
ISSUE 101: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 97

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 36

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

It was on 21st February 1990 that I received God's Call to 'Go to Uganda in October'.

We as a young family immediately began to pray & wait upon God to open the way for me to go.

Amid that period of waiting, a defining moment for me & my family unfolded as I entered my prayer closet on the morning of 1st June 1990.

Shortly after entering I was to emerge again overwhelmed by what God had revealed there.

On beginning worship, Vision was to overtake me & Word came that destined everything in our lives to change.

It was there, in that defining moment of time I came to See&Know God's Vision of EIDO & the Call to serve Him in it.

In the vision it was as though I was stationary high in midair watching a wall of beautiful puffy white clouds rolling across the beautiful blue sky before me.

The scene had captivated me when suddenly my attention drew to something moving in the clouds to the left.

Out of the clouds came a huge capital letter 'E' carved in stone & it measurably moved forward until it positioned itself midair in front of my sight.

It remained stationary there as thrice the process repeated until four different stone carved letters prominently displayed themselves together as a word across the sky.

They had formed an unknown word 'EIDO' & in a fleeting moment of thought I questioned what could this strange word possibly mean?

Immediately a voice spoke into me the words "Evangelical Inspiration Directed Overseas."

Then the voice said: "I will cause you to form an organisation that will be instrumental in moving men, women and children of great faith, both black and white from nation to nation."

I was also to receive a scripture reference, namely Revelation 21:1

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." Revelation 21:1 KJV

Click here to read how God further gave the word EIDO to a Burundian Pastor during a 40 Day Prayer & Fasting in 2006.

It was to be many years later that I stumbled upon the fact that the word 'saw' in Revelation 21:1 is in fact listed in Strong's Concordance as the Greek Word 'eidó: be aware, behold, consider, perceive'.

The Strong's Reference number for it is G1492 which I came to memorise by reciting a phrase I learnt as a child: "In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue".

As we all know, Christopher Columbus set a westerly course from Spain in that year to 'eidó: be aware, behold, consider, perceive' what lay beyond the boundary of the mysterious westerly horizon.

There are several theories bandied about on why he actually set sail into unknown waters but one thing we all can be sure of.

Columbus desired to 'See&Know', to seek conscious awareness in, by embracing comprehension of, to allow a reckoning with & the giving of regard to what may exist beyond the known & established.

In being an explorer he set out in search of new discoveries, to embrace new horizons.

By being willing to go beyond the horizon that others saw as a boundary not to be crossed.

The obstacle he desired to surmount was the mystery of what lay beyond the western horizon & so this then set his course.

So his ships set sail with a westerly bearing & naturally all along the journey winds often caused changes to each ship's heading, but the course West never changed.

The journey we have taken together here has also undergone many such changes in heading.

However, we have to believe God has set the course.

And He shall deliver us to our ordained destination, both individually & corporately.

With sails set to the Wind of the Spirit, every turn of the bow leads us toward further seeds of spiritual knowledge being revealed along the course we chose, to follow Jesus.

Sharing awareness advocates Spirit Wind promotion that billows our sails when we embrace it.

As we allow its Leading in us, frequent changes of heading come about but the final destination is set for all.

Columbus was seeking truth of what lay beyond the western horizon & how to utilise such knowledge to promote a New World different from that already established.

God has set a Spiritual course for us to discover New Horizons in Him within these End Days of the Church Age.

Through generating Spiritual Awareness far beyond the limitations of our present perspectives or paradigms, through addition not subtraction.

For when Columbus, as with other explorers who returned bearing new knowledge of what they found, it promoted a fuller perspective of what the earth truly was.

Thus adding to, not subtracting from, the already established knowledge base.

Such new discoveries take nothing from, but serve to enhance all previously attained knowledge.

God is calling for those who would Seek Conscious Awareness of Him, His Kingdom & True Unity, for He has Purposed to reveal New Horizons in the days we are in & those to come.

For His Desire is that our seeing will become our knowing.

It is not a call to action, but a prophetic notification that in seeking the Divine Purpose of God we will come to

See&Know more of the True Unity, The Kingdom of God & Who Our God Truly Is.

It is for this Purpose that the Anointed Oil of EIDO is destined to aid & assist in His Plan to Educate, Motivate & Inspire the True Body of Christ into the final Awakening.

For it is from within the Calling that the Spirit of God Awaits To Reveal new depths of spiritual perception & understanding to those desiring to See&Know.

In my thirtieth year of sailing on I remain mid Atlantic, believing in what I cannot see, for I know God Spoke It & I Believe it! For this has remained the Wind in my sail throughout all encountered along the journey.

The ability for the vessel EIDO to reach its final destination does not rely upon me, for that Power Rests Soley In The Spoken Word Of God which cannot return void.

I serve, not power it.

Foundational to receiving spiritual understanding is a willingness to allow all seeds of spiritual knowledge received in our heart to lay scattered there.

Held in translucency within a hope of receiving transparency from God. To desire the seeing that becomes knowing.

Matthew 5:6 KJV

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

To await God's Bringing It Together, for spiritual hunger can only truly be satisfied in His Word.

John 6:35 KJV

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

I encourage you to be circumspect & discerning of all you see & hear, both physically & spiritually, for there are many voices out there.

I especially invite you to exercise such upon all you read in this newsletter. We are all on a journey, finding our way, hopefully led by the Spirit of God.

No matter what value we place upon ourselves God values us infinitely greater & so our safest gauge to use is our own heart.

If confused, undecided or just unable to comprehend, do not undervalue what God has already established in your heart as Truth.

It is the best gauge you have because any surety undergirded with true Peace in your heart consists within your deepest personal relationship with God.

Long ago I learnt to reject or put on hold any 'revelation' received when found to be incompatible with everything held in my heart as truth.

Likewise, any prophetic word given that is foreign or contrary to anything spiritually envisaged beforehand.

For a resultant realisation of confirmatory seeds previously sown should become evidenced from within the depths of one's personal relationship with God.

To give awareness that seeds of spiritual knowledge previously held, are now fitting together to reveal a deeper understanding or direction.

Like a jigsaw when certain pieces come together to reveal aspects of the bigger picture.

Specific seeds now unify to awaken a wider perspective now held & nurtured through Prophetic Revelation.

Just as wheat seeds gather in a cluster atop the stem of the plant to receive the nourishment required to produce wheat.

Now, in sharing what I have I will here remind you of my first statement on this matter.

Foundational to receiving spiritual understanding is a willingness to allow all seeds of spiritual knowledge received in our heart to lay scattered there with emphasis upon 'received in our heart'.

For neither can we become so tight in ourselves that we diligently steel ourselves against anything new that we encounter through which God Desires for us to See&Know.

The greatest tool we can employ is to Trust in God by leaning not upon our own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

For Trusting in God grows the Peace of Jesus in our hearts.

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 37

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Now let us sail on in hope of new perspectives opening to us through the further embracing of the unlikely duo of a dog known as Seth & [later] a Prophet of God known as Jonah!

Let's continue together to hoist our sails into the Wind of the Spirit in this journey of hopeful discovery.

We all have naturally had or met many wonderful loving people or animals in our lives.

However, here I want to allude to those rarest of moments that take firm root in our memories & forever resurface within a fullness of love, joy & peace.

Two weeks ago I shared about Seth the dog, the first & only animal I have truly come to love & know in my lifetime.

The first time we ever met Seth, he instantly drew himself to us after he approached in a way I have rarely experienced with a human, much less an animal.

In human terms there is one example of similar essence I can share with you.

That is of my late Uncle Jim, a man I shared a little of in some of the earliest eido999words Issues.

He was a gentleman, with a gentle nature, possessing a smile that would instantly warm your heart.

I personally would describe his personal charisma as similar to what caused President John F Kennedy to captivate the world.

My uncle's life story contained tremendous tragedy in having spent three years as a prisoner of the Japanese on the Burma Railway in World War 2.

When he eventually returned to Australia, he was a mere skeleton of a man, yet he had to face news that his wife passed away the day of his arrival.

Later in life I found that whenever you spoke with him he made you feel as though you were the most important person in the room.

He always exuded a peacefulness & humility that immediately engendered joy, love & peace toward you.

To know him was to love him & when I first introduced my wife to him, she walked away with the same impression that all of us who knew him had held for years.

I am not attempting to assert that he was a perfect man for such a creature does not exist, but more that there was something uniquely different about him.

One day when he was in his late eighties my wife & I visited his home not all that long before he passed on.

While my Auntie was out of the room preparing for us, he shared that after the experiences of his early life, his major focus had always been his belief, his family, & respect for others.

In knowing we had been to Uganda he mentioned how his belief had always been a 'quiet' one.

He then shared that one day in the prisoner of war camp he had a personal encounter with Jesus!

There lay the root of his uniqueness, that God's Presence Came & Touched him in such an unimaginable place of despair & he allowed God's Desire to let Him Love him.

I believe it was this experience that caused him to resist striving for futile things & spent the rest of his life living quietly yet always ready to share His Love & Wisdom through action.

Romans 14:19 MKJV

19 So then let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another.

As for Seth, upon first sighting us his face beamed with an acceptance, instantly running from his master's side to greet both of us wholeheartedly, in an open, joyous & encouraging manner.

His whole demeanour instantly penetrated us both deeply for it spread in us a vast sense of his eager willingness to give, was so much more than any need to receive.

For in Seth loving on us he catapulted us into a compelling to love him in return.

It was as though his greatest desire was to let us know how much he appreciated & wanted to love upon us regardless of the fact that we were complete strangers to him.

It still amazes me how in those few moments of first embrace this animal made me to feel fully accepted, received, justified, cared for & loved unconditionally.

My wife & I shared that moment together & we still vividly remember it for truly it was one of those rare moments in life.

Similar to how my Uncle Jim always made us feel, drawing us to respond with respect & love.

At such moments you know that you know, yet it's almost impossible to impart a full sense of what you felt to others.

Fleeting moments of true togetherness throwing open the door to a hope of real enduring relationship.

So here I have shared of two special moments I have encountered in my life, one involving a man the other an animal.

Though with Seth it had kindled a desire to want to know him more, yet the day a question came of allowing him to live within our home hesitancy overtook me.

Taking wing upon fear of the unknown in never having had close dealings with any animal before in my life.

If it were not for the subliminal effect of that first meeting with Seth, I believe I would never have even considered such a situation.

For I was yet to accept the realisation that a true love relationship started that day, at least from his side it had.

In taking him in Seth constantly proved his acceptance, receptiveness, justification, care & unconditional love for me.

He forever communicated to me in the language that needs no dialogue, the language of love.

For true love is not so much about words, but more about action.

We find its strength in wanting the best for others & serving them in it.

Through Seth, I was also to learn that animals are like humans in so many more ways.

In having needs, personalities, emotions, characteristics & even bodily function & ailments we as humans are familiar with.

Having discovered such things through knowing Seth, something intrigued me when looking deeply into Genesis Chapters 1-3 a few years ago.

For the first time, I noted the fact that God Created from the earth both the land animals & man during the same day, namely the sixth day of Creation.

Genesis 1:24 KJV

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Matthew Henry's Commentary on Genesis 1:24-25

"We have here the first part of the sixth day's work.

The sea was, the day before, replenished with its fish, and the air with its fowl; and this day were made the beasts of the earth, the cattle, and the creeping things that pertain to the earth.

Here, as before,

1. The Lord gave the word; he said, Let the earth bring forth, not as if the earth had any such prolific virtue as to produce these animals, or as if God resigned his creating power to it; but, "Let these creatures now come into being upon the earth, and out of it, in their respective kinds, conformable to the ideas of them in the divine counsels concerning their creation."

2. He also did the work; he made them all after their kind, not only of divers shapes, but of divers natures, manners, food, and fashions - some to be tame about the house, others to be wild in the fields - some living upon grass and herbs, others upon flesh - some harmless, and others ravenous - some bold, and others timorous - some for man's service, and not his sustenance, as the horse - others for his sustenance, and not his service, as the sheep - others for both, as the ox - and some for neither, as the wild beasts. In all this appears the manifold wisdom of the Creator."

As I had been sharing detail of both encounters above regarding both my uncle & Seth, my mind's eye was again seeing clear analogies.

First, of that moment I first Believed, meeting Jesus & my life being taken captive to God's Love.

Also, reflections of Shalom or the Peace of God.

Shalom:

“The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom.”

Quote by Cornelius Plantinga Jr. in his Book Titled:

“SIN: NOT THE WAY IT’S SUPPOSE TO BE”

To Be Continued

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 38

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

The way of fallen man & the ways of this sinful world can be complex, daunting, overwhelming, intimidating, fearful & downright frightening.

Is it any wonder why we spend so much of our time seeking gratuitous pleasures to brighten our outlook within the moment being lived, or for the hopeful enhancing of the future?

Our knowledge of good & evil serves only to provide a banqueting table laden with a diverse collection of things from which to choose our gratuities.

Yet only serves to create in us a complex, intricate, entanglement of constant change or variety.

All in promotion of an image to brighten our sense of fulfilment and/or wellbeing while we suppress our innermost fears & dreads hidden deep within our subconscious.

All motivated & inspired out of a natural need to struggle or even fight for self-preservation, being a process within which we find ourselves rarely pacified, always striving or driven by pride.

And there is no way of full escape from it while we remain in these bodies of death.

Yet last week I shared of one human, my uncle, & one animal, my dog, who both touched me deeply in somehow displaying unique exceptions to this ‘rule of norm’.

Now, let us journey on together in hopeful discovery of what the Spirit of God might reveal in bringing us to See&Know as we search for answers to the following two questions.

Q1. What specifically was it in each of them that caused them to be such exceptions to the rule & is there a single correlating factor to be found there?

First fundamental point worthy of inspection is that one was human, the other animal.

Bearing that fundamental in mind, can we find any stark differences or correlations in what educated, motivated & inspired them to be the way they were toward others.

1. The Animal:

A most glaring fact is that all men fell into & continue to perpetrate sin, while animals do not sin but suffer under the effect of man’s sin.

Seth instinctively knew how to serve man according to his nature being counted amongst the “some for man’s service” as Matthew Henry wrote in describing the different roles God Created animals for.

However, Seth could disobey a command to play ball in the hot sunshine when he had need for the shade or strongly demanded when in need of something & you learnt never to mess with him when he was eating!

Any such acts of ‘self’ Seth displayed were never sin but came solely from within an inherent sense of self preservation, all forms of which exist only because of man’s sin.

For the world around him was not the way God intended it to be for him or anything else.

Man's state of sin relegates all incapable of providing as God would have for all His Creation & thus self preservation exists in all of us.

Also let me remind you at this point of Cornelius Plantinga Jr's definition of God's Shalom:

"The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom."

For all is not the way it's suppose to be:

Isaiah 11:6-9 KJV

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 8:20-21 MKJV

For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but because of Him who subjected it on hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Matthew Henry's Commentary on Romans 8:20-21

"(1.) That there is a present vanity to which the creature, by reason of the sin of man, is made subject, Rom 8:20.

When man sinned, the ground was cursed for man's sake, and with it all the creatures (especially of this lower world, where our acquaintance lies) became subject to that curse, became mutable and mortal.

Under the bondage of corruption, Rom 8:21. There is an impurity, deformity, and infirmity, which the creature has contracted by the fall of man: the creation is sullied and stained, much of the beauty of the world gone.

There is an enmity of one creature to another; they are all subject to continual alteration and decay of the individuals, liable to the strokes of God's judgments upon man.

When the world was drowned, and almost all the creatures in it, surely then it was subject to vanity indeed.

The whole species of creatures is designed for, and is hastening to, a total dissolution by fire.

And it is not the least part of their vanity and bondage that they are used, or abused rather, by men as instruments of sin.

The creatures are often abused to the dishonour of their Creator, the hurt of his children, or the service of his enemies.

When the creatures are made the food and fuel of our lusts, they are subject to vanity, they are captivated by the law of sin.

And this not willingly, not of their own choice.

All the creatures desire their own perfection and consummation; when they are made instruments of sin it is not willingly.

Or, They are thus captivated, not for any sin of their own, which they had committed, but for man's sin: By reason of him who hath subjected the same.

Adam did it meritoriously; the creatures being delivered to him, when he by sin delivered himself he delivered them likewise into the bondage of corruption.

God did it judicially; he passed a sentence upon the creatures for the sin of man, by which they became subject.

And this yoke (poor creatures) they bear in hope that it will not be so always.

Ep' elpidi hoti kai, etc. - in hope that the creature itself; so many Greek copies join the words.

We have reason to pity the poor creatures that for our sin have become subject to vanity."

End of Matthew Henry Quote.

2. The Man.

My Uncle Jim was a man I rarely shared time with, for it was far from common to be in his presence, more especially once our childhood Christmas's spent at his home ended.

Every time we met a keen sense of unconditional acceptance instantly fortified the great respect I had for him.

Surely, like everybody else I have met some wonderful people who warmly welcomed me & in whose presence I felt comfortable & relaxed enough to enjoy easy conversation.

So what was it that made being with this one man stand out so prominently in my memory?

I believe the answer lies within the common knowledge I had of his life's history mixed with what he privately divulged to us during the one time we visited his home alone.

Forced into spending three years as a Prisoner of War building the Burma Railway & experiencing unbelievable cruelty must have educated him deeply in just how far man's depravity can reach.

He must have been privy to witness first hand acts that even animals would never even imagine doing, something most of us never have had to experience, thankfully.

Then amid this, I believe his having an encounter with Jesus brought about a profound determination of what is most important in life & set the mould for his future mode of living.

As I shared, he came home to bury his wife who died the day his feet reached his homeland again.

While having to deal with overcoming all this tragedy along with ongoing hatred for his captors & what they did which took decades to work through, he was to remarry & finally establish a family & home to house them.

He lived out his life working as a humble greenkeeper, attended Church within his self professed 'simple faith' & lived focusing passionately on the most important thing in his life, family.

That day as we spoke together he shared with us a little of what being held captive within such a cruel environment does to a man.

What he related to us all boiled down to the fact that we were listening to a man who through experiencing great tragedies, cruelty & dealing with a deep hatred had learnt great wisdom.

We all know good & evil, but what they forced him to learn of evil revealed a depth to him of the truth of the lie of life of this world.

This then caused him to resolve to retreat completely from both striving in or being driven by this life.

To now live a rare life pacified by having truly seen evil for what it is, producing keen observance of the minefield of its subtle allurements embedded in the 'living' of life.

All balanced through an encounter with Jesus under exceptional circumstance, a Touch of God strongly encapsulated within a spiritual pacification through the receiving of the Strength & Peace of Jesus Christ.

A pacification that for him relegated all striving or driving even within 'christian' pursuits to its rightful place, held under the Lordship of Christ.

Thus producing in him a major calming settlement of what for all of us is life's greatest challenge though unrecognised by most of the world & yet still a real struggle for those who have seen it.

That is to put aside the perceived hope we hold 'for better things' or 'self' will maintain a continual striving in us or even relentlessly drive many in an unceasingly intense or harsh way to achieve 'their' purpose.

This is regardless of whether we consider our actions to be defiantly unrighteous or convince ourselves of bearing a 'righteous intent'.

We must understand that the power of this 'rule of norm' is unique to this fallen world.

And one can only overpower or negate it to any degree when we learn to believe in somebody or something beyond ourselves.

That is why it is so hard at times to differentiate between great humanitarian works & those of Christians.

If we are founding our inward pacification with 'our' Christianity more upon 'our' works than upon Christ we are serving two masters & true pacification through Christ is not yet to be found in us.

The Compelling of Christ is yet to be known in our heart.

Whether he knew it not I believe Uncle Jim was living in a spiritual pacification through Christ that did not have need to project itself, for its touch was enough.

Next week we shall look at the second question & bring the answers to both.

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 39

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Let us now continue on with the second question I spoke of last week.

Q2. What do I see caused me to declare the actions of both my uncle & my dog as reflections of what I came to find in my coming to Jesus?

As we live this life, all of us need to deal with the common foundational basis of living, beyond which we step out into a vast array of very different personal experiences & the problems it brings to us.

A myriad variety of experience awaits to beckon us, most entered by free choice while others are unavoidable & some thrust themselves upon us.

Stretching from those experiences where we're convinced our problems are unique to us yet aren't, for lack of true transparency through self pride builds & maintains fences between us.

All the way to those undeniably rare, unique experiences that most never have to face, thankfully, those with an ability to produce horrendously unbearable problems that make what my uncle had to endure look insignificant in comparison.

Life can appear a vast wilderness of threatening possibilities that can incessantly generate shadows of gloom to produce deep clouds in our subconscious in which to hide such thoughts away.

Clouds that forever threaten to rise into the horizon of our awareness & jeopardise our sense of peace, just as storm clouds gathering across the sky can intimidate us with fear of what may be coming.

At all levels of life, more than anything else it is the unknown that generates foundations for fear in men.

Even as we mature & attempt things for the first time, it can be just as daunting in degrees to having something major, unexpected or unique thrust upon us.

Though we all fall into doing it so easily, we should try not to rate or compare the severity or reaction of others within any specific situation or circumstance as there are always unknown factors at play.

For each personal experience is real & unique in their moment of anxiety.

An equalising fact for all to ponder is that we can all become subject to fear or any of its many manifestations at any instant, given the right circumstance.

For, as every one of us journey through life, it is fear or faith that governs every moment within what comes before us.

For example, in crossing heavy traffic healthy fear levels produce caution, but it is faith in our own ability that safely delivers us to the other side.

Should unwarranted fear overcome us, then caution escalates to cover over the root of fear actively preventing faith's growth.

Leaving no choice but to find an alternative way to your destination, a place you will never reach lest faith come to life.

For within all things the same principle exists, from something as simple as described above right through to the biggest challenges we might have to face in life.

For this is another concept of life that mirrors Spiritual Truth.

For in absence of faith, fear becomes present.

The only factor of difference being who or what is the faith centred upon?

For the human nature of fallen man pivots upon the lying concept of 'self' that then relegates our human faith levels to align with our self perception.

Whether it be a positive, a negative or a forever shifting combination of both.

As True Christians we should hope that moment by moment the outworking of the faith we have within ourselves as men is decreasing, while Faith in Jesus as Lord of our lives increases the more.

Romans 1:25 KJV

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Forever hopeful that our living relationship with Him is producing an ever decreasing reliance upon faith in our own knowledge, understanding or abilities.

For as long as we occupy what Apostle Paul described as this body of death, we cannot declare to be fully free of relying upon or operating in carnal faith.

For is this not the internal battle that rose when Righteousness came to dwell amongst the members of our unrighteous flesh.

Romans 7:7-25 NIRV

The Law and Sin

7 What should we say then? That the law is sinful? Not at all! Yet I wouldn't have known what sin was unless the law had told me. The law says, "Do not want what belongs to other people." (Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21) If the law hadn't said that, I would not have known what it was like to want what belongs to others.

8 But the commandment gave sin an opportunity. Sin caused me to want all kinds of things that belong to others. A person can't sin by breaking a law if that law doesn't exist.

9 Before I knew about the law, I was alive. But then the commandment came. Sin came to life, and I died.

10 I found that the commandment that was supposed to bring life actually brought death.

11 When the commandment gave sin the opportunity, sin tricked me. It used the commandment to put me to death.

12 So the law is holy. The commandment also is holy and right and good.

13 Did what is good cause me to die? Not at all! Sin had to be recognized for what it really is. So it used what is good to bring about my death. Because of the commandment, sin became totally sinful.

14 We know that the law is holy. But I am not. I have been sold to be a slave of sin.

15 I don't understand what I do. I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate to do.

16 I do what I don't want to do. So I agree that the law is good.

17 As it is, I am no longer the one who does these things. It is sin living in me that does them.

18 I know there is nothing good in my desires controlled by sin. I want to do what is good, but I can't.

19 I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do.

20 I do what I don't want to do. But I am not really the one who is doing it. It is sin living in me that does it.

21 Here is the law I find working in me. When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

22 Deep inside me I find joy in God's law.

23 But I see another law working in me. It fights against the law of my mind. It makes me a prisoner of the law of sin. That law controls me.

24 What a terrible failure I am! Who will save me from this sin that brings death to my body?

25 I give thanks to God who saves me. He saves me through Jesus Christ our Lord. So in my mind I am a slave to God's law. But sin controls my desires. So I am a slave to the law of sin.

At Christ's Awakening men's eyes open to reveal this earth is the enemy's camp yet in Truth nothing changed except we came to See&Know it through Him!

Because our enemy is the present ruler of this earth, it destines every sinner or saint to traverse many seas in passing through this life.

Journeys that can range anywhere from the most calmly serene to the most horrendous imaginable.

For someone like me, thankfully blessed to live my life within the middle ground, it is far beyond me to even try to imagine what really went on in that prisoner of war camp that held my uncle captive.

Let alone trying to envisage any of the innumerable atrocities he must have witnessed men in their wisdom bring down upon their fellows, all perpetrated within a stifled atmosphere of anger & hatred.

Much less the total devastation he must have endured in coming home to the news that his wife had passed that day, especially as he had little time with her before going off to war.

Then the long road of recovery, the restoring of self worth & the establishment of a new life.

All achieved beautifully, while under a constant overshadowing battle to first suppress, then overpower his own resentments, anger & deep hatred for his captives & what he witnessed them do.

Most of us can readily concede to what an immensely unbearable situation it must have been for him.

Yet we find it impossible to concentrate on thoughts of such a possibility lest the sanctity of our own peace of mind become threatened.

It's impossible to let awareness of such happenings dwell in the forefront of our consciousness, so we suppress them to live in hope of false immunity from what is in this world.

For if we could see through the eyes of Jesus, who has seen all sinful man is capable of, then within the whole scheme of things whatever most of us has seen or experienced would pale into insignificance.

For within the full gamut of what has past, is now present or in what will be, there is nothing new under the sun as the Bible tells us.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-9 MKJV

1 The words of the preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, says the preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

3 What is the profit to a man in all his labor which he labors under the sun?

4 A generation passes away, and a generation comes; but the earth remains forever.

5 The sun also arises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it arose.

6 The wind goes toward the south, and it turns around to the north; it whirls around continually; and the wind returns on its circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; to the place from where the rivers come, there they return again.

8 All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Even for those of us who Know Jesus, it is eyes still contaminated with self & pride that continue to bind us in slumber, locking us within propagated false dreams of blessing message that serve only to dilute the Strength of The True Word of God.

For in soberness we need to weigh up the Full Word of God, which is impossible for us to do when there is so much within the totality of all things we cannot even support or hold up within ourselves, such as described in the foregoing.

If we are ever to arise from our slumber into a conscious awareness of God, His Kingdom & True Unity then first we have to come to See&Know.

This is what I believe God intends to do worldwide if we will learn to stay true to what He placed in our hearts & continue to surrender to his educating, motivating & inspiring us toward His Awakening.

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 40

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

“ The Book of Ecclesiastes presents a challenge to casual Bible readers and academics alike. The book's theme and tone seem so contrary to the rest of Scripture. In fact, it's one of the few books of the Old Testament that the early church debated not inc

I think most would agree that the Book of Ecclesiastes does not rank high on any list of favourite Scripture to read.

Yet, in fact, it was the first Book of the Bible that God somehow led me to after receiving my first Bible after coming to Christ in November 1988.

I therefore keenly know of its existence in the Bible for I believe He used it to answer many unasked & seemingly, to me, unanswerable questions about life that I held prior to my conversion.

Some that I knew of in my conscious awareness, yet with I believe so many others hidden deep within the turmoils of my mind being reactions to my witnessing of life.

I did not study the Book of Ecclesiastes then, nor have I ever since, yet I walked away from my brief time with it feeling that I had finally found some sound reasoning for my questioning.

Without knowing, nor any longer requiring specifics, it was more a sense of realisation that my questions had become validated through what my soul discovered there.

It was one of those cherished times with God where you come away knowing that you know just as it was the moment I first believed!

This was my personal experience & the only thing unique about it was God Knew that a key relevant for my most pressing questions lay within those Scriptures most find challenging.

I'm sure you can relate this to other Scriptures God used early in your walk to educate, motivate & inspire you onward after having questions within you satisfied by them.

Now in closing last week, I found myself led to quote scripture from the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 that related that there is nothing new under the sun.

It is precisely because of this that I feel before we move on we all need to inspect Ecclesiastes for I believe what it has to reveal is foundational to what is coming here.

Today I discovered on the internet an article I believe precisely points out the aspects I wanted to relate along with some discussion re the arguments of who the author of Ecclesiastes may have been.

I share it hoping to establish a foundation for you all in consideration of the seeds imparted to me today of what will follow in the weeks to come, God Willing.

It is my prayer that you will also discover some personal enlightenment of this challenging Book that seems so contrary to the rest of God's Holy Scripture.

Copy & paste link below in a Browser to read the article:

<https://zondervanacademic.com/blog/who-wrote-ecclesiastes-and-what-does-it-mean>

'Who Wrote Ecclesiastes and What Does It Mean?' written by Professor John Walton & found on: www.zondervanacademic.com

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 41

Last week I shared a link to the internet article "Who Wrote Ecclesiastes and What Does It Mean?" by Professor John Walton that ended with: "How do you live? - Ultimately, Ecclesiastes is a book about how you make your way through life. We've learned to think in our world that it's all about the pursuit of fulfilment. But the author of Ecclesiastes has a powerful message for us: fulfilment is God's business. We should accept what God sends our way, whether blessings or adversity. Because, ultimately, the gifts we enjoy aren't meant to bring us fulfilment."

If even for a fleeting moment, any one of us could actually perceive fulfilment is truly God's business, a horizon of new perspective would open up to us.

Thus providing a vantage point from where Ecclesiastes becomes clearer by revealing how the concept of self has bound us to the senseless pursuit of fulfilment.

Ecclesiastes holds nothing back in pointing out the endless circles of life we engage ourselves in to aspire toward a fulfilment that can only ever be temporal & futile. Ecclesiastes 1-11

In the relentless striving for a sense of fulfilment in everything we do, how much do we understand of what we are constantly driven to aspire to?

Self creates the need for accomplishments of all sorts to serve to bolster self-worth through a sense of achievement, whether it be real or imaginary.

On the other hand, any failure to accomplish such can produce or maintain a contrasting lack of self-worth through a sense of failure to achieve, again whether real or imaginary.

Because the knowledge of good & evil is all evil, life in this world is a continual contest of wills, that we are either found relishing in, entertaining or refraining from, as dictated by our ever changeable whims.

No one escapes its deceptive power whether openly displayed in full consciousness, or deceptively concealed within the subconsciousness of our being.

All in an effort to fulfil our needs & wants through self, which answers the question of why we have great difficulty in accepting that fulfilment is God's business, not ours.

To gain our own sense of fulfilment, all of us constantly look for ways to take action by trying to: fulfil, verb.

1. accomplish, achieve, execute, carry out, effect, effectuate, bring about; consummate, attain, realise, perfect, complete. 2. obey, observe, follow, mind, heed, keep; acknowledge, respect; perform, discharge; comply with, abide by, agree in, adhere to, cling to, live up to, be faithful to, keep faith with. 3. satisfy, meet, answer; fill the bill, deliver the goods. 4. end, terminate, conclude, finish, complete; close, bring to a close, wind up, clinch; crown, cap, round out, dispatch; knock off, dispose of, put the finishing touch to.

As required we employ any of the above, or combinations thereof, first to create a resultant sense of fulfilment within ourselves.

In the hope of producing a general perception of us as successful & triumphant in life rather than one of being nonfulfilled & nonperforming within it.

In the long term when artificial or deceptive fronts [facades] are created we deceive & fool ourselves more than we do others, which can develop into mental disorders.

Even in knowing our fulfilments are temporal, self keeps us striving in this world while blinding us to the fact we are travelling in endless circles.

All remains as it was known by man in the beginning, apart from the serpent's subtle deceit that convinced man that he could find fulfilment within himself.

Genesis 3:4-5 KJV

4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,

5 for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

Surely good & evil became known to man, but it brought no lasting fulfilment for its knowledge, in Truth, is all evil in his hands.

There is nothing new under the sun capable of providing meaning to life other than declaring Jesus as the Son of God & to receive Him as Lord & Saviour.

For only then can hope live of finally realising in God the Spiritual Truth that our fulfilment is & always has been, His business.

The pleasures of this life cannot fulfil or give true satisfaction, however, as gifts of God, we can enjoy them.

As Christians, any lack of truly understanding fulfilment is God's business causes us to view adversity as frustration, but in fact, it can also assist greatly in making us the faithful people we should be.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 KJV

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity take note that God also has set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

Our true fulfilment is God's business for in Him is the ultimate fulfilment we all seek.

This life does not come forth with answers to the difficult questions we carry within ourselves.

And we all carry a continuous stream of hopes & desires, some already met, some in the process & yet others that may never be fulfilled.

We constantly find ourselves feeling it necessary to fulfil them or find some answers to establish & maintain a sense of self-assurance and/or acceptance.

We tend to see this as the ups & downs of life we need to find ways to cope with, yet at the same time, we find ourselves assessing or judging each other on how well or not we cope.

A God-centred life does not immunise us against this human turmoil, but in Truth lessens the effect of the disease upon us the more we can embrace it.

Jesus the Word Of God is the antidote against the poison that infects us in this world & our deliverance lies in His Coming Again when His Glory shall reveal all.

Thus providing answers to our every question & to complete God's business in the ultimate fulfilment.

Fulfilment noun

The act or state of fulfilling: to witness the fulfilment of a dream; to achieve fulfilment of one's hopes.

the state or quality of being fulfilled; completion; realisation:

Now fulfilled by being entered into a state of the complete realisation by coming into Conscious Awareness of God, His Kingdom & True Unity & finding the Fulfilment of all Truth there.

We, man, is destined to again stand at the crossroad encountered once before, but now with the lie fully revealed through the giving of the spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of him. Ephesians 1:17

To be led as One With Him, to become One With Our Father God & finally See&Know The True Fulfilment.

Ephesians 1:3-14 KJV

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ;

Eph 1:4 according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Eph 1:5 having predestined us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the One having been loved.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,

Eph 1:8 which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding;

Eph 1:9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:10 for an administration of the fullness of times, to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, even in Him,

Eph 1:11 in whom also we have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will,

Eph 1:12 for us to be to the praise of His glory, who previously had trusted in Christ;

Eph 1:13 in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 who is the earnest of our inheritance, to the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

When our Spiritual Blessings in Christ come into fullness we shall See&Know The True Fulfilment & acknowledge that it was always God's business.

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You may recall it is some weeks now since I was led to pose two questions regarding what I had shared concerning my dog Seth & my Uncle Jim.

Though you may have lost sight of the fact, I have yet to specifically answer them which I now hope to do so.

Question 1. What specifically was it in each of them that caused them to be such exceptions to the rule & is there a single correlating factor to be found there?

1. Seth The Dog

I previously made a point that in coming to know Seth I came to understand that animals are similar to humans in many ways & suffer many of the same things we do

Like us, they have different temperaments some of which develop naturally, while others are forged through the experiences & treatment they encounter in life.

Seth won our hearts instantly with his welcoming temperament that seemed to instantly envelop you within a soothing sense of total acceptance.

If he had been a human with such a temperament, I'm sure the life he had to live would have taken a discernible toll on him & his ability to be so accepting.

His original master was a young man just entering adulthood.

Due to circumstances of life, his master went to the city to work leaving Seth with his father in the family home.

Some years later he returned again, virtually giving Seth two masters in the one home, only to later move into my daughter's home & soon after having to shift again into our home, where I became his master.

He came to us because after returning home for some time the young man again left the family home to settle into married life with our daughter & he took Seth to live with them.

As his father always had a dog in his life, he now felt the need to purchase a replacement puppy of the same breed for him now he had reclaimed Seth.

While his father chose a new puppy at the kennels, his son & our daughter both fell in love with its sister & decided to purchase her for themselves.

Believing she could be a companion for Seth, it proved to be an idea Seth did not exactly take kindly to.

Then when Seth was taken to visit his former home, that of the father, he was to discover yet another puppy of his breed had also replaced him there.

This proved to be a bit too much for Seth & he became very disturbed which then resulted in his coming to live with us until eventually, he passed on.

Yet, any time he came into the presence of either or both of his former masters, he acknowledged & responded to each one out of his intimate knowledge of them as individuals.

He respected & honoured each one for the roles they had played in his life while at the same time asserting & reaffirming his acceptance of me as his current master.

Seth was an animal, yet his continual welcoming acceptance & respectful character forever shown toward all men mirrored that found in my Uncle Jim.

If Seth were human I am certain he would have been as much of a very welcoming refined & distinguished character as my uncle was.

I am sure he would be found forever embracing everyone with that same rare true & welcoming acceptance to be so easily perceived & received by all.

Ecclesiastes 3:18-21 (NIRV)

18 I also said to myself, "God tests human beings. He does this so they can see that in certain ways they are like animals.

19a Surely what happens to animals happens to people too.

Like humans, what happens to animals can also adversely affect them in a myriad of ways that can likewise become self-evident in their approach & behaviour.

Let me now share about another dog we came to know, taken in by our son's wife after being handed down from her brother to the father & then on to her.

This dog was always lifeless & depressed, hiding under a bed all day if you let it & her constant inaction & moodiness resembled a person who had lost all hope in life.

Her ways were completely opposite to what was so easily perceived as Seth's ability to envelop you within a true acceptance that soothed the soul.

There was a great need in her for a personal revival as she appeared to have little ability to care, much less accept.

I saw such a stark contrast between these two dogs temperament, behaviour & ability to share themselves with humans. If we are like animals in certain ways then conversely they also are like us & our behaviours affect them just as theirs affect us.

This may be so, but additionally, any acknowledgment that animals cannot sin should lead us to rightfully recognise an ability for them to teach us in areas our sin has blinded us.

Job 12:7-10 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

7 "But ask the animals what God does. They will teach you. Or ask the birds in the sky. They will tell you.

8 Or speak to the earth. It will teach you. Or let the fish in the ocean educate you.

9 Are there any of these creatures that don't know what the powerful hand of the Lord has done?

10 He holds the life of every creature in his hand. He controls the breath of every human being.

If you acknowledge The Word of God as infallible, this scripture then unearths yet another question, for in light of this knowledge how could one animal lose sight of its meaning?

More especially as another seemingly oozed forth an interpretive translation to those with ears to hear what God is revealing to us through it?

I believe a major part of the answer can be found within the opening remarks of an article entitled

"10 biblical truths about animals"

Written by Barrett Duke.

Ref: <https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/10-biblical-truths-about-animals>

"I grew up in the city, without pets.

My appreciation for animals developed much later in life.

In fact, if it weren't for a Golden Retriever named Rusty that I got for my children in 2004, I might never have made my journey toward animals.

Rusty was the dog everyone should have—loving, playful, and eager to please. He was no Lassie, but he was plenty smart.

Before long, Rusty was part of the family.

Rusty made a convert out of me.

He taught me that there are no bad dogs, only bad owners who make dogs, and many other animals, bad.

Animals do what they do.

They are innocent even in their cruelty because they have no concept of morality.

Morality is the territory of humans.

We have the knowledge of good and evil, and we can choose between the two.

Rusty taught me that animals deserve my respect and care.

He helped me understand that animals are also uniquely God's creatures.

When I considered the teaching of the Bible about animals from the perspective of my relationship with Rusty, I gained a new appreciation for all animals.

The Bible teaches us that God created animals.

They aren't the product of happenstance or fortuitous natural processes any more than humans are.

Genesis 1:24-25 says God created the animals, from the beasts of the earth to the creeping insects.

Scripture even tells us that the breath of life resides within them (Gen. 7:15).

By virtue of our creation in the image of God, we humans are uniquely special in comparison to all of creation, but that does not mean the rest of creation has no value to God or that he doesn't enjoy it." (emphasis added)

As I had previously remarked in Issue 0103 "A most glaring fact is that all men fell into & continue to perpetrate sin, while animals do not sin but suffer under the effect of man's sin."

Animals know what the powerful Hand of the Lord has done (Job 12:9 see above) & exist in the innocence God Created them in.

But as humans, we continue to fail to acknowledge or know what the Hand of the Lord has done & we ourselves continue to exist outside of the innocence God Created us in.

With sin manifesting all kinds of various effects far beyond just ourselves.

For all of God's creation surrounding us is continually contaminated by our sin, bringing individual & adverse effect to bear upon all living things.

Sin is held together by the concept of self, the 'I' in the middle.

Even for us Christians, any resistance to the Obedience of Christ truly defacing our disobedience gives life to a sense of righteousness emanating from within ourselves.

This alone can only ever produce but a form of true obedience to God's Word, for the only man Truly Obedient was Jesus.

Only He who fulfilled all the Law & the Prophets can truly deface our disobedience.

Jeremiah 8:7 (NIRV)

7 Storks know when to fly south. So do doves, swifts and thrushes. But my people do not know what I require them to do.

Such is what led Apostle Paul to write the following verses to not only acknowledge but openly declare his weaknesses revealed in the Light of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:5-10 (NIRV)

5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,

7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep [a] me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. [b]

8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,

9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power [c] is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This also is why the Bible tells us that all creation, in knowing what the powerful hand of the Lord has done, longs for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:19-24 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

19 Everything God created looks forward to the future. That will be the time when his children appear in their full and final glory.

20 The created world was held back from fulfilling its purpose. But this was not the result of its own choice. It was planned that way by the one who held it back. God planned

21 to set the created world free. He didn't want it to rot away. Instead, God wanted it to have the same freedom and glory that his children have.

22 We know that all that God created has been groaning. It is in pain as if it were giving birth to a child. The created world continues to groan even now.

23 And that's not all. We have the Holy Spirit as the promise of future blessing. But we also groan inside ourselves. We do this as we look forward to the time when God adopts us as full members of his family. Then he will give us everything he has for us. He will raise our bodies and give glory to them.

24 That's the hope we had when we were saved. But hope that can be seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

Indeed the ways of God can be very mysterious to us yet from somewhere within those mysteries He delivers great Truths to our hearts.

Romans 11:33: KJV

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

There is one great aspect of Truth I believe animals in their innocence are admirably capable of enacting so much purer than mankind in its sinful heart could ever hope to.

One that Seth's constant demonstration of has now led me to discover.

The Truth that Pure Love is found embodied in true acceptance.

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 43

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

2. My Uncle Jim

In the part of his article I shared last week Barrett Duke revealed he did not learn to truly appreciate animals until later in his life.

Just as it was with me, however, it was much later in my case.

On the other hand, the truly unique appreciation of my Uncle Jim was formed beyond my earliest memories of him.

For my perception of him was constant & steady throughout & has remained fully intact far beyond his passing.

The mention of him serves only to reopen cherished memories of the rare meetings with him & the far rarer effect of being in his presence forever promoted.

For so many years it's proven incapable of either yielding or growing.

It just is what it is & is what it always was!

For the experience was a unique comforting constant in life & its very nature commands it be forever accepted & perceived as such.

It was not something you lusted after, sought out or felt driven to make moves to re-enact at any time.

More like something eternally real enveloping you for a moment in a peaceful comfort the likes of which cannot be found in this world of temporality.

So startlingly unique any remembrance would only serve to rekindle its full effect.

Due to financial restraints when our daughter married her wedding reception was held in a marquee in our backyard & it was a simple affair.

It had all the ingredients to so easily become a total disaster but it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone & was fondly talked of by everyone for many months.

Though its memory still generates inner peace I know that if we were ever to attempt to re-enact such an event it would probably fail miserably.

Who of us doesn't have fond memories of an event, a day or a meeting the memory of which rekindles something special & dear to us?

They are so cherished because in truth we know they were spontaneous moments in time that can never be recaptured in the same way again.

Often we make moves to try & recreate it only to bring great disappointment upon ourselves because we fail to give recognition to the temporal aspects of this life.

Similarly, we all have had experiences with people that we were so taken with that we were convinced they would be a constant in our lives.

Our own opinions of each other swing like revolving doors that seldom allow ourselves the comfort that a true constant brings.

We all forever long for such comfort in this life but it seems the only constant is change.

Yet this was the very essence of the uniqueness everyone felt in the presence of my uncle.

Everything about him coupled with the contentment his presence exuded from us never wavered & in so being it became a constant to us all.

His always intimate & individual approach to you, his commanding presence, his disarming smile & his contagious inner peace put you at peace with yourself.

For reasons beyond our simple understanding, it felt as though you were in the presence of something greater than all your comprehension of life had ever, or ever could give.

And his obvious contentment with you flowed effortlessly to cover you in a sense of true acceptance.

That was Jim, my father's elder brother, orphan, husband, soldier, prisoner of war, widower, husband again, father & grandfather.

A lowly greenkeeper, who after seeing what life can do to men, met something greater & then chose to live out his days in the simplicity revealed.

By allowing himself to be turned away from the draw of life's power upon men by prioritising family, to freely give acceptance & love in the reflection of what was given him.

That was the heart intent upon which his new life was founded & from which he drew, that in turn, freely gave glimpses to others of the power of simplicity.

Complexities of this life either bind us in our haughty struggles to overcome & unravel them or hold us in bondage bound in the very complexity of it all.

I believe my uncle entered the prisoner of war camp & was more captive to those same complexities than he was by his physical captors.

Somewhere in the midst of it, a Greater Power visited upon him & knitted him in Love to the very essence of its simplicity, & shaped the path of the rest of his life.

Leading him to turn right around & head back to where he now knew he had come from.

During his approach to that new journey's end, we met with him & spent what turned out to be our last time together.

As shared previously, in being aware I was now a Christian he now felt to share that in the prisoner of war camp he had an encounter with God.

He added that his faith life had been a quiet one.

So quiet that in my former life of spiritual ignorance, along with so many others, it reverberated loud enough to last a lifetime.

Its manifestation in him always enthralled, engrossed & fascinated me with a brief, incomplete view of something greater.

Something that in all honesty, you wished you had but could never envisage would be found on the road life was laying ahead of you.

It was something greater for it lay beyond knowledge & understanding yet it never failed to leave its touch deep within.

And thankfully at 38 years of age, the touch became an embrace. Praise God!

In all that I have shared of my uncle, am I trying to promote him as a man beyond reproach? one to be regarded greater than the rest of us?

God forbid, of course not!

Most certainly, we loved & respected him greatly, but it was never the man as such, for in all truth we barely knew him.

Rather it was the very special something that just seemed to touch you in a way beyond any ability to truly express, not that it needed to be, for it was felt generally as well as personally.

In sharing detail Holy Spirit has afforded us all a broad, overall perspective or common vantage point.

One from which we can explore & seek to discover & acknowledge a single common spiritual root in one animal & one man, both being subjects of my sharings here.

A root that hopefully reveals a seed of simplicity God can manifest within us & so move us a step closer to the conscious awareness ordained to lift us from slumber.

We have previously seen there are physical similarities between a man & a dog (animals) & furthermore both, the Bible says, will physically end up back where they came from.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 KJV

20 All go to the one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

But what about spiritually? Do both have a spirit enabling connection to God?

Ecclesiastes 3:21 NLT

21 For who can prove that the human spirit goes up and the spirit of animals goes down into the earth?

We also know that animals do not sin but man does & both labour under its effect.

But animals remain spiritually knowing what God does while awakened men can only live in a renewed hope to seek for knowing again.

Job 12:7-10 NIRV

7 But ask the animals what God does. They will teach you. Or ask the birds in the sky. They will tell you.

Our question described both as being seen as exceptions to the rule, what rule? the rule of self?

Yes, it certainly has a part in the foundation of what is at question here for it is the concept of self that keeps sin alive at varying levels in everything we do.

But we are looking for something so completely reversed to the general rule of man's conduct, both sinner & saint, that it exceptionally reflects a Spiritual Truth of God.

For Seth the dog, it came out of his knowing what God does, but for Jim the man it required a surrender greater than that given to his wartime captors.

The King of Righteousness visited upon him in his physical captivity, & in his heart, he accepted captivity to the chains of Pure Love.

Captivity within which at some time he must have discovered the Truth animals know, that Pure Love (God) is found embodied in His True Acceptance of them within Creation.

For God Who Is Pure, Is Love, & the Death & Resurrection of Jesus is His Sign of True Acceptance, the Sign of Jonah, being as Jesus said, the only sign that would be given to the world.

That when any man who in his heart declares Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives acknowledges his acceptance into the Kingdom through Jesus & receives the Love of God.

And is now Called of God to no longer busy himself seeking other's acceptance but to give it to all men, that they might feel the touch.

Matthew 10:8 KJV

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

I believe my uncle found Pure Love embodied in God's True Acceptance of him in a very exceptional way.

Always evidenced within his freely giving what he freely received.

Question 1 (reminder):

- (a) What specifically was it in each of them that caused them to be such exceptions to the rule & (b) is there a single correlating factor to be found there?***

Conclusion:

- (a) A living working knowledge of God's True Acceptance of themselves &, (b) its possession enabling the giving of true acceptance first, to powerfully reflect God & His Pure Love, that first sent acceptance to us.***

ISSUE 109: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 105

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 44

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

Q2. What do I see caused me to declare the actions of both my uncle & my dog as reflections of what I came to find in my coming to Jesus?

As I have previously related, my wife, unlike me, did not hesitate to accept our son-in-law's dog coming to live with us permanently.

For me, it needed time to develop, but for her acceptance was seemingly immediate & total, treating Seth as though we had a child in the home again.

In the evenings the lounge was his, until bedtime, when she would rally him out of his slumber to go outside for the final time before retiring to bed herself.

One night he was in a very deep sleep when she came back into the room, stood over the lounge & exuberantly bellowed for him to come outside.

Now Seth was far from a diminutive lapdog for he was a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or Staffie as they are affectionately known.

He was a particularly stocky example of his breed which is very muscular & unusually strong with an instinctively pugnacious or combative nature.

In being startled he lunged at her, baring his mouthful of frightful teeth while holding an angry menacing stare.

It lasted only as long as it took to collect his thoughts, but long enough for her open acceptance of him to be completely lost for some days until she recovered.

For him the moment he realised what was going on his instinctive nature to guard & protect went into instant withdrawal.

The menacing eyes became downturned pools of sorrow, the stern expression became remorseful & the tense body relaxed into an expression & stance that now sought understanding & forgiveness.

Awakening to full consciousness was enough for his spirit of loving acceptance to quell his instinctive combative nature.

Instantly restoring the true acceptance he had given when we first met along with full recognition of the deeper respect developed since.

However, it was such a fright to my wife that it took three days before she could even begin to desire to re-establish her previously held acceptance & trust of Seth.

Having witnessed it from across the room I tried to calm & reassure her it was just instinctive behaviour kicking in, for she had startled him while in a deep sleep.

But for her at the time, there was now a path of recovery set before her that only she could travel, for it needed to be resolved within herself.

Even though she must have also seen his instantaneous turnaround the moment he had conscious awareness of what had startled him.

For this was her instinctive reaction to the incident & being human, of course, the concept of self readily interrupts to hinder us.

In Seth's case, being an animal, his awakening to reality found everything intact & all I saw him display was a need to affirm it was instinctive, that he did not mean to do it.

But we humans need to reconsider everything focused upon self, with our natural focal point being whether it be beneficial or detrimental to us as an individual.

This is part of the wages of sin, serving only to bind ourselves up in ways that maintain conflict in our hearts regarding self.

For animals, their natural reactions are instinctive & their behaviours often learnt or moulded from the environment & those around them.

Definition of instinct:

1. An inborn pattern of behaviour that is characteristic of a species and is often a response to specific environmental stimuli.

Furthermore, because of the absence of sin in animals, their focal point is outside of self, hence the loyalty & obedience we found so fascinating in Seth.

That is why when in the presence of humans, the sin of mankind can adversely affect them, happy master, happy dog, abusive master, forlorn dog etc.

It is not only our direct behaviours toward them but also our detrimental actions against the environment in which they live that adversely affects them.

So it was that a year or so after our first experiencing Seth's ready acceptance of us, I was to witness this incident between him & my wife.

A moment in time, that reaffirmed that Seth's original acceptance was true acceptance which opens the way to true love.

One so genuine that barring the unpardonable, the door to it was so fully open it was impossible to shut.

For it is the one door through which true love flows through sinless, selfless hearts.

The door to the Heart of God.

John 10:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Now, as I have previously shared, I also found another form of such true acceptance when in the presence of my Uncle Jim.

And yet he, like all of us, was human & therefore far from having a sinless or selfless heart.

But he most definitely emanated something so very rare that even though you did not understand what it was, it blanketed you in a true living peace & joy.

So much so that every fleeting memory of what was felt serves only to prove to us that it remains alive somewhere deep within the unfathomable parts of our being.

There was another uncle who brought great joy not only to me but everyone in my family.

He was a relation to my grandmother, a bachelor, seemingly without a place to call home, appearing to be just toing & froing in life & always appearing out of nowhere.

He rarely came to visit the family but his coming was always a complete surprise that was welcomed with enthusiasm.

He was quite a character, a bit of a rascal really & a practical joker who loved to tell stories & entertain us children by getting everyone laughing & joyful around him.

The difference being he was a man of the world, pampering to his & others lusts of the flesh, through soliciting an attraction designed to take captive the centre of attention.

The typical ever playfull mischievous relative every family seems to have, who brings lots of fun & enjoyment but nothing to build a strong stable life upon.

He openly projected an image of leading a uniquely unhindered life, full of fun & games, adventure & a shameless disregard to the normal 'rule' of life.

His draw to temporarily join him outside its boundaries held us captive & enthralled, within a sense of blessing, by way of some release from life's boredoms.

He drew everyone to his feet, causing them to hang on every word or gesture less they miss out on something, holding us in bondage to the temporal joy & peace on offer.

Then he would disappear as quickly as he came & all was forgotten till next time, the joy departing with him to leave only dead memories that produced no true life.

Furthermore, any realisation of truth would reveal it was just as much, if not more, about him than anyone else, rendering its memory incapable of producing true peace.

Serving only to produce a slumbering or a loss of awareness in us that in turn, only fosters illusion to prevent understanding of what we have truly turned our backs on.

For such moments, though enjoyable to the flesh, are unsuitable pasture for true joy & peace to grow & tend only to steal, kill & destroy the hope thereof.

John 10:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

This man was a stark contrast to Uncle Jim, the quiet genteel gentleman who did nothing outwardly to entice, embrace or hold your attention.

Where one was overbearing, the other serene, one the master, the other subservient, one taking, the other giving, one contagious, the other treasured, one detached, the other intimate, one giving, the other providing.

Two different men, both of whom brought contrasting forms of joy, one carnal the other spiritual, but only one brought peace.

One set himself in the middle of everyone's attention to hold them in bondage & the other released you to graze in pasture capable of producing a sense of true joy & true peace as he watched on.

John 10:11-16 New King James Version (NKJV)

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12 But a [a]hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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ISSUE 110: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 106

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 45

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

Last week we concluded with John 10:11-16 NKJV where Jesus declared himself the good shepherd in Verse 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

I believe that if more of today's pastors & leaders were to inwardly memorise, recite & live by the second half of verse 11, the relevancy they preach to seek would be found.

And if we the sheep would learn to accept the endless struggle laid before us in following Christ's footsteps, relevancy would be re-established.

God Is Love, Pure Love & comes only within a Pure Acceptance of us all.

For it is founded upon who He made us to be, not upon what we have become in this world.

And only true acceptance can give rise to a complete circle of love between us.

The Purest Act of Love this world will ever see was likewise proceeded by the Purest Acceptance known to mankind, or ever will be known.

It transpired in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus, the Son of Man & the Son of God, accepted to drink of the cup.

Psalms 75:6-10 NASB

**6 For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the desert comes exaltation;**

7 But God is the Judge;

He puts down one and exalts another.

8 For a cup is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams;

It is well mixed, and He pours out of this;

Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

9 But as for me, I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off,

But the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

A 'cup' meant for us that Jesus in purity accepted to drink on Calvary's Cross for the redemption of those who would believe he is the Son of God & Lord.

It is no wonder then that our Lord became "sorrowful and very heavy" (Matthew 26:37 KJV) & Jesus the man said to his disciples "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death:" (Matthew 26:38 KJV).

Not because men would abandon him to ridicule, pain, torture & finally death, but rather in knowing he would be laid waste to abandonment by God His Father in those dark hours he was to drink of the cup of suffering.

With sweat like drops of blood falling to the ground, Purity itself willingly agreed to be abandoned & laid waste to impurity.

So that the purity (Righteousness before God) lost by one man (the first Adam) could at once be reconciled & restored by another (the last Adam).

It is His Righteousness that is the only true righteousness we have.

Hebrews 10:10-12 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

10 We have been made holy by what God wanted. We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time.

11 Day after day every priest stands and does his special duties. He offers the same sacrifices again and again. But they can never take away sins.

12 Jesus our priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time. Then he sat down at the right hand of God.

To give the power of God now freely available to everyone & anyone who truly accepts in their heart that Jesus, Joseph the carpenter's son, was not only the son of man but also the Son of God & now Lord of their life!

Romans 6:10 (NIRV)

10 When he died, he died once and for all time. He did this to break the power of sin. Now that he lives, he lives in the power of God.

The only way the impure of heart can receive God's Pure Acceptance of them is through Jesus Christ, by declaring in their heart that Jesus died for their sins once & for all.

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 KJV**The Resurrection Body**

35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Jesus declared that He Is The Way, The Truth & The Life.

John 14:6 (NIRV)

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

He also declared himself as being The Door.

John 10:9 (NKJV)

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Everything that we now have, that is pure & true in Christ, comes only through Christ, in truth the one door to all things God asks of or has for us.

John 20:19 KJV

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

How he did that we don't know, nor are we here to discuss it, for it is not important.

What is of great import here is that, though a door was available, albeit locked, he demonstrated no real need of it, for He was now The Door to Everything!

For all that aligns with God's Will for & Call upon us are now made possible through Jesus who declared I am the door.

Not a door but The Door!

Now, to think that all this & so much more began that night in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus came with the full intent to purely accept the Will of God.

It was nothing new to him for at birth he knew he was destined to die & for what he was to die, the salvation of men.

He did not ask the Heavenly Father to take the cup from him, for he was always prepared to do it & was still just as resolute that night as before he was born.

I believe, he was 'checking-in' with God for a final time to ensure his will was perfectly aligned with God's Will & that this was still the only way for men to Live!

For he would only drink of it in obedience to the Divine Will, not the will of a man, no matter how pure.

His anguish was not over what was going to happen to him physically, but rather spiritually, for he knew the Cross would set him apart from his Father until it was finished.

There in the Garden when three times he came to his disciples only to find them sleeping, each time he exhorted them to watch & pray, lest they fall into temptation.

The temptation of which he spoke is one common to us all.

The human inclination to perceive a situation with personal ambition & desire accepted as true or valid then distorts any true perspective previously given.

For the disciples, in not watching & praying, may have been tempted to create a different perception, contrary to what they had been taught, of just how & when the kingdom was to come.

This is always the danger to us, that something once perceived & received as the truth can so easily be distorted in light of personal ambition or desire.

So Jesus' exhortation to 'watch & pray' is as relevant to us today as it was to his disciples that night on the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:36-46 KJV

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Though for Jesus, his acceptance of God's Will was just as resolute upon his entering the Garden as when he was taken away, betrayed into the hands of sinners.

To establish The Truth that Pure Love is found embodied in Pure Acceptance.

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ISSUE 111: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 107

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 46**So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)**

Continued from the last issue:

As any true parent knows, you start loving your children even before they leave their mother's womb.

For in your heart you have already received them as being a vital part of you & your future life as their coming presence will either create or add to your family unit.

On arrival into this world, we give them a foundational love embodied in our true acceptance of them.

A foundation of love upon which they can hopefully build a blossoming life based on togetherness.

Parents provide an abiding fundamental love to their children, a love so durable that no true parent could ever completely put it aside.

It appears to come so naturally, considering our inability to fully understand its seemingly unbreakable strength & flexibility, even when tested under great stress.

Though tough times of life's realities can & will put it under attack through creating infringements against what has been built upon its foundation, it remains intact.

The family unit, in one form or another, has been consistently upheld throughout history & has played a pivotal role in forming the very fabric of human life in most cultures & societies.

For it is the love for our children that calls upon us to create & provide shelter, comfort, protection & most crucially, a place of belonging.

It is where earnest development & promotion of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control makes family what it is.

A love created to provide a place of continual restoration & reconciliation, regardless of any situation or circumstance encountered.

Isaiah 42:3 (NIRV)

3 He will not break a bent twig. He will not put out a dimly burning flame. He will be faithful and make everything right.

In their being the fruit of our seed, our children continually draw from us an acceptance embodying a very special kind of love.

A love, the mirror of which reflects the answer to the meaning of life, for its very essence emanates from a place far beyond anything this world can offer.

For a family's survival is not dependent upon who or what you are, but rather upon the fact that you belong together, having been bound & knitted together in love.

To hopefully produce in us an ability to love ourselves & then others from within its bounds.

Thus to provide a foundation to this life, that though it may be stretched, deformed, strained, tangled, complexed or becomes unfathomable or complicated at times, it can never be broken.

For we encounter so much personal love in this world that can bring so much complication, pain & suffering in the physical.

However, true familial love has been sown from within the spiritual realm.

It is a perpetual gift from God in this life for all mankind & one that is firmly rooted within the Eternal.

Like all gifts, we are free to do what we please with it, but we cannot change the fact that the Spirit in which it was given remains unmolested & Forever True.

For God Is Love and the family unit is not just another one of man's many fabrications for comfort.

It is the very nucleus or central core to God's Kingdom, which even here in this fallen world, has been wonderfully woven, at our birth, into the very fabric of life.

For most of us were blessed enough to be born into this life being received into the warmth of someone's true acceptance of us, whether it was our parents or others.

As we were delivered into that acceptance, the spiritual knowledge of His Pure Acceptance gained while being formed in our mother's womb, fell into a slumber.

To create a subconscious void that can only be Spiritually re-awakened in us.

Yet, at the same time, its reflection having been embedded in our soul, left us with a broad & indeterminate physical need for true acceptance.

And by His Grace, upon finding its seed within our family, a foundational need for true love developed & was established within the embodiment of that acceptance.

For no man, other than Jesus of Nazareth has entered this fallen world fully Seeing & Knowing Pure Acceptance & the Pure Love embodied within it.

For us, we do not arrive bringing & dispensing love, but rather it is through the acceptance of us by parents or others that care for us, that love is awakened within us.

Just as the first man Adam was to find God's Pure Acceptance awaited him, for God had already declared everything He had made was very good.

For to truly love, first we need to give acceptance, then love.

Genesis 1:31 KJV

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God's Pure Acceptance of all He Created embodied within it His Pure Love for all mankind & given to Adam, the first of all men.

Which then created an Eternal Circle of Love between God & man, who had been made in His Likeness for God is Our Father & mankind His Family.

All established within so Pure a Love, that even though its circle was broken at the fall of man, it remained Eternal in God's Heart.

Now reflected in us as parents, when we form a circle of love between our newborn babies & ourselves, that in essence remains regardless of the physical outcomes life may present to us.

For surely a true reflection of the circle of love is present inside every one of us, for we all were fearfully & wonderfully made in the Likeness of God, Who Is Love.

Our soul understands the need for true acceptance & love, a need especially founded & nurtured from within the foundation of our families.

However, most have yet to discover an even greater need to Spiritually find Pure Acceptance & Love.

For one is a temporal need, the other Eternal, one can only be found in the physical realm, the other only in the Spiritual.

The first we all have from birth, but due to the Fall of Man to sin, the second is now only available to us Spiritually.

It can only be found in the Eternally Pure Acceptance & Love of God that awaits the acknowledging of God again in our hearts through Jesus Christ.

As I said the first is temporal, yet a reflection of the second, the full power of which was lost to man within the events described in the following scripture.

Genesis 3:1-6 KJV

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

The serpent came subtly, being a nicety of thought or fine distinction, in order to steal, kill & destroy what God had given.

He came in a form of acceptance that was neither true or pure, for it gave nothing, but rather through deception it was used to take man away from God's Presence.

For in giving no real acceptance to man, the serpent promoted a deceptive sense of self-acceptance, which plagues man to this day.

Leading him further away from God, rather than back toward Him, for men seek for how to quench the inner hunger of need for the filling of the void it left within them.

For this acceptance of self defaced the Obedience of Christ consisted in the Image of God within man, by his disobedience.

In losing the Pure Acceptance of God, man is left trying to fill the void its loss created, but can only be reconciled & restored in & through Jesus Christ.

We all need to seek discernment in regard to the different types of acceptance we can encounter in life.

**For they can equally constrain or enhance our walk through life, whether in or out of Christ.
To Be Continued.**

ISSUE 112: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 108

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 47

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

Some years ago we visited a church where a young Greek leader shared that the English language has basically one word for love, yet in the Greek language, there is something like 107 words to describe the various forms of love.

We all know very well that there are numerous types of love in this life & he was correct in pointing out we are limited to the one word 'love' to express them all.

Naturally, the love I declare for my wife does not generate the same feelings I had known toward my mother during her life.

However, in experiencing my wife's motherly love & care of our children, those same feelings can undergo a welcomed reawakening.

To enliven what I felt for my mother while adding another perspective to my love for my wife.

Is it any wonder then, that we have so much difficulty in understanding just what love really is, & why so much time & effort is given over to trying to define it.

For such limitation of outward expression can further increase the gravity or intensity of our lack of understanding that only tends to promote doubt, dubiousness & uncertainty in us.

Particularly because all aspects are open to individual interpretation.

Every one of us is so familiar with the complexities this can produce in our lives, as love in one form or another, infiltrates all areas of our lives.

Interpersonal love, in particular, is so often the root cause of so much of our discussion & introspection, both personally & communally.

In being seen as an essential core element in life, most of our entertainment & media industries constantly feed us with yet another analysis or portrayal of one or more of love's many diversities.

All of which is enthusiastically furnished & absorbed without ever giving or being capable of providing any real answers or clearly defined resolutions to any of love's complexities.

For it, all serves more as an examination & illumination of human behaviour in the same vein as gossip, rather than attempting to answer the unanswerable.

Unfortunately, most of the marketable attention we give to 'love' is based upon the concept of self, under which, the attaining of self-satisfaction is the priority.

So the seemingly unanswerable question for us all is, What is love in one word?

Indeed, what is this force that at once can be so powerful & yet so gentle, so forceful & yet so weak, so solid & yet so fragile, so enduring & yet so temporal, so enriching & yet so exhausting?

As we all know the questions could go on forever & there never seems to be an answer until we meet it.

For then we 'See' God revealing to us a dimly lit part of His Love, yet more than enough to immediately change our life under any true conversion.

Only under any comparison, to then discover that we 'Know' even less about God's Love than what we understood of love in this world.

For all we ever knew of love can only ever be directly likened to God's Love in the area of its true source, which is God, as we discovered last week.

For who of us, in light of our love, could ever attempt to fully explain the Love of God that:

- 1. Saw Jesus the Son of Man accept the cup of suffering & the Son of God to be Spiritually separated from His Father?*
- 2. Our Father God remains Eternally Loving His Children despite the First Adam's, & therefore our, fall to sin?*
- 3. Caused the Last Adam, who had lived without sin, to willingly die for our sins & shed His Blood to open the Way of Redemption for all who would believe?*

Such questions could go on forever to such an extent that it would leave our worldly questions of love wallowing in shadows of insignificance.

For now, as believers, so many opposing questions begin to challenge our hearts & minds in stark contrast to what we had ever known.

For in meeting Him we discovered that God Is Love.

Through Christ Jesus Alive in us, we find ourselves now living in this world but no longer of it, for The Way, The Truth & The Life has been made available to us.

Opening us to New Horizons, to give an enhanced paradigm or perspective that now includes the acknowledging of God, His Kingdom & Eternal Life.

Consisting of a Truth that for now, we can See only dimly or Know in part:

1 Corinthians 13 (NKJV)

The Greatest Gift

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body [a]to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not [b] puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, [c] thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is [d] perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

So here, Apostle Paul shares his revelation of Love the Eternal Way, revealed to be contrary to the concept of self & self-love this world is founded upon.

To us, remaining in this world & still in these bodies of death, war is now amongst the members of our body.

For there is now an enmity between the temporal feelings & lusts within us, fighting against the Call to the Eternal aspects of life now Alive in us.

Even our learnt & possibly much-valued sense of wisdom, conscience, integrity, & moral behaviours now come into question under the Light of True [rather than self] Righteousness.

The more we resist living by faith, our lives can then become doubly bewildering.

For the Truth is that we have never been able to find any true answer in this world to what is needed to bring about our true 'completeness', for none exists.

Yet now, in finding it, we discover as Apostle Paul did, that for now we only See as in a mirror dimly & Know only in part, but by Faith, it will not always be so.

The completeness we all seek is to be found in our return to the Fullness of God's Love for us in Eternity, having been returned within the Glory of Christ from this apparition called 'time'.

Apostle Paul concluded by telling us all to abide in faith, hope & love but the greatest of these is love.

The Merriam-Webster describes abide as follows:

verb - abided also abode; abiding

Definition of abide

transitive verb

1a: to bear patiently : TOLERATE

b: to endure without yielding : WITHSTAND

2: to wait for : AWAIT

3: to accept without objection

intransitive verb

1: to remain stable or fixed in a state

2: to continue in a place : SOJOURN

abide by

1: to conform to

2: to accept without objection : to acquiesce in

So here we now find ourselves called upon to allow ourselves to be transformed by & in Christ.

Through patiently yielding to awaiting acceptance without objection, to the stable fixing of our lives upon faith, hope & love through Our Lord Jesus.

And the greatest of these we are to endure with anticipation of our openly embracing is a steadfast love of God.

So that we might be transformed by the renewing of our minds & made witness to the Eternal Love of God consisting within Christ Alive in us.

Romans 12:2 King James Bible

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

To Be Continued.

ISSUE 113: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 109

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 48

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

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Exodus 3:13-15 KJV

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

In this scripture, we see that Moses sought God for what to say when the children of Israel ask what is the name of this God of our fathers you declare has sent you?

God said to him, 'I AM THAT I AM' so when they ask, tell them I AM has sent you.

I AM, such a concise statement, yet one exhibiting an abundance of unquestionable absoluteness.

Meaning of Absolute:

1. Perfect in quality or nature; complete. 2. Not mixed; pure. 3.a. Not limited by restrictions or exceptions; unconditional. b. Unqualified in extent or degree; total. 4. Unconstrained by constitutional or other provisions. 5. Not to be doubted or questioned.

In truth, we could rightfully say that 'I am' of so many things about us, but how many could be justifiably declared to be absolute?

For change is constant & variations inevitable throughout our lives, ones that cause changes to how we see ourselves or how others perceive us at any given moment.

Creating constant rebalancing of our mind to make choices, to ponder or to evaluate from under the varying pressures encountered within the different stages of life.

Following is a brief listing of a very few of the 'absolute' attributes of God, a list to which I know we could easily add so many, many more.

I Am The Lord God Almighty.

I Am The Father, The Son & The Holy Ghost.

I Am The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

I Am The Creator of all things.

I Am The Lord of All.

I Am The Redeemer.

I Am The Lion Of Judah.

In this life, when we try to impress others, such as in an interview for a new job or promotion, we would heavily promote every last real or perceived attribute we know or think we possess.

But in being the God Who Is, He simply instructed Moses to tell them that I AM (the 'absolute' God of your fathers) sent me to you.

Last week we finished with the call of Romans 12:2 to be transformed by the renewing of our mind that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Furthermore, we looked at 1 Corinthians 13:13 that tells us to now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Which now leads us to yet another one of the absolute attributes of God.

I Am Love**1John 4:7-21 KJV****God Is Love**

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

- 13 *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*
 14 *And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.*
 15 *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*
 16 *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*
 17 *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*
 18 *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*
 19 *We love him, because he first loved us.*
 20 *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*
 21 *And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.*

Last week we also looked at the limitations of the English language in regard to describing love & that in comparison, the Greek language employs over one hundred words to describe the different forms of love.

The Bible, in the New Testament, uses only a few Greek words to describe love, but the one used most prominently by Jesus to describe God's Love is 'Agape'.

Other than in the Bible, 'agape' is little used in Greek literature.

Agape is a love based upon self-sacrifice through putting another's needs & concerns before one's own longings or consolations.

It is a love given unconditionally regardless of how you discern me, how you act or behave toward me, how you perceive me or even how much you are able to attract love or affection.

This is the purest level of love possible & the form of love we are called, as Christians, to love everyone with.

Having been made in the Image of God, whether we admit to it or not, every human's greatest primal need is to be loved.

And we do love in so many varying ways, in the multitude of ways each human interprets or is drawn to love, all in an effort to find personal fulfilment.

However, subconsciously, our soul knows very well it's seeking the 'absolute love' that can only be found in God.

If we do not know Him a void remains within us, far beyond hope of any conscious awareness, until we come to a true knowledge of God.

For our souls are made up of our mind, will & emotions, using our will to express our desires, choices, willingness, consent, or in a negative sense, our refusal.

These expressions of our will are decided upon through the operations of our mind or our emotions or a combination thereof, both within the conscious & the subconscious realms.

Decisions that when subject only to our physical limitations combined with the lusts of our flesh, deeply impact upon our lives.

By giving false hope or attainment of our fulfilment only through physical or emotional means.

Romans 12:2 calls for us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, for our thoughts are not His thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-10 KJV

- 6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*
 7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*
 8 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*
 9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Meeting God through truly accepting that Jesus Christ Is The Son of God, brings the first step to the renewing of our mind.

As God Never Changes, surely any true revelation of Christ affects all minds in the same way as my first moment of Knowing Him did.

Neither the love I did know or any other thing I tried to nourish it with, never seemed able to quench a persistent subconscious sense of emptiness deep within me.

For every burst of temporal fulfilment soon led back to rediscovering the elusive emptiness still persisted within.

That a spiritual void had existed within my soul came only to my realisation as the Love of God through Christ enlivened it into conscious awareness.

An awareness that I AM, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac & the God of Jacob IS LOVE!

To Be Continued.

ISSUE 114: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 110

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 49

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

Firstly, a reminder of what we are presently seeking the answer:

Question 2: What do I see caused me to declare the actions of both my uncle & my dog as reflections of what I came to find in my coming to Jesus?

O God, as we continue to seek within the knowledge of Christ, may your spirit of wisdom & revelation bring to us the simplicity of what is now destined for us to See&Know.

That we may be prepared individually & corporately as The Church, for the coming End of the Church Age, by Holy Spirit revelation lifting us out of the present slumber into a conscious awareness of the simplicity of Pure Love.

Father, we need you to establish the deeper clarity strategically reserved for this time, for who can say we truly know what love is, much less See&Know the depths of the Pure Love you have for us!

Yes, as true Christians we have acknowledged in our innermost heart that Jesus Christ Is Your Son & Lord of our lives.

The One within whom resides a call to always seek the kingdom of God & His Righteousness first.

Matthew 6:33 King James Version (KJV)

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

By Your Grace we know we are sinners having received redemption only through the Blood of Jesus shed for us.

Therefore Father, while we still inhabit these bodies of sin, may it be the desire of our soul to forever follow the example of Jesus to always Seek Your Face.

For our innermost desire's draw creates a struggle of resistance within the deeper complexities of our mind & emotions that direct our will to resist full surrender.

An inward struggle that in turn serves to hold us back from being truly capable of receiving the simplicity of the Pure Love that flows forth from Your Heart to us.

Love embodied within a full acceptance simplifies all things & may we find our way through Holy Spirit Revelations to a deepening acceptance of the Pure Love that dwells within, in Christ, for us.

Lord, each & every Spirit Inspired Revelation allows us to 'See' you that little bit more, yet conversely, each step reveals & reminds us of how little we 'Know'.

For just as a mountain looms larger when standing at the foot of it rather than from afar, so each step closer reveals the vastness & magnitude of Our God, His Kingdom & the Call for True Unity with the Divine Purpose.

The finding of one answer serves only to then open the door to further deeper questions, thereby revealing how far short we truly come short of Your Glory O God.

Romans 3:23 KJV

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

In any true love relationship, we long to know everything there is to know of the object of our love.

To Your Glory Father may that be our ever-deepening & continual desire in Christ.

May the Pure Love, Alive in Christ within, draw us to Seek Your Face & bring us to deeply surrender in true acceptance of Love, as we run the race set before us within the journey of The Church toward the End of this Church Age.

O God, may this journey we are on here right now, cause us to See&Know Your Heart afresh.

Remind us of the willing acceptance that rose in us as we were brought into the first love of Christ.

By opening new paths to a deeper clarity, by revealing New Horizons that will draw us into the open embrace of the Powerful Simplicity of Your Pure Love.

So that, Holy Spirit, being in One Accord with Divine Purpose, can unravel our worldly complexities through the bringing of a deeper clarity of wisdom & revelation, to levels previously bound awaiting its time.

Father, You Are The One And Only God, having One Plan & One Purpose.

Lord, to Your Glory, it is only by the Power of Your Grace that I remain believing in the Vision of EIDO that Holy Spirit imparted to me in 1990.

Father, I believe your further revelations of it, that for those embracing the spirit of the message, Holy Spirit will awaken 'To See & To Know' [Greek for 'eido'], as they are drawn into Seeking Conscious Awareness of God, His Kingdom & True Unity.

I await, believing for this awakening to begin in East Africa to rise up & flow to the four corners of this earth, for your Word O God never returns void.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIRV)

The words I speak are like that.

They will not return to me without producing results. They will accomplish what I want them to.

They will do exactly what I sent them to do.

Father, I further pray that Holy Spirit will continue to give me both words & the strength to continue, that through it eyes & ears might be opened.

That together we might come ToSee&ToKnow the Power of the Simplicity of your Pure Love for us, that in the deeper revelation thereof, we might stand firm in the midst of the reckoning of the End of the Church Age.

To the Glory of God in Jesus Name, I pray. Amen.

I well remember, some few days after Coming to Christ, declaring to my wife that I now have all the answers, I didn't know what they were, but I felt that I had them.

Later in reading the Bible I discovered as we all did, that Jesus is The Answer & I had been speaking revelation that I now had The Answer to all things!

Throughout the ages since Adam, the struggles of the church have been interwoven with most of the history of this world, as men themselves struggled with the knowledge of God.

And since the promised Holy Spirit descended upon men to fill their once dead spirit-man with Christ, we have been gaining Spiritual Knowledge & Understanding within ourselves & the church at large.

Now, even for a moment, just try to imagine all the Powerful Spirit-led loving, forgiving, sharing, teaching & preaching etc. that has gone on within the Church across the earth because of this spiritual knowledge gained.

To bring it to a more personal level, let us ponder upon how much time we have spent loving, praying, reading, sharing, caring or sitting through or seeking after teaching, preaching in church services, seminars, conferences etc.

And in our innermost heart, the immeasurable sharing with Christ of our life through accepting His enthronement in the centre of our being.

In & through all of this & more we can gain many new Spirit-led aspects to our lives such as speaking in tongues, prophecy, a great faith admired by many, along with deep spiritual knowledge of God's Ways.

Yet the knowledge we have now is still not complete, our prophecies still not perfect & all is destined to pass away as the Bible tells us in:

1 Corinthians 13:12 NIRV (New International Reader's Version) Emphasis added.

8 Love never fails. But prophecy will pass away. Speaking in languages that had not been known before will end. And knowledge will pass away.

9 What we know now is not complete. What we prophesy now is not perfect.

10 But when what is complete comes, the things that are not complete will pass away.

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child. I thought like a child. I had the understanding of a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

Here the Apostle Paul describes our present state as one not complete & in truth, we need to accept the situation cannot change as long as we occupy these bodies.

Yet at the same time, knowing we live in the hope of our salvation, we believe that with the promised Return of Christ what is complete will come, & the things that are now not complete will pass away.

Then to no longer talk, think or understand like a child for in our first gaze into Our Father's Eyes of Pure Love we will be complete, each one of us a prodigal returned.

But for now, we are spiritually made children again, where we think we See&Know but it is only a dim likeness of things to come.

1 Corinthians 13:12[a] NIRV

Now we see only a dim likeness of things.

It is as if we were seeing them in a foggy mirror.

In truth, I would have to admit that I have used the 'foggy mirror' aspect of this scripture to excuse my lack of an answer at times, in light of so many things of God that remain a mystery to me.

I am sure that I am not alone in this.

As many of you might know this scripture comes from what is known as the Love Chapter of the Bible.

For within it we find the Apostle Paul's revelation of what love is & the character signs that define it.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIRV

4 Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud.

5 It does not dishonour other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs.

6 Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken.

7 It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

8(a) Love never fails.

And as we saw last week in 1John 4:7-21 God Is Love.

Therefore in truth, in this short passage of scripture, the Apostle Paul reveals, not only the foundation of true love as it can be found, either in or out of Christ, in this world.

But also it is the foundation of the Pure Love of God!

Which bares no surprises considering that in the beginning man was made in the Image of God.

Now let me quote it again replacing all words referring to love with 'God'.

GOD is patient.

GOD is kind.

GOD does not want what belongs to others.

GOD does not brag.

GOD is not proud.

GOD does not dishonour people.

GOD does not look out for his own interests.

*GOD does not easily become angry.
 GOD does not keep track of people's wrongs.
 GOD is not happy with evil.
 GOD is full of joy when the truth is spoken.
 GOD always protects.
 GOD always trusts.
 GOD always hopes.
 GOD never gives up.
 GOD never fails.*

What sets the two forms apart is that one is contaminated by the concept of self, no matter how minutely, while the other is totally Selfless, coming from the Pure Righteousness of the Heart of God!

Hallelujah!! Our completeness is yet to come!

*1 Corinthians 13:12[b] NIRV
 But someday we will see clearly.
 We will see face to face.*

For in that moment of coming face to face, the Pure Love of God will manifest into full clarity, the fog finally lifted from our sight.

To cause us to See&Know the completeness that was embodied within the Pure Acceptance Christ brought Alive in us the moment we first Believed.

*1 Corinthians 13:12[c] NIRV
 What I know now is not complete.
 But someday I will know completely,
 just as God knows me completely.*

Until then we will never know fully, but there remain New Horizons to reach, each one destined to provide new perspective & clarity of the Power of God's Pure Love invested in us.

*Each one bringing the Body of Christ closer to our completeness in Him!
 To Be Continued.*

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God Is Love

And His Fatherhood of all mankind is both eternally exemplary & enwrapped within the quintessence of Pure Love.

In considering when we humans produce offspring it becomes evident that our parental love stands steadfast upon one common foundation.

It is universal amongst us & a fundamental attribute embedded within the permanency of their belonging to us.

Being the deep 'eternal' awareness of total acceptance of our offspring.

Considering nothing else is so totally unchangeable & steadfast, it stands out as astoundingly unique when compared to the rest of this life.

For nothing in this world is everlasting or 'eternal' for everything has a beginning & an end, apart from our parentage.

Our human life will one day end along with marriage, but in stark contrast, our parentage along with the bloodline of our ancestry can never change.

For it stands within the shadow of Pure Love's steadfast ACCEPTANCE covering humanity thus marking the foundation of parenthood & family eternal.

Genesis 1:28a KJV

28a And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

All parents know they began loving their children long before ever laying an eye upon or wrapping an arm around their child.

What true parent awaits the arrival of their newborn child before ascertaining if they are willing to receive the child.

For in the oneness of family they have come together as one to bring forth another in their image with an intent of heart to love them at any cost.

On the news of pending birth, the 'common seed' of parental love is 'spiritually enlivened' within them embodied within a foundational acceptance of the yet unseen child.

For the steadfast unchangeable foundation of Parental Love is something seeded in us that transcends our understanding & is separated from the fact of how each parent outworks their love as a parent.

On arrival, conscious approval comes forth as adoption, with the new parents taking up & making the child their own.

With the acceptance seeded in their heart now delivered, the love embodied within that acceptance is now foundationally made manifest to the child.

In its fundamental essence a love so unique in this life, it far exceeds any human ability to fully fathom or comprehend its deepest possibilities, capabilities or power.

Its power is most evident in our steadfast 'knowing' that acceptance of our offspring is absolute & cannot be revoked.

Then comes the physical outworking of a parent's love, where the carnality of life can turn our perspective of approval into shifting sands.

For in living a relational existence with our children situations & circumstance prevent steadfastly maintaining full approval due to either's action or behaviour.

Anywhere from a slight annoyance to total loss can occur at any time.

However, approval may freely shift with circumstance but acceptance remains solid.

For the acceptance that embodies Parental Love is true, therefore it cannot shift in the manner approval does.

Reference: The Parable of the Lost Son. Luke 15:11-32

At its root, Parental Love is reserved exclusively for 'offspring', those made in our likeness, the blood of our blood, the flesh of our flesh.

Its core is founded upon steadfast acceptance that produces secure assurance that influences the knowledge & embrace of Love.

In hope that in turn, they might discover how to love others as they have come to love themselves.

Matthew 19:19 KJV

19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Nevertheless, though the ability to love as a parent is founded upon & rooted in the Power of Parental Love, its full potential in this world suffers diminishment & constraint under the exercise of 'self'.

Every true parent is held in parental love's mysterious embrace, for who can fully define what depths of love this kind of steadfast acceptance is possible of reaching.

As parental love is embraced without question & held in such esteem universally, it is natural for us to take 'ownership' of it, without questioning the fullness of its origin.

We simply acknowledge that our parent's love established in us the need to be loved, therefore, so we see it necessary to provide the same to the new generations we produce.

For in having a love for self how could we not be like our parents, ready to accept & love something created from the selves that we love?

For we saw that our emotional nurturing within unified familial love promoted a conscious awareness of a secure assurance that only being loved & belonging can bring.

In fact, we spend all our lives seeking & desiring to find where we can feel we truly belong in the hope that total fulfilment awaits us there.

Our conscious minds are so very aware of it that our 'world' is founded upon the pursuing & providing of so many things that stand in the shadow of it.

We see our fulfilment as central & essential for emotional stability & our very being, so we seek to fill the 'void' we feel through every means that avails itself to us.

And 'self' masquerades as being the way, as it blindly leads us even further away from that which we are actually seeking.

A path that only reveals the subconscious security of the unchangeable love our parents provided can rarely be equalled, much less expanded upon, in this world.

We become consumed in a conscious need to gain approval & acceptance of those around us.

All in an effort to attain & maintain a sense of personal satisfaction and/or emotional stability in the absence of any true, sustained fulfilment.

Only to discover that most forms of worldly love we seek are found not to be underpinned by sure foundations such as our parents provided us.

For each one of us had only one set of parents & no matter what happens along the path of our lives, they remain our parents.

An unchangeable fact like no other in this world as we know it!

We go on to discover that all forms of love we encounter, including the love we give, is affected by the human condition of the concept of 'self'.

A concept that contaminates & eliminates perfectness from every form of human love.

For each & every one of us at any given moment of time is capable of confusing love of self with being in love with self by allowing entitlement to infest us.

The truth is that even the outworking of parental love, on which our lives are founded, cannot be unaffected by it!

From our perspective, it can be love that is true, but it can never be pure, as long as any aspect of it is about oneself more than the object of our love.

Any degree of true love requires love first be given, then received, for is this not how love found us at the beginning through parental love's essence.

The seed of love was given so freely by our parents, along with our receiving & giving back love to them, completed our first 'circle' of love.

To reveal the first shadow of God's Pure Love for us.

For God Is Love!

For our soul knows very well that we were torn from Love's Hand as we entered this world & the life set before us.

Psalm 139:13-16 NKJV [emphasis added]

13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

**15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

With this Spiritual fact now far from our consciousness & laying dormant in our soul, our first breath of life inherits the concept of self.

A concept, combined with our inherent need for love, finds us first seeking the approval of others along with their acceptance before seeing ourselves worthy.

For early in life, through the love of our families, we experienced their approval & acceptance of ourselves as being the fundamental aspect of our being loved.

We also come to see that keeping their approval & acceptance intact is crucial for keeping the love for ourselves alive.

Yet within the flexibility of such relationships, self in us at times still tests the limits of the tolerance such relationships produce.

This ultimately results in our greatest motivation to comply if something is against our will for any reason, is the fear of rejection.

So we find we regard the approval of ourself & keeping it intact as a priority when trying to widen our relationships throughout life.

For our sense of comfort & security in life relies upon the maintaining of relationships as they are fundamental & essential to our worldly sense of love & wellbeing.

Most of us started life being wrapped at varying degrees, within the comfort & security of a family that cared for us & loved us as best they could.

But we all came to that place where like a baby eagle, we were thrown out of our nest only to find we had to fly as best we could in this 'adult' world.

For our nesting days were over.

Only to find that the world teaches us in order to keep aloft we need to gain the approval & acceptance of others.

In doing so, we can easily find ourselves employing one of a myriad of methods & tactics to promote ourselves to gain an ever-widening base of approval & acceptance.

We can produce facades, that we either hide behind or become entangled in, by convincing ourselves, at differing levels of delusion, it's the reality of us.

And so we find ourselves being seekers of approval & acceptance, while subconsciously tormented by the simple question of why can't I just be loved for who I am?

Is it any wonder why so many of us highly value our families, for even in their imperfection they can be such a place of refuge for us in this world.

All Glory to God for families!

Like everything of this earth, families are incapable of being perfect, & indeed don't need to be.

For if a secure assurance of belonging can be provided founded upon the steadfast acceptance of the parents then true love will be found embodied therein.

For true love is embodied within any true acceptance, not approval.

We should know this because worldly love is like a bear hibernating in the winter, it learns to sleep in coldness & come alive in warmth.

True love can only ever come alive when it arrives embodied within a true acceptance.

For how many 'love affairs' have died upon the eventual realisation that a true acceptance was never given, by one or both parties involved.

Or for that matter, in any worldly relationship, we can think of that failed.

For in such a case it leaves true love without hope of finding a rightful place in which to embody itself.

For any 'love affair with love' or personal gain is actually a selfish preoccupation with our own happiness, which can never enliven true mutual joy.

The very essence of true love necessitates first giving true acceptance granted freely.

If responded to in kind, the love we each hold for giving knits itself together into one love embodied within a framework of mutual acceptance.

But when we come marketing our 'love' looking for approval to give 'our' acceptance we only steal, kill & destroy the full potential of any possible true love.

Thank God for Grace that allowed the Blood of Jesus to be shed for the remission of our sins.

Hebrews 9:22 KJV

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

In the Blessed Hope of our coming to love one another as He loved us.

John 13:34-35 New International Reader's Version (NIRV) Emphasis added.

34 "I give you a new command. Love one another.

You must love one another, just as I have loved you.

35 If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples."

To Be Continued.

ISSUE 116: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 112

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 51

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

When we last met here some seven weeks ago I shared on the subject of true parental love.

And how, more than any other form of human love, the everlasting character that parental love physically exudes was seeded by God as a never-ending Spiritual reflection of His Eternal Love for all of us.

The Truth is that we only know of love in this world through God, Who Is Love.

If we Believe in Creation then we know that Adam, the first man, was created in God's Loving Hand as He formed him from earth's soil.

Genesis 2:7 KJV

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

But no help meet was found for Adam so the Lord God caused him to fall into a deep sleep, removed a rib & made him a woman whom Adam was to call Eve.

Genesis 3:20 KJV

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living

They entered this worldly realm fallen from Grace but knowing love & God's Command to multiply & so came together & Cain was born.

Thus making them the first parents in this physical world.

Forever the ones to be found at the very root of the human family tree & therefore keys to unlocking some crucial aspects to the mystery of love & its origins.

Adam & Eve had known only the Pure Love of God & His Righteousness before being beguiled into Defacing the Obedience of Christ consisted within them.

Now in finding themselves cast from God's Presence on this earth outside of the Garden they still knew of the Pure Love of God they once walked in.

So now finding themselves with family, who of us could even begin to imagine the strength of immense parental love they held toward Cain.

What they were caused to carry into the human family was the truest parental love this world would ever see, fresh & intact from having Seen&Known the Pure Love of God, their Father!

When I found myself a parent I only knew parental love from how my parents had loved me as their child.

As we have known acceptance we give in the hope that the love it embodies will do just as well for our children, if not better.

What would I have been without the familial introduction to acceptance & love embodied within it or the approval that oneness of family brought me?

I honour the privilege given me & regard it highly for at least giving me a foundational sense of the shape of true love.

For every one of us struggle with knowing what love really is & so I feel for anyone who at the very least did not experience a good example of parental or familial love.

Love is God's Gift to the world.

Just try to imagine what Adam & Eve, even in their state of having fallen from Grace, had to offer as the parents of Cain.

Pure Love, it most certainly was not but would have had to be true love.

For when they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil their sin brought self to life in them so nothing around them could be Pure anymore.

The Pure Acceptance Of God Within His Fatherhood of them as His Children remained intact but His Approval that consisted through Christ His Son in them was now gone.

Genesis 3:22 KJV

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

The parental love of Adam & Eve was reflective of God's Pure Love they had been created within.

However, the power of sin diminished its ability to always give life as His Pure Love eternally does, for the fall from Grace had contaminated man's ability to love in purity.

For under the sin of self the objective of love's motivation turns away from others & more toward oneself.

It's more a case of whether we can truthfully admit to it rather than argue that our motives or those of others we admire are completely 'pure'.

Holy Spirit once asked me what did I personally regard as & perceive to be generally accepted as being the 'purest' form of love in this world.

My immediate & solidly assured answer was the love of a Mother for her child.

It took only a millisecond for Holy Spirit to impart Truth to me.

Like little 'Tommy' in primary school who stood up so quickly to bellow of his newfound enlightenment, I also found I had more to learn.

For in this life there most certainly can be a truer form of love exercised toward others at times but never Pure Love, for that is found in God Alone!

When God created Adam, He established the beginning of many things upon him in Purity & Righteousness as being the first of all mankind.

And as he later stood on earth in unrighteousness God established in them a beginning for the end According to His Good Pleasure.

A direct reflection of His Pure Fatherly Love cast within the very foundation of mankind & to be kept alive throughout all generations.

Isaiah 46:10 KJV

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

He established in them the roots of parental love & familial oneness.

If I were to believe in evolution where do I find such origins of love as those established within the conceptual familial oneness humans have adhered to?

The Love that created this earth & every living thing upon it, at every point of its existence has involved the coming together in Oneness of two or more.

If it were not, what could love possibly be?

Ask yourself why every false gospel, even those purported as being Christian, involves centring oneself on the me, I, my or mine.

While focussing, whether directly or indirectly upon personal gain of one sort or another?

The power of positive thinking & every other form of self-help discipline only serves to uphold self & keep us from embracing The Truth.

Why is the post-modern church of today so immersed in such contaminations convincing itself that surmounting is better than surrender?

We need to surrender to The Throne of God because its Kingdom consists of Oneness, not individualism or seekers of fulfillment, even if corporately.

As was written here ten or so issues ago this world wants us to consume ourselves in seeking fulfillment.

Whereas in Truth, as the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, our fulfillment is God's business not ours.

A business He established the roots of for all in Adam & Eve when in the Garden of Eden.

His Eternal Acceptance of them (& us), despite the fall from Grace, was confirmed as God's Pure Love reflected itself in the oneness of family.

What was missing was the Approval of God for it had not consisted in man himself but rather was consisting in Christ within.

As Christians let us be awake to the fact that as we walk in Christ there is absolutely nothing we can do that will raise or lessen God's approval of us.

His Approval consists only in the Righteousness of Jesus Christ His Son & when we accepted Christ into our lives we became a part of the One Body Of Christ!

For since the beginning, God's Acceptance of us has forever been ours as He is our Eternal Father, Parenthood's Alpha & Omega, Father Of All.

In earlier issues, I previously wrote of how this world tries to lure us into all sorts of ways to seek after our fulfillment, but in Truth it's God's Business.

The first instance of this caused the fall of man when Adam & Eve were beguiled to think they could find fulfillment beyond what God had already provided.

Instead, they found themselves banished from the Garden & as Cain came into this world he was first to inherit sin found embodied in the concept of self.

The Spiritual Truth established here is that Pure Love comes to us embodied in the Pure Acceptance of us by God Our Father as His Children.

Pure Approval can only come embodied in the Righteousness of the Pure Oneness of the Son of Man & the Son of God, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

If we have Christ Alive in us then we are in Oneness with Him & God's Approval of us is reestablished through & in Him.

Any & all efforts by us as Christians to gain or increase God's Approval are being performed in the vanity of self & until free of these bodies of death we all shall be prone to continue to do so, one way or another.

We, therefore, need to continuously call upon God for Wisdom & Discernment to See&Know the Spiritual Truth that The Love of God is mankind's heritage.

***Being a status acquired through rebirth in Christ; a birthright that contains our fulfillment.
To Be Continued.***

ISSUE 117: Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 113

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 52

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Continued from the last issue:

The cement floors throughout our present home allow us to go about our daily business knowing we are walking upon something that is solid & certain.

This has not always been the case as the majority of houses in Australia have wooden floors that do not always give such a ready & sure assurance of solidity.

In fact, when walking upon a severely aged & worn wooden floor its erratic movements, uneven surfaces & menacing creaks can severely threaten any assurance you may have held before entering.

I am sure that most of us can relate this to our lives, for in this world all three of these general degrees of assurance are forever & variably at work in us.

We are constantly perceiving certain parts of our lives as solid & assured while other areas range from less to much less so for us, while others are held within varying levels of unstableness through to insecurity.

We find ourselves forever having to walk this life while mentally & emotionally carrying a mixture of confident, reserved or little assurance throughout all facets of life.

At times our lives feel like a revolving door, just as everything is going one way we then find it moving in the opposite direction, resulting in loss of equilibrium in life.

These constant changes can continually threaten any stable sense of wellbeing deep within us which causes deep anguish within mankind.

I believe we all recognise this to varying degrees, but we can never hope to fully comprehend the true extent of its outworking upon us.

This, in fact, is the foundation upon which this world subtly convinces & teaches us to compete, accomplish, achieve, bring about, attain, perfect & complete.

Beguiled into thinking that we could ever find true fulfillment in the accolades of unknown, unseen & unjust judges.

So we find ourselves variably feigning or playing the game of life, observing it for opportunity or being relegated to the dark shadows of the world's most successfully deceived.

When we feel that we are incapable of or have failed to deliver the goods, whether seen from our perspective or other's, we act as the pushed down or held back victims of this world.

And to complicate things even further, all these deceptions can apply variably & independently upon any facet of our lives at any time.

In the slightest Light of Truth, the revelation of any part of our present condition can be daunting to take hold of.

Is it any wonder then that we Christians declare Hope with our hearts that indeed God Is Our Blessed Assurance.

And it is my prayer for us all that we might truly come to See&Know just what that can mean for us while we remain in this world being ever prone to the variances of the flesh.

Meaning of Variance.

var-i-ance n.

1. a. *The act of varying.*
 - b. *The state or quality of being variant or variable; a variation.*
 - c. *A difference between what is expected and what actually occurs.*
2. *The state or fact of differing or of being in conflict.*

You may remember that previously we did a short study of the Book Of Ecclesiastes where it was stated that in our world we have learnt to believe life is all about the pursuit of fulfillment.

I don't think that any of us would disagree with that statement.

For do we not all find ourselves somewhat lost in the sea of humanity at times, searching for something or anything that will give us even a sense of true fulfillment.

Furthermore, whenever we are feeling the opposite, we convince ourselves that we are undeserving, unloved or unwanted because of it.

However, the powerful message of Ecclesiastes is that fulfillment is actually God's business & that is why all our efforts are just endless circles, vanity of vanities all is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 1 King James Version (KJV)

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

In the Holy Bible, God is declared to be so many things, all of which He Is indeed, but what one thing, in a nutshell so to speak, is God actually about?

What business is it that would encompass the fulfillment we spend our days seeking?

In this carnal world we can easily chase all types of things in the false hope of finding it, however, all are eventually proven to be temporal.

However, we have recently been looking at the power of the love that embodies itself within our parent's loving willingness, to unconditionally accept for life what they together have 'created'.

For it contains the ability not only to build but also uphold one of the most fulfilling aspects of worldly life (albeit still so far short of the fulfillment God is in the business of).

Parental love provides a solid & certain foundation for our lives to sit, stand, walk & be built upon.

Wrapping us in true acceptance, it establishes belonging & identifies our need to be loved through the revealing of its existence.

Even though it is received & outworked within the temporal perspective of the concept of self it has forever held an 'eternal' place within this carnal world.

Simply because it is a reflection to this world of God & His Love embodied within the Eternal Pure Acceptance of His Children that He Created in His Image.

1 John 4:7-16 King James Version (KJV) Emphases Added

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

From this scripture, we can see that God Is Love & that is the business He has to be about for that is what He Is.

Verse 10 above says:

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

And John 3:16 says:

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.

Such a Divine Pure Love is more than enough to deliver us into our ultimate fulfillment.

For God & what He will Eternally bring to us in Oneness with Christ & His Oneness with Our Father is our ultimate fulfillment.

So let us be about Our Father's business now & let our fulfillment be God's business!

To Be Continued.

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 53

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

To See & To Know

"And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Luke 2:49 NKJV

These words were spoken by Jesus the son of man, born of flesh & raised in Jewish culture where firstborn sons were seen as being chosen & prepared with the purpose of carrying on the vision of their father.

And yet at 12 years of age with this one statement, he transcended all earthly culture & relationships, even with his parents.

In doing this he revealed a great sense of mission & self-awareness for it was his unique relationship with God that gave him a clear sense of Calling to The Divine Purpose.

For, in Spirit, as the Son of God, he could See&Know his Call above any other was to be about His Heavenly Father's business & no earthly culture or relationship could defeat it.

In fact, he questioned his parents, asking why they sought after him for did they not know "that I must be about My Father's business."

Yet Luke 2:50 NKJV tells us:

"But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them."

It was through Divine intervention & visitation they had most assuredly seen & understood Jesus came from God delivered into this world by virgin birth for a Divine Purpose.

Now some twelve plus years later, in going about their devout daily lives their thinking & therefore understanding was still influenced greatly by being rooted in their culture & the physical realm they lived in.

So they were unable to see from their perspective why their son did what he did nor why he would question what any parent would naturally do under those circumstances.

For every believer, the singularly greatest & continuous challenge is the same for us today as it was for Mary & Joseph then.

Finding the path that would lead us into passing beyond the limitations of our earthly culture & relationships to come to truly See&Know God's Purpose for us.

To find peace & rest there no matter what situation or circumstance we find ourselves in, that we might be found willing to pay the cost.

Luke 8:18-22 NKJV

The Cost of Discipleship

18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Since Pentecost, with Holy Spirit Power available to us, the church has come to see & to know so much, yet the narrow path we are called to tread often resembles a boundless multi-lane highway.

Our inner heart may be calling to follow in the footsteps of Jesus but our feet seem to widen or even evade the true path set before us.

The narrow path, if we stay near to it, might finally cause us to be spiritually raised above & up from our earthly purposes to wholeheartedly embrace our Spiritual Purpose.

To be found standing within a great sense of mission & self-awareness borne out of a true personal relationship with God.

A relationship capable of leading us into a clear sense of our corporate Calling to The Divine Purpose through which we can begin To See & To Know.

If, back then, Mary & Joseph had had such an ability To See & To Know, wisdom & revelation would have brought an understanding of their young son's statement.

Now, God is in readiness for those who can 'Hear' His Present Call to Draw Nigh Unto Me

The Time is Now that He is Calling for The Church to Seek Him To See & To Know conscious awareness of Him, His Kingdom & True Unity with The Divine Purpose.

More especially right now if you are an East African, for EIDO (pron: a-doe) which means 'to see & to know' (Strong's Hebrew Word No: 1492) was first presented 30 years ago in Uganda & has been spreading in a lowly way across East Africa ever since.

East Africa Is Being Called To Its Divine Purpose To See & To Know

The Time 'to be rained upon' (goshem Heb:01656) grows nearer by the day.

Answer His Call & Draw Nigh 'drawing near' (Goshen' Heb:01652) unto He who sits upon The Throne that birthed The Call, that the very architect may impart its wisdom & revelation direct to you.

In these last days let us exercise sober diligence for much is going to be tested & revealed to have been about our business or what we've been led to believe as being God's business through the 'tickling of the ears' in one way or another.

It is an absolute that we must walk in unity with each other just as Jesus did with his parents, however, just like him, we must each seek a clear sense of Calling that transcends all our earthly relationships.

All of which is why we have been held back from coming to See&Know in our individual hearts, that ultimately we are all Called to be about Our Father's business, The Divine Purpose.

What my Call to EIDO has caused me to See&Know is that now in these days God is preparing to Knit Together In Love the Body of Christ to take its rightful place in True Unity with The Divine Purpose.

With the Church Age now closing, we The Church need to be about The Father's business possessing a sense of mission borne out of conscious awareness of God & embodied within a clear sense of the Call upon us.

In Truth, we're still spiritually slumbering & it's only within a final awakening to fuller wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of him that The Church can be readied to stand awaiting Christ as His Bride.

The Light Reveals & Brighter The Light The Deeper The Revelations.

The Divine Plan is His & having been Called into The Divine Purpose everything we have or have not done, or yet has to be done is entwined in The Divine Plan, for God has known the end from the beginning.

Now in these days God is designating regions & Spiritually covering them with an Anointing for regionally specific Calls from within The Divine Purpose.

Coverings that only He can 'knit' together into one huge fishnet by which The True Church shall be gathered & arrayed without spot nor wrinkle as the Bride for Christ, ready to receive Him.

It is only in & through Him & Holy Spirit Power that we can find our path in the united work of the Body of Christ & be about our Father's business.

To be found going about our Father's business within The Divine Purpose, now possessing true wisdom & understanding of what the 12-year-old Jesus truly meant, that at that time they failed to understand.

We are One yet we are many & we shall be gathered into One with Christ as He is One with God.

John 17:20-23 NKJV

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who [j]will believe in Me through their word;

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

To bring to completion The Divine Purpose & our Eternal Fulfillment in Him.

Our Father who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done, in earth (in us) as it is in Heaven.