

THE EPICOSIS OF CHRIST

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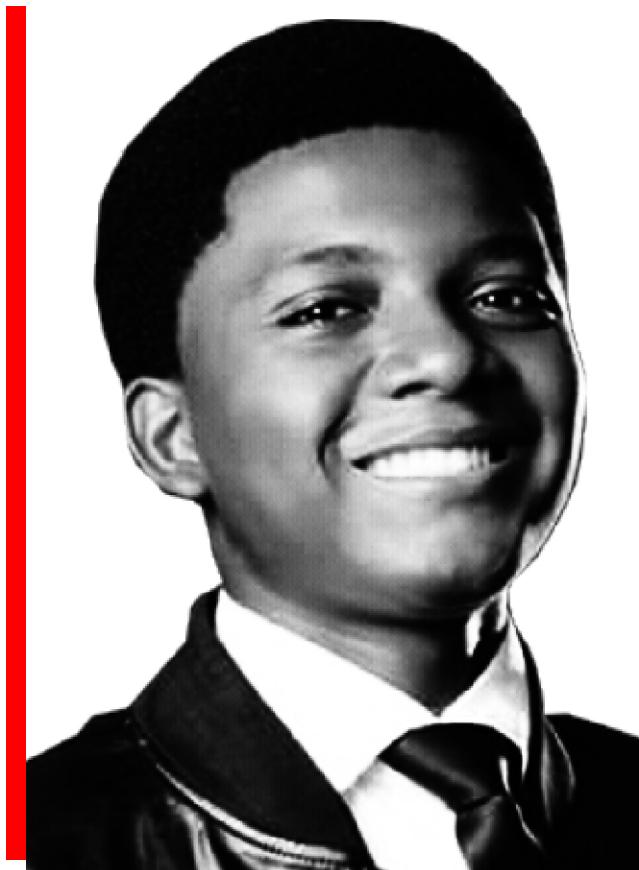
We trust that you'll be blessed and your eyes will be open the more to see the nature of the father, who you are in Christ, what you have in Christ, what you can do in Christ and what you shouldn't do in Christ too.

We believe that as you read this material, it will cause a desire to study the word more, pray more, reach more people with the gospel of Christ and function more effectively in the supernatural.

**Ready?
Grab your notepad and bible and let's have the time of our lives.**

Blessed!

Joseph Don



Pst Josh
BANKS

it's a pleasure to be amongst God's people tonight

We'll be looking at "The Epignosis of Christ."

This will be an intensive study so let's get our writing materials out and follow closely

I trust God that at the end we'll all be blessed.

Before going on, let's look at this word "epignosis."

Those who have followed me for a while might know that I am a student of Biblical Hebrew and Greek

And I love paying attention to the detail in words as I study and teach

So, Epignosis.

The word "epignósis" is a compound noun in the Greek.

A compound word simply means a word made up of two or more words Coming together to form a single word, hence compound.

"Epignosis" is made up of two other Greek words.

From "epí" (which serves as an intensifier in the Greek) That is, it adds strength to words as their prefix and "gnósis" (which refers to "knowledge gained through first-hand relationship")

This readily shows two kinds of knowledge

The word "gnosis" is used for scientific knowledge. That which is gotten from observation.

By putting "epi" before "ginosko," you describethatkindof knowledge which is ABOVE mere scientific facts.

You refer to revelation-knowledge

So the two kinds of knowledge would referto observatory/sensual/scientific/natural knowledge and then revelation-knowledge.

That which can only be accessed by revelation.

This is FUNDAMENTAL in understanding the epignosis of Christ.

It'd refer to that which Christ Jesus reveals that would not be normally visible to the human eye/perception "Epignosis" is precise and correct knowledge.

The Pauline prayers are full of requests for this kind of knowledge

Philippians 1:9-11(NKJV)

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

"Knowledge" here is translated from the Greek word "epignosis," that is, full and precise knowledge.

Colossians 1:9-10(NKJV)

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Again, Paul prays for the Church at Colossae that they may KNOW. Follow closely.

In the second Chapter of the same Epistle, Paul makes known his heart towards the Colossian & Laodicean Church.

Concerning them, he says

Colossians 2:1-3(NKJV)

For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and* of Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Do you see that again? He prays for them that they may attain to the FULL assurance of knowledge!

See **Mark 4:24(AMP)**

24 And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure d [of thought and study] you give [to e the truth you hear] will be the measure f [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you — and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.

That is, your inclination or declination from knowledge.

So, knowledge can be communicated to you but it will not profit you until you focus all your attention on same!

Knowledge will not profit till you actually pay attention!

God will not bypass your focus on His Word.

The degree to which you do so determines how your Christian walk will be like.

That's why you are to go after knowledge. Get materials, sermons, good Christian books

attend Christian meetings where the Word is taught well (this conference tonight is a very good example of this), So many seasoned ministry gifts teaching here.

study and study and study again. Tear your Bible in the process, get another one and start again!

That's the believer.

You invest into your spiritual life, time and materials!

You'll be better for it.

The believer must be aggressive about acquiring Bible knowledge.

Truth is, the Pauline prayers ONLY work when you do this. How do you hope to have accurate and precise knowledge concerning God if you neglect diligence in studying His Word?

No. You must be diligent!

I just felt to say that. Perhaps someone needed it.

You must be HYPER about Bible knowledge!

It LITERALLY determines how long you'll last in the Christian faith. And that's why Paul prayed SO MUCH for the Church that we may

know.

Now see

John 16:12-15(NKJV)

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you can not bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Jesus, just before His ascension, places a disclaimer on His teachings. He lets the disciples know that He has yet MANY things to say which He hadn't said yet!

This must have been shocking news!

What else could He say? What EXACTLY would be said?

He let's us know

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The Spirit will declare it to us!

Obviously, this would happen via revelation.

Where is this revelation today? Paul tells us

Ephesians 3:1-5(NKJV)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles — 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the

sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

It's in the Epistles! That which Paul and the other Apostles wrote!
This is where revelation is at its clearest!

2Corinthians3:12-13(NKJV)

12Therefore, since we have such hope, WE USE GREAT BOLDNESS OF SPEECH—13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

There are not figures or obscure verbiage. Things are CLEARLY stated AS THEY ARE!

There is great plainness of speech in the Epistles.

See it this way:

The Epistles are the Spirit of Christ teaching His Church today.

He, in men He indwelt, now writes to His Body.

So, we can take the Epistles as Jesus' words which He could not say while on the Earth.

The realities, instructions and focus therein are His!

Now,

The Epistles show us what is topmost on the heart of the Resurrected Christ today — knowledge about Him.

Hence, the NUMEROUS prayers for knowledge

Jesus wants you to know Him and know Him VERY well!

1Timothy2:3-4(NKJV)

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God doesn't just want all men saved, He wants them to come to the knowledge of the Truth!

Hear this and quote me anywhere:

The same God who is passionate about saving the lost is passionate about the growth of the Saints in knowledge.

He desires both **EQUALLY!**

Kenneth E. Hagin is considered one of the founding fathers of the Word of Faith movement. He was a sage in his days and his influence still lingers on till today.

It was said that Kenneth E. Hagin prayed this prayer for 60 years!

He prayed Ephesians 1 for 60 years!

And rightly so.

This is Jesus' desire for His Church.

So much so that He gave men to perform this task

Eph 4:11-16

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

The ministry gifts are given that we might grow in the knowledge of the Son! This is the work of the Son Himself when He was raised from the dead!

So He is raised, then He gives His Spirit to us as a gift to reveal Himself to us

But furthermore, He puts men in the Church who will help grow us in His revelation.

Doesn't this show us His heart?

Jesus wants to be known!

The revelation of Jesus is **EVERYTHING!**

Now, in closing, look at this

Matthew 16:13 (NKJV)

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

We can refer to this as "gnosis."

That is, knowledge void of revelation. Hear-say and human observations. Right?

The people had a perspective of the Christ which was alien to Him! These were THEIR opinions about Him.

Interestingly, He was also called John the Baptist

Who happened to be His older cousin

And the people knew this! How does that even happen?

Let's leave that though

Back to the teaching

Now, hear Jesus

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed* in heaven."

"Blessed" here is translated from a Greek word which means "to be well spoken of."

Now, why was Peter well spoken of?

Because He had a perfect revelation of Jesus!

"Flesh and blood" would refer to that which is visible, tangible, can be handled.

That which is obvious to human observations and findings.

Or "gnosis"

Which is not full or complete knowledge

God can NEVER be known that way. He is known by revelation.

But it doesn't stop there.

Jesus now begins to talk ABOUT Peter as well

The English translation doesn't quite bear out the original idea of this portion.

Let's do a little word study here

"Peter" is "Pétros" in the Greek. It refers to a small rock or stone, detached from a larger rock.

"And on this rock"

Jesus uses a different word here for "rock." It's the word "petra" which refers to a larger rock, especially one projecting up or rising up from the Earth.

So, Peter is called a "part" of this larger rock.

Follow closely..

"Rocks" here are used figuratively in reference to the firmness of souls in revelation.

So, Peter had a part of this revelation but Jesus would build His Church on the full revelation of Himself!

What revelation?

He tells you

..and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The disciples, being Jews, would have understood what Jesus meant here.

"Gates" were seen as the power centre of a city in Bible days.

Hence, during times of wars, the gates were attacked. So Jesus talks about Hell having no power to stop the building of His Church.

He would wage war on the power centre of Hell and triumph

He already implied His resurrection!

He'd die, be buried (that is descend into hell) and remain there 3 days and 3 nights.

Then He'd be raised on the third day!
Hell wouldn't stop His Resurrection.
He was not allowed to see corruption!
So, He is raised and leaves hell without sin!
Hallelujah!
This is how the Church was formed.
This is our founding story!
Jesus waged war on hell from within and overcame!
Since our Founder defeated hell, we have same victory as well!
Hence we are called more than conquerors!

Romans 8:

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

"More than" is the prefix "Huper" in the Greek
From where we get the English term "hyper"
It refers to that which is over and above, beyond the task at hand So, we
are more than conquerors in the sense that on a norm, a man fights a
battle, wins and is called a champion But ours is not so!
We did nothing!
Jesus fought, won, overcame and gave us a state called "I win!" We are
more than conquerors!
Glory! Glory! Glory!
We ALWAYS win!
The Greater One puts us over!!!
Hence Jesus says

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

"Keys" here refers to access. This denotes authority.
We have this NOW!
So, we see that Jesus NEVER reveals Himself in isolation. He reveals
you in Him as well!

Colossians 3:3-4(NKJV)

3For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

He is our life!

1John 4:17(NKJV)

17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

As He is, so are we!

So the revelation of Jesus is key because when Jesus is revealed, He reveals the Saint in Him as well!

Imagine singing to Jesus

"You are Holy, You are Righteous, You are powerful, You have overcome"

And then Him replying

"So are you Son, so are you"

Glory, Glory, Glory!

We are in Him as He is!

This is our reality NOW!

You will NEVER see Jesus without the men in Him!

Wherever you are, I want you to laugh in the Holy Ghost

Just laugh. Let joy feel your heart and cause you to laugh

Let's do that as we close We are as He is!

We looked yesterday at how the revelation of Jesus is actually EVERYTHING.

We saw how that Jesus NEVER reveals Himself in isolation. So we look at Him to know who we are.

Now, let's go on

Romans 8:29(NKJV)

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

It is a compound adjective

The word "conformed" as used here is translated from the Greek word "summorphos."

Compound words refer to those words which are made up of two or more other components words which come together to form them.

Two words come together to form "summorphos."

They are "sun" (which is a term used to denote similarity) and "morphè" (which refers to "outer shape, form or appearance which shows inner essence").

That is, to be fashioned or formed exactly like another, bearing his exact essence.

It refers to that similarity that bears all essential traits to another.

This happens ONCE at salvation. It is not a gradual process. Many have mistaken the "conformed" here with that of Romans 12:2.

But they are not the same!

This is different from Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2(NKJV)

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

"Conformed" here is a different Greek word.

It is the word "suschématizó" It is a verb!

While the word in Romans 8:29 (summorphos) is an adjective!

That is, it describes an already existing state.

"Suschématizó" on the other hand refers to the act or process of conforming. This is gradual.

But Paul doesn't use this word. He uses the adjective!

Praise God!

That is, he is describing the state of every believer in Christ NOW!

What did He call that state again?

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined (to be) conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Now, "to be" is italicized

And italicized words in textual criticism of the Bible refer to those words which were not present in the original Greek manuscripts. But they were added for easy reading and to complete a thought the translators thought was best and fitting for a particular text.

So understanding that, let's do without it.

So we have

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

So in Christ, God predestined us exactly like Jesus!

In His image.

The word "image" as used here is a VERY STRONG word in the Greek.

It is the word "eikón" which means "a mirror-like representation, referring to what is very close in resemblance (like a "high-definition" projection)"

This therefore means then that this image EXACTLY reflects its source.

Commenting on the word "eikón," F.F. Bruce says

"Eikón" hen is more than a "shadow"; rather it is a replication."

Many of us sometimes assume in our minds that identification is like being a type of Christ.

No! We are not shadows, we are EXACT replications!

That is, we are a shadow of who He is.

That's what "eikón" means!

We are one with Him. Hallelujah!!!

That is, if you take "spiritual X-rays" of the Spirit of Christ and that of the believer and you examine them, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference!

1Corinthians6:17(NKJV)

17But he who is joined to the Lord is ONE SPIRIT WITH HIM.

Hallelujah! One Spirit!

This has happened ALREADY!

29For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

"To be" (denoting a future occurrence) is not fitting for this text.

We have it NOW, praise God!

EVERYONE who finds himself in Christ IMMEDIATELY becomes EXACTLY like Him!

So in Christ, God determined how we will turn out

Now, let's look at the word "firstborn"

It is the word "prototokos" from whence the English terminology "prototype" is derived.

The model.

It refers to the first of a kind or race.

That is, this one is how the others will be like.

He is firstborn in terms of nature or characteristic.

So, Jesus is not "firstborn" in terms of number. No!

That is, we can look at Him and see what we have become.

If He is Righteous, then so are we!
If He is holy, then so are we!
If He has ALL authority now, then so do we!
He is the model Son.
He doesn't show us what we are to become but what we
ALREADY are and HAVE!

So again, we see that in seeing Christ, we also see ourselves! Now, not only does Jesus reveal the believers in Him, He also reveals the Father. The Gospel is the Father's story.
We see God CLEARLY revealed in Christ Jesus
See this

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NKJV)

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through 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, when He had by Himself* purged our* sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

JESUS is called the express image of God's person.
The word "express image" as used here is just one word in the Greek.

It is the word "charaktér."

It refers to "an exact representation of another. This representation is usually precise in EVERY respect." So Jesus reveals God PERFECTLY.

We will see God in ALL that He did and all that He said.

In Christ Jesus, we see that God has ALWAYS been for man.

The Jews were looking for a political Messiah

Luke 24

***19 And He said to them, "What things?"
So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who***

was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Matthew2:1-2(NKJV)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

They called Him the King of the Jews

But He made it clear to them, His Kingdom is not of the Earth

John18:36(NKJV)

36 Jesus answered, "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

Jesus' work is clear. It would be for sins

John3:16-17(NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved

This reveals the Father's heart.

The wages of sin is death (to perish)

Romans6:23(NKJV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now, Jesus comes to takes this wages.

Jesus being "the Son of God" is in reference to His incarnation.
It's not literal.

That is, Jesus is God that became a Man, not His "son." It's the same Person!

"Son of God" is Bible terminology for "incarnation."

So Jesus is not a "small God." He is God. Same Persons!

This is VERY key in what we are about to say next and I want you to pay VERY close attention.

When I first began to understand the "Grace message" (in 2011), we were taught that God was this holy God who hated sin but "loved the sinner."

He was SO pure that He could not see sin.

The popular text quoted to back this up was Habbakuk 1:13

Habbakuk 1:13(NKJV)

***13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And cannot look on wickedness.***

***Why do You look on those who deal treacherously,
And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours
A person more righteous than he?***

Now, pay VERY close attention here.

Obviously not!

Is Habbakuk saying that God's eyes are too pure to behold sin?

Look at it CAREFULLY.

Here's what He says immediately

Why do You look!!!

So does God look on sin? Yes!

In His mind, a Holy and righteous God ought not to The Prophet's question then is: "Why do you look?" But God shocked Him!

Now, the English translation dampens the force of the word "look."

Perhaps the literal translation frightened them a little

Does this mean that He approves of their character? No! But His nature will love regardless!

The originals actually read:

"Why look WITH FAVOR on those who deal treacherously?"

Hallelujah! God looks at them with favour!

Isn't this obvious in that ALL those He healed and blessed as a Man were sinners?

God's response to sin is ALWAYS Grace! He will abandon no man, not even the sinner!

Isn't this obvious in that He didn't abandon the world to perish in sin? We have a God who loves sinners!

Now, because of a misinterpretation of Hab. 1:13, many came up with the Penalty Substitution theory.

Let me tell you how it works:

"God hates sin, man sinned. God needs to punish sin, but God loves man. So He requires a sacrifice to pour all His wrath on. He then sends His Son to receive all the punishment on our behalf so we don't have to. He forsook Him so He'd never forsake us."

This sounds good but it's not the Gospel!

The term used for Jesus' work is "ransom," not "substitute."

See these texts

Mark 10:45(NKJV)

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

A ransom. Note that.

1 Timothy 2:5-6(NKJV)

5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

Now, are ransoms paid TO loving fathers or kidnappers?

To kidnappers!

What/who was holding man bondage?

1John5:19(NKJV)

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

The word "world" here is "kosmos" in the Greek. It actually refers to the INHABITANTS of the world, men.

So men lie under the power of the devil (the wicked one).

He is called the "god of this world."

2Corinthians4:3-4(NKJV)

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

So man sinned and was kept in bondage to sin.

John8:34(NKJV)

34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

Sin is often personified in the Bible. Seen as a being.

Follow closely.

Jesus came to set us free from this bondage

36Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

How did He do this?

Hebrews2:14-15(NKJV)

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Through His death, He paid the ransom to set us free.
So the Price He paid was not TO God but FOR sin!
Jesus gave Himself as a Ransom to free us from the devil's claws! God
was the One giving (through His Son) not the One receiving! God
NEVER asked man to give Him blood that He might forgive him.
No! Never.

God hates sacrifices! Even in the Old Testament Many think that Jesus
changed God.
No! Sin is the slave owner, not God!
He NEVER needed sacrifices!
Look at this

Hebrews 10:5-7(NKJV)

5Therefore, when He came into the world, Hesaid:

***“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have
prepared fo rMe. 6 in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had
no pleasure.***

***7Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is
written of Me—***

To do Your will, O God.’”

This means that ALL the sacrifices that men offered to God down
through history were all deadworks! Products ofsin
consciousness.

We were not under God's bondage nor was He pacified.

Offering sacrifices to God was misguided.

Man NEVER needed a Sacrifice for God to forgive, he ALWAYS had
it!

God ALWAYS put a disclaimer as the requirer of offerings
Even since the Old Testament

See this

Isaiah 1:11(NKJV)

11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?"

Says the LORD.

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

And the fat of fed cattle.

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,

Or of lambs or goats.

Since the Old Testament!

Jeremiah 7:21-22(NKJV)

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. 22 For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

God NEVER asked ANYONE to offer Him blood!

To say that God "killed" Jesus in our place is horrible!

You CANNOT claim to believe in the perfectly good nature of God as revealed in Christ and still hold on to that nonsense!

But bless God, we see Him in Christ!

In the Son's work, the nature of the Father is revealed!

And in this resurrection, we have the forgiveness of sins

Colossians 1:14(NKJV)

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

The word "redemption" as used here is translated from the Greek word "apolutrosis."

God didn't kill Jesus but He raised Him up from the dead!
Hallelujah!

A compound word from "apo" (meaning "away from") and "lutrosis" (meaning "to buy back"). So it refers to purchasing something or

someone away from another.

The "another" is the devil. The offering was made that we be released from the prison of sin. This was paid in full!

Paul calls it

"the forgiveness of sins"

"Forgiveness" here is "aphesis" in the Greek. It means "a release, to let a prisoner go."

Same word is used in Luke 4:18

Luke 4:18 (NKJV)

*18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,*
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

TO SET AT LIBERTY those who are oppressed;
To set at liberty. Same word.

So, forgiveness is not a pardon, it's a liberating.

"Of" is an open word in the Greek.

So we can replace it with "from,"

This will fit more with its context

Verse 13 (the pretext) speaks of a deliverance

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Jesus gave His life as that Ransom required to set us free, not as an offering to "appease" God's wrath!

So, forgiveness is a release from sin and its consequence — death!

If God requires a sacrifice to forgive, then He is no different from Baal, Sango, Orunmila but praise God, He doesn't!
God CANNOT offer to God!

He forgives FREELY, without ANY requirements.
He forgave us before we were born, before Jesus even died!
In receiving Him, he destroyed himself!
But the devil didn't consider his demand well, he bit off more than He could chew because God gave Life instead of death Jesus' death was not for God but for sin!
Now, Jesus is raised from the dead and we have been set free!
Hallelujah!

So in the work of Christ, we don't only see ourselves, we also see God as CLEARLY as He is.
(To understand the whole concept of the "Trinity" and what Jesus' work was really for, get our messages from last year's Soteria. We explain this IN DETAILS. It'll bless your Bible study!)

So God has NEVER demanded from man, all He has EVER done is give!
#Blessed



**Jesimiel
DAMINA**

Thank you father for the past two days
Thank you for all you've done
Thank you for the lives that have been changed
Thank you for passion ignited in the hearts of men
Thank you for light and more light

We ask and receive for everyone here tonight
Insight and revelation into your word

We have seeing eyes and receptive hearts

Guide us, instruct us tonight.

We behold Jesus as he see us in him

Amen.

Sick bodies are healed tonight.
No matter the sickness
As the word is taught....
just observe and do things you couldn't do before

The power of God is here
Without wasting further time....
I'll invite our speaker for tonight.

Blessings, everyone. A serious thank you to the organizers of this conference for the platform to share the gospel of grace with my brothers and sisters. I am very blessed by Pastor Josh's teachings these past two days. He has set a very solid foundation for all of us and I pray that we will continue to grow in this knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

My message today will be brief, but as we look through the word I am assured that my point will be communicated effectively to you all.
Praise God.

*I'm teaching on Doctrine: The Key to Unveiling the Believer's Identity in Christ
With the help of the Holy spirit we will all gain the knowledge.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:15-16

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The phrase “holy scriptures” is taken from the Greek- hagios graphe - which means “set apart (for God)”, “holy” or “sacred writings” - writings that are consecrated. they cannot be used for any social academic subject because they are sacred in nature.

the mission of the holy scriptures is to bring you to a place of wisdom in the subject scripture.

Verse 16 of that chapter says “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

In this passage, the first thing it says for which the Bible is profitable, is “doctrine.”

Now the word “doctrine” in the Greek text is didaskalia , which is a word that simply means “teaching or instruction.”

It’s from this Greek word that we get our English word didactic, meaning “to instruct or teach others.”

The scripture is profitable for learning/doctrine; this is the primary reason for the scripture.

they are not given for memory verses but for learning in the light of christ. nothing bad with memorizing scripture but you must be sure not to twist and turn them upside down.

Are we following so far?

From this we can establish that scriptures are given to explain Christ.

Let's see some further scriptural text for that in John 5:39 which says:-

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

So the scriptures are given to us so we may learn Christ and him alone.

The new testament church grows by teaching... it is one of Paul's insistent admonishments. teaching stabilizes you to a point where no "wind of doctrine" can move you.

(See Ephesians 4:13)

Let's look at 1 Timothy 1:9-10

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Remember, we are establishing that doctrine is the key to the believer uncovering his identity in Christ.

When we look at this scripture, specifically verse 10, we see that the law was made for anything contrary to sound doctrine.

This implies that we who are of the grace of Christ and are believers of the finished work are synonymous with righteousness, and one of the responsibilities of our righteousness is sound doctrine.

Why is sound doctrine so important? This is the question we will answer tonight.

Now it is important to know that the only way to identify unhealthy

teaching is first to know healthy teaching, otherwise you will follow wrong teaching all your life.

sound doctrine makes sound christians. its not years in church but content that makes a sound christian.

As scripture tells us- until Jesus comes we must give attention to doctrine, sound doctrine, because that is what assures us that we are going to heaven. it is what helps us to be grounded and established in the assurance of our salvation.

1 timothy 4:16 says “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

A believer that is not careful with doctrine is being careless with himself. If you will secure the christianity of yourself and others, you must take heed to sound doctrine.

This does not mean that without sound doctrine we can lose our salvation. It only emphasizes that the knowledge that helps us to stand confident in our salvation no matter what we hear or see can only be found in sound doctrine.

complete and wholesome teaching in the light of christ cannot be overemphasized. at the heart of christian misbehavior is a poor doctrine. Where you find christians who are moved by exciting displays designed to attract and impress, you will find lack of sound doctrine. (just because you felt goose-pimples does not mean that God is there. you cannot use natural phenomenons or emotions to prove or disprove the power of God).

But back to doctrine... Are we all on track?

Now to the crux of the matter:-

In 2 timothy 4:3, the Bible says “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

A believer who must grow must endure sound doctrine which is the way to maturity. That word “endure” implies that it is not always easy or convenient. I am making this point because we are not ignorant of the time that we live in; where our generation is used to everything being fast-track. Epignosis is not acquired by being impatient or unwilling to learn. That accurate knowledge is found in the detailed study of scripture; which is what we call sound doctrine.

That verse talks about those who have itching ears... it means those who seek out to hear only what they want to hear... not what scripture has to say. A believer cannot operate like this. It takes discipline to acquire sound doctrine. You must check what you hear. LISTEN to the doctrine being taught because that determines what spirit is in operation.

Those with itching ears are looking for people who will tell them what they want to hear - phone numbers and house address and such because they want to be flabbergasted. They want to be impressed by magical and theatrical performances.

A lot of believers don’t know what is sound doctrine for a christian. They are consumed with judaism and religion. They even fight the truth because of the veil on their eyes. But thank God for his word that is being revealed to us after proper exegesis. That is the word that we hold on to.

I am making these comparisons because we should be able to distinguish right from wrong in doctrine.

Let’s take a couple of case studies out of scripture. Are we all on the same page?

A popular (and grossly misquoted) saying that has been circulated is taken from the book of 1 timothy 6:6. It is often misquoted as “gain is godliness” .

That gain is a reflection of how godly you are.

However it actually states that “godliness with contentment is great gain”

It is actually contentment in Christ's establishment of our salvation that is great gain. Hallelujah. Not material possessions.

To know who you are in Christ is the greatest discovery of a believer because most Christians are suffering from identity crisis. They allow themselves to be defined by what they possess or rate themselves by the possession of others (which is why they don't challenge the wrong construction of 1 Timothy 6:6)

Now let's look at an actual instance where actual believers did not establish doctrine, and it prolonged a preventable situation.

To summarize, Acts 11 talks about the time when the Jewish believers came to know that the Holy Spirit had come on the gentiles (this was after Peter's vision in acts 10). The Jews asked why salvation had gone to the gentiles. And Peter relayed his vision to them and said it was out of his hands because the Holy Spirit did not ask his permission to come upon the gentiles.

The Bible says they held their peace and glorified God.

However, that explanation did not suffice because the matter arose again in acts 15.

To summarize again, a sect of men began to teach and insist that without circumcision, the gentiles cannot be saved. And this created a huge contention among them.

But by this time the apostle Peter had grown in understanding, and he was able to give a more doctrinal response. I would like us to look at it straight from the word:

"And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts

by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they."

□ □ **Acts □ □ 15:7-11**

Peter made it clear that faith in Christ and not circumcision was the prerequisite for salvation.

I hope those two instances helped us see clearer the importance of sound doctrine.

Knowing Christ is the totality of doctrine. Sound doctrine is not how to get wealth or how to achieve success in life or steps to marriage. It is not a social topic as established in 2 Timothy 3:15. Sound doctrine is the revealed knowledge of Christ.

Sound doctrine equips a believer to know where to plant roots or which church they can grow in. Note that it is not by the attendance that you pick a church - you don't need Christ to draw a crowd. Football stadiums are packed but they have nothing to do with Christ. If you want to know where Christ is, look for sound doctrine. And how can you identify right from wrong if you don't equip yourself with knowledge?

Titus 2:7

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: *in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,*

I'm emphasising this so you don't consciously/unconsciously excuse poor teaching or those who make mockery of the church gathering by way of entertainment. Remember, scripture is given for doctrine not for motivational speaking as has become rampant. Like the book of Titus says, doctrine must be taught pure and uncorrupt. We must know what is wrong so we don't waste time there.

Titus 2:11-12

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

The grace of God, the grace that saved us TEACHES. From the definitions we established we can say it brings us to a place of sound doctrine. Grace is not a license to sin, rather it shows us the truth of scripture which is Jesus, that Christ was crucified on my behalf, his death substituted for mine, he died so I die no more, he became sin and my sin was punished on him; therefore no more sin is to be punished on me. Hallelujah!

At this point we enter our identity in Christ.

In the knowledge of Christ is the identity of the believer. when Christ is revealed, the believer is empowered. most of the church is powerless and confused because Jesus has not been revealed. But we praise God that this is not our case, and we take the responsibility to bring this light to our brethren in the church.

When you know who you are in Christ, you cannot be moved in both spiritual and natural matters because you know you are secure in Christ. You are not in competition with anybody because you see yourself only in the One who matters, the one who is the “pleroma”, the fullness of the godhead. We take our words from the word, which is Christ... He said so we may boldly say!

Philemon 1:6

“That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

The believer’s position is in Christ. outside him, the believer CANNOT be identified. Every good thing is in us because Christ lives in us. Jesus himself is our identity. We look into the perfect law of liberty day by day to remind ourselves of who we are. Christ is the mirror and we look at him to see ourselves. We don’t look at the worlds definition

of us, of the doctors diagnosis or our boss’ s evaluation or our family’ s expectations. We look straight into what Christ has accomplished for us and say “this is me: I am a man in Christ. Perfected, accepted, sanctified forever” .

And our sound doctrine is found in the epistles. it is the message of the church. when jesus said he would guide us into all truth, he was referring to the epistles.

As I round up here I want to remind us of this:

That we are not expectant of God’ s blessings; rather his blessing is here. Specifically, his blessing is Christ. Now, knowing we have the blessing which is Christ, we must dig deep into the things Christ himself has prepared for us to know, so that we might be fully equipped to exploit the blessing as much as we can in this world.

We must give ourselves to learning because without this doctrine, we will be living under a borrowed identity whereas our identity is Christ.

I am fully persuaded that this conference leaves each and every one of us with a new level of understanding in the light of Christ, and that we are emboldened to live out his life and to seek more knowledge about him. Praise the Lord.

Once again I can’ t fail to thank the organizers for this platform. I am tremendously blessed by the word and I thank you all for bearing with me so patiently. It is my first time teaching via WhatsApp and so I had to learn on the job. But his grace covers all inadequacies and we are blessed.

Thank you all!



Pst Stella
E-ASHE

Good evening everyone

I consider this an honor and a privilege to be here and to share God's word. Nothing gives me more pleasure than this and every opportunity both to share and to learn is one my heart rejoices in and I would never take for granted. Joseph Don and the beautiful people you work with, thank you for the privilege. Thanks for having me.

Alright

Let's pray quickly

Our Father, we thank-you from our hearts. What privilege it is to call you Father. Tonight, we ask and receive insights and revelations in to your word. The eyes of our understanding enlightened that we see you clearly as you see us in Him. Amen

This would be long somewhat. So get ready, bible, note, pen and ready minds, let's go

Alright, tonight, I believe God we'd be blessed and God's word will cause us rejoicing like nothing else. Amen. Tonight, I'd be sharing something Josh Banks had already laid a foundation on. I'd be sharing on the Unveiling God in Christ.

Before this, I sense someone with an asthma just get heaked now! You have literally been struggling with an episode for about a week Your breathing just got rectified by the power of God!
Ready for the word?

At Proverbs 4:7, Solomon says wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

This is perhaps one of the most remarkable things he said. The believer must seek to understand God in Christ.

This changes everything. It solves every puzzle.

How do you cope having a Dad you cannot predict? You don't know what He thinks towards you. You're not sure of His plans for you?

Maybe to use you as ritual or burnt offering?

There's much difficulty in any relationship were people don't know themselves. There are subtle fears and insecurities. The person is unpredictable to you. This births lots of misconceptions E.g. God can inflict us with sicknesses and diseases if we sin. Or God can place a bet on our lives like the story of Job assumes i.e. God uses the devil for His dirty jobs. We've heard this from Christians!

The reason several believers have these uncertainties about God is because they do not yet

understand Him. We can predict people only when we are well acquainted with them. Such people

even trust their spouses more than they trust God. They hear, 'Your husband impregnated

someone', and they go, 'My Husband? Impossible. I know he can never do that.'

What gave them such confidence to doubt others? They know the person! Sadly, humans don't always merit such trusts as they often change. God is the ONLY one who can be eternally predictable, and trusted, because He never changes

What I'm saying in essence is that whatever you know God to be from the word is who He is AT ALL TIMES. Such a predictable God!

Hebrew 13:8. This scripture should inspire trust in your heart. God did not repent in the New Testament. He's been one and the same.

We must seek to understand God because our minds are futile. We were once strangers.

Ephesians 2:11-13; "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh; who are called

Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands; that at that time you

were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and

*strangers from the
covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
But now in Christ Jesus you
who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

A stranger now brought in must learn so as to properly relate!

2Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Doctrine in the greek is the word Didaskalia. This means teachings, in fact one word that strikes is the word Precepts.

To teach, to instruct by precept. A line upon line, precept upon precept explanation

The word Reproof is the word Elegchos. This speaks of Convictions, The proof that's thing is proved and tested

Corrections is the Greek word Eparnothosis. This speaks if a correction of character.

Instruction is the Greek word Paeidia. This speaks of training, the whole education of a man.

All this in righteousness

The word of God is given for man that he would be trained and we'll equipped. This is why the man of God can not be against teaching and training

No! The word is for all these. You can't just want to be screaming and shouting. You must be given to teaching and training, through and true that touches every single part of our lives in Christ

The teaching yesterday was such a clear instruction. Thank you Jesimiel.
Still here?

Every sinner perceives God as dangerous and violent; slow to forgive and quick to be angry,
condemn and judge, when the bible actually affirms the very opposite!

Nehemiah 9:17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. note

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy

Jonah 4:2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Imagine a prophet angry at God's goodness. May our enemies not become our messengers o

We see clearly how that it is replete all over scriptures that God is not an angry God! Being slow to anger isn't that he would become abgrybafter a while. It actually means *HE IS NOT AN ANGRY GOD!* HE IS NOT CAPABLE OF ANGER!

After we are saved, we still carry over such thoughts and they must be dealt with now in Christ. We are instructed not to carry on as other Gentiles in the futility of their minds; having their understanding darkened. We are to renew our minds instead (Romans

12:2; Ephesians 4:17-18).

Your perception of God is the most important thing in your life as a believer. It affects how you present God to others. It also affects how you relate with others. If you think God is an angry God, you will always be angry too.

So, where do we turn to in order to understand God? The Old Testament or Christ? The prophets or Christ? Let's see what the bible has to say.

Hebrews 1:1-4; "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."

God in time past spoke through the prophets but has in these last days spoken through His Son.

The question is, what did God speak through the prophets? Let's see...
Luke 24:27; "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

Luke 24:44-45; "Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He

opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures."

If you've noticed, the prophets had a message. They were not revealing the Father. They were to prophesy concerning the coming, sufferings, death, and resurrection of the Christ! This means to look for the revelation of the Father in the prophets would lead to inaccurate conclusions. Their task was well defined in scriptures.

1 Peter 1:10-12; "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; things which angels desire to look into."

The Spirit of Christ in their utterances gave testimony concerning His sufferings and the glories that would follow.

Revelation 19:10 tells us the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy
Romans 1:1-4

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead

Paul said He was sent to preach the good news. The Gospel. This Gospel, good news was promised in the Holy Scriptures.

Now, note this very salient point. Any where you see Paul use the words 'Holy Scriptures' in any letter/epistle, he refers to the Old Testament.

So verse two says God promised this Gospel through his prophets in the Old Testament (O.T). All the prophets spoke and prophesied about Jesus. Check through Scriptures, Jesus gave examples of himself through the mouths of Old testament Prophets.

Let's look at a few scriptures

Luke 4:17-19

He read from Isaiah 61: 1-3

Matthew 11:10, Luke 7:27 was quoted from Malachi 3:1

Matthew 21:42 Mark 12:10, 11, Luke 20:17 was quoted from Psalm 118: 22-23

(Matthew 22:43,44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, 43) quoted from Psalm 110:1

(Matthew 26:31, Mark 14:27) quoted from. Zechariah 13:7

John 6:35 from Isaiah 54:13

See John 5:39 Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me.

See that? The Old testament speaks of Him. All through the O.T, the Gospel was promised. We see the prophets speak of Christ.

The apostles spoke of this as taught then by Christ. The testimony of the utterances of the prophets had it's reality in the incarnation, the death, the burial and the resurrection of Jesus. Acts 3:18; Acts 3:22-24; Acts 13:29-31; Acts 13:33).

Are you following?

The prophets were not given the role of explaining the Father; they were to announce the coming of His Son and then the Son was going to reveal the Father! So, we turn to the prophets to see things written concerning the Son and we turn to the Son to understand the Father. This is God's wisdom and here's why...

All who ever came before Christ had a servant relationship with God. They were still outsiders; in the dark about many things. See the comparison between Moses and Christ.

Hebrews 3:1-6; "Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle

and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as

Moses also was faithful in all His house. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than

Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built

by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."

The word 'servant' as used here is the Greek word, 'therapōn' (pronounced: ther-ap'-ohn), which

means a menial attendant. What this implies is that his dealings with God were mostly on the basis of discharging his duties.

This is exactly why it's wrong to seek to understand the Father from one who was never at home with Him. You don't know people from their servants as much as you know them from their children.

None of the prophets were sons of God; they were servants. They had the spirit of bondage but Christ is the Son.

We never saw Christ panic or tremble at the voice of God; He was used to it, they had one voice but Moses was exceedingly fearful and trembling! (Hebrews 12:21).

Moses prayed, ‘Please show me your glory’ (Exodus 33:18), but Christ showed His glory! He didn’t need to pray such prayers. He is the *BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY!* (Hebrews 1:3) Men saw Him and beheld the glory of God. *He is the answer to Moses’ prayer!*

John 1:14; “And the Word became 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.”

All the prophets were still trying to figure out the Father. *Christ is the answer to all their puzzles.*

Don’t learn from servants; hear the Son. Isn’t it instructive that the Father kept saying to men while Christ walked the face of the earth, ‘This is My Beloved Son, HEAR HIM!’ ? (Matthew 3:17, Luke 3:22; John 12:28).

He actually meant it. He was turning people’s attention to the place of ultimate revelation. Christ is the revelation of the Father. His relationship with the Father is the most intimate! You can’t know anyone beyond your level of intimacy. This was the peril of the prophets…

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

The word 'declared' is from the Greek word, 'exēgeomai' (pronounced: ex-ayg-eh'-om-ahee), and it also means to unfold. This means God was yet hidden

from men till Christ came. In Greek writings, this word is particularly used for the interpretation of things sacred and divine, oracles, dreams, etc. It's for matters that are concealed.

Everywhere else this word is used in scriptures by the author of Luke and

Acts, it was for telling others what they didn't know before (Luke 24:35; Acts 10:8; Acts 15:12&14; Acts 21:19). That's exactly the sense in which Christ came to reveal the Father to us. The word 'bosom' is from the Greek word, 'kolpos' (pronounced: kol'-pos) and it describes the front of the body between the arms (See John 13:23). *This is a metaphorical description for deep intimacy. The Son is at home in the Father and the Father is at home in the Son. He knows the Father 100 percent. He didn't learn of the Father in the midst of fears, panics, torments, uncertainties and doubts. His revelation is from a place of assurance as the Son. We can trust Him; let's hear Him!

John 6:46; "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the

Father."

No one has seen the Father!

John 6:46 must have startled the immediate recipients of these sayings of Christ. The Jews knew so much about people who seemed to have had a very vivid and clear revelation of God in bodily form but Christ seemed to bring a different perspective to all their experiences in one simple sentence.

Christ, by saying no one had seen the Father was not denying the fact that people had experiences

with God but that they never saw God in His clearest form. The word 'seen' as used here is the

Greek word, 'hōraō' (pronounced: hor-ah'-o) and it has different implications.

It could mean:

- i. To see with the eyes (Luke 16:23; John 8:57; John 14:7&9; John 20:18; John 20:25&29 etc)
- ii. To see with the mind, to perceive, know (Acts 8:23; James 2:24)
- iii. To see, i.e. become acquainted with by experience, to experience (1

John 1:1)

The prophets definitely were acquainted by experiences but they never saw God face to face
and never fully comprehended Him in their minds. This means all the places where they said
they saw God must be judged by the words of Christ.

Clear?

We have seen so far that the prophets were not to reveal the Father; their task was to prophesy concerning His Son. The Son has an exclusive revelation of the Father. This does not mean all they said were wrong; but that all they said was partial knowledge and must be judged and tested by what the Son has said.

Luke 10:22: All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

The word reveal here is the Greek word Apokalupto from two Greek words: Apo which means to separate and Kalupto which is to hide or to veil. Apokalupto speaks of separating a veil from the reality, to lay open what was once hidden. To make known what is in the dark. .

We don't have a God who glories in the praise of being mysterious. He wants to be known. He doesn't dwell in the shadows nor uncertainties. This is our God. All clear, nothing mysterious, nothing hidden. In Christ, we know whom we call God! In seeing Christ, we see God!

1timothy 3:16: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Mystery as used here and in all of Paul's writings is the word Musterion. Meaning 'Hidden. Yet to be revealed. Needing explanation'.

In Christ, the mystery is revealed, clear and seen of every man. God is not just predictable, He is explainable!

Lets explore what Jesus came to reveal to us.

Look at Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

No child can be called all these names. Josh has explained in clear terms what the word 'Son' means. The son given had nothing to do with a certain 'son'. Isaiah speaking about Christ in utterance speaks of Christ in his incarnation and the revelation that He would bring.

John 7:14 called him Immanuel. Matthew 1:23 called him the same.

GOD WITH US! So we see Jesus in the utterance of the Prophets as God. God with us. His sonship speaking not of inferiority with God but the incarnation.

God in the flesh, more about divinity taking human

Ijohn 5:20

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

We have an understanding in Christ. True and through.

John 1:1-9

Jesus is explained as three things that we would examine summarily in this study.

1: Word

2: Light

3: Life

The word as used in John 1:1 is the greek word 'LOGOS'. The word Logos how's beyond just an utterance as opposed to Rhema. The b word Logos speaks of what was said, the thought behind the utterance, the conception and the idea, the subject matter and the theme itself.

In verse 14: We see Jesus as God's utterance. *What God said, has said, was ever saying, is ever going to say is Jesus!*

Hebrews 1:2: 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; The son was God's idea from the very beginning. He brought forth this idea through the prophets, speaking in different revelations, each of which set forth a part and portion of the truth.

God is saying nothing apart from Christ. In the son is the full revelation of God. Collosians 1: 15 tells us the son is God's image.

God spoke once and He spoke in His Son. Jesus is the very message of God as He is the very revelation of the same!

Now see this.

John 4: 21-23

Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Prior to this, Jesus had been speaking to the woman in parabolic terms of faith in Him.

Jesus in speaking of worship, He says in the times here and to come, men will worship one, The Father. Take note of who will be worshipped and who seeks: the Father.

Then word seek is the word zeteo in the Greek. In this context, it doesn't say God does around looking and searching for those who would worship him

This seeking means to go after. To reach out for something which seems hidden. To pursue

Jesus in this scripture reveals a character that seems very hidden. The character of God to reach out rather than to hide himself. The character of God to pursue after till he finds. God's character shown in Christ.

The one who seeks is called Father!

We didn't reach out to God to find him. He reached out to us to bring us in! The truth of worship to the Father is in the Son! in Christ, God sought us out and found us!

Oh Glory!

John 14:7-10

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

*Jesus came to show us not just as a God. He came to reveal a name. One that had stayed hidden all through the Old Testament. He came to reveal a

relationship to us. Jesus came to show us God on the pedestal of Family. Jesus came to show us THE FATHER GOD!*

In the Son, we see one. We see the Father clearly revealed All through Jesus' walk on the earth, he called God one and the same thing. Nothing as seen in the Old Testament. He called God Father. The prophets of old referred to God based on experience. Christ shows us God by Relationship. The Father

Now follow this. Jesus revealing God as Father brought the means to become sons. Showing us God in a fatherly pedestal reveals a family. The Father and his Sons!

I'm rounding up. A good preacher rounds up five times at least. So this is the first.

Still following?

Let's look at John 14 from the first verse and explore what Jesus said clearly as we close.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

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.

Verse 2 has had many believers confused. We've been taught that what it talks about is rapture. That this shows that Jesus is coming back again. I think this is rather interesting. Someone who hadn't even gone the first time was already talking about coming a second time.

This is where people also got the funny idea that we would all have mansions. Doreen have said not all around mansions in heaven. Three are kiosks, and boys quarters.

Very funny assumptions.

Let's examine this.

The question would be can there be mansions in a house?

Definitely not

So what did Jesus mean.

The word House in the Greek is the word Oikia. This literally translates to a Household. A family. A nuclear family.

The word Mansion is the Greek word Mone which speaks of a dwelling, an abode. Its origin is from the word Meno which means to remain in a place, to be kept continually.

The word place is the Greek word Typos. It means a marked off area, more like a position reserved for someone

Now let's read it well.

It would be "In my Father's Household, there are many places, abode, a place where you'd remain and be kept continually... I go to prepare a position for you..."

See that? Now in a household, what position could be left? It would be one for a child. A position of sonship.

When he says 'He would go to prepare a place' she was speaking of His death and burial and his resurrection.

Jesus died as the only begotten of the Father, He rose not as only begotten but as the first begotten of the Father. This time, he didn't rise as the only son. In his rising, He opened up the position of sonship. His resurrection brought Many sins into Glory!

Ephesians 2: 13-19

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross,

having slain the enmity thereby: note

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

By the blood of Jesus, we now have access to the household of God! The self same Spirit of Christ had now brought us into ykthe Father's home. Following this?

Galatians 3:22-26

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

*See that? We can boldly say we no longer are under a school. Master! No longer slaves to a certain law that keeps in bondage. *We are children of God!!**

Galatians 4:4-7

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.

We have the Spirit of the Son. Jesus gave this promise in John 14:16-17

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.

Haha!

He is in us as the spirit of sonship!!!!

By the same Spirit of Christ, we have received the adoption of sons!

We have the same relationship Jesus had with God as he walked on the earth!! We can call him Father!

Romans 8: 14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The word 'led' is the Greek word 'Ago' it means to be taken by the hand and led

It speaks of a union.

The Spirit of God led us into union with God. This leading speaks of our oneness with the Father.

We have become sons of God!

The Spirit in us testifies of our relationship with the Father. Our sonship in Christ is verified! Signed! Sealed! Delivered!

God treasures His children much more than our actions. God's value on us is in Christ's sacrifice and in his resurrection. He doesn't value us based on right or wrong doings. No!!!

The Resurrection made two things happen. The Resurrection birthed Man in God and God in Man. This is all God sees! He sees us in Him and He in us. This is the relationship we have with Him! We have become his abode and He had become our abode!

In Christ, God has counted our sins once. Now what's God busy doing, someone might ask? He's busy not counting your sins! He's busy looking at you as His Son. He's busy seeing you in Christ! Forgiven, righteous, holy, sanctified. His Son!

Romans 8: 29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The firstborn is one word in the Greek, it's the word Prototokos. It's from the words Protos which is first in line, of a product, or produce or the first in rank. And the word Tikto which is to bring forth

The word speaks not of Jesus as the elder brother but as the first in line. More like a prototype. For instance, in making a phone, you make a

prototype first. Every other one takes the same shape and becomes the same.

That's Jesus. He was the first. Every other is exactly as he is. *So is Jesus Righteous? Then so am I! Is he Holy, then so am I! Is he perfect, Well that's exactly who I am! All that Jesus is, That's who I am in Him!*

Hebrews 2: 11

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

We are the sanctified of the Lord!!!!

We and the Lord who has sanctified us are if one. We belong to one. We have one Father! Yes sir!!

He isn't ashamed to call us brethren. Oh Glory to God!

One last scripture that I like to shout about!!

1 John 3:1-2

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

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.

Haha! God's love is shown once and for all in Christ in that we have become sons of God!

Beloved! Now!!!

The word now is the Greek word Nun. It means 'This present time. As we speak. Right now!

If you weren't saved before now and as you read, you just believed, can I

scream BELOVED NOW!

it defies time and space. Bewilders the numerations of this present world. From the very moment the man believed, NOW!

NOW ARE WE THE SONS OG GOD!

We do not know what we would be..that was talking about the redemption if our bodies. It doesn't refute our being sons of God. In fact, we have an assurance, in the seeming uncertainty, we know who we will take after. BECAUSE WE ARE SONS, WE SHALL BE LIKE THE FIRST BORN. OR PROTOKOS!

haha!

We see Him and we are assured

We know Him and we know who we are.

We call Him Father, He calls us Sons.

In this is worship true. We worship the Father as sons. Now that's true worship.

Glory to God!

We prayed with this assurance. We rejoice in this assurance. We glory know this Knowledge. Our God, the God of all flesh, the same one, is our FATHER!

In knowing this, we see that there's nothing we can't receive.

In this knowledge, Healing is sure. We receive miracles with such ease. We work the same. Our Father delights in giving us good gifts. We know he hears us and answers us once! There's no unanswered prayer here! None! We receive in Him all!!!

Someone just got healed if a persistent back ache. Now!

It comes back no more!

A lady here, your mum just got a new heart. Throw away that doctor's report. It's not yours!

Hey! Don't go for that operation! Gods healing hand is on you now! You

just got healed! Check it!

Someone had been having funny nightmares. You've been speaking God's word but it just keeps coming. Your nights are free. That oppression ceases now!!

Hey, there's boldness in this house. Haha! You just jumped up as you read this. Declare the counsel of God. You've been holding back from sharing where you live. There's boldness and hearts are receptive! Yes!!! = Go out! No fears, There's healing in your hands. Your Father lives in you. Your words give counsel. The power of God is all over you. You can feel the tingling as I speak. The miraculous just got stirred within you. Sick bodies leave your hands whole! You are daring the unimaginable! Your Father lives in you!!!! Haha!!!

Glory to God!

Amen and Amen

You can pray in tongues and rejoice in the Spirit. Glory! Glory!! Glory!!!

Blessed!



Pst. Josiah
JIGHRE

Glad to be here and to speak to you God's precious people purchased with his blood and sealed by his eternal spirit

May we all pray in other tongues as pastor Jaydon opens for us in prayers

Oh.... Thank you father for tonight

Our hearts are ready

Thank you for awesome times we will have today

We have seeing eyes and understanding hearts

We behold Jesus as he sees us in him.

Amen

First of all, thanks to Pastor Jaydon for this conference and the opportunity to speak here.

Thank you sir

Alright people, let's do this

So we're looking at the Epignosis of Christ

Pastors Josh Banks, Jesimiel and Stella have laid a good foundation already in the past days so I'll just flow from there.

They've actually made my work very easy

Let's start from 1john 5

1john 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

I'll basically be saying the same things they have said, maybe just

with different sentences and explanations. Our gospel is one I will be doing much of my explanation on the character of God from the old testament scriptures tonight

Verse 19 says that we know that we are of God and the whole world lies under the power of the wicked one

Meaning most of the activities of the world is not under the influence of God but under the influence of the wicked one

But we are of God and we know that we are not under the influence of the wicked one

Vs 20 and we know that Jesus Christ the son of God has come to give us an understanding about God

Meaning God is not known in the activities of the world but in Christ Christ has come not just to die for sins, but in his life (in the four gospels) and in his death he gives us an understanding about who the true God is

And John says that this Son of God Jesus is the true God

Who is following?

So in Christ Jesus we find the true God but in the world we find the influence of the wicked one.

So the incarnation is not just for redemption but in this redemption we find an understanding about God and of the true God

And in this true God Jesus Christ we find eternal life

Eternal life! Not death, not condemnation, not judgment, not anger, not wrath but eternal life

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Now let's look at verse 21

Who can see the connection?

This is it

In Christ Jesus we find the true God

In Christ we know the true God
In Christ God is revealed

Outside of this revelation of God in Christ is idolatry
Outside of Christ as the revelation of the true God is idol worship
Meaning, any revelation or knowledge or understanding of God that is not consistent with the image of God in Christ Jesus is idol worship and *little children, Christians keep yourselves from idols* from any Association or revelation of God that doesn't look like the true God Jesus Christ
Got that?
So Christianity is separation unto the knowledge of God inside Christ alone
Meaning you can be a church member, even born again and busy yourself with 'idols' if you stop seeing the true God in Christ alone
So where do we find this knowledge of Christ?
Is the knowledge of Christ in the new testament alone?
The revelation of Christ is found in the Gospel.
Therefore, the gospel is the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus
Let's go to Romans

Romans 1

*1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

Paul.. Separated unto the gospel of God
Vs 2

Concerning his Son

The gospel of God *concerning his Son*

But concerning only one person

So the gospel of God is not concerning many things or many people

Jesus Christ

Concerning his Son

Clear?

The gospel is not even concerning the believer but concerning Jesus

The believer is only found in the Gospel because he is found in Christ

Hence, You are not the focus of the gospel

Christ is!

Your work is not the focus of the gospel, Christ's work is

The gospel is not concerning your goodness but concerning Christ's goodness

Vs 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord which was made of the seed of David..

the incarnation

VS 4 declared the son of God by the power of the Holy spirit

Spirit of holiness is simply holy spirit

He is declared the son of God by the Holy ghost by the resurrection from the dead

He is the only begotten son of God in the incarnation

In the resurrection he is the first begotten son of God

That's verse 4

Now let's not leave out verse 2

Which was promised before by his prophets in the holy scriptures

So Paul says this gospel concerning his Son Jesus who was made the son of David in the flesh and made the son of God in the resurrection is promised before time by the prophetic sculpture
Guys are you ready to read some scriptures?

Let's corroborate this

The student of the word must be given to volume

He must be thorough and detailed

The understanding is in the volume

The revelation is in the details

The Epignosis is in the details

You must love volumes o

Jesus said *I come in the volume of the books*

That's out of context sha

Can I have an Amen in the house?

Alright, let's see the gospel in the promise by the scriptures of the prophets

1. ***Gen 3:15 KJVLite And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. perm_***

2. ***Gen 22:18 KJVLite And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.***

3. ***Gen 26:4 KJVLite And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;***

4. ***Gen 49:10 KJVLite The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.***

5. ***Deu 18:15 KJVLite The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a***

Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

6. 2Sa 7:12 KJVLite *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

7. Psa 132:11 KJVLite *The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.*

8. Isa 4:2 KJVLite *In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.*

9. Isa 7:14 KJVLite *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel*

10. Isa 9:6 KJVLite *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

11. Isa 40:10 KJVLite *Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.*

12. Jer 23:5 KJVLite *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*

13. Jer 33:14 KJVLite *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the*

house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

14. Eze 34:23 KJVLite *And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.*

15. Eze 37:24 KJVLite *And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.*

16. Dan 9:24 KJVLite *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

17. Mic 7:20 KJVLite *Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.*

He is the seed of the woman in Gen 3

His the promised seed of Abraham in gen 3
He is Shiloh in Gen 49

And so on

Make sure to reread these scriptures again later.

For now let's move on

Rom 16:25 *Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*

26 *But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets,*

according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Let's investigate this a little further

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my gospel which is the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

So the gospel was kept secret since the world began

It was in a mystery in the scriptures of the prophets

But is now made manifest by the explanation of the scriptures of the prophets by the epistles

In the scriptures of the prophets you find the mystery, in the Epistles you find the revelation

But is it still supposed to be a mystery to you today when you read the scriptures of the prophets?

No!

Because you know have the revelation in the gospels in the activities of the son and in the Epistles

Remember the son of God has come to give us an understanding An understanding about God, the true God.

This understanding was in the scriptures of the prophets in a mystery

but is now made naked in the son

1Tim 3%16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory

Meaning when God came as Jesus he was 100% naked in character and nature for all to see

God was manifest in the flesh

God was manifest in the flesh means God was made naked in the flesh (in the incarnation)

Jesus is God stripped naked for all to see fully

Hence, the incarnation is not God sending Jesus to represent him but God coming as Jesus to Represent himself

Now this is very vital

The incarnation is not Jesus acting or speaking for God but God acting for himself and speaking for Himself

The son of God has come... The incarnation

And has given us an understanding of the true God

So the incarnation is also God's response to man's sin

In the incarnation you find the activities of God in the flesh including his death

So, in the incarnate Jesus we find God's true position and reaction to man's sin

Hence Jesus becomes the acid test for judging the utterances of the prophets

Now what is the responsibility of the Bible student?

To use the life, actions and utterances of Jesus as the scale for weighing ALL the utterances of the old testament about God

How did Jesus deal with sin and the sinner?

That is how God deals with sin and the sinner

That is how God deals with it

How did Jesus deal with sickness and disease?
How did Jesus deal with guilty men?
That is how God has ever dealt with guilty man
How did Jesus deal with the wicked?
How did Jesus deal with those who hated him?

He loved them
That is how God has ever dealt with the wicked
That is how God ever has
Jesus now becomes the xray with which we look at every scripture in the old testament
You must use christ to judge the authenticity of every utterance in the old testament
Christ becomes the lenses with which we look at the scriptures
In your reading of the old testament you must wear *the son glasses*
Why?
Hence you must never be afraid to say where God's character has been maligned that this is not correct
Because Christ is the understanding of God
He is God made manifest or naked in the flesh
Can I have a *glory to God*?
Let's see an example
All through out the old testament there seem to be a consistency in how they judged God and how he dealt with the sins of Israel and other nations
He is seen as the sin punisher
God is seen as the one who destroys the sinner and the wicked
Howbeit you Will find utterances about his mercy and kindness towards sin and the sinner but the plethora of activities in the old testament are on the side of a God who punishes the sinner
Peter calls these testimonies to the mercy and goodness of God towards sin as *a light shining in a dark place*
Until the day dawn and the Daystar arises in our hearts
The day dawn is the incarnation and the life of Jesus

Christ is the Daystar

In the old testament you see a light shining in a dark place (I call it the mercy trail)

In God made manifest in the flesh is the day dawn

No more shadows but God seen clearly

2Pet 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Can I have shoutings and rejoicing in the house

Now Christ the day star has not just be revealed to the world but has arisen in our hearts

These are the shouting verses

Christ the day star has risen in my heart and he doesn't set like the sun
hahahaha glory!

He doesn't set

He is the sun of righteousness

No he doesn't

No obscurity
No shadows
God in Christ is made naked in my heart
No types
No shades
So how did Jesus respond to the sinner and to sin?
Back to what I was saying
Rather than condemn the sinner for his sin he condemned himself for the sinners sin
Rather than judge the sinner, he judged himself
Rather than kill the sinner for his sin he allowed himself to be killed by the sinner
This is our God
Oh my goodness
Rather than send the sinner to hell for his sins he goes to hell for his sins
Rather than condemn the sinner for his sins he condemned himself for the sinner's sins
You see, that's why the man who doesn't believe sends himself to hell of his own accord
Mercy
People are you seeing this?

This is the Epignosis of Christ o
Do I have a witness in the house?

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

So condemnation is found where?

In God?

No!

Condemnation is found only in unbelief!

Romans 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death

There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus

Condemnation is found in darkness and disobedience to the gospel

Hence, in the gospel we find God's judgement against sin

God's judgment against sin is mercy

And God's judgement against sin is forgiveness

God's judgment against man's sin is his love

God's only response towards sin is forgiveness

He has no other response

His mercy is his judgement against sin

His Love is his judgement
The man outside Christ puts himself against this mercy
God's mercy is his judgement
His kindness is his punishment against sin
What would God have every man understand about sin?

That he has forgiven it

2pet 3

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; God suffers long to save not to destroy Hallelujah
Rom 1:16,17

For in the gospel we find God's power and his power is to save
Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. xref-4

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith

God's longsuffering always leads to salvation.... Peter says you must account that

God's power has only one ability... To save

God's power has only one purpose... Salvation

His power is salvation

The gospel of his son

His power found in the Gospel

Let me start rounding up

Who is following?

Someone who has been struggling with depression just got free now.

A lady and a guy

Someone just got freed from the fear of the future now. There is no more fear

Someone with a tooth ache just got healed now

Check it now

There are ten persons with certain eye defects.. You just got healed now by the power of God

Examine your sight now

So in Christ Jesus we find God's only response towards man

Someone with school fees issues. Fear not the fees will be paid and it won't be late

Receive supply

Let's go to Hebrews as we wrap this up

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 8

In the above text you will find information about two covenants.

The old and the new

One that is dead and passed away and another that is true and living
Vs 11.. For they shall all know me from the least to the greatest

What will they know about him or what are they to know about him?

VS 12... Follow the context

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more

God wants the believer to have a specific knowledge about sin

That he is merciful to it

That he will not take account of it

I will remember no more means I will not take account of it

So what information or knowledge does God want man to have about sin?

That he is merciful to it

Hallelujah

Contrary to the old covenant (the law) that takes account of sin

The new testament does not take account of sin

Who is still awake?

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

So, what is the difference between the old covenant of the law and the new testament in Christ?

The law takes account of sin

The new does not
The believer is he whose sins are forgiven

He is he whose sins are not recorded

He the object of God's love

Never forget that

So thus far we have seen that theology without Christology is idolatry

Man is the reason for the incarnation

Man is the reason for the gospel of his son

Theology or the study of God must be found in Christology or the study of Christ

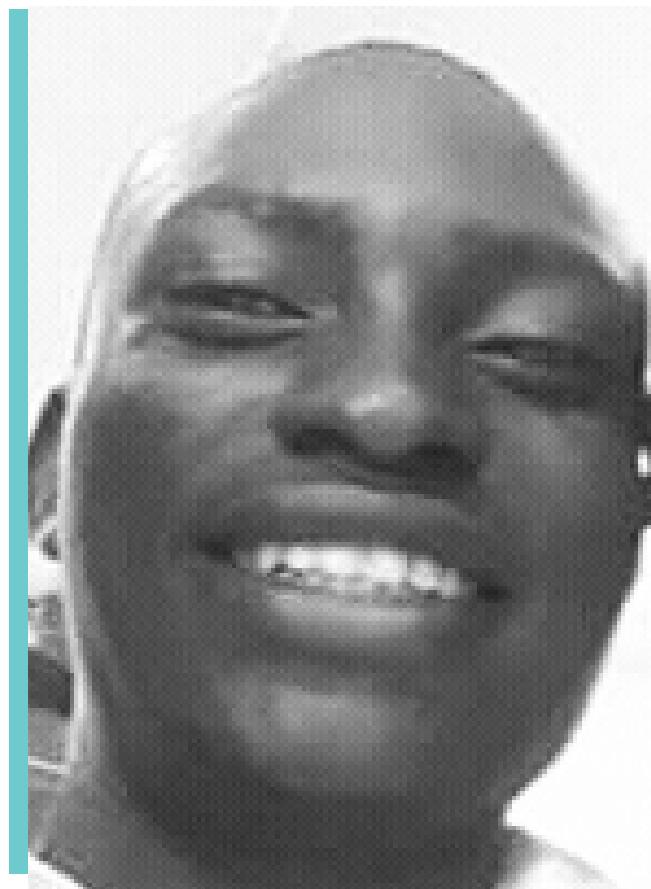
In the gospel we find God become a man for man

God became the son to have sons

The son of God becomes the means for God having sons

And in The son he brings many sons to glory

Hallelujah



Pst Stephen
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Good evening Pastor Joseph

Good evening, Saints.

It is a great privilege to be here on this platform this evening to teach God's Word. I do not take this for granted. Thanks pastor for the privilege.

I know it has been a great week thus far.

Thanks to Pastor Josh Bank, Pastor Stella E. Ashe, Pastor Jesimiel Damina and Prophet Shamba for the sound teaching through the week. We will be examining the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST tonight as we have been examining through the week.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we thank you for all that you have done for us in Christ. We thank you for the fellowship of the Spirit. We receive revelation in the knowledge of your son, Jesus Christ this evening. Our minds are flooded with light and every saint edified in Jesus name.

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST

Epignosis is a Greek word which implies a full and precise knowledge. It is a proper and accurate knowledge.

Apostle Paul used this word while praying for the church Ephesus.

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

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,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Paul prayed for them that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of Glory gives to them the Spirit of wisdom and the revelation in the knowledge of him.

The word knowledge in Ephesians 1:15 is translated from the Greek word 'EPIGNOSIS'.

Epignosis is coined from epi and gnosis in the Greek. 'Epi' means upon/all over. Gnosis implies a knowledge. Epignosis therefore is a full knowledge; an all round knowledge

Apostle Paul says 'revelation' in the knowledge of him

By using the word 'revelation', he let's us see very clearly that this knowledge is revelational knowledge. It is not sense knowledge.

The word 'revelation' is translated from the Greek word APOKALUPSIS. APOKALUPSIS is coined from the Greek words 'apo' and 'kalupto'.

Apo means away or to remove. Kalupto means a lid. APOKALUPSIS is to take away the covering.

The verb 'APOKALUPTO' was used by Jesus in Matthew 16:17

Matthew 16:17 KJV And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it

unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Jesus Christ said to Peter right here after Peter said Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, that flesh and blood didn't reveal it to him Jesus by saying flesh and blood didn't reveal it to him means that the revelation of himself is different from flesh and blood. Flesh and blood implies human opinions and accounts.

Human opinions in the context of Matthew 16 is seen in vs 14

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

In human account, you will see varying strands of opinions.

Revelation is definite and consistent: 'Thou art the Christ, the son of the Living God.'

Worthy of note in the context of Matthew 16:13-19 is that Peter spoke of Jesus' incarnation by saying 'Thou art the Christ, The son of the Living God'.

Jesus Christ took Peter further as the incarnation only forms a strong basis for why he came.

Jesus said unto him 'Thou art Peter... '. The word Peter is from the Greek word 'petros' which means a small stone.

Jesus said upon this rock, I will build my church(Matthew 16:18).

In Matthew 16:18, the word 'rock' is translated from the Greek word 'Petras' which means a larger stone.

Petas here refers to what Peter just said: His incarnation.

Observe that the next thing Jesus said was about the church.

The Church is the called out ones from his resurrection. This was what Jesus meant by the gates of hades will not prevail.

Hades means the place of the dead. Prevail is from the Greek word 'katischuō' which means to overcome.

Jesus therefore meant that the Church will be founded in His resurrection.

It therefore means that the church must be known by revelation as well, the same way the incarnation was by revelation.

Back to Ephesians 1:15

Ephesians 1:15-17

Paul was therefore praying for the saints in Ephesus that they will have revelational knowledge.

He calls this spiritual wisdom.

The word 'spirit of wisdom' is better rendered as wisdom of the Spirit or spiritual wisdom. This is the revelational in the knowledge of him.

Again, observe that what Paul called this Epignosis is the knowledge of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Look at Ephesians 1:18, he says the eyes of our understanding being enlightened that we may know what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

Calling refers to salvation. Calling is from the Greek word 'klēsis'. It means in this context; the calling of salvation. The word calling or call(kaleo in the Greek) as used in the epistles is for salvation.

It means this knowledge is the knowledge of salvation. It is definite and specific. It is not about entrepreneurship neither is it about taking territories.

He calls it the riches of the glory of the inheritance in the saints.

The word 'riches' is from the Greek word *ploutos* it means wealth and resources. It that for means that the knowledge of Christ is about the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

This means this Epignosis will let us see the Father's patrimony/inheritance within us in Christ Jesus

It will let us see that all in Christ is in His Church.

Inheritance implies possession by heritage. It is translated from the Greek word

kleronomeo

This means that the enlightenment of the eyes of our understanding will let us see that we are gloriously resourceful in Christ Jesus.

In Philemon 6, Paul says that the communication of the faith might be made effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

This was his prayers as it is obvious from Philemon 4. Again, Paul was saying in the book to Philemon that the sharing of his Christian faith will be based on full recognition of that which is in him in Christ Jesus. Acknowledging in Philemon 6 is also translated from the Greek word 'EPIGNOSIS'.

Are we following?

Therefore in Ephesians 1:18, he lets us see that the knowledge of Christ reveals the truth that we have received inheritance within us as believers in Christ.

In Ephesians 1:19, he explains it as the power that raised Christ from the dead

He says exceeding greatness of his power towards us that believed according to the working of his mighty power which He wrought in Christ when He raised him from the dead....

The Bible Scholars say that the highest concentration of the word 'power' as used in the bible is in this verse.

It is true.

Exceeding is from the Greek word huperballo(used as exceeding in Ephesians 2:7,excelleth in 2 Corinthians 3:10 and as exceeding in 2 Corinthians 9:14).

It is to throw beyond target.

Greatness is from the Greek word 'Megethos'. It implies vast magnitude.

Power is from the word dunamis in the Greek. it implies an inherent ability and is capable of self-reproducibility.

Working is from the Greek word *energeo*. It means actively working.

Mighty is from the Greek word *ischus*. It means availing.

Power(second one) is from the Greek word *kratos*: it means power of conquest such as a warring force.

These words were used to describe the resurrection of Christ and to show us that the church came forth from the resurrection of Christ.

Are we following?

It therefore means the the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the EPIGNOSIS OF His Church!

This was what Jesus was saying in Matthew 16:18-19. The Church is

established in Christ's resurrection.

The knowledge of Christ is therefore entirely spiritual.

Paul prayed for the church in Colosse as well.

Colossians 1:9

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

He says the knowledge of his will.

This is the knowledge of what happened in Christ's three days and three nights and upon His resurrection.

Again in Philippians 1:9, he prayed for the church in Philippi

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment

This is specific knowledge. It is the knowledge of Christ. It is not the knowledge of economics or politics.

Paul prayed that the saints he taught might have this knowledge. The knowledge of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The knowledge of the church's identification in His resurrection.

Paul spoke about this knowledge in his letter to Timothy.

Paul lets us see very accurately in his letter to Timothy that this knowledge of Christ is the message of the scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in

righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Paul told Timothy to continue

..(2 Timothy 3:14)

Timothy was Paul's son in the faith.

1 Timothy 1:2

2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:2

2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 2:1

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Timothy was faced with false teachers: perpetrators of another kind of knowledge, hence the instruction given by Paul to him to continue. In 1 Timothy 1:18-20, he told Timothy to hold faith; to stand in sound doctrine.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

In 2 Timothy 2:15, he told Timothy to be diligent (study from the Greek word *spoudazo means diligent: see also 2 Timothy 4:9;21) in showing himself as one approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, but rightly dividing the Word of truth

Paul told Timothy that the word of truth is that message within the Old Testament scriptures; that is the Epignosis of Christ within the Old Testament scriptures. He used the word rightly dividing. Rightly

dividing is translated from the Greek word ORTHOTOMEΩ. ORTHOTOMEΩ is from the word ORTHOS and TOMOTEROS(a derivative of temnon) in the Greek.

ORTHOS is translated as erect/straight in Acts 14:10, Hebrews 12:13. Tomoteros means to cut through.

ORTHOTOMEΩ implies a skilful work: It is am interpretation of the Old Testament scriptures. It is the Greek word for the Hebrew word 'yâshar' translated as direct in proverbs 3:6

ORTHOTOMEΩ is used in the Ancient Greek to speak of mining. It means it is excavatory not innovative. There is therefore a blue print in interpreting the Old Testament scriptures.

The purpose of the Old Testament scriptures(Genesis to Malachi) is for the knowledge of Christ.

Are we following?

Therefore in 2 Timothy 3:14, Paul told Timothy to continue in that which he hast learnt from him

Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:15 that from a child, Tinothy hast known the holy scriptures

The word 'child' is translated from the Greek word brephos. It is used to denote an infantile state. Paul used it here to talk of Timothy's spiritual growth. The word brephos is seen also in Acts 7:19 and 1 Peter 2:2

Used as young children in Acts 7:19

*19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their *young children*, to the end they might not live.*

Used as babes in 1 Peter 2:2

*2 As newborn *babes*, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*

Paul says that Timothy had known that Holy SCRIPTURES since he was born again. Known is from the Greek word 'EIDO'. It is used about 319 times in the New Testament Greek Lexicon. It means a valued appreciation.

This is beyond quoting scriptures. It is to place value on scriptures.

Paul says the Holy SCRIPTURES are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which us in Christ Jesus.

The word 'Holy Scriptures' is translated from the Greek word Hieros

Gramma

Heiros means sacred. It is similar to the word hiereus used for priests in Revelation 5:9, 1 Peter 2:9.

*Hieros

Hieros is also used in 1 Corinthians 9:13 and Colossians 4:13

1 Corinthians 9:13

13 Do ye not know that they which minister about *holy things* live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

Colossians 4:13

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in *Hiera* polis.

Hieros means distinct/set apart. It means Genesis to Malachi are separate from other materials or books.

Gramma refers to writings. It connotes the thought of learning. It is used in Luke 16:6;7 as Bill, Luke 23:38 as letter, John 5:47 as writings, John 7:15 as letters, Acts 26:24 as learning, Acts 28:21 as letters, Romans 2:27; 29 as letter, Romans 7:6 as letter, 2 Corinthians 3:6-7 as letter and Galatians 6:11 as letter.

Gramma implies learning.

Holy SCRIPTURES therefore lets us see that Genesis to Malachi communicates a particular learning.

Paul says they are able to make thee wise.

Able is from the Greek word DUNAMAI which means inherent strength.

Wise is translated form the Greek word SOPHIZO. It is also used in 2 Peter 1:16 as cunningly devised. It therefore means skilful; proficiency. This is deliberate skill. It is intentional.

'Unto' is better rendered as in.

The Holy SCRIPTURES have ability to make skilful in salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The knowledge from the Old Testament scriptures is salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Observe that in 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul says all scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction,

He says all scripture not scriptures. He says all scripture is profitable

for doctrine.

He mentions doctrine before listing reproof, correction and instruction.

This is similar to the expression in Galatians 5:22 of the fruit of the Spirit is love,...

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

In Galatians 5:22, he says the fruit of the Spirit is love. This means that the Spirit produces love in us. Love is dominant here and opposite to the flesh. He has talked about love in Galatians 5:13-14

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Hence, joy, peace, longsuffering etc will be seen in love. They are to explain love.

Same way in 2 Timothy 3:16, by saying all scripture is profitable for doctrine, Paul lets us see that doctrine is that dominant purpose of the scripture.

Profitable is translated from the Greek word 'ōphelimos'. It means advantage.

Doctrine is translated from the Greek word 'didaskalia'. It means explanation.

Genesis to Malachi has its advantage in explanation/teaching. This doctrine is for reproof.

Reproof is from the Greek word elegchos. It means persuasion. It is also used in John 16:8, Hebrews 11:1.

Persuasion leads to correction.

Correction is translated from the Greek word 'EPANORTHOSIS'. EPANORTHOSIS is from ANORTHOO. ANORTHOO is to make straight. It is used as straight in Luke 13:13, as lift up in Hebrews 12:12 and as set in Acts 15:16

The essence of the Holy SCRIPTURES is to make straight our minds.

This is found in the knowledge of salvation.

Instruction is from the Greek word PAIDEIA which implies child training. It is the Father's training for his child. It is to raise a child. It is translated as nurture in Ephesians 6:4 and as chasten(better rendered as correct/instruct) in Hebrews 12:5;7;8;11)

It therefore means that spiritual growth is from the Knowledge of Christ. This knowledge of Christ is the message from the Old Testament Scriptures.

Paul says that the man of God mat be perfect, throughly furnished unto every good work.

Perfect is translated from the Greek word artios which means fitted for function. It is similar to the word 'katartismos' used for perfecting/equipping in Ephesians 4:12.

Throughly furnished is translated form the Greek word 'Exartizo'. It implies special aptitude.

It therefore means that salvation through faith in Christ Jesus is for the spiritual growth of saints.

This means the knowledge of Christ is the explanation of the Old Testament scriptures. This is well put forth to us as the Epistles. It is the revelation of the mystery(Ephesians 1:9, Ephesians 3:3-5, Colossians 1:25-27, 1 Corinthians 2:2-12)

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the message within the Old Testament scriptures.

This is our focal point within Genesis to Malachi. It is the reason for the scriptures.

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the template for spiritual growth.

The danger of not following this template of truth is what Peter said in

2 Peter 3:15-16

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures,

unto their own destruction.

Peter lets us see that Pauline epistles is submission of the wisdom of salvation.

He also lets us see that unlearned and unstable wrest scriptures to their own destruction. This means they did not acknowledge salvation as the message of the scriptures

Unlearned is from the Greek word AMATHES. It means ignorant. It is not to be a disciple. It is not to have learnt.

Unstable is from the Greek word 'ASTĒRIKTOS' which means without resoluteness.

Wrest is translated from the Greek word 'STREBLOŌ' which means to twist or pervert.

Peter therefore says to twist the scriptures from salvation through faith in Christ Jesus is a proof of being unlearned.

Disciples of Christ abide with the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST

Paul wrote to Timothy to stay with the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST as the explanation of the Old Testament scriptures despite the prevalence of false teachers in Ephesus. He wrote the same to Titus so Titus could stand firm in sound doctrine in Crete

If therefore means that the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the meal and message of Christ's church.

This is our system of truth!

This is our sound doctrine.

The writer of the book of Hebrews calls it GRACE

Hebrews 13: 9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

He says Christ is the perfection of the Old Testament typologies(Hebrews 6:1-2)

Paul calls the Epignosis of Christ the doctrine. He therefore says to mark those who cause divisions contrary to the doctrine.

Romans 16:17-18

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

John says not to company with he that does not abide in the doctrine of Christ.

2 John 1:9-10

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

Paul explains the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST as sound doctrine. This is Christ taught as the message from the Old Testament scriptures. It is Christ taught as the message of the Church!

1 Timothy 1:3

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

Timothy was to charge/to give an order that they teach no other doctrine. To teach part from the gospel of Christ is to be false.

Paul mentioned doctrine very frequently in his letter to Timothy: 1 Timothy 1:3, 1 Timothy 1:10, 1 Timothy 4:1;6, 1 Timothy 4:16, 1 Timothy 5:17, 2 Timothy 3:10, 2 Timothy 4:3

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST is the system of truth!

Romans 6:17

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you

Paul says that form of doctrine

The word form means a pattern. It means a model. It is from the Greek word *tupos*. It is used in Romans 5:14, Philippians 3:17, 1 Thessalonians 1:7, 2 Thessalonians 3:9, 1 Timothy 1:12, 1 Timothy 1:12, Titus 2:7, Hebrews 8:5, 1 Peter 5:3.

It means an example.

Doctrine as used in Romans 6:17 is translated from the Greek word DIDACHE. It means explanation.

Didasko is an active word/verb to DIDACHE. It is used in Matthew 28:20

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus instructed to teach mean to observe all things whatsoever he commanded. The word 'teaching' is the word DIDASKO.

Upon Christ's resurrection, we are to teach what Christ has done.

The disciples continued with the Apostle's doctrine

Are we following?

Acts 2:42

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The apostles doctrine is Christ

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS therefore our form of doctrine. This is the explanation of the Old Testament scriptures

Romans 16:25-26

25 Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

The preaching of Jesus Christ is the revelation of the mystery!

This is to preach Christ raised from the dead

Romans 1:1-4

Romans 1:1-4 1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an

apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

2 Timothy 2:8

8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. note note

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Jesus Christ himself explained his sufferings and his resurrection as the focal point of the Old Testament scriptures.

This, he explained to Cleopas and his friend:

Luke 24:25-27

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

He also explained to the other disciples:

Luke 24:44-46

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

**Christ's resurrection from the dead is this knowledge of Christ
This is our message to the world. We are to preach that Christ is raised from the dead. This is what is explained in Luke 24:47.**

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Remission of sins is available in His authority

The Apostles spoke about this in Acts of Apostles

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:25-26

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Acts 5:31

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a

Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 10:42-43

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts 13:38-39

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.

In Acts 15:9,

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 17:2-3

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ

Acts 26:17-18

The knowledge of Christ implies that there is Forgiveness of sins available in His resurrection.

Our authority as the church is to preach this forgiveness of sins.
This is the key of the kingdom!

Matthew 16:19

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

To bind and to lose is as we preach the gospel of Christ.

We lose forgiveness of sins which is available in Christ to men and we bind that separation which has long held man in enmity to God.

It is to preach reconciliation which is available in Christ.

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS therefore the full riches of Christ. It encapsulates what Christ has done in His three days and three nights and that which is available upon His resurrection.

Paul called it the unreachable riches of Christ.

Ephesians 3:8-9

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the *unsearchable riches* of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Unsearchable riches of Christ means it cannot be humanly tracked out.

It is revelation

It is revelation in Christ.

To preach this is to make men see the fellowship of the mystery which hath been hid in God. It is the explanation of Christ from the Old Testament scriptures.

The EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the Creed of Christianity. It is our abiding confession. It is the supporting structure and basis of Christ's Church.

1 Timothy 3:15-16

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living

God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The incarnation, death, burial and resurrection of Christ and the church in Christ is the Epignosis of Christ.

It is the mystery of godliness!!

Paul taught this as the mystery of Christ.

Romans 16:25, 1 Corinthians 2:7, Ephesians 1:9, Ephesians 3:3-9.

It is the mystery of Christ and the church(Ephesians 5:32). Christ in us(Colossians 1:26-27)

The mystery of the redemption of our bodies(1 Corinthians 15:51-57/Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, 2 Corinthians 5:5-7, Romans 8:19-26).

In conclusion, the EPIGNOSIS OF CHRIST IS the Gospel of Christ. This is the accurate knowledge of God in Christ! God made manifest in the flesh, Christ's resurrection from the dead and the Identification of the Church with Christ!

Hallelujah!

Thank You