

In The Light Of The Ecclesia: Part 2

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The *Principle of Recognition*, is the *Foundation of Revelation*. I position myself to see and to hear what Jesus is saying to this church, to this ecclesia. I busy myself with the things that Jesus is presiding over, and not the way that I am running my life.

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, you have come, we have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24 NKJV)

This is the perfect atmosphere for spiritual babies to grow.

²²You have come. We are positioned here as New Testament believers. ²²You have come to Mount Zion. The church is Mount Zion, heavenly Jerusalem, the church, the city of the living God, the ecclesia. It comes from heaven. It comes from heavenly messages, heavenly words that come into our hearts. God is breathing out words, out of Pastor John and Sharon, like spores. My heart will receive, my eyes will see, my ears will hear, and I will become.

"...to this city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the innumerable company of angels, ²³to the general assembly and the Church of the firstborn." That is the word for ecclesia. Of the firstborn, that is our first love, our Lord Jesus presiding over everything. Not all churches gathering together are ecclesia's. God the judge. Abraham came to God, the Judge in Genesis 18, where he pleaded, he wanted to intercede for a city, but he did not have jurisdiction over that city. And he said in Genesis 18:25, "Will the Judge of the earth do right, (Genesis 18:25 NKJV) and destroy this city?"

To the spirits of just men made perfect. This is talking about the witnesses who are already in heaven because Hebrews 11:40 says, They cannot come to perfection apart from us.

Jesus, our mediator - mediator means to arbitrate, on God's behalf, but this is now Jesus, as the mediator of the New Covenant.

"The blood of sprinkling that speaks of the better things..." our new covenant.

The blood of Jesus speaks about the prophetic words that God has for us, as a people. God says our lives, and that what God has for Pastor John and for us as a people, are written in God's Book. The blood of sprinkling speaks not only of forgiveness and our protection, but it speaks for what God has for Pastor John and us, as a people on assignment.

We have come to Mount Zion, where we are positioned, right here in the New Testament, where God is positioning New Testament believers.

All born again Christians are God's children, but all believers do not live for the Lord in the same manner. ⁴⁶ "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' but, you do not do the things which I say? (Luke 6:46 NKJV)

Not all believers make Jesus the Lord of their lives. Many believers make Jesus the Saviour of their lives, but never the Lord of their lives.

The Lord is imploring you, Heritage of Faith people, to understand what the local church is all about, what it is for.

I allow the Holy Spirit to help me let old filters of local church life disintegrate. "I will take the Children" and "What is your more for". I allow the Holy Spirit to help me. I let old filters of local church life disintegrate. Blow my mind.

I come into the new era, with a new way of listening and a new way of understanding.

God is building the local church for all of His sons to come to maturity, because the whole of creation—God is waiting for His mature sons—is groaning for the manifestation of the mature sons of God.

I allow myself to be planted and let my roots go deep into the Word of God.

I listen to the messages and receive instruction from the Holy Spirit for me and me personally; I yield to the Word, change and come into maturity.

In this house, the rich revelation and messages are more than enough for me to come into spiritual maturity because God knows how to bring it to me.

The ecclesia is very powerful and very specific.

¹⁸ And I also say to you, that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. (Matthews 16:18 NKJV)

The gates of hell will not prevail against an ecclesia. The called-out ones; my ecclesia are going to overthrow the called out ones of the enemy in any region and in any place.

Narrow is the road that leads to life. Few find it, few want it because the way to life, true life, is death - death to yourself, and people do not want to die to their self. So that's why only a few find it, because only a few want to find it.

God is bringing everything for me to repent, to self-correct, to hear Him, to change, to make the changes because I have come to this place. God is looking for the 10 righteous, not all Christians live in the same way for God. God is looking, to rule from Mount Zion, in the ecclesia, to bring about His will into the earth.

Pastor John:

The church has become very Entitled. We think that we can do it all for ourselves. We think It all belongs to ourselves. We think we can create our own future and our own empires for ourselves. When you are the center of your own existence, you never say no to yourself!

You will love money because it allows you to indulge yourself. I choose to live for Jesus; I have the grace to say NO to myself. I pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

I am invested with heavy authority. The weightiness of my authority is because of the weightiness of the blood of Jesus.

Every morning I wake up and rule. I repent, return to the Lord. I'm responsible, and I am in charge.

¹⁴ How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14, NKJV)

The Spirit and the Blood work very closely together. ²⁴"The blood of sprinkling that speaks..." It is through the Spirit alone that the Blood has power. When the blood of Jesus was shed, it could not decay, because the Spirit lives and works in the blood. The blood of Jesus has Spirit and life in it. The blood is made effective by the eternal Spirit.

It's talking about the *eternal Spirit* - has no beginning and knows no change, or knows no weakening - the Spirit, that eternal Spirit, because it has in itself a life that is independent of time. When we talk about the eternal rewards, the eternal joy - I am mindful of the heavenly things. When we talk about eternal - *there is no past that has already disappeared or is lost. There is no future not yet possessed.* There's no beginning, there's no end. I just come and obey what He's telling me to do.

Eternal talks about the power of an endless life at work, in which there is no change - it cannot diminish, it cannot become less - the power of an endless life that is working in us. ¹"If you have been raised with Christ, this is all possible because of the blood that redeemed us, but the blood of sprinkling that speaks for us in Christ... [to a new life, sharing His resurrection from the dead]. Aim and seek the [rich eternal treasures.] I cannot live for myself. Look and seek for the [eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² And set your minds... blow your mind up. Keep them, set your mind on what is above, the highest things, the eternal things, not on the things here on the earth. (Colossians 3:1-2, AMPC)

God is saying that I have to stay in a life-union with Him. Jesus sees my life not as fruitless - I live my life intimately joined to Him.

God wants me to live life with a thought process that is, let me be connected to Jesus day in and day out, to have this eternal principle at work in me, then I will be fruitful, I will have abundance and I will have all the good things.

The minute I am disconnected and no longer living in union with Him, I become powerless. That is a very traumatic place to be; to be powerless - This mighty power of an endless life, at work in me. Only through the blood, can the Spirit dwell in me. Only after the blood was shed upon the cross, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit could come on the day of Pentecost.

The Spirit goes where the blood has cleansed, the Spirit answers to the blood. As the blood is working in my heart, and I honour the blood in my heart, so then the Holy Spirit is free to carry on His work.

"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross". (Colossians 1:19-20 NKJV)

The inner nature of Jesus Christ was the very thing that led Him to the cross. The very thing that Jesus said to His disciples in connection to the cross was, become like Me.

Jesus carried the cross, all through His life, every single day. What became visible on that hill, when He hung on the cross, was a manifestation of the inner nature and character that inspired the whole life of our Lord Jesus. Jesus had to bring the power of sin to nothing. That was the first thing that was needed and was required.

The only way Jesus could do that, was to come in the weakness of the flesh, with being tempted fully. Jesus had to ceaselessly fight against His self-will and self-honour.

Jesus overcame the temptation to satisfy His self-will. Jesus denied Himself by taking up His cross daily. He learned obedience and became perfect. Jesus gained complete victory over sin until He was able to say, ³⁰"I will no longer talk much with you. He said to His disciples, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me." Jesus died to Himself. The development of the inner nature of Jesus, not loving His own life, till death, laying down His self-will - that is what gave the cross its power.

Revelations 12:11. ¹¹And they overcome him by the blood - we're talking about the spirit, the blood, and the power, and that the blood of sprinkling speaks. They overcome by the blood and the word of their testimony.

Pastor John said: "All aspects of self-life must be reckoned unto death. When you live for yourself, you will not walk in victory. When you live for yourself, it means your days are not ordered by the Lord, it means you do what you want, you go where you want, you buy what you want. Self-life must be reckoned unto death, if Satan is to be defeated - through the victory that Christ had on the cross, and through our lives here. The cross can now bestow the power upon you and me, to do the same thing.

Through the blood, through our repentance, through coming out of Babylon, we have come to this place, Mount Zion, the ecclesia that He is talking to, that can repent, that can change, that can become, that can become now.

We need to repent where we have to repent, as the messages are coming to us.

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, keeps on cleansing us from all sin. (1 John 1:7 NKJV). He's looking for the ten righteous.

Pastor John shared with us, *Walking In The Light*, does not mean walking perfectly, it's walking honestly, being honest with God. God is looking for the ten, who choose to walk and live righteously. Righteousness is not the result of keeping rules, it's a result of living under the mandate, and government of the Holy Spirit. Pastor John's messages, he said, *Repent*. He brought the message of repentance. He said turn around, the Spirit of God is saying, "Will you change? Will you change? Will you turn around in your heart?" We are finding ourselves changing and turning because of the Holy Spirit that's working with the blood.