jesus the Head + many membered Body
- v.13** – this church has a corporate anointing
 - This is a Spiritual Body, formed and fed by the Spirit, The Spirit is our drink, we are baptised by Him
- v.14** – the Body is many members, no exclusive parts of the church, we are all part of the same Body
 - when we mess with the Body we are messing with Christ
- v.18** – God sets each member in the Body as He pleases, we belong to the Body
- v.25** – no 'schism' (division) in the Body
 - members should have same care for one another, no favourites
 - we should all treat each other in a special way
- v.26** – if one member suffers, we suffer together
 - if one member is honoured we should all rejoice, not get jealous
- v.27** – we are the Body of Christ
 - we are members individually, not because of how good we are being but because the Holy Spirit placed us there when He came to live in us
- v.28** – God has appointments in the church
 - the church = the Body
 - the appointments are ministries given and gifts given

Colossians 1:18

- ❖ The Son of God is the Head of the Body, the church
- ❖ The Body is the Church (ecclesia)

Ephesians 1:22-23

- ❖ the church, which is His Body
- ❖ the Body is the fullness of Him filling everything

Ephesians 4:12

- ❖ ministries are given for the "equipping" of the saints..
- ❖ for the edifying (building up) of the Body of Christ
- ❖ all ministries when they function will actually build up others
- v.15b** – we are to grow up in all things into Christ who is the Head
 - the Body is growing up
- v.16** – fruit of Body growing is that all parts functioning to build up in "agape" love

4. The church is the Vine

John 15:1

- ❖ Jesus is the Vine, Father is Vinedresser
- v.2** – We get pruned, so that new growth and greater fruitfulness will come
 - dead branches taken away, fruitful branches He prunes so we can bear more
- v.3** – The word cleanses us

The church abides in Jesus and Jesus in us, we are One

- v.5-6** – if we abide we will bear much fruit
 - if not abide we will be cast out and withered
- v.7** – we are to abide in Him and allow His words (quicken words) to abide in us
 - write down what God says to you so you can abide in it, it will change you

- then you will ask what you desire and it will be done for you, desire God's desires and He will give it to you

v.8 – the fruit of this is that the Father is glorified!

- Father answers prayer and He gets all the glory
- we are to ask for the nations
- fruit = answered prayer, then there is proof we are disciples

5. The Church is the building

1 Peter 2:5

- you as living stones are being built up a "spiritual house"
- we are a holy priesthood offering up spiritual sacrifices
- all the members of the Body are priests
- spiritual sacrifices = **Romans 12:1-2**, offering whole person to God

Ephesians 2:19-22

- fellow citizens, saints, members of 'household' (family) of God
- no longer a stranger or foreigner, we belong to the saints
- we are built on foundation of apostles and prophets... (foundations are these ministries laying the foundation of Jesus the Messiah)
- we are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit
- Jesus the Messiah is the Chief Corner, the whole building (the saints) is to be built into Him
- it is growing into a holy temple
- it is being built in every nation among every people group, in every locality

6. The church is... 1Peter 2:9

a) **A Chosen Generation** – in every generation the church is the chosen generation, the generation of Jacob which seeks the Lord (**Ps.24:6**)

- we are begotten, we had a natural birth but then we were "begotten" by a miracle of God

b) **A Royal Priesthood** – **Ps110:4, Gen14:18**

Revelation 1:6 – kings and priests unto Father

- ❖ priests worship
- ❖ kings rule
- ❖ Apostle (king), High Priest (priest)

c) **A Holy Nation** – **Exodus 19:6**, we are that holy nation now, a special people, a kingdom of priests

d) we are proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness

e) We are now the people of God – **1 Peter 2:10**

7. The Church is the place of the Glory

Ephesians 5:26-27

- ❖ Christ will sanctify and cleanse church with washing of water by Word
- ❖ To present to Himself a glorious church
- ❖ "glorious" = full of glory
- ❖ This is happening in the earth

Hebrews 2:10

- ❖ bringing many sons to glory
- ❖ Jesus went to the Cross to bring forth a generation of sons
- ❖ When sons are walking in maturity the glory will be released, revealed

1 Peter 5:10

- after you have suffered a while
- God of all grace **called us to His eternal glory** by Messiah Jesus
- He will perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you
- we are called into the glory

The Church is the place of Glory!

Ephesians 3:20-21

- ❖ Paul is praying for us
- ❖ "To Him glory in the church by Messiah Jesus to all generations"
- ❖ The glory is revealed in the Church
- ❖ Because God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we ask or think
- ❖ God does it through the power that already is at work in you by the Spirit, He is the guarantee of the promises coming to pass

CHURCH IN THE HOUSE

House churches are different to "cell groups"

House Church - A church plant

Cell – part of local church

House Church - Led by elder/s depending on how big

Cell – leaders appointed by church leaders

House Ch – elders appointed in each church

House Ch – function as church, disciples committed to **Acts 2:42**

Cell – expected to follow program given by church leadership

House ch – Lord's Table celebrated when church meets in house

Cell – Table of Lord not normally part of it

House ch – church fully functioning, discipleship and ministry emerging

Cell – emergence of new ministries restricted, no new leaders as they are already appointed

House ch – Biblical expression of church practiced by apostles in **Acts 2:42-47**

Cell – secular idea, first practiced by communists in early 20th century, 'cadres', communist cells meeting in all sorts of place to teach the communist doctrine

House ch – if church meets in house, tithes and offerings received in house meeting and taken to apostolic leadership with whom they relate

Cell – must attend at central "church" on Sundays

House ch – new people saved "daily" into the house churches (**Acts 2:47**), neighbours and friends coming to the house

Cell – people are assigned to cells from the 'central church'

House ch – baptisms done by elders leading the house churches

Cell – Pastor/leaders of 'central church' does the baptisms, 'ordained pastors' do those things

House ch – newly baptised believers filled with Spirit by laying on of hands

Cell – has to be done in presence of "Pastor"

House ch – making disciples of believers, people take steps into ministry

Cell – everything is all worked out, concentrates on getting committed 'church members'

When there is a mother church with building and facility, the mother church should become the "training centre" where discipleship and training happens, new leaders trained

There is a revelation that comes that transforms your life to become a "disciple", and you are spoiled for anything else

This is “discipleship revival”, you realise it is about the kingdom of God

House church is the Biblical pattern because that is where the disciples meet

Church in book of Acts

Acts 1:12-26

- ❖ 120 in upper room gathered together
- ❖ Many people in the house
- ❖ Get out of thinking that meetings have to happen in the building and the “order of service”

Acts 2:42-47 - now 3120 believers, where did they meet?

- ❖ No big auditorium
- ❖ **V.46** – breaking bread house to house (possibly 150 houses)
- ❖ 12 apostles getting round to teach, they were busy!
- ❖ Who did all the baptisms? Probably the 120

Acts 4:23,31

- ❖ Where did Peter and John go?
- ❖ To the house where their companions were
- ❖ They prayed together and got filled with Holy Spirit

Acts 5:42 - daily preaching and teaching in the house

Acts 9:11-19 - Saul ends up in street called Straight in a house

Acts 9:33-34 - Peter heals in house

Acts 10:33-48 - Cornelius’ house, Peter preached, Holy Spirit came and they were baptised in the house

Acts 12:12 - Peter went to house after freed from prison

Acts 16:15-40 - Lydia, Paul came and preached outside

- ❖ Church started in the house in Philippi
- ❖ They went back to her house after being released from prison
- ❖ They did not need church building

Acts 18:7

Acts 20:20 - In Ephesus taught publicly and house to house

Acts 21:8 - met in Philip’s house with Paul and Agabus

- ❖ apostle, prophet and evangelist all together

Many other indirect references in the book of Acts
All things happen in the house!

Ministry in house in epistles

Romans 16:5

- ❖ Greet..."church in their house"
- ❖ Priscilla and Aquila (first met in Corinth)
- ❖ Priscilla and Aquila were with Paul in Ephesus

v.10 – Greet...household of Aristobulus
- there was a household of believers

v.11 – household of Narcissus in the Lord
- brethren meeting there, the church functioning

v.14 – Greet Asyncritus...and the brethren with them

v.15 – more saints named

1 Cor 16:15 - household of Stephanus who devoted themselves to ministry of saints

Bible is full of church in the house

Public events happened and teaching in school but the church always met in the house

1 Cor. 16:19 - Priscilla and Aquila again in the house

Colossians 4:15

Philemon 1-2, 4-6

Church normally and almost exclusively met in the houses

Normal church life, conduct and function of church, happened in the house

Apostles ministered house to house

Daily people being saved, neighbours etc

"Stop going to church and start being the church"

When we start being the church we are all involved, notice each other, it is family

When people are missing we notice and are able to follow up

It is a life changing experience to start being the church, Christianity is a lifestyle

Once we are disciples we realize we are the church and we represent Jesus wherever we are. Ministry in the house through prayer enables the lost to find Jesus

Worship in the house

Apostles' doctrine in the house

Fellowship in the house

What did they do in the house?

Acts 2:42 – four primary works of the church, **Rev.2:1-5**, the first works

Signs and wonders were done in the house

The worldwide discipleship revival is happening today; We are fasting for this

If we go to a mother church which has many cells and we are going to help them transition to house churches
Instead of one church and 60 cells
Can have 61 house churches, 61 pastor/leaders/elders, 61 worship leaders.....

Seven steps to fruitful ministry in obeying Great Commission and establishing New Testament Churches

1. **Prayer** – Matt.18:18-20, on basis of 2 or more praying
prayer leads to witness
2. **Evangelism** – sharing gospel with one whom God puts in our way through our prayers, neighbours, family friends reached
3. **Nurture** – new believers need milk, feed milk of word - **1Peter 2:2, Hebrews 5:12-6:3**, milk is foundations, principles of oracles of God
4. **Discipling** – **Matthew 28:19**, teaching the Word until the disciple can teach others that Word, fruitfulness is bearing fruit who can produce more (multiplication in order to fill the earth – **Genesis 1:28**) – **John 8:31-32**, continuing in the Word
5. **Training and equipping** – raising ministers in all aspects of ministry, **Acts 20:28, 1Pet.5:2-4, 2Cor.3:4-6**
6. **Church planting** – **Acts 14:21-23**, the result of making disciples, appointing leaders/elders
7. **Emergence of new ministries** – we see the ministry callings on people's lives, five-fold ministers emerge

The conduct of ministry in the house

- Prayer
- Praise and worship
- Fellowship and sharing
- Apostolic doctrine
- Many opportunities for ministry, signs and wonders, preaching and teaching

KNOWING YHWH

God wants us to know Him by revelation and experience.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

- ❖ Thus says Yahweh (LORD)
- ❖ Let not the wise glory in his wisdom, or the rich in his riches or the mighty in his might
- ❖ Glory in Yahweh
- ❖ Glory in understanding and knowing Yahweh
- ❖ Yahweh exercises lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth

People have been after wisdom, power and riches.

1 Cor 1:21 – the world through wisdom did not know God

- human wisdom does not lead us to God

1 Cor 1:24 – Messiah is the wisdom of God

- Messiah is the power of God

1 Cor 1:25 – the foolishness of God is stronger than men

- God loves to use weak things to shame the mighty (v.27)

James 2:5 - God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom

1 Cor 1:31 - he who glories, let him glory in Yahweh

Jeremiah 9:24

Glory – means to boast

- ❖ that he understands the Eternal God
- ❖ **Understand** – to wisely consider, to be prudent and intelligent; it describes the complex, intelligent thinking process that occurs when someone observes, ponders, reasons, learns and reaches a conclusion
- ❖ Observing is only the first step in understanding
- ❖ (**Matt 14:22** – Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat – they hadn't understood what Jesus was trying to teach them through feeding of 5000)
- ❖ Jesus revealed to His disciples that He was the I AM (**Matt.14:27**)
- ❖ After observing God wants us to ponder and then to reason it through
- ❖ We are to learn and reach a conclusion

Jeremiah 3:15

- ❖ God wants to raise up shepherds who can feed God's people with knowledge and understanding

- ❖ The apostle Paul prays for the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened (**Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 1:9-10**)

- ❖ The things recorded in Scripture are meant to give us understanding of who God is to us today.

Abraham

- ❖ received a promise that he would bear a son (**Genesis 15:1-6**)
- ❖ he came to realise that He who promised is faithful, what God says will come to pass

Genesis 22

- ❖ God tested Abraham and asked him to offer up his only son Isaac
- ❖ Abraham had some understanding of God and knew that the One who had promised is faithful
- ❖ **Gen.22:5** – Abraham had faith. He said, “we will come back to you”

Hebrews 11:17-19

- ❖ by faith, Abraham offered up Isaac
- ❖ he **concluded** that God was able to raise Isaac up, even from the dead
- ❖ Abraham understood and reached a conclusion about who God is
- ❖ He knew that God had promised that in Isaac his seed would be called and that God would fulfil that promise even if it meant raising Isaac from the dead

Psalm 106:6-7

- ❖ shows lack of understanding
- ❖ our fathers in Egypt did not **understand** God’s wonders and therefore they were disobedient
- ❖ The fruit of lacking **understanding** is rebellion

Think back on your life. What has Jesus done for you? Glory in understanding Him. Reach some conclusions about who God is

Jeremiah 9:24

Knowing – to know by observing or to know by experience

- ❖ God is known by experience

Jeremiah 31:34 - part of the new Covenant

- ❖ a promise that all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest

John 17:3

- ❖ this is eternal life, that they may know You and Jesus Christ whom You have sent
- ❖ we can know that He is real and experience Him
- ❖ We need to tell others what we now of Him

Phil 3:10 – Paul’s goal was to know Him (Christ, the Eternal God)

Matthew 7:21-23

- ❖ I never knew you (those who have been disobedient)
- ❖ Through obedience we can get to know God

Jeremiah 9:24

- ❖ Glory that we understand and know that He is the I AM
- ❖ This is His memorial name forever (**Ex.3:15**)

Isaiah 43:10-12

- ❖ that you may **know** and **believe** Me, and **understand** that I am He
- ❖ I, I, I AM – there was no God before Him
- ❖ There is no Saviour besides Him
- ❖ This is what Jesus wanted to show the disciples when He came walking on the water

Hebrews 11:6

- ❖ we need to believe that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him
 - ❖ He is the I AM who is there, present with us
- Understanding and knowing Him will make us unshakeable. We can be bold in our witness when we know and understand Him.

Jeremiah 9:24 - He exercises lovingkindness.

Lovingkindness – means steadfast love, kindness, grace, mercy, faithfulness, goodness, beauty, devotion and strength (love and strength combined)

- ❖ it is God loving us strongly, based on His commitment and choice to love us
- ❖ used of God's covenant love for His people
- ❖ God has committed Himself to be good, faithful, loving, devoted & merciful towards me
- ❖ The proof of this commitment was God, in Christ, dying on the cross
- ❖ Marriage is meant to be a picture of this type of love (commitment and choice)

Psalm 63:3-5

- ❖ Your **lovingkindness** is better than life; My lips shall praise You
- ❖ David had a revelation of God's lovingkindness
- ❖ God did not take away His covenant of mercy from David
- ❖ God's **lovingkindness** causes praise to come forth
- ❖ It causes us to bless His name; It causes our soul to be satisfied

Jeremiah 31:3-4

- ❖ I have loved you with an everlasting love
- ❖ God draws us with **lovingkindness**
- ❖ His **lovingkindness** rebuilds us

Isaiah 54:8-10

- ❖ with everlasting **kindness** I will have mercy on you
- ❖ God's **lovingkindness** shall not depart from us
- ❖ God exercised His **lovingkindness** in Jesus

1 John 3:16

- we know love, because He laid down His life for us
- we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren
- exercise lovingkindness

Hosea 6:6

- ❖ God desires **mercy** (lovingkindness)
- ❖ Lovingkindness comes as a response to His love towards us
- ❖ He desires the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings

Jeremiah 9:24

He exercises **Judgment**

Judgment – means judgment and rights, to make a verdict, to come to a decision on a particular situation, to uphold rights of disadvantaged, sometimes translated as justice

Psalm 9:16

- ❖ Yahweh is known by the **judgment** He executes
- ❖ The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands
- ❖ What you sow is what you reap

Revelation 15:4

- ❖ Your **judgments** have been manifested
- ❖ This causes all nations to come and worship before Him

Psalms 76:8-9

- ❖ God's **judgment** is to deliver all the oppressed of the earth
- ❖ He destroys the oppressor to release the oppressed

John 12:31

- ❖ the greatest example of God's judgment in the earth
- ❖ the ruler of this world (the devil) will be cast out
- ❖ He was lifted up from the earth and judged sin and the devil (God's justice being poured out on Jesus)
- ❖ Through death, He destroyed him who had the power of death and released us from bondage (**Hebrews 2:14-15**)
- ❖ We are to release people from oppression to the devil and to sin, this is judgement
- ❖ We do this by preaching the gospel (**Mk.16:15-16**)

Psalms 149:5-9

- ❖ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples
- ❖ this honour have all the saints
- ❖ executing the written **judgments** by proclaiming the word

Jeremiah 9:24

Yahweh exercises **righteousness**

Righteousness - rightness, virtue, treating people in a right way, acting in a manner which is virtuous, true and faithful

Isaiah 32:1,15-17

- **King reigns in righteousness**

- ❖ righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne (**Ps.89:14**)
- ❖ justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field
- ❖ when we exercise righteousness, we end up walking in peace

Romans 5:17

- ❖ righteousness is a gift
- ❖ God puts inside us His own character quality of righteousness
- ❖ Righteousness is doing whatever God shows you to do
- ❖ It is imputed through faith (hearing what God speaks, believing it and acting on it)
- ❖ This **righteousness** enables us to **reign in life**

God wants us to be seeking out who He is and to know His ways. He is the I AM.

Isaiah 16:5

- ❖ in **mercy (lovingkindness)** the Throne will be established
- ❖ He will judge and seek **justice**
- ❖ He will hasten **righteousness**

We are to know and understand YHWH

SAVIOUR, CHRIST THE LORD

Luke 2:11

- ❖ good tidings of great joy for all people
- ❖ there is born a Saviour, who is Christ (Messiah) the Lord

There are 3 important aspects that we need to understand about Jesus.

2 Peter 1:10-11

- the everlasting kingdom of our **Lord** and **Saviour** Jesus **Christ**

2 Peter 2:20

- through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we can escape the corruption (pollution) that is in the world

2 Peter 3:2 - we are apostles of the **Lord** and **Saviour**

2 Peter 3:17-18 - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

JESUS AS THE SAVIOUR

John 4:42

- ❖ we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world
- ❖ this was the confession of the Samaritans

Word Wealth – Saviour Gk *soter* SC#4990

- ❖ the word designates a deliverer, preserver, saviour, benefactor, rescuer
- ❖ It is used to describe God the Father and Jesus the Son (there is only one Saviour)

Acts 5:30-31

- ❖ God raised up Jesus
- ❖ Him God has exalted to His right hand – Prince and **Saviour**
- ❖ He grants repentance and forgiveness of sins

Matthew 1:21

- ❖ you shall call His name JESUS, for He will **save** His people from their sins
- ❖ Jesus = Yahweh saves (Acts 4:12 – there is no other name that saves)

Acts 13:22-23

- ❖ Paul preaching
- ❖ From David's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Saviour – Jesus
- ❖ Jesus came to be a preserver of life, a deliverer

Isaiah 19:20

- they will cry to Yahweh because of the oppressors
- He will send them a Saviour and a Mighty One and He will deliver them
- then Yahweh will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know Yahweh in that day
- "Egypt" prophetically speaks of the "world"

Isaiah 45:21-22

- ❖ there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Saviour
- ❖ Look to Me and be saved all you ends of the earth!
- ❖ Salvation is from God, and is for all nations

Titus 2:13

- ❖ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our **great God and Saviour Jesus the Messiah**
- ❖ **Jesus is the great God and Saviour**
- ❖ He redeems us and purifies us to become His own special people zealous for good works

Philippians 3:20-21

- ❖ we eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (revealed from heaven)
- ❖ He will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body
- ❖ The Saviour will deliver our bodies from corruption and make them like His body!

Jesus as the deliverer brings us out of the wrong authority over our lives, so that we can come under the right authority again.

JESUS IS THE CHRIST

Christ = Messiah (**John 1:40-41**)

It is better to say 'Jesus the Messiah' instead of using Christ as a surname for Jesus. The Messiah would be a Saviour (deliverer), but there is so much more to Him than just that.

The Messiah was the prophesied One.

John 4:25-26

- ❖ the woman knew that Messiah was coming
- ❖ when He comes He will tell us all things
- ❖ Jesus said to her, "I, I AM the one speaking to you"
- ❖ Jesus declared that He was the Messiah, the I AM

Messiah – SC#4899 Heb

Means anointed, a consecrated person

Matthew 2:2-4

- ❖ Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?
- ❖ The wise men came to worship Him
- ❖ V.4 – the Christ would be the King
- ❖ The expectation of the Christ was that He would be the King (**Numbers 24:17** – Balaam's prophetic oracle concerning Messiah – a Star and a Scepter)

"Messiah" in Old Testament

1 Samuel 2:10

- Hannah's prayer after God grants her a son
- the adversaries of Yahweh shall be broken in pieces
- He will give strength to His **king** and anoint the horn of His **anointed** (Messiah)
- at the time of Hannah praying this, there was no king in Israel
- this was prophetic of the Messiah

Psalm 2

v.1-3 – the kings of the earth take counsel together against Yahweh and against His **Anointed** (Messiah)

- the nations are raging

v.4 – He who sits in the heavens shall laugh

- He shall speak to them in His wrath and distress them

- the answer = Yet I have set **My King** on My holy hill of Zion

- Messiah has been set on the holy hill of Zion where we have come (the city of the living God – **Heb.12:22**)

Acts 4:24-26

- ❖ the apostles understood Jesus as the Messiah
- ❖ we as the church have authority in the earth to agree with the will of God and let it be done
- ❖ we are joined to the **King**
- ❖ we are the **body of the Anointed King**
- ❖ His judgments are executed in the earth through us
- ❖ **V.24** – they raised their voice to God with one accord
- ❖ They brought these threats to Yahweh and to His **Christ**

Acts 10:38

- ❖ God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power
- ❖ He came to deliver the oppressed
- ❖ The Anointed One is to rule by the anointing
- ❖ Jesus began to walk as the Messiah after His baptism when He was anointed by Holy Spirit

Isaiah 11:1-9 – prophetic picture of the Messiah receiving the anointing of God

Psalm 132:10-11

- ❖ do not turn away the face of Your **Anointed** (Messiah)
- ❖ God had promised to David that the Anointed would sit and rule on his throne forever
- ❖ **V.17-18** – His **crown (kingship)** will flourish

Acts 2:30

- ❖ of the fruit of David's body according to the flesh God would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne
- ❖ v.33 – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is proof that Jesus is the Messiah and is seated at the right hand of God

Daniel 9:25

- ❖ ...until **Messiah the Prince**; Messiah is the Prince
- ❖ **Prince** Heb SC#5057 – means chief leader, equivalent to a king
- ❖ Prince and Saviour (**Acts 5:31**)

Psalm 89:20, 26-27

- ❖ with my holy oil I have anointed him (David)
- ❖ **v.26** – speaking of the son of David – He would call God His Father
- ❖ He is the firstborn (Colossians 1:15, 18)
- ❖ The Highest of the Kings of the earth (King of kings and Lord of lords)

John 10:24-25

- ❖ Jesus plainly told them that He was the Christ

- ❖ The works I do in My Father's name they bear witness of Me
- ❖ Jesus and His Father are one
- ❖ By Jesus calling God His Father, He was revealing Himself as "Christ"

Revelation 1:5

- the **firstborn** from the dead and the **ruler over the kings of the earth**

JESUS IS THE LORD

Lord – Hebrew *Adonay (adonai)*

- ❖ only refers to God; He is the Lord over all;
 - ❖ Most often appears in the phrase "the Lord Yahweh"
- Yahweh is revealed to be the Lord in the Old Testament.

Genesis 15:2

- ❖ Abraham said, "Lord Yahweh" (GOD = Yahweh)
- Moses called Him Lord Yahweh in **Exodus 4:10**

Judges 6:13 - adoni – lord (used of man)

- ❖ **v.14** – Yahweh turned to him (Gideon)
- ❖ **v.15** – Lord – adonai (Gideon changed his confession and began to recognise this one as the Lord)
- ❖ **v.22** – Gideon calls the Messenger of Yahweh 'Adonai Yahweh'
- ❖ When Yahweh appears as a man who is He? – Jesus the Messiah
- ❖ The Messiah is the Lord

Psalms 110:1

- ❖ Yahweh said to my Lord (Adonai)
- ❖ Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool
- ❖ Jesus is seated at the right hand, fulfilling this prophetic Scripture
- ❖ He is the executor of kings, judging the nations (**v.5**)

Acts 2:36 – the climax of Peter's preaching was that Jesus has been made both Lord (Adonai) and Messiah

Isaiah 6:1-11

- ❖ he saw the Lord (Adonai) sitting on the throne
- ❖ Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory
- ❖ V.5 – my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of hosts
- ❖ V.8 – the voice of the Lord (Adonai)
- ❖ V.11 – He is called Adonai again

John 12:37-41 - the word of Isaiah the prophet was concerning Jesus (Isaiah 6)

- ❖ Isaiah spoke of Yeshua and His glory

1 Corinthians 15:47 – the second Man is the Lord from heaven (Jesus)

1 Cor. 12:3 – it has to be revealed by revelation of the Holy Spirit to call Jesus Lord

Deut 10:17 – Yahweh is Lord of lords

Revelation 19:16 – Jesus is called King of kings (Christ) and Lord of lords (Lord – Adonai)

1 Timothy 6:14-16 – the Lord Jesus Christ is the only true sovereign!

THE BEATITUDES FROM A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

Kingdom perspective

Mark 1:14-15

- ❖ Jesus was preaching "the gospel of the kingdom of God"
- ❖ Jesus is the Messiah, the King
- ❖ **Matthew 24:14** – gospel of kingdom of God must be preached

"kingdom" – a realm, a sovereignty, a reign

Matthew 4:12-25

- ❖ **v.17** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"
- ❖ **v.23** – "preaching the gospel of kingdom"
- ❖ **This is the context of coming into the "beatitudes"**

The Beatitudes are not 9 rules that Jesus brought

The Beatitudes are the kingdom coming into people's lives

When Jesus taught, preached, healed, delivered – it was out of His compassion and His desire for us to become mature sons of God

Matthew 14:14

- ❖ When Jesus saw the great multitude, He was moved with compassion for them and healed the sick

John 3:16

- ❖ God so loved the world
- ❖ God was moved to do something
- ❖ Compassion is love being acted out

Matthew 5:1-2

- ❖ Jesus saw the multitudes
- ❖ He went up the mountain, sat down, His disciples came and then He opened His mouth and taught
- ❖ Jesus was moved to teach them out of compassion
- ❖ Jesus wanted His creation that had fallen to come back and fulfil the purpose of why He created them
- ❖ Jesus "sat" to teach, He sits as Messiah, as King

There are nine beatitudes – the "Blessed state" of the citizens of the kingdom of God
These are steps to maturity

Matthew 5:3-12

When a person is in this "Blessed State" they become the "salt of the earth", the "light of the world", their "light shines" and the "Father is glorified" (**Matt.5:13-16**)

Luke 17:20-21

- ❖ When will the kingdom of God come?
- ❖ Does not come with observation
- ❖ Kingdom of God is within you
- ❖ The beatitudes are a condition of the heart
- ❖ Your attitude is what your heart is made of

For each of nine beatitudes we are going to look at the:
Attitude; Understanding (the attitude); Promise and Opposite

"Blessed" – supremely happy, to be envied, to be happy

- ❖ kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and **JOY** in Holy Spirit
- ❖ we are a "blessed" people

1. Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

Attitude - "poor in spirit" = spiritually bankrupt, knowing you need God, knowing you need a Saviour, we must recognize our poverty in the spirit

Luke 18:9-14 – two men who went to pray, Pharisee and Publican

- ❖ Pharisee prayed to himself, did not recognize his poverty
- ❖ Publican recognized his poverty, "have mercy on me" – he was "blessed"

Luke 7:36-50 – woman with alabaster box, she was "blessed"

Psalms 51:6 – God desires truth in the inward parts

- ❖ these beatitudes are the kingdom of God being revealed on the inside of us
- ❖ if we do not acknowledge our faults, we are not having truth in our inward parts, our heart must change

Understanding = humility, brokenness

Promise = theirs is the kingdom of heaven, the realm, reign and sovereignty of God

Opposite = Pride (I do not need a Saviour), arrogance (I will do it my way), independence (I can do it without God)

2. Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"

Attitude = those who mourn, who grieve inwardly

- ❖ not a natural grieving for a loved one who died
- ❖ is those who are grieved in the spirit by sin, recognizing sin offends God, not living in what God has for us
- ❖ it is not blessed if you do not grieve, if you are hard and do not care that God is grieved

Understanding – hearts are tender, soft hearted towards God, towards the Spirit of God

Promise – they shall be **comforted**

2Corinthians 1:3-6

- ❖ Father of mercies, God of all comfort

- ❖ Comforts us in all our tribulation
- ❖ We can then comfort others with the comfort we received from God

Isaiah 61:1-3

- ❖ "to comfort all who mourn"
- ❖ "to console those who mourn in Zion"
- ❖ The oil of joy for mourning

John 14:25-27

- The Helper/Comforter, the Holy Spirit

Opposite – hardness of heart, unbrokenness

Ezekiel 36:26 – take out heart of stone and give heart of flesh

This blessed state is repentance

3. Matthew 5:5

"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth"

Attitude – meekness, **Numbers 12:3** – Moses was meekest in all the earth, this is also a facet of Jesus

"meekness" = strength under control, humility

Matthew 11:29

- ❖ "Learn from Me, I am gentle and lowly of heart..."
- ❖ Meekness comes from Jesus living inside of us

Promise – they shall inherit the earth, not flying away to heaven

Opposite = pride, superiority of mind

This blessed state is believing and being baptised into Jesus, being meek to receive Jesus and be obedient to Him

4. Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled"

Psalm 42:1-2

- ❖ thirsting for God

The Blessed State of being born again, knowing that there is more, hungering for righteousness

This blessed state is receiving the Holy Spirit, growing in hunger for righteousness

Hebrews 2:1-4 – we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away

- ❖ stay hungry for God, thirsty for righteousness
- ❖ we will not escape if we neglect so great a salvation
- ❖ the hour is late, it is high time, look to do what Jesus wants, fulfil His purpose, do His will
- ❖ hungering and thirsting is laying our lives down, it is loving Jesus
- ❖ love of God compels us for this work, we are in love with Jesus

Promise = you **shall** be filled

Opposite = loss of appetite for God, for the Divine things, loss of appetite for Jesus, we become spiritually sick and ill in health

5. Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy"

1 Peter 2:10

- We had not obtained mercy, but now we have obtained mercy

Are you glad you have obtained mercy?

Now we are responsible to give mercy, show mercy

We are to be a merciful people

Matthew 18:21-35

- ❖ King mercifully forgave his servant when he could not pay the debt
- ❖ The servant also had a servant who owed him, and he would not forgive
- ❖ The King was very angry when he found out
- ❖ The King gave the servant to the torturers till he paid all he owed
- ❖ Heavenly Father will do the same if we do not forgive our brother from our heart, not forgive, give us over to the torturers/tormentors
- ❖ In unforgiveness we will be tormented

We are not in that blessed state when we hold unforgiveness and do not show mercy

Unforgiveness can be towards a person, an institution, a group, a nation

We are blessed if we show mercy

Understanding = attitude of mercy and forgiveness

- ❖ **John 13:34-35** – love one another; as I (Jesus) have loved you

Opposite = mercilessness, unforgiveness, loss of grace, compassion and forgiveness

6. Matthew 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"

How do we get pure in heart?

Born again, baptised, filled with Spirit – cannot come by own efforts

Promise = they shall see God, a place of Sonship, Jesus did what He "saw His Father doing" (**Jn.5:19**)

Opposite = loss of inner moral purity in thought, word and deed

7. Matthew 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God"

"Sons" – Gk 'huios' = mature sons

"peacemakers" is not 'peace at any cost', is mature sons preaching the gospel, bringing peace through the Lord Jesus Christ, bringing peace with God, then each other
= speaking the truth in love

Promise = **called sons of God** = manifestation of the King among us

Opposite = contention

8 & 9 Matthew 5:10-11

"Blessed are those who persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you..."

Not persecuted for your own silly sake, because you did something wrong

Persecution is for righteousness' sake, for the sake of Jesus' name

Whether it is family, friends, workmates, government persecuting you, speaking against you because of the name of Jesus

This is a Blessed State!

You are revealing your Father, His glory

"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!!"

When we are in this state the kingdom is manifesting in us and through us

Matthew 13:43

❖ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father

❖ We are to shine forth

Grown through being born again, baptised, Spirit-filled, walking in mercy, growing in purity to walk in sonship seeing God, being sons preaching the peace of the kingdom, in maturity, suffering persecution for the gospel and rejoicing in it

HOW TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-4

- ❖ disciple said to Jesus **"Lord, teach us to pray"**
- ❖ Jesus told us to say...

a) Pray to **"our Father"** – speaks of our relationship to God, children growing up as sons

- ❖ the relationship of family, spiritual relationships of fathers and sons (**Malachi 4:5-6**)
- ❖ Jesus taught that God is our Father (Abba, Daddy, Dad), no longer a "Master" that is always feared

b) Pray to Him **"in heaven"**

- ❖ "heaven" is a real place
- ❖ It is an "uncreated" place
- ❖ "heaven" is not a mansion in the sky
- ❖ "Heaven is God's throne" (**Is.66:1**), His dwelling place
- ❖ Jesus is now in heaven, in the glorious spiritual realm of God, behind the veil
- ❖ We pray in the knowledge that there is heaven, the realm of His glory, the kingdom of heaven

c) **"Hallow the name"** – Ha Shem

- ❖ the name is "holy"
- ❖ we need to know the name
- ❖ the revelation of the name, traditionally in English "Jehovah"
- ❖ but more closely "Yahweh" or "Yehovah"
- ❖ In New Testament is "Jesus" = Yeshua in Hb means: "Yahweh saves"
- ❖ His name is not "Lord", that is His position, His authority

d) Pray for **"the kingdom to come"**

- ❖ For God's government to come on the earth
- ❖ His government replaces human government
- ❖ Jesus preached the "kingdom of God"
- ❖ **Isaiah 9:6** – it is the government on His shoulders

e) For His **"will to be done"**

- ❖ the will of God is found in the Word of God

f) Pray for **"daily bread"**

- ❖ pray for necessary provision
- ❖ talk to God about the provision that is needed
- ❖ when in the government of God, knowing God is your Father and you know His name, living in an uncreated supernatural realm, you can expect God's provision
- ❖ "daily bread" is food, shelter, clothing and basic education, can pray for this

g) pray for **"Forgiveness"**

- ❖ forgive our sins or trespass, offended someone

- ❖ also forgive others, sometimes need healing, out of healing you can forgive (let go)
- ❖ forgiveness is an attitude of the soul

h) do not lead us into temptation

- ❖ you can ask God to lead you

i) deliver us from evil

- ❖ you can ask God for deliverance
- ❖ deliverance from devil, demons, situations
- ❖ call upon God for deliverance

Who do we pray for?

1 Timothy 2:1

- pray for all men
- anyone and everyone
- but do not pray for those who have committed unforgiveable sin

v.2

- pray for "kings" or chief rulers
- not many kings in world today but includes Prime Ministers, Presidents
- also many other important leaders of government, business, education, health...
- do not whinge about leaders but pray for them
- pray for bosses, those in authority in society

v.2b Results = quietness, peace, godliness, reverence

- ❖ God says He will do this if we pray

v.3-4

- Pray for their salvation
- Pray that they will come to the "knowledge of the truth"
- much easier for God to move them if they are saved, born again
- God desires all men to be saved

v.5

- Paul then reminds us of the testimony of Jesus
- all prayers should come out of the knowledge that there is **"One God and One Mediator between God and men, Himself the Man Christ Jesus"**
- God in the flesh is the mediator between God and men

v.6-7

- as we are really serious about this prayer taking the responsibility of the nation in our hearts, govern from prayer room
- the result will be God will raise up **"preachers, apostles and teachers"** of the nations
- God is doing this awesome supernatural work in answer to prayers for the nation
- the balance is tipped in our favour

v.8

- because of this "men lift up your hands in prayer"
- without wrath and without doubting
- one hand = without wrath (let go of wrath, **Rom.12:19**)

- one hand = without doubting (believe the Word)
- now you can pray for the nation
- always turn your judgement into prayers otherwise your judgements hang there

v.9

- women should lift up hands with the men but make sure women are dressed modestly
- do not wear clothing to reveal your body, keep it for the husband (now or future)
- don't worry about jewellery too much

What else should we be praying for?

Pray for the saints

Ephesians 6:18

- ❖ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplications for the saints
- ❖ sometimes all we can offer to do is pray for people

Pray for the apostle

Ephesians 6:19-20

- ❖ pray for the apostle to speak the gospel boldly

How should we pray?

Ephesians 1:17

- ❖ pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, that He will give Spirit of **wisdom and revelation, knowledge and understanding**

Ephesians 3:14-20

- a) recognize whole spiritual family in heaven and on earth
- ❖ pray to Father of this family
- ❖ we are the family of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ❖ there is One God and Father (**Eph.4:6**)
- b) we can pray for Him to grant us, according to the riches of His glory, that we be strengthened with might in inner man by Spirit
- ❖ let us pray these things for each other
- c) pray that Christ dwell in our hearts through faith
- d) pray that we be rooted and grounded in love
- e) pray that we can comprehend that love
- f) pray that we be filled with fullness of God
- g) believe He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we think

Philippians 1

v.3 – thank God for the brethren

v.4 – make request for the brethren with joy

v.5 – thanked God for their fellowship in the gospel

v.6 – praying in confidence that He who began the good work in the brethren will complete it

v.9 – pray that brethren's love may abound more and more in knowledge in all discernment

v.10 – pray for the approval of the things that are excellent....

Colossians 1

v.3 – give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you

v.4 – saints are the believing ones

- thanking God for their faith and love

v.5 – they are filled with hope

v.9 – do not cease to pray

- for them to be filled with knowledge of His will, we can pray for ourselves and others to be filled with this knowledge and spiritual understanding

v.10 – pray for fruitfulness for brethren, to walk worthy, to increase in knowledge of God

v.11 – pray for brethren to be strengthened (power) with might (power), according to His glorious power (kratos, might or power with authority), for all patience and longsuffering with joy

- we can be empowered to be patient and longsuffering with joy

v.12 – give thanks to Father who qualifies us for inheritance

Colossians 2

v.1 – Paul's burden, his "conflict" = internal struggle

v.2 – struggle is to see brethren's hearts knit together in love...to come to understanding, to the knowledge of mystery of God, of Father and Christ

- full assurance

v.3 – all treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Messiah, in God

This is our burden, to bring to the brethren the knowledge of God

2 Thessalonians 3

- Paul asks for prayer

- pray for us

- pray that "the word of the Lord may run swiftly" – for the Word to have free course

- pray that the word be glorified, harvest of mature sons

- pray that the apostolic team will be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men – for not all have faith

- Lord is faithful, turns things around to be in our favour

Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:1-2

- ❖ Pray for labourers for the harvest

- ❖ Lord give us more disciples to train and equip to send out into the harvest

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 4:18-19

- ❖ Follow Me (Jesus) and I will **make you**
- ❖ **V.20** – they left their occupation to follow Jesus
- ❖ **V.21-22** – they left the boat of the family business, they left their father, and followed Jesus

The Call to Abraham

- ❖ a call to discipleship

Genesis 12

v.1 – Get out of your country (culture), get out of your father's house, out of his family
- to go somewhere with God

v.2 – "I will **make you**"

- a great nation
- you follow God and **He will make you...**

Romans 4:16

- ❖ we as believers need to know who our father is
- ❖ by faith, Abraham is our father

Jeremiah 35

- ❖ we read of house of Rechab, of Jehonadab
- ❖ the Rechabites were descended from Jehonadab, who was a co-worker with King Jehu (**2Kings10:15**)
- ❖ The Rechabites were good disciples, being obedient to their father

Galatians 3:7

- ❖ only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham
- ❖ Abraham is my father

Galatians 3:29

- ❖ if we are of Christ, we are of Abraham's Seed
- ❖ we are heirs of promise

What did God tell Abraham to do? Genesis 12:1

- ❖ Get out of country = culture
- ❖ Abraham's father could not go with him, Abraham waited for his father to pass
- ❖ Get out of your father's house = father cannot come with you
- ❖ God is happy to confirm to us the call of discipleship
- ❖ Get out of your family
- ❖ **Luke 14:26** - if do not hate father and mother, brothers and sisters and yes your own life also, cannot be My disciple
- ❖ John and James left their nets and their father (**Matthew4:22**)
- ❖ This was not a few weeks holiday, they "left", whether dad agreed or not

Genesis 12:2

- ❖ God promised to make something of Abraham
- "I will make you a great nation and I will bless you"
- ❖ Jesus will make us into what He wants us to be if we follow
- ❖ Why does Jesus want to make you a fisher of men? To be a blessing to others

Genesis 12:3

- ❖ God promises Abraham much protection
- ❖ God will deal with those who curse you
- ❖ God will bless those who bless us
- ❖ This is about the sons of Abraham, not just "modern Israel"
- ❖ In you (Abraham) all the nations (families of the earth) will be blessed

Galatians 3:8

- ❖ a revelation in one man or one woman can change history – we are understanding more deeply the inheritance we have as sons of Abraham
- ❖ a "revelation" brings us into the reality of that revelation, walk in it
- ❖ revelation is bringing the new creation into the old
- ❖ God preached the gospel to Abraham, "in you all the nations shall be blessed"
- ❖ We are to release this blessing everywhere we go!

Through Christ we inherit

Through Christ we receive the Commission – **Matthew 28:18-20** – because the nations are the inheritance promised to Abraham's Seed

The inheritance is gained through making disciples

We are to present the gospel as a gift to the nations

We are to bring the blessing of Messiah to all the nations

Matthew 28:19 - make disciples

Acts 2:42-47

- ❖ live the lifestyle of a disciple
- ❖ be committed to live this way

God opens doors to nations

We intend to reach every nation by the word of the Lord

We are learning all the time

The fruit is seen by the disciples

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- ❖ the pattern of all of life discipleship
- ❖ be speaking of YHWH at all times
- ❖ remember Jesus
- ❖ discipleship is adopting the lifestyle

Discipleship is a discipline,

- ❖ it is attending to the Word,
- ❖ it is attending to the fellowship of the brethren, do all you can to be in the fellowship, they communicate and share together
- ❖ it is attending to prayer

- ❖ it is attending to the Lord's Table

This lifestyle is called "following the pattern"

- ❖ the pattern is firstly attending to Acts 2:42 as above
- ❖ what is your time table?

Philippians 3:7

- ❖ **v.4-6** – his resume, he counted loss for Messiah

v.8 – attitude of a disciple

- **letting everything go** for Messiah

v.9 – we are to **be found in Him**, not our own righteousness (not doing things to 'keep the law')

- we are to **do all things through faith** (must hear the Word)

v.10 – Paul's whole desire is **to know Messiah**

v.11 – wanting to **attain to resurrection**

- what is going on inside of you? Walk the lifestyle, not just what you are doing externally, but what makes us righteous? Hearing the word and obeying it in faith, then we are released in peace and joy

- disciples say "what are we doing today Lord?" Take time to listen

v.12 – we know we are not yet perfect

v.13-14 – **by faith we press on**

- God does not want us to be prisoners of the past, step into the new

- this is the living attitude of a disciple

- to press toward the goal

- there is a prize!!

- this all forms in us a perseverance, not giving up, realizing there is a great reward, to know you have done the will of God

- **Romans 1:9** – it is to be our heart to serve God in our spirit in the gospel in our generation

- God's desires becoming our desires will fuel us

Philippians 3:15-17

- ❖ is to do with the "apostolic company"

- ❖ a committed group of disciples, living the lifestyle, reaching out to the nations of the earth

- ❖ v.15 - they are "mature" = having the mind to press on, to lay down our lives for Jesus, to know Him and the power of His resurrection

- ❖ this has to be our personal decision, commitment and obedience to God

- ❖ v.15 – there is a Spirit of revelation on the apostolic company, God will show us where there is lack of understanding, not denominational, no "covering" of man, just follow the Word and come under the covering of Messiah

- ❖ v.16 – walk by same "rule" = it is the way of life, it is the rule of Acts 2:42, the pattern, the rule of witnessing

- ❖ have the same mind

- ❖ v.17 – "be fellow followers with me" or "join in following my example" and note those who so walk

- ❖ this is the apostolic company, fellow followers of Jesus

Plan and continue to plan your discipleship

Luke 14:28

- ❖ count the cost
- ❖ v.29 - importance of planning, make sure you can actually do it
- ❖ v.30 - be willing to review your discipleship, recognize your pitfalls and plan to avoid that pit
- ❖ v.31-33 – counting the cost to go on in discipleship
- ❖ will you go on? Will you consider and plan and strategise for the future

Call to faithfulness

Luke 16:10-12

1. faithful in least is faithful in much – give attention to the little things, the conviction of the Holy Spirit
2. faithful in unrighteous mammon (wrong use of money), will get true riches (spiritual, revelation of the mysteries), do not let your right hand know what left is doing
3. faithful in what is another man's, will receive your own – learn to serve another, be faithful and do it with your whole heart and the reward will be God will give you in due time your own

Philippians 1:6

- ❖ be confident that God will finish the work (**1Thess.5:24**)

Parameters/boundaries of discipleship

1. Commitment

- ❖ commitment to Messiah and the call
- ❖ a) love for Jesus
- ❖ b) love for the Word
- ❖ c) love for the work of the ministry

2. Submission

- ❖ receiving the one God sends
- ❖ submission to the teacher, apostle, elder, to the God-given, God-appointed leader
- ❖ a submitted person is easily taught and corrected
- ❖ sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

3. Accountability

- ❖ A) means repentance, willingness to change to do things God's way
- ❖ B) you are obedient to the faith, reporting on the faith exploits you have done, obeying the faith (**Daniel 11:32**)
- ❖ C) accountability to the ministry, reporting back giving glory to God for what He has done

4. Apostleship

- ❖ need to be trained so that you can be sent
- ❖ **John 17:18** – Now "sending" the men who were trained
- ❖ **Romans 10:14-17** – preachers need to be sent to release faith
- ❖ **Luke 10:17-19** – disciples reported back to Jesus, He gave them more authority
- ❖ it is ongoing training, being sent and coming back and growing in more authority

2 Timothy 2:2

- Apostolic Succession, Passing on the Word
- Jesus taught Paul, Paul taught Timothy, Timothy taught faithful ones, faithful ones taught others
- successive generations
- pass on the Word

Discipleship is growing to maturity

- ❖ foundations properly laid
- ❖ growing up in **Eph.4:13**
- ❖ only speak the Word
- ❖ disciples are indispensable, we are predestined, foreknown by God
- ❖ disciples are unstoppable
- ❖ disciples are called to be fruitful and effective

Be humble – **1Peter 5:6; James 4:10**

Mark 10:28-31 - the reward is awesome!

THE REALITY OF FAITH

Faith is a reality. It is not a head-based acknowledgment of something that is true. It is a heart-based principle of the Messiah (Hebrews 6:1-2).

It is a principle that is meant to be laid and then outworked in us.

Faith is the doorway to the storehouse of the riches of glory that are in Messiah.

Habakkuk 2:4

- ❖ the soul of the proud is not upright in him
- ❖ but the just shall live by his faith
- ❖ faith is the opposite to pride
- ❖ pride is not believing God
- ❖ God wants us to live by faith

Shall Live – Heb SC#2421 *chayah* Word Wealth

Means to stay alive, be preserved, to flourish, to enjoy life, to live in happiness, to breathe, to be alive, to be animated, recover health, live continuously

Faith Heb SC#530

To do with things being established

- literally means firmness
- Fig. means security
- Mor. Means faithfulness, truth, honesty

The essential meaning is established, lasting, durable, continuous and certain

Faith is certain.

The faith of the Bible is solid. It can't be moved. It makes us firm.

Disciples are real believers. They are learning how to walk the walk of faith.

God works miracles, signs and wonders through those who believe.

Romans 1:16-17

- ❖ the power of God unto salvation is for everyone **who believes**
- ❖ in it the righteousness of God is revealed **from faith to faith**
- ❖ the just shall live by faith

We are to be committed to growing in this faith walk. God wants to release us into a greater dimension of faith.

Hebrews 10:36-39

- ❖ you have need of endurance
- ❖ God wants you to receive the promise
- ❖ Now the just shall live by faith
- ❖ But if anyone draws back (becomes proud), My soul has no pleasure in him
- ❖ Don't become independent of God
- ❖ Faith (believing) makes God happy
- ❖ God wants us to trust Him.
- ❖ **V.39** we are not of those who draw back to destruction
- ❖ we are of those who believe to the saving of our soul
- ❖ the way out of torment, regret and anxiety is to believe Jesus

Acts 15:8-9

- ❖ God made no distinction between the Jews and Gentiles
- ❖ God just wants faith
- ❖ Faith purifies our hearts

God takes us through times where the things that we have been trusting in come to the surface so that we can be purified and put our trust in Jesus.

Faith SC#4102 pistis

Means persuasion, conviction (of the truthfulness of God), especially means reliance upon Christ for salvation, constancy in our profession, confidence (bold)

John 3:33 – convinced of the truthfulness of God

Believe to the saving of your soul. Constantly confess God's word. Stay in a confession of faith in Him. Acknowledge how you feel but put your trust in God.

Have confidence in God (comes out of a knowledge of who He is).

Faith is the doorway for God's supernatural power to be released in the earth.

Ephesians 2:8

- ❖ faith is a gift from God
- ❖ faith is part of God's very nature (God is believing)
- ❖ grace working in us through faith (believing)
- ❖ through trusting God, we experience more grace

God believes that He can sanctify you completely (**1Thess.5:23-24**). God is always believing. He never draws back.

Luke 7:48-50

- ❖ your faith has saved you
- ❖ the woman believed in her heart
- ❖ believing from our heart is what makes us righteousness
- ❖ she knew that Jesus was the only one who could help her
- ❖ righteousness brings peace

Matthew 15:21-28

- ❖ the story of the Gentile woman who came to Jesus
- ❖ she worshiped Jesus and asked for His help
- ❖ Jesus will always help when we ask Him
- ❖ O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.
- ❖ Faith releases God to act
- ❖ Faith connects us to Jesus

Colossians 2:11-12 – baptism is a reality when it is done in faith (believing that God raised Jesus from the dead)

Galatians 3:14 – by grace through faith we receive the blessing of Abraham, the Promise of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 3:26 – we are sons of God through faith (by believing)

The life of faith has the enjoyment of God. There is something sure and steadfast under you when you are believing in God.

Mark 5:33-34 – the woman was made well; she touched Jesus in faith
- daughter (through faith we become sons of God)

Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

- ❖ today salvation has come to this house for this is a son of Abraham
- ❖ he received Jesus and responded in repentance and faith

When we believe God it unlocks the grace to be able to do what He has called us to do. Faith unlocks grace which is the limitless ability of God to do whatever He says. Peter walked on the water because he started to believe that Jesus was the I AM. Doubt caused him to sink.

Hebrews 11 – the testimony of faith

- ❖ v.1 – faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen
- ❖ faith is active now (hope is in the future)
- ❖ faith is the reality of what you are hoping for (in the Word of God)
- ❖ by faith we access the inheritance now
- ❖ faith is evidence of what you don't see
- ❖ faith accesses the invisible realm

What are you believing for? Are you believing for all the nations to be discipled?

Hebrews 11

- v.2 faith gives us a good testimony (it glorifies God)
- v.3 by faith we understand that even the ages that we are living in were framed and fashioned by the word of God
- as we walk by faith, it affects the world around us (the age in which we are living)
- Daniel was an example of one who believed God and then framed the age in which he was living
- we are here today because Abraham believed
- it is so important for us to live by faith today
- we are convinced that visible realities came from the invisible realm

Hebrews 11

Enoch

v.4 Abel walked by faith (he heard and obeyed God)

- ❖ righteousness has always been by faith
- ❖ **Phil 3:9** – righteousness which comes by faith in Jesus the Messiah

Enoch

Hebrews 11:5 – Enoch was taken by God because he pleased God (he walked by faith)

John 8:51

- ❖ if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death (keep His word by faith – hearing and obeying)
- ❖ Enoch walked with God

John 11:25-26

- ❖ whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die

Hebrews 11

- ❖ **v.6** without faith it is impossible to please God
- ❖ faith pleases God

- ❖ we must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him
- ❖ when we obey God by faith we are rewarded

Noah

v.7 – By faith Noah condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith

- ❖ he was assured and certain that the flood was coming (he believed God)
- ❖ faith moves us to action
- ❖ faith produced a godly fear in Noah
- ❖ Noah followed the instructions that He heard from God
- ❖ We are to be moved by faith to be building up the body of Christ (the house of God)
- ❖ We are becoming heirs of the righteousness which is according to faith
- ❖ **Romans 5:17** – we can reign in life through this righteousness

Abraham

Hebrews 11:8-10

- ❖ by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out
- ❖ faith + obedience leads us into the inheritance
- ❖ joined with faith we need patience
- ❖ **Hebrews 6:11-12** – we inherit the promises through faith and patience
- ❖ He waited for the city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God
- ❖ **By faith** Abraham waited
- ❖ By faith Abraham saw something. He saw sons. He saw a city.
- ❖ He believed God.

Hebrews 11:39-40

- ❖ God has provided something better for us
- ❖ He wants to bring things in heaven and on earth together

Hebrews 12:1-2

- ❖ let us run with endurance
- ❖ looking unto Jesus
- ❖ Jesus is the source and the perfecter of faith

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

John 7:2

- ❖ The Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand
- ❖ Are you aware that the Feast of Tabernacles is at hand
- ❖ This is a chiros time

v.8 – Jesus invites us to go up to the feast

- Jesus told His brothers, "My time is not yet **fully** come" – Jesus spoke of a fulfilment of the Feast where He will come

v.10 – Jesus came to the Feast in secret

- Have you been seeing Jesus, 'as it were, in secret'

v.14 – In the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles what was Jesus doing?

- He went to the Temple and He taught

v.15-16 - Jesus was teaching with understanding in the midst of Tabernacles

- the teaching was not from man's study
- Jesus' doctrine came from "Him who sent Jesus" = Father
- The Father has a doctrine, and Jesus was making this known in the midst of Tabernacles

v.17-18 - When we speak our own doctrines then we seek our own glory

- but if we speak the Father's doctrine, we give glory to the Father
- what does the Father's doctrine reveal? The Glory
- Jesus was speaking no other doctrine, wanting to reveal the glory of the Father
- God wants to raise up **sons** who are speaking His doctrine, servants cannot teach it because they do not know the Father
- sent **sons seeking the glory of their Father** in the midst of Tabernacles

The Father's Doctrine

Matthew 10 - context was the first time sending the apostles out on a mission

v.19-20

- For it will be given you...what you should speak
- not you who speak but the "Spirit of your Father" speaks
- we are to speak from the Spirit of the Father
- Tabernacles is a restoration of hearts of fathers to children and children to fathers (**Mal.4:5-6**)
- Tabernacles is the time of sons being sent to speak of their Father

John 12:44

- ❖ Believe in Jesus = believing in the One who sent Him

v.45 – see Jesus, see Him who sent Him

- those who believe our words, will believe and see the Father, they will receive a revelation of the Father!

v.46 – we are to be lights just as Jesus was the Light

- the Light reveals something

v.47 – if hear His words... we need to speak the words of Jesus

v.48 – if do not receive His words, the Word will judge them

- Word brings judgement in the last days

v.49-50 – Father gave the command of what Jesus should say and speak

- we are to only speak what we have been told by our Father

If Jesus is our Forerunner what are we to be doing in the Feast of Tabernacles?

We are to be teaching the Word, speaking the Father's doctrine

John 8:28-29

- ❖ as Father taught Me so I speak

- ❖ One who sent Me is with Me

- ❖ Wonderful promise, we can be taught by our Father, through the ministries that He has raised up

- ❖ When we are sent, who is with us? Our Father is with us

- ❖ Ministry of Word is what builds the dwelling place, (Tabernacle) of God in the earth

How did God reveal His glory to Moses? **Ex.33:18, 34:5-7** – God proclaimed who He was "YHWH, YHWH, God, merciful, gracious..."

- ❖ Glory is revealed by proclaiming who Jesus is

Feast of Tabernacles

Lev.23:34

- ❖ 15th day of 7th month, for seven days to YHWH

v.39 – when gathered in the fruit of the Land

- 1st day Sabbath, 8th day Sabbath rest

- it is a time of rest in Him

Ex.23:16

- ❖ **Feast of Ingathering**, end of the year, gathered in fruit of labours from the field

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

- ❖ gathered from threshing floor and from winepress

- ❖ not only gathering from the field, but bringing them into readiness

- ❖ the harvest is in, fully prepared, mature, ready for the feast!

- ❖ rejoice in the feast, whole household, for everyone no matter who they are

- ❖ YHWH **will bless us** in all our produce and the work of our hands

Nehemiah 7:73b

- ❖ 7th month came – Tabernacles

Nehemiah 8:1

- ❖ all people gathered as One Man

- ❖ bring the Book of the Law of Moses

v.2 – 1st day of 7th month = day of Blowing of Trumpets

- Ezra began to declare the Word, the Book of the Law (in front of the Water Gate)

v.3 – in the midst of Tabernacles, reading from the Word

v.5-6 – Ezra opened the Book

- all ears attentive, people standing to attention to hear the Word

- they loved the Word

- they lifted their hands, they bowed their heads, they worshiped when they heard the Word

Neh.8:7 – they helped the people to understand the Law
- the people stood in their place – there was an order in the congregation (ecclesia)

v.8 – i) they read distinctly from the Book (as it is written)
ii) they gave the sense (in context)
iii) helped to understand

v.9 – people wept, the Word was working in them

v.12 – they rejoiced greatly
- they understood the words declared!!!
What did the understanding of the word cause?

v.14-15 – they understood they should keep the Feast of Tabernacles!!! “as it is written”

v.16 – they obeyed and kept the Feast

- the Word caused the people to prepare for Tabernacles
- we are to be speaking the Word to prepare people for the Feast, to be a dwelling place for Jesus
- the Word being spoken as it is written, giving the sense, helping them to understand
- it is to be announced in the cities, everywhere

It is through the teaching and preaching of the word that the house of God, His Holy Tabernacle is built!

v.17-18 - since the days of Joshua they had not celebrated the Feast
- day by day they read from the Book; they continued steadfastly

Since days of early apostles the church has lost the understanding of Tabernacles, coming to maturity to be dwelling place of God

Through preaching of Word, the Law, it revealed and moved the people to be ready

The Word makes us ready, the apostolic word, it caused obedience to the faith

(Rom.1:5)

What was Jesus doing in the midst of Tabernacles?

- He was teaching the Father's Doctrine
- doing the work that prepares us for Tabernacles!

Zechariah 14:16

❖ all nations coming to worship the King, YHWH of Hosts, keeping the Feasts of Tabernacles

v.17 – any family of earth that do not come to worship Him and do not keep Feast there will be no rain

- for those who keep it there will be rain (water)

John 7:37-38 – rivers of living water

❖ the rain comes from the Messiah in us, the hope of glory
❖ the doctrine, the teaching comes forth as the rain, the river

Zech.14:8 – in that day “living waters” will flow from Jerusalem (the heavenly city)

❖ there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the tabernacles of the Most High (**Ps.46:4-5**)

❖ it will happen all year round

Zech.14:9 – YHWH will be King over all the earth

- the revelation over the earth will be "YHWH One and His name ONE"
- they will know God
- keeping the feast will cause the revelation of God to cover the earth

Zech.14:18-19

- ❖ nations that do not keep the Feast of Tabernacles will receive punishment
- ❖ they will receive a plague
- ❖ **v.12,15** – their flesh shall dissolve, eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, tongues dissolve in their mouths
- ❖ **the punishment** is on the flesh
- ❖ flesh is not the dwelling place of God, the dwelling of God is in the Spirit

Revelation 19:13

- ❖ the name is called "The Word of God"
- ❖ **v.15** – strikes nations with the sword which goes out of His mouth
- ❖ **This is the Word going forth**, with all His armies (carriers of the Word)
- ❖ **He has been in the winepress**
- ❖ **V.16** – all nations will come to worship the King – He is King of kings
- ❖ **V.17-18** – the Feast of the Great God
- ❖ Birds will eat **flesh** (the punishment of the plague on all nations that do not keep the Feast)
- ❖ **V.21** – killed with the sword which came from the mouth
- ❖ **The Word brings judgement**
- ❖ The Word is going out to pierce, to discern thoughts and intents of heart
- ❖ The judgement is on all **flesh**
- ❖ All flesh is as grass, but the Word endures forever (**Is.40:9 – get up into the mountain** and get the materials for Tabernacles)
- ❖ Behold your God!

How do we release the authority of heaven and earth?

Jesus said: By going to make disciples of all nations...baptising...teaching (Matt.28:18-20)

What was Jesus doing in the midst of Tabernacles?

He was teaching the Father's doctrine

He was seeking the Father's glory

Today, Jesus is raising disciples, training them to send them as sons to speak the Father's doctrine, to reveal the Father's glory

This is the reality of the Feast of Tabernacles!

Are you entering into the reality of this feast? Are you receiving the Father's doctrine to be prepared, built up as a member of God's Holy tabernacle, (dwelling place) in the earth?

John 1:14

- ❖ The Word when it was "tabernacled" among us revealed the GLORY

Matthew 9:37-38

- ❖ Feast of Tabernacles is a Harvest time
- ❖ Not only to bring the crops in from the field but also to prepare it, on “threshing floor and in the winepress”
- ❖ The harvest is truly plentiful, the labourers are few
- ❖ Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest
- ❖ That the nations will be ready to worship the KING, the rivers and rain of Word will come, the judgement of the word is released
- ❖ **Jeremiah 3:15** – knowledge and understanding released
- ❖ **So that the nations are ready to celebrate the Feast, to receive the King of Glory to come and Tabernacle with us!**

THE SABBATH DAY

Sabbath = "shabath" – intermission.

From a word meaning: to repose (to sleep and rest gently, peacefully, safely), to desist from exertion, to rest

1) The Sabbath is a sign - Ezekiel 20:12

- ❖ I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between them and Me that they may know that I am YHWH who sanctifies them
- ❖ Sabbath is a sign of the real relationship between God and His people
- ❖ He sanctifies us by the Sabbath
- ❖ Sabbath given so we can know God, experiencing His sanctification

Exodus 31:12-18

- ❖ surely we are to keep the Sabbaths
- ❖ throughout generations
- ❖ this will cause us to know YHWH who sanctifies us
- ❖ Sabbath is holy to us, holiness will be the result of keeping the Sabbath
- ❖ Sabbath has got to do with relationship with God, holiness has got to do with being in relationship with God
- ❖ Jesus sanctifies us to be in relationship with God
- ❖ Very serious thing to **profane** (a wrong motive) the Sabbath, should not treat it lightly, death is the penalty
- ❖ How do we profane the Sabbath? By doing work on it
- ❖ If we keep the Sabbath we are exercising faith that God will look after things
- ❖ Sabbath brings us into relationship with God, trusting God that we can do enough in 6 days
- ❖ No religious exercise will get us close to God, must be by faith
- ❖ It is not a "law", it is how to keep the relationship with your Heavenly Father, it is a sign of your relationship with God
- ❖ Sabbath is a "perpetual covenant" (covenant is a relationship made by agreement)
- ❖ Sabbath is the way to keep relationship with God
- ❖ **V.17** - God rested on 7th day and got "refreshed" (He could enjoy His people, His children keeping company with Him)

2. First mention

Genesis 2:2

- ❖ God "rested" on 7th day from all the work He had done
- ❖ **V.3** – God blessed the 7th day

Genesis 1:5

- ❖ evening and morning = first day
- ❖ **v.8** – again "evening and morning"
- ❖ **v.13** – "evening and morning"

But nowhere in the passage about the 7th day was there "an evening and morning"

- ❖ it was not an ordinary day

- ❖ it had no beginning and no end
- ❖ join with God in eternity for the 7th day
- ❖ it is an eternal day

3. Under the Law

Exodus 20:8-11

- ❖ 4th commandment
- ❖ Keep Sabbath holy, set yourselves apart
- ❖ 7th day (of the week) is Sabbath of YHWH your God
- ❖ No-one in your household, even Gentiles, can work on Sabbath
- ❖ YHWH rested the 7th day
- ❖ YHWH hallowed it, He made it a special day

4. Eunuchs and Foreigners who keep the Sabbath -

Isaiah 56:1-2

- ❖ keep from defiling the Sabbath
- ❖ what is the first evil you can do on the Sabbath? To do work
- ❖ Sabbath is based on trusting God
- ❖ It is not for going out to pick fruit, trust God to provide for you

v.3-4

- to eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, choose what pleases Me, hold fast covenant
- under law eunuchs could not come into the house of God
- but God says that He will give a better inheritance to eunuchs than sons and daughters if they keep Sabbaths

v.6-7

- foreigners who keep Sabbath have awesome promises
- God's house is a house of prayer for all nations
- God's heart for His house was that the Jews who knew the role of priesthood would pray for the Gentiles to come in

Why does God have such good promises for them?
Because they keep relationship with God, trusting Him

5) The Sabbath in Isaiah 58:13-14

- ❖ Call the Sabbath a delight
- ❖ Sabbath is: not doing own thing, it is delighting in the Lord, honouring it as God's day, not doing my own pleasure, not speaking my own words (read the Bible, God's word)
- ❖ The result will be: delight yourself with YHWH, He will give you the inheritance, He will bless you, cause you to ride on high hills of earth, enjoy God!!!!

6. God hates religious Practice

Isaiah 1:13-18

- ❖ God hates religious Sabbaths
- ❖ **Jn.7:2** called "Jews' Feast" – it was not God's anymore
- ❖ **"your Sabbaths"** – not God's
- ❖ Even in religious trouble and bondage, there is a way back = keep the Sabbath
- ❖ Majority of church world-wide speaks their own words every Sunday, not God's word

Hosea 2:11

- ❖ all feasts, new moons and Sabbaths will cease

- ❖ God hates religion, worship of idol gods, it is prostitution

Keeping the Sabbath is having a pure relationship with God

Matthew 11:25-30

- ❖ "I will give you rest"
- ❖ "you will find rest for your souls"
- ❖ "easy" = pleasant, good, comfortable, suitable, serviceable,
- ❖ Keep Sabbath by having a well-fitting and strong personal relationship with God by the indwelling Spirit

Do the jobs out of rest; Trusting God more than usual

Jesus is the Sabbath! He is our rest!

7. Sabbath in gospel of Luke

Luke 4:16-21

- ❖ Jesus' custom was to go to Synagogue on Sabbath day
- ❖ Jesus read from Isaiah
- ❖ Jesus declared the Sabbath
- ❖ In the Lord's Sabbath will bring freedom, healing, it is the "acceptable year of the Lord"
- ❖ You can be a "Sabbath keeper" or "Sabbath reaper"

Luke 6:1-5

- ❖ Jesus' disciples plucked heads of grain on the Sabbath
- ❖ "not lawful" on Sabbath to do this
- ❖ Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ When you are a son of God you do what your Father tells you to do on the Sabbath

Luke 6:6-11

- ❖ looking to see if Jesus would heal on the Sabbath
- ❖ religious people were wanting to accuse Jesus for breaking the Sabbath
- ❖ most people not feeling the anointing but are feeling the tension
- ❖ Jesus asked them a question "Is it lawful to do good or to do evil on the Sabbath? To save life or destroy?"
- ❖ Man was healed
- ❖ Sabbath is a day of restoration and healing in God's presence

Luke 13:10-17

- ❖ Jesus went to Synagogue on Sabbath
- ❖ Woman had been member of synagogue for 18 years and had kept getting worse
- ❖ She was under influence of demon, not at rest
- ❖ Jesus loosed her from the demon!
- ❖ Jesus laid hands on her and she was healed
- ❖ God hates "Sabbath Keepers", He hates religion, because it causes people to get angry when Jesus heals them
- ❖ Jesus called him "hypocrite", she should be loosed on the Sabbath by the Lord of the Sabbath (Jesus is the One who created the Sabbath)

Luke 14:1-6

- ❖ Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?
- ❖ Can you expect healing on the holy day of God?
- ❖ You can save your donkey but not heal the sick?
- ❖ They could not answer Jesus

8. Sabbath in John

John 5:8-15

- ❖ Jesus had done the healing on the Sabbath
- ❖ Jesus commanded him to take up his bed and walk (on the Sabbath)
- v.16** – Jews sought to kill Jesus because He healed on the Sabbath and told the man to carry his bed
- v.17** – “My Father has been working until now and I have been working”
 - My Father does not keep the Sabbath either
 - My Father heals on the Sabbath so I do too
- v.18** – made Himself equal with God

John 7:20-22

- ❖ Jesus said that the Jews circumcised babies on Sabbath
- v.23** – if circumcision can be done not to break the law, surely healing can be done also?
- v.28-31** – Jesus did most signs on the Sabbath
 - Jesus the Messiah is the revelation of the Sabbath
 - Jesus is the revelation of God in the Sabbath
 - Sabbath is a sign of the relationship with God
 - Sabbath was always meant to be a revelation of God in the midst of His people
 - Jesus the Messiah is the Sabbath

9. Acts teaching on Sabbath

Acts 13:14

- ❖ Paul and Barnabas went into Synagogue on Sabbath
- ❖ Paul's sermon was preached in Synagogue in Sabbath
- ❖ **V.23** – Saviour – Yeshua raised up
- ❖ **V.30** – resurrection experienced on Sabbath
- ❖ **V.34** – God will give sure mercies of David
- ❖ **V.47** – gospel to the Gentiles happened on a Sabbath
- ❖ **V.42** – word that comes out of the Sabbath is the gospel, Word that comes out of right relationship with God is the gospel

Acts 15:21

- ❖ Moses has been preached, being read in synagogues on Sabbath

Hebrews 8:13

- ❖ under Moses Sabbath became a law, before that it was not a law, it was a practice by faith
- ❖ after New Covenant has come, Law of Moses/Old Covenant becomes “obsolete”
- ❖ it is ready to vanish away
- ❖ if trying to keep Sabbath literally you are trying to chase something that is vanishing away

10. Colossians 2:16-17

- Let no-one judge you in food, drink, new moons, feasts or Sabbaths

- the reality of these things, the substance of body of them is "Christ"

v.18 – let no-one cheat you of your reward

v.19 – must hold fast to the Head

v.20 – died to religious practices (principles of world)

- law of Moses to keep Sabbath was a shadow pointing to a reality

11. Sabbath is the eternal day, living and abiding in the eternal city

Revelation 22:5 – Lord God gives light

v.14 – blessed are those who do his commandments

- can go into the city

v.17 – come freely

Sabbath is a Person, Sabbath is an eternal Day

SONS OF GOD ARISE

Jesus died on the cross so that you could be a son of God.

Isaiah 43:6-7

- ❖ I will say to the north, 'Give them up'... and to the south...
- ❖ God is calling for sons
- ❖ Everyone who is called by My name
- ❖ Their identity is in their Father
- ❖ Do you identify yourself with the name of your Father
- ❖ Sons are created for His glory

Hosea 11:10-11

- ❖ they shall walk after Yahweh
- ❖ when He roars, His sons shall come trembling from the west...like a bird from Egypt...like a dove (symbol of Holy Spirit – **Luke 3:21-22**)
- ❖ there is a roar going out
- ❖ His sons are hearing that roar and coming
- ❖ God has an inheritance for us (there is a place prepared for us from before the foundation of the world)
- ❖ God has a dwelling place for us to inherit

Romans 8:15

- ❖ God wants us free from slavery
- ❖ We did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear
- ❖ The spirit of God is the spirit of sonship, the spirit that places us into the position of a son
- ❖ We can work with God as a son with his Father

Numbers 14:11

- ❖ How long will these people reject Me?
- ❖ How long will they not believe Me?
- ❖ Unbelief is rejecting Jesus
- ❖ **Matthew 17:17** – unbelieving generation, Jesus speaks the same thing as YHWH did to people of God
- ❖ God is wanting to bring forth deliverance in the earth
- ❖ **Numbers 14 V.19-21**- as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yahweh
- ❖ **Heb 2:10** – God is bring many sons to glory
- ❖ The purpose for which Jesus suffered was to bring many sons to glory, so that the earth can be filled with His glory
- ❖ **Numbers 14:22-24** – those who rejected Yahweh did not see the land. Caleb had a different spirit in him. God brought him into the land. He followed Yahweh fully.
- ❖ The major attribute to be a son of Abraham is faith
- ❖ We need that same spirit of faith which believes and therefore speaks
- ❖ Jesus wants us to believe that we can and will inherit everything the Father wants to give us
- ❖ Sons believe their Father

Luke 12:32

- ❖ it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the **kingdom**
- ❖ it makes the Father happy to give you the kingdom
- ❖ to receive we have to believe
- ❖ sons know their Father and they know that He never lies

Daniel 7:18

- ❖ the saints of the Most High shall receive and possess the **kingdom** forever
- ❖ seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
- ❖ we need to go after it

Hebrews 12:28

- ❖ we are **receiving a kingdom** which cannot be shaken
- ❖ as sons we are meant to be walking in the reality of receiving the kingdom
- ❖ we are not to be shaken by the things that are going on around us
- ❖ the kingdom of God cannot be shaken
- ❖ let us have grace (sons walk in grace)
- ❖ sons just do what they see the Father do
- ❖ My Father is the one who does the works
- ❖ Servants strive and perform, but sons have rest (they have received the approval because they are sons)
- ❖ Doing our own works doesn't please God

Matthew 5:5

- ❖ blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth
- ❖ **our inheritance is the kingdom of God in the earth**

Psalms 2:8

- ❖ ask of Me and I will give you the **nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession (Romans 8:17 – sons have an inheritance (heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ))**
- ❖ going to heaven is not our inheritance
- ❖ our inheritance is in the earth

1 Samuel 2:8

- Hannah's prayer
- God raises the poor and lifts the beggar from the ash heap
- He sets them among princes and **makes them inherit the throne of glory**
- our inheritance is the throne of glory (seated with Christ in the heavenly places –

Ephesians 2:6)

- a glorious high throne is the place of our sanctuary (**Jer 17:12**)

Titus 3:7

- ❖ heirs according to the hope of eternal life
- ❖ **we inherit eternal life**

Hebrews 2:5

- ❖ the world to come has been put in subjection to sons of God
- ❖ the world to come (the new heavens and the new earth) is our inheritance
- ❖ we walk under an open heaven as sons of God (**Matthew 3:16**)

Romans 4:13-16

- ❖ the world is our inheritance as the Seed, the sons of Abraham

1 Corinthians 3:21-22

- all things are yours

Revelation 21:7

- ❖ He who overcomes **shall inherit all things**, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. This is a corporate reality. Together we inherit all things

There is a deeper circumcision to be done in our lives.

There was a generation that died in the wilderness because they didn't come out of that bondage to fear.

Joshua = Yahweh is salvation (same meaning as Jesus)

To inherit the land we are to be called by another name. We need to be under Jesus (Yahweh saves), no longer servanthood, institution

Joshua 5:5

- ❖ the people born in the wilderness had not been circumcised
- ❖ Joshua (prophetically Jesus – Yahweh saves) was the one who circumcised them
- ❖ They were not circumcised/initiated into their forefathers' slavery to fear
- ❖ They were ready for something new
- ❖ They had already crossed the Jordan
- ❖ Jesus came to the Jordan to become that mature son (**Matt.3:13-17**)
- ❖ V.5 – Joshua was leading them ('Yahweh saves' was leading them)
- ❖ Moses had been as their tutor
- ❖ Now they were being led by Joshua
- ❖ There was a shift from slavery to sonship
- ❖ God is bringing people out of institutional slavery into the liberty of being sons of God

Colossians 2:11-12

- ❖ in Christ (the fullness of the Godhead bodily – **Col.2:9**) we were circumcised with the circumcision made without hands
- ❖ buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through faith in the working of God
- ❖ real baptism is a reality
- ❖ this is where circumcision begins

Before the Israelites could enter the land with Joshua they had to be circumcised.

Galatians 3:26-29

- ❖ if we have been immersed into Christ, we have put Him on
- ❖ we come into Him (into the One on whom Spirit of God came)
- ❖ there is no longer any distinction but we are all one in Messiah Jesus
- ❖ if we are Messiah's, we are Abraham's seed
- ❖ this is where our placement as a son begins
- ❖ we become heirs according to the promise

Philippians 3:3

- ❖ this circumcision enables us to worship God in the spirit
- ❖ taken out of the flesh realm
- ❖ the prosperity doctrine is a carnal perversion of the inheritance we have in Christ

- ❖ we can receive the riches of His glory
- ❖ we can be content whether we have a lot or whether we have nothing
- ❖ we possess everything in Christ
- ❖ we have access to every resource of heaven everyday
- ❖ sons rejoice in Christ Jesus (sons rejoice in their relationship with their Father)

Romans 2:28-29

- ❖ he is a Jew who is one inwardly; circumcision is that of the heart
- ❖ we are to the praise of the glory of His grace (**Eph.1:5-6**)
- ❖ our praise comes from God and not from men
- ❖ the 'Jewishness' that God is after is by the Spirit, of the heart

1 Kings 17:1

- Elijah the Tishbite spoke to the king; there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word
- Elijah had such a standing before God - He walked in the authority of Yahweh
- sons walk in dominion; Elijah walked as a son

1 Kings 19:19-21

- Elijah found Elisha; he threw his mantle on him
- Elijah was calling forth the destiny of Elisha (calling him to come follow him)
- Elisha arose and followed Elijah and he became his servant
- serving is a necessary part of our growth
- we need to know that we are placed into a position with God where we are destined to inherit
- there is a necessary time of serving in order to get there

2 Kings 2

- Elisha refused to leave Elijah, he knew he hadn't yet fully entered into his inheritance
- God tested Elisha (offering him a great future as a servant)
- v.6 – Yahweh was sending Elijah on to the Jordan; the two of them went on
- v.8 – the two of them crossed over on dry ground
- v.9 – Elijah asked Elisha, "What may I do for you?"
- sons need to declare what they want
- Elisha was going after his inheritance
- He asked for a double portion of Elijah's anointing (the right of a firstborn son)
- v.10 it is by revelation (we have to see something – eyes of understanding)
- v.11 – Elisha saw
- he cried out, "**My father, my father**, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen"
- maybe he saw the God of Elijah (the Father of Elijah)
- from that moment on, Elisha was different
- The only tragic thing was Elisha never raised up a son after him

Jesus wants the spirit of His Father to come upon us.

This is the spirit and power of Elijah (sonship), turning the hearts of fathers to children and children to fathers (**Mal.4:5-6, Lu.1:17**)

God is sending the spirit of sonship. Receive!

Sons of God arise.

GO FORTH

Sent

Matthew 28:18-20 - sent in His name (revelation of His name)

❖ baptising in the name

John 17:18

Acts 13:1-4 - Apostles sent out

1 Cor 4:17 - I am sending to you Timothy, my faithful and beloved son

In the Name

Acts 4:12 - there is no other name under heaven among men by which we must be saved. it is the name of Jesus

Acts 2:36 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ

v.38 repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus the Messiah

Acts 9:4 - Paul fell to the ground. He said, "Who are you Lord?"

❖ The voice said, "I, I AM Jesus" (*ego eimi* – I, I AM)

❖ Paul never doubted from that day on that Jesus is the Lord

Philippians 2:5-11

❖ God has highly exalted Jesus and given Him the name above every name

❖ At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, those in heaven and those on earth

❖ Every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father

Practising the Word

1 Timothy 4:13

- Give attention to reading, exhortation (preaching) and to doctrine (teaching).

- Include these three things in every meeting

- Give attention to the public reading of Scripture. Even those who are illiterate need to access the word of God.

The daily bread that we need is the word.

Daily needs we can believe and ask God for: Food for the day; clothing; basic education; shelter

If we have what someone needs, we can give it. God wants to meet the needs of His people. We can ask our Father for our daily needs. God has children (not beggars). Our Father wants to meet our needs.

He is the Christ

Luke 1:31-33

❖ you shall bring forth a Son – Jesus

❖ of His kingdom there will be no end

Matthew 1:20-21

❖ that which is begotten in her (Mary) is of the Holy Spirit

❖ she shall bring forth a Son

- ❖ you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins
 - ❖ Immanuel = God with us
- We are going forth in His name.
Proclaim (preach, confess) that Jesus reigns.

Proclaim Him

Mark 16:15 - go into all the world and preach the good news (gospel) to all nations

Romans 10:14

- ❖ how shall they hear without a preacher
- ❖ how shall they preach unless they are sent (*apostelo*)
- ❖ v.16 – they have not all obeyed the gospel
- ❖ v.17 – faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God

1 Timothy 2:1-7

We need preachers. Pray for all in authority, for all men, that we may live peacefully
God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

- ❖ There is one God and mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus
- More and more people are now praying for our nation. The **result** is that God is raising up more preachers and apostles so the word can go forth.

Preach the Gospel

Matthew 3:2

- ❖ John the Baptist came preaching the kingdom of heaven

Matthew 4:17 - Jesus came preaching the kingdom

Matthew 24:14 – this gospel of the kingdom will be preached (proclaimed) to all the nations

- ❖ The gospel of the government of God (God rules and reigns – every nation has been given to Jesus)
- ❖ We are being sent forth to proclaim that Jesus reigns. He is both Messiah and Lord.

Acts 11:19-21

- ❖ those who were scattered after the persecution arose went forth preaching the word
- ❖ they spoke to the Greek-speakers (Hellenists) preaching the Lord Jesus
- ❖ God used persecution to get his disciples to go forth

The commission God has given us costs everything. God will provide all that we need as we are obedient to go.

Acts 11:21

- ❖ the hand of the Lord was with them
- ❖ a great number believed and turned to the Lord
- ❖ they went in boldly preaching the Lord Jesus

Modern Church needs to wake up

The modern church in the west – most pastors are still asleep and no longer preaching a message that is relevant to our society.

Christians are now regarded as a minority.

We need to proclaim afresh, especially in the west, who Jesus is. We need to start preaching the gospel – making Jesus known.

The Sabbath is actually a person – the Lord Jesus. He wants to bring people into relationship with Him. We need a radical preaching of the gospel in our day. We live in a perverse society.

Preaching Repentance and Remission of sins

Luke 24:47

- ❖ repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations
- ❖ repentance is to be preached
- ❖ Repentance means changing your mind
- ❖ The basic foundation of the gospel is repentance
- ❖ Our faith is reasonable. It is built precept upon precept, line upon line.
- ❖ The gospel begins with preaching repentance. People need to consider the facts of Jesus the Messiah.
- ❖ We need to preach remission of sins.
- ❖ Persuade people to consider the gospel – tell them the truth.
- ❖ All nations need to hear.
- ❖ God is looking for workers. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
- ❖ Pray for the Lord to thrust out labourers into His harvest. (**Matthew 9:37-38**)
- ❖ The silent witness is a non-witness. People need to hear.
- ❖ The gospel needs to be proclaimed.

Preaching Jesus

Revelation 1:5

- ❖ Jesus Christ the faithful witness
- ❖ The firstborn from the dead
- ❖ Ruler over the kings of the earth
- ❖ He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood

The Good Confession

1 Timothy 6:13-15

- confess the good confession
- God is our witness
- keep the commandment without spot
- He will manifest in His own time
- Jesus is the Sovereign ruler (the only Potentate)
- Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords
- **Genesis 49:10** Shiloh – means Him who has the right to rule (This one is Jesus)

We are being sent out to preach Jesus.

We are being sent out as members of the body of Christ. We are part of the vine.

We are being sent out as part of the church that Jesus is building in the earth.

Acts 9:31

- ❖ the churches walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied

We have the right and the responsibility to correct the church. We need to be straightforward about the truth.

Acts 19 – Paul spent 6 months teaching in the synagogue. He withdrew the disciples when the religious leaders became unreasonable.

The church is to arise and proclaim Him.

1 Peter 2:9

- we are called out to proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light

We are to proclaim Him, Messiah and Lord (**Ephesians 3:8** – Paul received grace to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ).

Isaiah 40:9-11

- ❖ you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain
 - ❖ lift up your voice with strength
 - ❖ say, "Behold your God!"
 - ❖ the lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb are the same One
- Jesus is not one third of God. He is God. We need to say, "Behold your God!"

Acts 2:36

- ❖ Jesus is both Lord and Christ

Acts 10:38-43

- ❖ Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power
- ❖ He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed
- ❖ Jesus was ordained by God – Judge of the living and the dead
- ❖ Through His name, whoever believes will receive remission of sins

Ephesians 6:19

- pray to boldly make known the mystery – the gospel