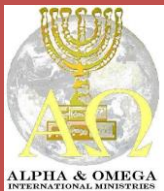


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Identity Theft

Introduction

Jesus was the visible expression of God on earth. When people saw Him, they saw the Father. Jesus taught as one having authority. Jesus did the work of His Father, and thus the work of the kingdom. **John 17:4** He showed mercy and had compassion on people. He addressed situations as though He were the Father. When he said, “*Peace be still,*” the wind stopped. When he said, “*Lazarus come forth,*” Lazarus was raised from the dead. When he said, “*Rise up and walk,*” the man walked. The people who witnessed these acts were amazed that God had given such power to a man.

Satan challenged his right to be called the son of God. The Pharisees called it blasphemy when Jesus said that He and the Father were one.

John 10:33 *The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

Jesus was secure in who He was. He never yielded to the challenges.

Colossians 2:9 Amp *For in Him the whole fullness of Deity [the Godhead] continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

Jesus called and empowered us to walk in the same position with the same authority that He walked in.

John 17:18 *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

The same enemies that came against Jesus come against us. Satan challenges our right to be called a son of God. Religion tells us that it is blasphemy for men to say that they are equal to, or one with God.

God is actually misrepresented when we fail to see ourselves in the position that God has created us to fill. We were created in His image to bring forth after His kind. Our right to walk as sons is rooted in God’s plan for man.

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Do you know who you are? Do you know the authority that you have been given? Do you know where you came from and what you were called to do?

Colossians 2:10 Amp *And you are in Him made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the godhead-Father, son, and Holy spirit and reach full spiritual stature]. 11 We are complete in Him.*

Don't become a victim of identity theft! When you know who you are and when you refuse to allow the thief to challenge your rights to that identity, when people see you, they will have seen the Father.

John 17:22 *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

Are We Giving God the Glory Due His Name?

We sing songs giving God, giving Jesus, glory, honor and praise. We serve him diligently, yet we often fail to give Him the glory due his name. The Pharisees honored God with their mouths, yet the Bible says that their hearts were far from Him. The knowledge of their sin kept them distanced from God.

Isaiah 29:13 *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

Isaiah felt the same way when he found himself in the presence of God. “Who am I in the presence of God?” Isaiah 6:1-7 We often feel the same way even though we have been forgiven.

Colossians 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Jesus died for our sins so that we could walk in our inheritance. Psalms 106:4-5,20 He exchanged his life for ours and called us joint heirs. Galatians 4:1-7

Just what does that mean? Until we begin to understand what our inheritance involves, we have missed the whole point. Our hearts are still far from Him. God wants us to fully assume and walk in our inheritance. Until we do that, we are not really giving God the credit due his name. James 3:9-10

Jesus was the first-born among many brethren. He was appointed heir of all things. He was the express image of his father. Hebrews 1:2-3 He was different than the angels. He inherited a more excellent name. He inherited all of the rights and privileges that go with being his Father’s son, including the throne.

Hebrews 1:4 *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of*

the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

The angels were created to be ministering spirits that minister to the saints and to the father. They surround the throne and cry “Holy, holy, holy.” Yet, they were never created to inherit the things of the throne and of the kingdom. They are not heirs. Hebrews 1:5,713-14

Mankind was created to be an heir. Genesis 1:26-28 The position has been secured for us by Jesus. Jesus shared His glory with us and is not ashamed to call us brothers. Hebrews 2:9-12 Can you picture yourself seated in heavenly places sharing the Father’s glory and honor that Jesus did? Ephesians 2:5-6

If you can’t, then you are not fully receiving the position Jesus secured for you. John 1:12-13,16 For the most part, we agree that Jesus died for our sins, but we have never dared to fully assume our position as a joint heir. We have almost adopted the position of angels. We give Him glory and honor and we work for the kingdom, but we can not picture ourselves seated in heavenly places occupying the throne.

Psalms 100:4 *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

Psalms 96:8 *Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

Unless we see that we have been filled with the same honor, glory and power that Jesus was filled with, we are only paying God lip service!

God won’t share his glory with anyone. He is the only one that can provide the quality of life that he intended for his children to have. He won’t share his position as provider. But, as a father, he is willing to share everything that he has with his children. He supplies us with his fullness. Don’t miss it! Take your rightful position as a son and joint heir. Jesus did!

Satan is an angel of light who tried to wrongfully assume a position outside of his inheritance. We are sons entitled to our inheritance. It can't be assumed outside of our relationship with God. Am I saying that we are God? No, Satan said that and it cost him. Isaiah 14:12-15

We are one with God. If we try to assume the position outside of being one with him, then we are exalting ourselves above God.

Do you Know Who you are?

Jesus knew who He was. His identity was continually challenged by the enemy through the religious leaders of the day. He was not moved. He knew who He was, He knew what He came to do, and He knew where He was going.

John 13:3 *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;*

Jesus never saw himself separated from His Father and He was secure in the relationship that He had with Him.

John 8:29 *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

Jesus embraced who He was.

Matthew 7:28 *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Jesus was filled with the same glory and honor that His Father was filled with.

Colossians 2:9 Amp *For in Him the whole fullness of Deity [the Godhead] continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

He was a perfect manifestation of His Father.

Hebrews 1:2-7 *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power. . . .*

He inherited the throne!

Hebrews 1:8 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

He and His Father were one.

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Do we know who we are?

Jesus exchanged His life for ours. **Romans 6:1-5** He exchanged his glory and honor for our shame and weakness. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

2 Thessalonians 2:13 *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

As we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:45 *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

We are full of the same honor and glory that Jesus is filled with.

John 17:22 *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

He gave us the power and the right to be sons of God. He filled us with His fullness! He gave us everything that He had.

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

John 1:16 *And of his fullness [all that he is filled with] have all we received, and grace for grace.*

We came from the Father, and we are going back to him.

Ephesians 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

Ecclesiastes 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

We are heirs of the kingdom and of the throne. An heir inherits everything that belonged to his predecessor and assumes his position.

Galatians 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

We were made in the image of God. We have a flesh body, but we have been filled with His Spirit for the purpose of demonstrating the “person of God” to mankind.

Colossians 2:10 Amp *and you are in Him made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit and reach full spiritual stature].*

Colossians 2:11 Amp *We are complete in Him*

Jesus was the Word made flesh and we are flesh filled with the Word.
We are incorruptible.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Discerning the Kingdom

The things of the kingdom can only be spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:9-14

1 Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

1 Corinthians 15:34-50 tells us that the things that pertain to the flesh and the things that pertain to the Spirit are not the same because they are opposites. They do not function the same way. They cannot be mixed. We have tried to make the things of the kingdom about the things of the flesh and we have missed the whole point!

1 Corinthians 15:50 *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

The kingdom is not about rules and regulations. It is a spiritual kingdom, not a flesh kingdom.

Romans 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

The kingdom is within you. It does not come by observation. It comes by revelation. Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you can neither see, nor enter into the kingdom. Unless the word you know comes by revelation knowledge from the Holy Spirit, you will never enter into that position within you where righteousness, peace, and joy abide. That which is flesh is flesh. It can't perceive spiritual things. **John 3:1-5**

Much of the word that most of us know comes through tradition and our natural understanding. The enemy appeals to us through the things of the flesh which are corruptible that have no spiritual value and our understanding of that which is spiritual becomes distorted.

Colossians 2:8 *Beware lest any man spoil [rob] you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

Much of the frustration that surrounds the lives of many Christians can be attributed to this very concept.

James 1:8 *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

How do you know what you know about God? Do you have tradition and head knowledge mixed with revelation knowledge?

Proverbs 4:7 NIV . . .*though it cost all you have, get understanding.*

When we purpose to allow the Holy Spirit to discern the things of God rather than natural or second hand understanding, we may discover that much of what we know is not based on truth. We will have to be willing to forsake old ideas and go against religious traditions, but when we begin to discover the truth about God, it will set us free!

Ephesians 1:17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power*

We are His workmanship!

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace [Strong's – the divine influence of God in your life and its reflection therein] are ye saved through faith [persuasion that he will provide everything that you need]; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

The Veil of Deception

The enemy challenges our right to inherit the things of the kingdom by taking us back to the things of the law. When the law is the center of our focus, there is a veil over our eyes and we cannot see spiritual truth. We experience condemnation and frustration, which are products of the law, rather than life and peace, which are products of the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:6-9; Romans 3:23**

2 Corinthians 3:14 *But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*

The Pharisees focus was on the law and they missed the whole point of the gospel.

Matthew 9:13 *But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [a change in the direction of their thinking]*

Matthew 12:7 *But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.*

The Pharisees were of their father the devil.

John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

Their doctrine “shut up” the kingdom and prevented men from entering in.

Matthew 23:13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

They lay burdens on people that could not be lifted.

Matthew 23:4 *For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.*

They carried out the “work of their father the devil.”

Isaiah 14:16 *They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?*

Persecuted for His Name's Sake

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute [to harass or call into question because of one's beliefs, to cause to flee] you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. **21** But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake [position of authority], because they know [understand] not him that sent me.

Jesus was the “Word made flesh.” He was the son of God. He and His Father were one. It was Jesus’ identity or position that he held with his Father that was challenged.

Satan challenged Jesus’ right to be called the son of God. “If you are the son of God, prove it!” **Matthew 3:17; Matthew 4:3-9**
The Pharisees called it blasphemy when Jesus claimed to be one with His Father. How can you being a man say that you are “equal with God?”

John 10:30-33 *I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

The Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus by relating his performance to the regulations of the law and to the traditions of the elders.

John 9:16 *Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?*

Luke 13:14 *Jesus healed the woman who had an infirmity 18 years 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.*

Matthew 9:2- *And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of*

the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Luke 5:21 *And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?*

Matthew 9:9-11 V11 *And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?*

Matthew 9:14 *Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?*

Matthew 12:2 *But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.*

Matthew 12:22-24 *Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.*

Matthew 15:1-3 *Your disciples transgress the traditions of the elders*

Jesus was crucified over the identity issue. How can you being a man say you are equal with God?

Matthew 26:63 *But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. 66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.*

John 19:7 We have a law and by our law he is guilty of death.

Leviticus 24:16 Anyone that blasphemes the name of the Lord is guilty of death.

Matthew 27:11 Jesus claimed to be the king of the Jews.

Matthew 27:18 For envy they delivered Him. **Isaiah 14:13-14**

Matthew 27:27-30 The soldiers mocked Him. They dressed him in a crown of thorns, a scarlet robe, and put a reed in his hand.

The crown of thorns represented His works **Genesis 3:18**,

The scarlet robe represented His sins as a man

The reed was used to mock the scepter of righteousness **Heb 1:8**

Matthew 27:39-44 If He is the King of Israel, let him save himself!

Matthew 27:46-49-If He is who He says He is, God won't forsake Him.

John 19:19,21 Pilate wrote "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The Jews said change it to He said He was the King of the Jews.

Matthew 27:50-54-Truly this was the "Son of God."

When Jesus was challenged, He was not moved because he knew who He was and he embraced it.

We are persecuted and challenged in the same way. We were created in God's image and given dominion over all things. It is that identity that the enemy wants to steal. How can you being mere men say you are one with God?

Matthew 10:24 *The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?*

You Judge Yourself Unworthy

In **Acts 13:33-46** Paul explains that God's Word was first delivered to the Jews. Jesus came and justified them from all things that the law could not justify them from. The Jews were filled with envy and blasphemy and contradicted all that Jesus had done. They judged themselves "unworthy of everlasting life."

***Acts 13:38** Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:**39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**45** But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. **46** Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.*

They "shut up the kingdom." Their doctrine according to the law disqualified them from receiving the things of God. **Matthew 23:4,13, Romans 3:23**

How many times do we "judge ourselves" to be unworthy of everlasting life? The enemy presents us with circumstances and shortcomings and we lose sight of who we really are.

Things that Perish

Christians find themselves searching for anything that will produce a sense of value in their lives because they feel unfulfilled. Without realizing it, they base their sense of value on things of the flesh that are subject to change. Their sense of self-worth comes from their spouses, children, jobs, education, physical assets, achievements etc. The only thing that can really set us free and cause us to feel good about who we are is to begin to see who God created us to be and to get a glimpse of the value that He places on our lives. Jesus was delivered to the cross, not to satisfy God so that He could forgive our sins, but to relieve us from the condemnation in the flesh that keeps us from seeing our true identity as His sons and daughters.

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved [delivered from the condemnation that comes from the law].*

If our sense of value is based on anything other than what God has done for us, it is subject to change and failure.

The Spirit of Infirmity

Luke 13:11 *And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity [febleness of body or mind, malady, moral frailty, weakness] eighteen years, and was bowed together [to stoop, to be completely overcome by], and could in no wise lift up [unbend, reverse] herself.*

The spirit of infirmity is associated with intimidation and accusation coming from the adversary over one's inability to overcome a situation. Anytime you are faced with an oppressive situation that you seemingly have no way out of, the lies of the enemy are involved.

Jesus has compassion on people and heals those that are oppressed [**to burden spiritually or mentally**] of the devil.

Acts 10:38 *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Where is God?

Psalm 42:9 *I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? 11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted [in great commotion, rage, war, moan] within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*

The number one thing that the enemy wants to challenge us with is the fact that “God is with us.” Have you ever heard the enemy say, “Where is your God now?” He points a finger at God in our circumstances and makes us feel like God has abandoned us, like God does not care, and like God is not helping us because we don’t deserve help.

Jesus was able to dispel the lies of the enemy because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit and God was with Him. When we are listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and we are not moved from the position that “God is with us,” we too will be able to dispel the lies of the enemy and we will be able to walk out our seemingly hopeless circumstances in victory.

Recovering our Sight

2 Corinthians 3:16 *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Jesus came to redeem us from the works of the law. When we embrace what He has done for us and allow the Spirit of God to lead us, our eyes are opened to who we are and what we have been called to do.

Moses said, “Unless I know that you are with me, I can not go.” **Exodus 33:12-22** Moses said, “Who shall I say has sent me?” God’s answer was “I am.” When we begin to get the revelation of the concept that “I am” one with my Father, we too will have the power to open up the doors of the kingdom to the people of the world.

The Pharisees were of their father the devil and went about disclaiming the things of the kingdom through the law. They caused people to become slaves to the law and thus produced captives. The Pharisees through his inspiration shut up the gates of the kingdom so that no one could enter in.

Jesus was of His Father and set the captives free **Acts 10:38**
He brought the kingdom to the people.

Matthew 4:23 Jesus went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and disease

Matthew 9:35-36 *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

Luke 9:11. . . he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Jesus brought people to life.

John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

The people did not always believe that Jesus and his father were one when he told them, but when He began to demonstrate the things of the kingdom; the people were filled with awe.

Jesus said, “*Don’t believe me because I say I am the son of God. The works that I do will prove that I am the son of God.*”

John 10:36 *Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.*

Luke 8:25 When Jesus rebuked the wind and water “*And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*”

Matthew 27:50-54 Jesus gave up the ghost, the veil was rent, the earth quaked and the centurion and those that were with him said, “*truly this was the son of God.*”

Matthew 27:11-14 *Pilate marveled [admire] greatly* when Jesus when he stood before the governor and the governor asked him if he was the son of God. His reply was “*Thou sayest.*” When he was accused he said nothing.

Matthew 9:8 When the man with palsy picked up his bed and walked, “*the people marveled that God had given such power to man.*”

Luke 5:25-26 Jesus healed the man with palsy that was lowered through the ceiling and the people responded. .. *filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.*”

John 3:2 Nicodemus said, “*No one can do these things unless God is with Him.*”

Luke 19:37 When Jesus made his entry into Jerusalem on a colt. . .
“The whole multitude of disciples began to rejoice with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen 38 saying, Blessed be the Kings that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.”
40 The Pharisees wanted them rebuked for their loud proclamations but the scriptures say that if they were not allowed to voice their praises, the stones would cry out in praises!

Luke 7:16 When Jesus raised a widow woman’s son from the dead, the people glorified God saying “God has visited His people.”

Everyone is waiting for an “Immanuel” moment. Who are we that God would visit us? We are ministers of the Spirit that sets people free. **2 Corinthians 3:6**

The whole world is waiting for the sons of God to manifest themselves. They are waiting for us to boldly assume our identity. We were created in the image of God. Jesus exchanged His life for ours. We are filled with the same glory and honor that Jesus was filled with. We have been given the power to manifest the things of the kingdom. We have inherited the throne and hold the scepter of righteousness. We and the Father are one!

Romans 8:19 *For the earnest expectation [intense anticipation] of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

Jesus said, “As my Father has sent me, so send I you. Receive the Holy Spirit.” **John 20:20-21**

Acts 10:38 *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Luke 4:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Now and Forever

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

Assuming our God given identity is the theme of the Gospel. We are bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh. We were created in the image of God and given dominion over all things. Although Jesus was God, he came in the flesh to minister the things of the kingdom unto men. He commissioned us to minister to others in the same manner. We were created to fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

The Gospel becomes powerfully active in our lives as we come to the correct knowledge about who God is and who we are.

2 Peter 1:3 Amp *For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal knowledge of Him] who called us by and to His own glory and excellence.*

Once the Spirit comes to dwell in our lives, we will never be separated from him again.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

As we consider that concept, we need to re-consider our idea about what our life after death will involve. If the message for us now is to see ourselves as one with the Father just as Jesus is one with the Father, never to be separated from Him again, perhaps our concept of heaven has been distorted by traditions and religion.

Matthew 6:9-10. . . *Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.*

If it is God's will for us to have the mind that we are one with Him here and now, then that same principle will continue in heaven, or in the afterlife. The

only difference is that in the afterlife, we will not have a flesh body to oppose the law of God.

Romans 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity [to oppose, hostile] against God: for it is not subject to the law [the principles that define his will] of God, neither indeed can be.*

The flesh will return to dust, but the Spirit will return to God.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

We came from Him and we are going back to Him.

Ephesians 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

We will be given a new name. His name. We will totally assume His identity. It is an identity born out of relationship.

Revelations 2:17 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

Revelations 3:12 *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Second death.

Revelations 21:9 *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*

Revelation 21:22 *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun,*

neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Jesus and His Father were one.

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.*

We will be one with the Father in the fullest sense. While we are alive in this body, He is in us. When the flesh body dies, we will return to being “in Him.”

1 Corinthians 15:47 *The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

It has been God’s plan from the very beginning.

Ephesians 1:9 *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

But what about the mansion that He is preparing for me?

John 14:2 *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

Jesus was comforting His disciples. He said that he was going to leave them, but that He would prepare a way that would enable them to be with Him where He was. Jesus was always in the presence of His Father because He and His Father were one. Where is the Father’s house? It is in us. Jesus was preparing a way for the disciples to continually be in the presence of the Father. He was preparing to send the Holy Spirit to them.

John 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

At that day, the day the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in men, men will know that they are “one with the Father.”

John 14:20 *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

Where is the temple of God? We are the temple of God.
What are the principles of the kingdom?

Romans 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

Jesus made a way for the disciples to experience the things of the kingdom **[righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost]** while they were on earth. The mansion has already been prepared, and we already have access to it. It is the Holy Spirit that dwells in us [in the Father’s house] that gives us a direct connection to the Father and the things of the kingdom while we are living in the flesh body.

Ephesians 1:10 *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

At this moment, He is “in us.” When the flesh body is dissolved, we will once again be “in Him.”

2 Corinthians 5:1 *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:*

There is coming a day, when the spirit returns to the Spirit, that we will clearly see who we are.

1 Corinthians 13:12 *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Jesus was the Word, and the Word was God and the Word was with God.
As Jesus is, so are we in this world, and in the world to come!

Salvation, the Theme of the Gospel

Religion's theme: Confess your sins so God will accept you and give you eternal life. An unholy man can't fellowship with a holy God.

It is very much geared to the concept that God is sin and commandment conscious. If you don't confess your sins, God will be forced to sentence you to hell. Sin is a violation of the law of commandments.

Ephesians 1:3-14 We have obtained an inheritance, that we should be to the praise of His glory, after we have heard the word of truth **V13**, the gospel of your salvation.

What is the word of truth about the gospel of our salvation?

Salvation By definition: rescue, liberty, freedom to experience a God quality of life.

Rescue from what? Freedom from what?

God's theme is restoration, restoration of man to his God given position and identity as a son of God.

Salvation is the theme of the Gospel. God wants to save us [**rescue, set free**] from the disqualifying condemnation that comes from the enemy.

Psalm 106:4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: ***O visit me with thy salvation; 5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. 10*** And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

Genesis 1:27-28 God created man in His image and gave him dominion over all of the works of His hands

Isaiah 14:13-14 Satan is jealous of our position. He wants to be like God. In fact, he wants to exalt himself above God.

Satan's objective is to sever our relationship as a son and joint heir that has been destined to take dominion

Ephesians 6:12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*

Spiritual wickedness in high places Strong's To corrupt that which is sound **Dictionary** to separate the component parts of a body so it becomes weak

Ephesians 6:10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Amp In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with him]***

Two opposing seeds:

God speaks concerning His seed and Satan's seed after the garden incident

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity [opposition] between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.***

Thou shalt bruise his heel-Strong's *liar in wait*-one who tries to sabotage another's position by underhanded tactics

Satan is called an angel of light and a wolf in sheep's clothing. **Matthew 7:15; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

Adam and Eve lost their sense of identity and when the focus was shifted from God to self. When works become the focus of attention, everyone falls short of the glory of God. Condemnation attached to our works says, "You are NOT like God." You do not deserve your inheritance.

God's focus is restoring to us what is rightfully ours. He is going to accomplish that! **[He shall bruise his head Genesis 3:15]**

Isaiah 14:24 *The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: **25** That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. **26** This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. **27** For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul*

it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

1 John 3:8 *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

God's purpose is to destroy the works of the devil so that we can walk in our inheritance. The Old Testament concept concerning the "year of jubilee" presents a type and shadow of this.

Leviticus 25:10 *And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his ancestral possession [which through poverty he was compelled to sell], and each of you shall return to his family [from whom he was separated in bond service].*

Ezekial 46:17 *But if he gives a gift out of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty [the Year of Jubilee]; after that it shall be returned to the prince; only his sons may keep a gift from his inheritance [permanently].* **18** *Moreover, the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, thrusting them out of their property; what he gives to his sons he shall take out of his own possession, so that none of My people shall be separated from his [inherited] possession.* God wants to save us so that we can walk in our true identity! We are sons of God, created in the image of our father, full of His power and might, destined to rule, reign and to take dominion over all things.

Ministers of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit makes us God conscious. He reveals the position that God intended for us to walk in. He reveals our true identity as sons and daughters created in the image of God destined to take dominion over the works of God's hands. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

The Holy spirit reveals the true character and intent of God the Father and Jesus to us. **John 16:13-16**

John 3:16-17 Jesus came to save not to condemn.

Hebrews 10:15-17 The Holy spirit writes God's laws [**principles that govern his kingdom**] in our hearts.

He does not write the law of commandments.

Romans 7:4-6 All of our connection to the law has been done away with. When it says in Hebrews that the Holy Spirit writes God's laws on our hearts, he is not talking about the law of commandments.

John 15:10-13 The commandment of the new covenant is to love one another as we have been loved.

The Gospel of the Kingdom does not involve the things of the law.

Matthew 9:12-13, 35-38 The law of the kingdom is about showing our brothers the mercy and compassion that God has for them. It is not about judgment and sin.

Matthew 10:7-8 Jesus commissions us to do as he has done-heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give.

Acts 10:38 Jesus was anointed with the Holy spirit and went about healing all that were sick and oppressed of the devil.

Oppressed: to overpower, to exercise dominion against, to cause fear because the consequences of not meeting obligations result in punishment. [**Genesis 3:14-15**]

2 Corinthians 3:6 We are ministers of the Spirit-not ministers of the law.

The Law of Liberty

Ministers of the Spirit minister according to the law of liberty

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified **[V 2]** that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. **[V 5]**

1 Peter 4:8-11 love covers a multitude of sins, be good stewards of the grace of God that God might be glorified

James 2:1 *My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory **[dignity, honor]**, with respect of persons.*

V 2-6 For example: Rich/poor

V 8-9 If you love your neighbor as your self, you fulfill the law of liberty, but if you have respect of persons, you are guilty of sin and are convicted of the law as transgressors

V 9 [Mirror] *To judge anyone on the outward appearance is a sin. **[Sin is anything that robs you of your allotted portion which is the true measure of your life.]** This violates the law of liberty and revives condemnation and guilt.*

1 John 4:8 *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

V 10-12 If you don't keep the whole law of commandments you are a transgressor. So also is the law of liberty. **[If you lower the standard of the law in just one aspect, you have failed entirely.]**

Matthew 7:1-2 Judge not that you be not judged. When you judge others, you are brought under the same condemnation that you bring them under.

James 2:14 Faith without works is dead. He is talking showing others the mercy and compassion of Jesus.

V 13 Mercy overcomes when passing judgment will not. **Romans 2:4**

James 3:8-9 We bless God and curse men which are made after the similitude of God. This is not right!

1 Peter 2:17 Honor **[value]** all men

1 Timothy 2:1-6 make supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men-those in authority-king-for this is good **v4** God would have all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth

***AMP1 Timothy 2: 4** Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth. **6** Jesus gave his life for all to be testified **[evident]** in due time*

Acts 10:28 God has shown me that I should not call any man common **[unholy]** or unclean **[impure, foul, demonic]**

Luke 6:35-37 Children of the Highest show mercy even to their enemies. They are not judgmental.

***Luke 6:35** But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

***36** Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. **37** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*

Children of the Highest are in love with people. Children of their father the devil love the message of judgment more than they love people. They lay burdens on people that can't be lifted and "shut up the kingdom." **Matthew 23:4,13,15; John 8:44**

Ephesians 4:22-32 When we judge ourselves or any one else based on their outside appearance rather than what Jesus has done for them, we grieve the Holy spirit. We are to put off the "old man's" way of looking at things, and put on the new man which judges everything and everyone in light of the cross. **V 22-24**

When we look at things through the old man mentality, we give place to the devil. **V 27**

***Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister*

grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Corrupt decaying, separated from its source of life, broken down into its component parts

God says that we are to minister grace to the hearers and edify them. When we let corrupt communication come out of our mouths we look at others, or ourselves as though we have no savior. We separate them from their true source of life by focusing on the man rather than on the savior.

What is the divine truth that God wants man to recognize? **Ephesians 1:3-12** We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We have obtained an inheritance as God's sons "*to the praise of His glory.*"

Philemon 6 Our faith becomes powerful and active by putting our focus on the power of God in everything and in everyone.

Romans 14 Our purpose is not to pass judgment on everyone based on their beliefs. Everyone must be fully persuaded in their own minds and it is God that holds them up and makes them stand. Our job as ministers of the Spirit is to draw people to the love of God and God will do the rest. The kingdom is not about rules and regulations but it is about experiencing righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. **V 17**

Romans 15:1-9 We are to edify one another and bear the infirmities of the weak. We receive one another the way Christ received us. When we do this, God is glorified.

Romans 15:5 *Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: 9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; . . .*

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