

**The Life,
The Light,
and
The Glory**

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Diagram A

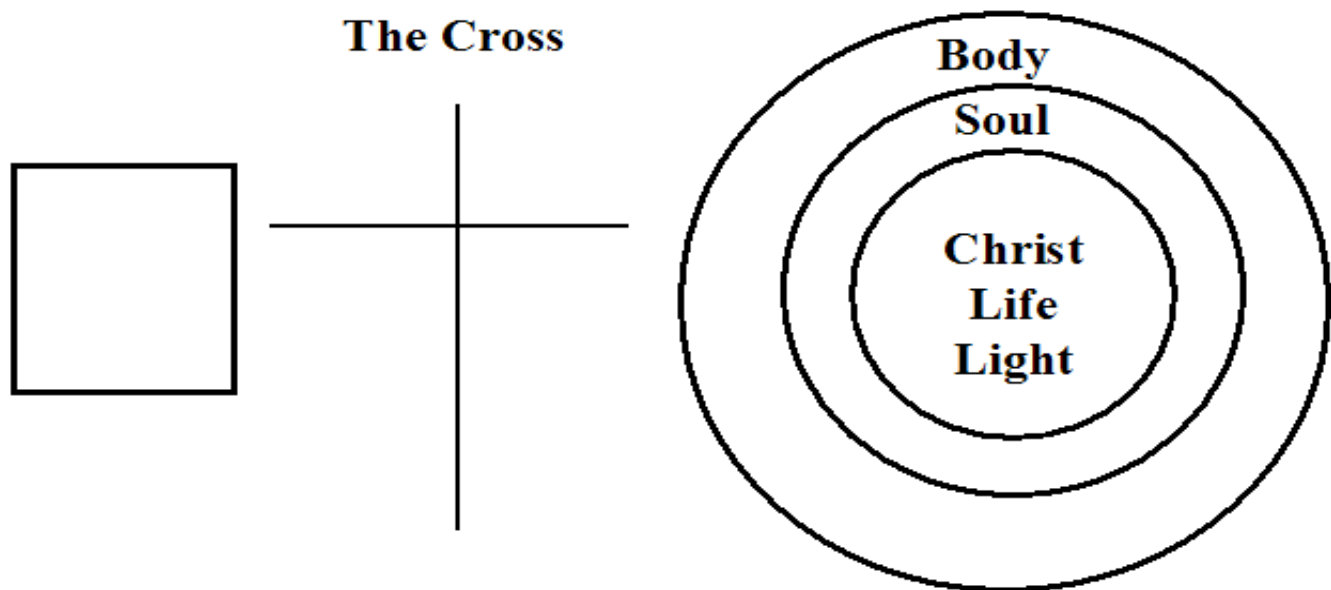
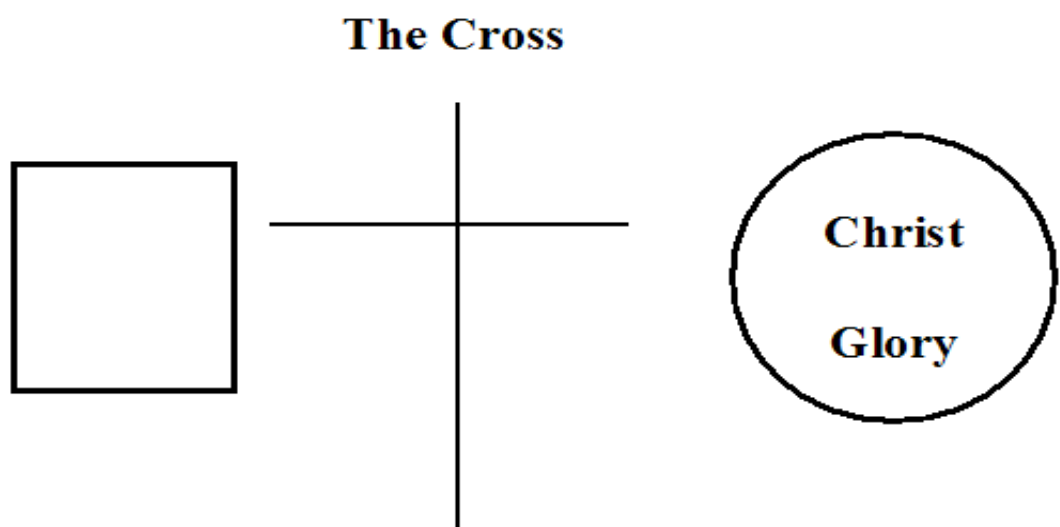


Diagram B



Part 1 – The Necessity of Christ Being Revealed In You

We are searching the scriptures to see Christ. We are bringing all things from the Old Covenant, all things from the Testimony to their fulfillment in Christ. It is IN CHRIST that we now live. We're not NOW merely living in a Testimony of Christ. We have now more than words concerning Christ. We have the Living Christ within! And that is the foundation from which we will continue with regard to Christ in you. We are going to be concerned with the necessity of that indwelling Christ being revealed in you. I've been occupied with this in my soul for some time, and the urgency of the necessity of Christ being revealed is greater in my heart every day. And I want to convey to you by the Scripture that absolute necessity.

What we call "the revelation of Jesus Christ" is not a spiritual convenience; it is an absolute necessity for Spiritual Life. It is an absolute necessity for Spiritual growth and for true Christian fellowship. In the revelation of Jesus Christ we go beyond just friendship, we go beyond just acquaintances. In the revelation of Jesus Christ we are concerned with a relationship of ONENESS. Jesus says in John 17, "Father, that they all may be one, even as we are one." That oneness is only achieved in the revealing of the Son. There's no way you and I can look at each other and see that we are one. That's a virtual impossibility. There's no way that we can compare ministries and see that we are one. By the very nature of the Spirit, ministries are diversified. Only in the face of Jesus Christ can we see that we are One, because there we see the One that we are.

So we'll stress in the Scriptures the necessity of the Son being revealed in you, showing that necessity to Spiritual Life and Spiritual Growth. My search for some time has been with regard to "the Gospel of Christ". Our fellowship is in the Gospel; our Spiritual walk is in the Gospel. Our fellowship is in the Gospel. Our problem is that most do not have a comprehension of the Gospel. We think that the Gospel is a series of teachings, or that the Gospel is doctrines and beliefs, or that the Gospel is words. But, THE GOSPEL IS CHRIST HIMSELF, but it is CHRIST REVEALED. The Gospel is not only Christ in you; the Gospel is that very Christ revealed in you, because the Gospel has to do with Light, understanding, utterance. Not the utterance of words, but the utterance of THE LIVING WORD HIMSELF. The Gospel is first and foremost Spirit and Truth, and we only know the Gospel when the substance of that Gospel – Christ Himself is revealed in us. Otherwise we are simply knowing things about Jesus: things that He said, things that He did, things that we hope He will do, but never come to know Him in substance, in nature and character. The Gospel is the nature and character of Christ working in you. The first effect of the Gospel is on you and on me. Its first effect is not on those that I speak to; its first effect is in me – God revealing His Son in ME. The transformation is first in me. Out from that we speak – IF we speak the Gospel. The Gospel is not just what we speak: the Gospel is what we live and how we live. Now this is very important. It is the Gospel that is the power of God in the transforming of souls. Words won't do that, but the revelation of the Son will. It is the Gospel that reaches

beyond the natural mind and deals with your very soul. Words won't do that; but the Spirit, and character and nature of the Gospel will.

Now, Romans 1:1-4. I'd like you to spend some time here and consider what is said here. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God." One simple statement on this verse: the Gospel belongs to God. It doesn't originate with me; it doesn't originate with man; it didn't originate with Paul. I'm not here preaching "the Gospel of Paul." We may be preaching the same Gospel Paul preached, but it is the Gospel of GOD. So if the Gospel belongs to God, then only God can reveal the Gospel. If the Gospel belongs to God, then the Word of God and the Gospel of God are absolutely the same. If the Gospel belongs to God, then when God speaks to you or to me, He speaks the Gospel, for He speaks in His Word. HIS WORD IS HIS SON; THE SON REVEALED IN YOU. When God reveals His Son in you, you have heard the Word of God. And when you have heard the Word, you have heard the Gospel. We must understand that. God does not speak outside His Word. Most of the time you and I do. When we speak to each other – do we speak the Gospel? I'm not talking about preaching to each other; I'm talking about speaking to each other. At the dinner table, in the dormitory, in our private talks: do our words proceed out from, are they vehicles of the Gospel? The Truth as it is in Christ – the nature, the character?

God never speaks outside His Gospel. He never speaks outside His Son. He never speaks outside His Word – at no time, in no place. When God speaks to you – you can depend on it; you can stand on it; you can rest in it. You can lay your whole life down on it. Do you know the next day ... He's still the same! And the next day ... He's still the same. His nature, His character does never change. He never says one thing and does another. He never speaks out from false intentions. He never thinks one thing and speaks another. This is the Gospel we are talking about. It's the Gospel we receive of God; it's the Gospel we share with one another. We may use different words; you may speak Spanish and I speak English. The Gospel is the same, because the Gospel is not in words. It dominates words, it controls words, but the Gospel is not in words. It is in the Person of Christ; Christ revealed in you. It is impossible to speak the Gospel except the Gospel be revealed in you!

So, from that understanding we will continue, but we must understand what the Gospel is. "...separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)" See, first came the promise of this Gospel - in the holy scriptures, and then came the Gospel itself – in the Person of Jesus Christ. "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Look at that and let the Lord speak to you there. Pay some attention to the word "separated": separated unto the Gospel. Now that's a real separation! You can't jump in and out of that union. It's like a husband and wife; it's

like being married. 'Yes, well I'm married today, I'm married here, and tomorrow if I'm someplace else... well, I'm not married now!' If you are married, you are married twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, and everywhere you are! If you are separated unto the Gospel, you are never NOT separated unto the Gospel! So let the Lord speak to you concerning that.

Now turn to the Gospel of John. We are going to be concerned with the reality of Christ being in you. You are body, soul, and Christ in you. There are two words we want to look at with regard to Christ, Who is in you. Both of these words are defined in the Person of Christ. These words are distinct one from another, and yet they are one in their substance. The words are "LIFE" and "LIGHT". Our theme is "The necessity of Christ being revealed in you." John 1:1-5, " In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made, In him (The Word) was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness could not withstand it." Now just notice verse 5, "And the LIGHT shineth in darkness..." We'll make a point of that later. The LIFE was the LIGHT. Verse 5 says the light shineth in darkness. It is the light that cannot be withheld. The power is in the LIGHT!

Hebrews 1:1,2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners (that's in the Old Covenant) spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath at the end of those days, spoken unto us IN SON..." One time God spoke in words, words of the prophets, good words, holy words, true words, because it was God speaking in those words. But NOW – at the end of those times... And the end of those times came with The Cross. Now listen – the end of those times came with the Cross. We go from God speaking in words, to God speaking in Gospel; from God speaking in prophets to God speaking in His Son. At the END of those days – the days when God spoke in words, the days when God spoke in prophets. At the end of those days He has spoken in Son. The end of those days came at the Cross. We just read that in Romans 1:1-4. We read that in the Holy Scripture by the prophets God promised the Gospel, and that Gospel was concerning His Son. But then we read that the Son was declared to be The Son; that is, that the Son was revealed to be The Son by the resurrection from among the dead. The words did not proceed beyond the Cross. The end of times past came with the Cross. By the Resurrection we are in Eternal time present. Hath NOW spoken in Son!

Now 2 Corinthians 3:18. You should read from verse 6 - 18. Now there are two glories talked about here – two lights, and we are going to find out that glory is the light. Two lights. There's the light of the Old Covenant when God spoke by the prophets, when He spoke by Moses, when God spoke by the Tabernacle, when He spoke by the types and shadows. There was a light; there was a glory to that. That glory was connected with a veil. It was a veiled glory, a covered glory. Why was it veiled, why was it covered?

Because it was temporal, it was not eternal. It had an established end to it. It was vanishing away; so it was veiled else the people try to enter in and live there. It spoke of a greater glory to come, a greater relationship, a greater comprehension of God to come. It spoke of an eternal to come. 2 Corinthians 3 is speaking of those two glories. It is speaking of those two lights: the light of the Old Covenant, which held a promise of something to come, and the light of the New Covenant, which is Christ Himself in Whom is the fulfillment of the promise. The two glories: the glory that speaks of Him , and the glory that He is; the light that speaks of Him, and the Light that He is. In this third chapter Paul is talking about those two glories. And he is talking about us coming from one of those glories to the other of those glories – in our hearts.

Yes, he uses the term: when the HEART turns. We come from one glory to another glory in our heart, in our soul. That is the background for verse 18. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." I just want to point out now that it is the glory that changes you. It is the light that shineth in darkness; and likewise it is the glory that changes, or transforms. We're going to see that the light is the LIGHT OF LIFE. And we're going to see that in like manner, the glory is THE GLORY OF THE LORD. But it is the Light that shineth in darkness; it is the Light that the darkness cannot overcome, and it is the Glory that changes. It is extremely important that we understand this, and that we come to understand why Christ MUST be revealed in us. He is in you, that He may be revealed in you. It is in the Light that we walk; it is in the Glory that we dwell, that we live. It is the Light that fills your soul; it is the Glory that fills His Tabernacle.

Now 2 Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." You cannot separate Light from Jesus Christ. You cannot separate Glory from Jesus Christ. You cannot separate Light from Life. But Life must be revealed; Light must shine! The Lord of Glory must be glorified! "And I, Father, be glorified, that they may see My glory." I want us to see that Christ is Life. In Him is The Life. Christ is Life, but when is He Life to me? 'In the beginning was the Word...' but where were you in the beginning? You didn't exist in the beginning: The Word didn't affect you in the beginning. Yet – in the beginning was the Word. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God: but when does that Word affect you? Christ IS Life, but when is He YOUR Life?

Turn to the Gospel of John. I want you to think about this in relation to my question. John 3:1-3, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a

man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This man has said, Jesus, we know that you are a teacher: we confess you to be a prophet, and we know that you are a teacher come from God. Here Nicodemus is NOT saying we know you are proceeding out from the Father; Nicodemus is NOT saying we know you are The Eternal Word of God Who was with God in the beginning. That's NOT what he is saying. He's saying we know you are a teacher sent from God, and we know that because of these miracles. Jesus looked right at him and said, 'You have not seen the Kingdom of God by these miracles, you have not seen the Kingdom of God by what I have done.' He told Peter the same thing. 'Peter, who do you say that I am? Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus said flesh and blood has not shown this to you.' And what he meant by that is nothing I've done in the flesh has made you know that. Touching Me, seeing Me, eating with Me, handling Me – has not shown you this. Flesh and blood has not shown you this: only My Father can reveal this, only My Father knows Me this way.

Yes, the natural CANNOT comprehend this. Jesus said I can do many miracles, many things; but by things you do not know Me. I have healed many: they do not know Me. I have fed many: they do not follow Me. But He was looking ahead to the Cross. He was looking ahead to when even His own disciples ran and hid! And during those days they were sustained only by His Word, not by anything He had done. They were sustained by His promise: 'As surely as I go away, I will come again. As surely as I leave you in going to death, I will come again in the power of the Resurrection, and I will receive you unto Myself, and I will live in you, and you will be My Body; and you will know that I am in My Father, and you will know that you are in Me, and you will know that I am in you.' During those dark days they were sustained by that promise. Do not tell me that He denied those men that promise. As He went away in death – He came to them in the power of His Resurrection, and in the power of that Resurrection, He gives Life right now. I'm telling you, Christ is Life. CHRIST IS LIFE!

He isn't going to be Life: He IS life! There's only one question about this: when is He YOUR Life? Well, He is your Life when He lives in you. When He dwells in you! He is not your Life because He's Life; He's your Life because He's in you. That's the reason He tells Nicodemus you cannot see the Kingdom of God unless the Kingdom of God is in you, because the Kingdom of God must be revealed. Listen, The Son is the revealing of the Kingdom. When the Son is revealed in you, He is revealed in His Kingdom, He is revealed in His Throne, He is revealed in His Person, He is revealed in His Glory! When is He your Life? When He is in you: you must be born from above. The Kingdom of God is not of the earth: it is of the heaven, it is of above. You must be born from above. Jesus clarifies that in John 3 verses 6-8. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the

Spirit." Just a note on this: very often in the Scripture, and particularly in the New Testament, the wind and the Spirit are seen to be synonymous. That is, the wind is used in speaking of the motion and the Work of the Spirit. So we are "gathered from the four winds" – verses like that. Jesus here is talking about being born from above, born of the Spirit.

But look at Romans 8:1-4, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh... (Why?) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Then verse 9, because verse 9 pretty much sums up chapter 8. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God DWELL IN YOU. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." What does it mean to be born of the Spirit? It means that Christ is in you. CHRIST IS IN YOU: He is The Life Giving Spirit. He is the Lord from Heaven. He is the Second Man that is not after the earth, earthy. If you see the Kingdom of God, first Christ must be in you. If you would see the Kingdom of God, first you must be born of the Spirit of Christ. It starts with being born from above. It starts with having Life: it starts with Resurrection from among the dead. It starts with being quickened together, raised together, seated together in heavenly places. If you would see – you must be born from above. There must be something to see – IN YOU!

Colossians 1. The setting is from verse 24 – 29, but we will read verse 26 and 27. Paul is speaking about his care for the Body of Christ, his love for the Body of Christ, his ministry to the Body of Christ. "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints." I want to show you something here. See, when God spoke by the prophets to the fathers, something was kept hidden. They could not speak the Word of God perfectly, clearly. They could not do it. There is one word that describes the whole Old Covenant period – all the prophets, Moses, all of the Old Covenant. And that word is "veiled". It was covered; there was something hidden. There was a mystery that could not be revealed. It could be spoken of, but it could not be revealed there. There was a veil there and it was covered there. The light of that mystery could not shine in the Old Covenant. It was waiting for One to come.

In Hebrews it says, "Hath NOW spoken in Son..." What He could not say perfectly in the Old Covenant, He hath spoken IN SON. But the Son doesn't come and give you more words; He shows Himself to be THE WORD. He doesn't come and talk to you about Salvation; He shows Himself to be SALVATION. He doesn't come and promise you Life: He shows Himself to be THE LIFE. When does He show Himself to be Life?

But He is The Life, and He has come to show Himself to be The Life; to take away the veil, to take away the mystery; to clearly show Himself so that you and I can see the Kingdom of God. That's what he's saying here. It is given to me to declare "the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the expectation of glory."

Yes, Christ in you, but Christ in you – in connection with, bound up with GLORY. Christ is your Life. He is your Life when He is in you!

Part 2 – Life and Light

Let's look at 1 Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." The question that immediately comes to my mind here is: HOW? In Adam all are dead, all died. Well, that's because of sin. That's because in Adam we are separated from God. But the Scripture says that IN CHRIST all shall be made alive. It doesn't just say "all shall live". All shall be made alive. And I'm saying – how, how are we made alive? Christ is Life, but how are WE made alive? Paul continues in that chapter and we come to verse 45. Now between verse 22 and 45 Paul speaks of various elements concerning the Resurrection. What Paul is doing here in chapter 15 is showing Christ to be the resurrection that was promised to Israel and he's trying to show the Gentiles here that even though the Jews rejected Jesus, that the resurrection is STILL a promise given to Israel. And that God is faithful to His promise made to Israel, and that Christ is that resurrection that was promised to Israel. Even though the Jews rejected it, it is yet Israel's resurrection. It's not a Gentile resurrection, and Paul goes on to show it's not a Jew resurrection either. It's Israel's resurrection, and Israel is neither Jew nor Gentile, but a New Creature in Christ. All who live in Christ - live in the resurrection. All who live in Christ live because they have been raised from the dead, by The Resurrection Himself!

How are we made alive in Christ? We are made alive in Christ by the RESURRECTION. Who is the Resurrection? Jesus says, "I AM The Resurrection, and I AM The Life." Not only for the Jew, but for the Gentile also, because in the Resurrection there isn't a Jew or a Gentile, but a New Man in Christ Jesus! And Paul's whole argument here is that even though the Jews rejected Him, God did not reject Israel, because in God's mind Israel is not a Jew any way – but a New Creature in Christ! Why? Because a NEW circumcision has come! Not a circumcision in the flesh as with the Jews, but a true circumcision in the heart. The "Israel of God" are they who are circumcised in their heart. And that circumcision is by the Word of God which is sharper than any knife! That circumcision is THE CROSS ITSELF!

So the setting of Chapter 15 is the Resurrection, but it is the RESURRECTION THAT CHRIST IS. Paul says, "But now is Christ risen from among the dead", showing that the Resurrection is come in the Person of Christ. So now he's talking about that when we come to verse 45: still talking about the Resurrection. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening spirit." And then verse 46 says, "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven." What is the True Resurrection" Is it not having The Resurrection and The Life living in you? Isn't that how we are "made alive in Christ Jesus"? By The Resurrection from among the dead. YOU CAN NOT DIE IN CHRIST! In Christ you are dead to sin, but that means you are alive unto God! "He that is dead to

sin is alive unto God." How are we made alive in Christ? Because Christ is your Life! You are raised from among the dead, you are quickened by Life, and you are seated in Him! CHRIST LIVES IN YOU!

Now, a second question. Christ is the Life. The Life is The Light. John 1:4 tells us that. " In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." They are one, and yet they are distinct. They cannot be separated one from the other. You cannot separate Life from Light; you cannot separate Light from Life. That is, you cannot find the one aside from the other. If you are going to find Light, you must have Life. And if you see Life, you must see Light. You cannot separate them: you cannot find them except in each other. And yet, Life can be in you, and you not have Light. Life can be in you – He is your Life. But when is that Life your Light? That's the question. The Son is in you: when does The Son shine in you? That's the question, because it is the shining of The Son that manifests the power. When is it you are warmed by the natural sun? When it is in the heavens? No, when it is shining on you. And I know the sun is up there right now... and at midnight tonight, the sun is in the heavens, but it is not shining on me. Christ is in you... is He shining? Life is in you: is the Light of Life shining? Are you walking in Light? Is Light uncovering darkness; burning, consuming, warming, energizing, giving knowledge, understanding? Is The Life shining? The Life must shine! Why must The Life shine? Because The Life is Light; and Light – SHINETH! Light must shine to be effective.

We are talking about the necessity of God revealing His Son in you. We are talking about the power of the Gospel working in you. The Gospel, which is The Word revealed; The Light, which is The Life revealed. The Word and The Life are the same. Life and Light are One. They are Christ; but Life is Christ IN YOU; Light is Christ REVEALED IN YOU. What is the revealing of Christ? We need to understand this. So the question is: when is The Life – Light? Let me say it this way: When is THE Life, THE Light? Because there's only ONE true Life, and ONE true Light. When is THE Life THE Light? Because we will see that the Glory of God is The Light of The Life, and it is in The Glory that we have relationship as those who are called unto, and purposed unto Glory!

Let's look now at 1 John 1. It's very much the same as the Gospel of John chapter 1. The Gospel of John was written by John well AFTER the death, and burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But in the Gospel of John, John declares Jesus from a standpoint of the three and a half years before The Cross. So although he starts out with "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God", he goes on to say that the Word was made flesh, and he begins to talk about the earthly ministry of the Eternal Son of God. But here in the epistle of John, though he acknowledges that they knew Christ in the flesh, his presentation of Christ is altogether different. He is not talking here about His earthly life; he is not talking about His three

and a half years ministry. Here he is presenting Christ in Resurrection and in Truth and in the believer. It's important to understand that. So he says, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;" – now that's his acknowledgement of three and a half years of the ministry of Christ. The whole Gospel of John is wrapped up in this verse 1. Verse 2, "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)" This didn't happen during that three and a half years; this is what has happened since then. The Life was manifested and we have seen it; but this is not talking about being seen with the natural eye. It is talked about as being comprehended with the heart. We bear witness, and we are able to show you that Eternal Life, which was with the Father, and manifested unto us.

Here is the verse that bridges the gap between the earthly ministry of Jesus, and the spiritual ministry of Jesus living in the believers. Here's the verse that brings the one right over and says this same Jesus is The One that now lives in us. We know that! How do we know that? Because this Life was revealed of the Father, this Life was made manifest. I want to give you a little Bible lesson with regard to this word "was manifested". The question is: when is the Life Light? When was it so with them that walked with Him for three and a half years? When was He – Who was The Life – The Light? He says this Life was manifested, and now we can show it to you. We can show you that Eternal Life! He was with us! Our hands touched Him; our eyes saw Him; our ears heard Him, and yet we couldn't show Him to you. We couldn't bear witness of Him. He was not manifested to us. We could not see Him in that way; we could not know Him in that way. But NOW we know Him in that way; NOW we see Him; NOW we understand that He who walked with us was The Word of Life! He is in us, and we can declare Him unto you!

What's the difference? He was always Life. When is The Life - The Light? When the Life is revealed in you. You can not see The Light; the Light is not something you look at. The Light is that by which you see all things. You don't see the light; you see BY the light. We come in a room in the night. And all the lights are off, and you are stumbling all over chairs – and everything. Why? Because you can't see. So we turn the lights on. You don't see the light; you see the chairs, you see the room, you see all things. That is more so in Christ. What I'm saying is you can't figure The Light out; you can't come to the Light on your own. God gives The Light, and you are able to see. The Life is revealed. The Light is The Life revealed. They are not separate. The Light is The Life revealed of God. And in the Light of The Life you begin to see all things. So we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light. Hallelujah! The Light is the power of The Life, reaching throughout your heart, reaching throughout the soul. The Life must be revealed, otherwise you CANNOT know Him, you CANNOT see Him. That's what John is saying here. The Life was made manifest.

Let's look at that word "was manifested". In the Strong's Concordance there are two words that work together. The Strong's Concordance calls them synonymous: one depends upon the other. Those two words are "manifested" and "revealed". The Greek word for manifested is the word "phaneroo" and it means 'to make known, to show, to make visible'; but the emphasis on this word is 'to exhibit'. It is not merely to make something known, but to exhibit it. That's what phaneroo means, but it is dependent upon the word "revealed"; it works together with the word "revealed". This is the Greek word "apokalupto". It means 'to take the cover off, that is, to show something to be there.' For example, I've got a book covered up; then I uncover it – apokalupto! That's 'to show, to make known'. It doesn't necessarily mean any more than just to take the cover off. But connected with this word "phaneroo", a greater comprehension and a greater reality is being set forth. These two words working together refers to the act of Divine Revelation. And the word "phaneroo" differs from the word "apokalupto" in this way: apokalupto means to disclose, but phaneroo means to exhibit what has been disclosed. But before there can be a "phaneroo" - an exhibiting, there must be an "apokalupto" – a revealing, and that is theologically so.

So before The Life can be made manifest, The Life has to be revealed: the cover comes off. Where is the cover? On the Life? No, no! It's on your heart! The veil is upon our hearts. Here's the book – I put the napkin over the book. But here's the TRUE example. Here's the book, and the napkin is over MY FACE. Where does the veil have to come off? It has to come off my face. Now... now I see. Oh yes, how does God reveal His Son in you? He takes the cover off of our eyes. He takes the cover off of our heart. That's the way it works – the cover comes off my face. Paul says, "With an unveiled face we behold the glory of God, and we are changed..." There must be a revealing, but THEN there is an exhibiting. The Life is exhibited, The Light shines forth. Oh, the power of it! He is made manifest!

That's exactly what John is saying here. The Life was made manifest and we've seen it. He says we're not talking to you about something we haven't seen. We're not talking to you about something we've heard. We've seen HIM! Look and see that is what he is saying" Verse 3, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." The Light has been revealed. He is made manifest. We have seen Him. His Light has filled us! This then is the message that we have received of Him: God is Light and He has hidden nothing! He has made Himself known in the Person of His Son. He has hidden nothing of Himself: nothing veiled in Christ! No darkness in Him!

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

IF... we walk in the Light. Let me just bring a few things to your attention. In these verses that we have read: notice that except The Father reveals The Son, we could not see Him, we could not know Him, nor could we show Him to anyone else. "For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us..." Except The Father reveal The Son, you can not preach the Gospel. Except The Son be revealed in you, what you preach is not the Gospel; because The Gospel – The Light of Life is made manifest when The Life is revealed. So Paul says, I spent years... Paul's spiritual experience didn't all take place in a matter of minutes on a road. He didn't even know Who Jesus was! He went off and hid for three years so that he might know who Jesus was. According to his words, "that God revealed His Son in me". For possibly as many as fourteen years more he waited for this full revelation, and he during that time did nothing but LEARN CHRIST. This man was a scholar, a Pharisee. I can't prove it, but I can just see him going through the scrolls day in and day out – rejoicing in the reality of what Isaiah saw! Learning CHRIST! So that when God's understanding got a hold of him, he began to minister. He had SEEN Him of Whom he spoke. He would stand and debate the scripture with the Jews and show them in the scripture that CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT.

What I'm saying is that the Apostles didn't preach from their imaginations. They didn't preach stories that had been handed down to them. They preached out of a LIVING RELATIONSHIP. They declared a LIVING CHRIST. Their Gospel was not in words but in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH! And they lived The Life that was in them. They walked together in THE LIGHT OF LIFE. That's where their power was. Their power was not in numbers; their power was in The Light of The Life, and they shined forth in darkness the very Glory of God!

We are talking about the necessity of The Son being revealed in you!

Part 3 – Christ is Life/ Fellowship

As we are dealing with the necessity of Christ being revealed in you, we are using the two terms: LIGHT AND LIFE. Christ in you is your Life. We understand from the scriptures that Christ Himself is Life; whether He's in you, or whether He's in me or not – He is Life. All Life is in The Son. And we really have to understand that. There is no Life anywhere but in The Son. It does not exist except in Christ. Outside of Christ – all are dead. Why? Think about that? Why are all dead? Well, because all have sinned. All have sinned in Adam and have come short of the glory of God. And it is true that in Adam all die. But where did all – who are in Adam – die? What killed them? When did all men die? They died because of sin; all that were in Adam did die. When did they die? They died AT THE CROSS. This is where they died. The Cross is why all men are dead. The Cross is why.

2 Corinthians 5:14 says in that one died for all, all died with Him. The One Who died for all was Christ. And when He died, all men died with Him. At the Cross He brought the final judgment upon sin: in His own flesh he condemned sin unto death. He did that, and He did that at The Cross. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." And in the Greek text it reads, "It is appointed unto man once to die, consequently the judgment." In other words, the death is the judgment. In John 12:32 Jesus said relating to The Cross, relating to His death; "Now is the judgment of this world..." That's translated "mankind, the inhabitants of this world." "...now is the prince of this world cast out." THE CROSS! Then He goes on to say, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw ALL MEN unto Me." And the word "lifted up" means crucified. He says that in the next verse. "This he said, signifying what death he should die." Yes – He died, all died with Him. That's why except by Christ – none live, none has life. Christ ALONE is raised from among the dead. Only Christ can say, "I AM The Resurrection, I AM The Life, he that believeth on Me shall live; even though he were dead, yet shall he live." Well, you were all dead!

"...yet shall you live, and whoever liveth in Me, and believeth in Me, shall never die." CHRIST IS LIFE. Now we asked the question: When is He YOUR Life? He's your Life when He is in you. He does not give you something called "life". We have to understand that Christ can not give you or me something aside, or other than Himself. You have Life because He lives in you. Paul understood this. Paul said, 'Yes, I am crucified with Christ. When He died, I died. When He died, all men died.' Paul said I have recognized that, I have accepted that. So he goes on to say, "Nevertheless I live. I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live..." Where in the world are you talking about? Are you dead or alive? Are you crucified or not? I am crucified: when He died, I died; all men died with Him. Dead as a doornail! Dead... nevertheless I live. We can say that today! ... nevertheless I live. How? CHRIST LIVETH IN ME!

Here's the term: "yet, not I". "I live... yet, not I, Christ liveth in me. We haven't really gotten a hold of that yet. I believe that with all of my heart, I embrace it, but you can only WALK in the Light as the Light is in you. And I need more Light! I need a greater revealing of The Life! I need more Light that I may walk in a greater understanding, in a greater reality, that it is not I, but Christ who liveth in me. Sometimes in my mind, I get the two mixed up! Not I – but Christ liveth in me. That's the true Light of Life. And as we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with Him, we have fellowship with the Father through Him, we have fellowship one with another. We are fellowship one with another. We manifest in the earth the fellowship of The Son. That's what the world must see. The world can not see your Life. They can't look into you: they can only see what you manifest. We manifest the fellowship of that Life; we manifest the reality of that Life, the fellowship. We walk in the Light as He is in the Light and we have – what? Fellowship! Not friendship only, not acquaintances, not just everybody believing the same doctrine; not everybody just preaching the same thing either, or saying the same words. No – not just that. FELLOWSHIP.

We are going to find the fellowship is the expression of Glory. Fellowship is Glory exhibited in the earth. We want to fill the earth with the Glory of God. I don't know how we think we are going to do that! Just by our smiling faces – only that? There's more to fellowship than most of us comprehend. Fellowship is the expression of Glory, and Glory is the relationship of Oneness. This is the prayer of Jesus in John 17; and it is that "the world may know." Listen, we can talk to the world until we talk them to death! We can preach to the world until we preach them to death! But until fellowship is manifested, the world will NOT know. If you think you can find another way... you are wrong. There isn't any other way. There's only One Way, One Truth and One Life – and that's Christ. He's in you; He is Life. When that Life is revealed, then you have Light; The Light of Life. But not only must the Life be revealed – apokalupto; but the Light must be made manifest – phaneroo. And the manifestation of Light is Glory. And Glory is the manifestation of FELLOWSHIP!

There isn't any other way! So we walk in the Light as He is in the Light and we have fellowship one with another. And fellowship begins with the Father; it continues to be manifested in you and I, and then have expression in the earth. And that's how the world knows. It's not really by what we say; it's by what we exhibit. You don't "say" the Glory of God; you can say the words, "glory, glory, glory", but the Glory of God is not in words. The Glory of God is in the exhibition of fellowship, because that fellowship begins in the heart of God. That's what it's all about: God desiring fellowship. God desired an expression of Himself. He finds that in His Son; His Son finds that in His Body; the Body exhibits that in the earth – that the world may see. Somewhere there's a breakdown! It's not with the Father; it's not with the Son. It must be with me and you, and us! In John 17 Jesus says, "Father, that they may be one, even as we ARE ONE." See, there's no breakdown between the Father and the Son. There's

no breakdown in the Glory between the Father and the Son. There's no breakdown in fellowship between the Father and the Son. No, no – Divine expression of Oneness; that's all! No breakdown! Hallelujah!

The breakdown has got to be in the ones He was praying for – His Body. We are going to read that He has brought us into Glory, but Glory that is not revealed is not exhibited. Life that is not revealed is not walked in. WE WALK IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE, AND WE EXHIBIT THE GLORY OF GOD. Exhibition of Fellowship. I don't know whether we'll ever get it right. I don't know whether we will ever manifest Glory in the earth. Most of us are too busy "doing our thing", making our plans, planning our conquests. We are too busy with that to manifest what He has already done! He's got it right; He's got it done. We are simply called to manifest that in the earth. What are we to do? Manifest what He has done! Because what He has done, is Who He is. If you can hear this: Who He is, is what He has done. The fulness is in Him; the reality is in Him; the fellowship is in Him. He has perfected it. We need to KNOW HIM! We really need to know Him. We really need to walk in the Light of His nature, His character; the nature and character of Life. We really need to be transformed into Him.

Because if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, then we do have fellowship, then we are an exhibition of the relationship of Oneness; an expression of the Glory. When you read John 17 you will see that you can't separate the term "Glory" from relationship of Oneness; you can't separate the two. One is simply the outshining of the other. Light of Life – Glory of relationship. That the world may know. See, you and I are in Christ, we're in heavenly places. We have come in our High Priest through the veil, because the veil is done away, and in fact, we are in heavenly places. Yes, that's true. The only reason we are on the earth is to exhibit that reality. We can't add to that reality. We can walk in that reality by revelation: The Life being revealed in us. We walk in the Light of Life, but the expression is in the earth. Otherwise, what are we good for? In the earth – what are we good for? Why are we here? Because our Life is in Christ; we dwell in the heavens. He has brought us by His perfect Work into the Glory of the Father. There's no breakdown in heaven, there's no breakdown in Christ. Why are we here? How foolish we look, and in most cases how unnecessary we look; because in most cases we just mess up in earth what He has perfected in the heavens!

Oh Lord, help us! Just turn our hearts to see Him! And understand this simple little phrase that we started with: NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME. We know that is Galatians 2:20, we quote it. But I don't mean that we should just quote the words, but the Light that is there. Paul goes on to say, "...the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." In other words, I live in the understanding, in the Truth that it is not I, but Christ who liveth in me. It is HIS Body I serve and not mine. It is HIS Kingdom I serve and not mine. It is HIS altar that I serve and not mine. Not I – but

Christ who liveth in me. Our joy, our peace, our completeness is in knowing Him, because everything He is, He is to YOU!

Shouldn't we then just turn our hearts to know Him? Shouldn't we just kneel and say from our hearts, "Oh Father, reveal your Son in me. More than anything that exists, I want to see Him, I want to know Him. If that Son is in me, I want to know Him. I want to see Him. I want to walk in the Light as He is in the Light!" Amen.

Part 4 – Glory

Let us consider together the necessity of Christ being revealed in you. We spoke a little about Glory, and we'll continue with that now. The Light of Life is the Glory of God. We are going to look at several scriptures that say the same thing, but I want to make some statements first. We've been saying that Christ in you is the Life; but to live that Life, you must walk in the Light. Light is not on the outside; the Light must be on the inside. The Light is the Life revealed. So we have said Christ is Life; but when is He your Life? He is your Life when He is in you. We have said that the Life is Light; but when is the Life your Light? When Christ is revealed in you.

We dealt with that, but now we are looking not only at the revealing of Light, but the expression of that Light as the Glory of God. So the Light of Life is the Glory of God. Light is Life revealed. Glory is Light made manifest. This is what we dealt with. The Light is revealed – apokalupto; but the Glory is exhibited – shines out to others. How is it exhibited, how does it shine? Through FELLOWSHIP. Fellowship is the relationship of Glory expressed in the earth. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." Remember we said that "glory is the relationship of Oneness." Glory is a relationship into which Christ has brought us: first with Himself, and then with His Father. We'll talk about that in John 17, but for now: GLORY, the Glory prepared for us, the Glory into which Christ has brought us, the Glory which was a type in the Old Covenant. Remember the Glory that filled the Tabernacle, the Glory that came down in the Holy of Holies? It was a testimony of RELATIONSHIP. But Israel in the Old Covenant could not live in that Glory! They could not live in that relationship. One time a year the High Priest entered into that relationship. But the Glory of the New Covenant is without a veil! Through His death the veil is done away! And through the revealing of Him the veil is taken away off of your heart. In the Light of Glory no veil is seen. So He has brought us into Glory, but Glory must be revealed. So Glory is a relationship of Oneness; but it is that relationship expressed in the House of God. It is the expression of that relationship; that the world may know. The expression of Glory is THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SON.

Now – Light – Life revealed, and Glory is that Light, that knowledge, that understanding made manifest. It is made manifest in our lives, made manifest in the earth. Let me show you something. Christ is in you. Christ is Life, and Christ is Light, and Christ is the expectation, the certainty of Glory. The Glory is in Christ; the relationship is in Christ; the Oneness is in Christ, and Christ is in you. When is all of this effective? When Christ is revealed in you, you walk in the Light of Life, and you manifest the Glory of God – one to another in the midst of the earth.

Now Isaiah saw this day. Let's look at it in Isaiah 6: 1-3. "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the

temple, Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain did he fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Very briefly, in verse 1 we see the Cross. In the year that King Uzziah died – there is the death of the old man. Uzziah was King in Israel, and he decided that he would also be the High Priest of Israel. He was NOT the High Priest of Israel, but he took upon himself to enter into the Tabernacle to offer what only the Priest could do. And the Priests objected and said don't do this! He would not listen. He entered into the Tabernacle where ONLY Christ can dwell. The Priests were a type of Christ; Uzziah was not. Christ is both King and Priest; Uzziah was not. He went beyond his position. He sought to be something that he was not. Here's the point: in the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ we see that Uzziah spirit: the man of sin who wants to dwell in the place of Christ, who wants to be Christ, who wants to stand in the very House of God. Only THE SON stands in the House of God! You are the House of God! There's only ONE who stands in you! There's only ONE who lives in you. You are the Kingdom of God; there's only ONE who rules in you. It is JESUS CHRIST. He is King and He is Priest.

Uzziah was smitten with leprosy. Leprosy is a type of the flesh. It means the flesh turned inside out; a full exposure of the flesh. That's what happens at the Cross. When did Isaiah see Christ lifted up? When Uzziah died! When did Isaiah see Christ sitting upon the throne? When Uzziah died. Everything that you and I come to recognize concerning Christ is a result of the Cross – everything! So in verse 1 we see the Cross, because everything of Spiritual Life comes out from the Cross. Also in verse 1 we see Christ in His Body, the Church. John turned to see the Voice that he heard in Revelation 1, and when he turned to see the Voice that he heard, where did he see Him? In His Church. Who did He see? He saw Christ; he saw One; he saw The Son of Man. The Son of Man is the Son of God in His Body, The Church. The Son of Man is the Son of God in the power of His Resurrection. He saw the Resurrected Christ living in His Church, and he saw the Church living as One with the Resurrected Christ. This is what Isaiah sees. He sees Christ in Resurrection; he sees Christ upon His Throne; he sees Christ in His Temple, he sees the Majesty, the train, the Majesty of Christ filling that Temple. That is, he sees the Light of Life filling that Temple!

In verse 2 he sees the New Creation – in type and symbol. He sees the Redeemed of the Lord that had been called out of every tongue and every kindred and every people: those that had been called out unto the Lord. He sees a New Creation. He sees exactly the same thing that John saw in the book of the Revelation. And in the book of Revelation they are saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb that rules and reigns! Yes, Holy is He Who liveth, and who was dead, but now is alive for ever more! Holy, Holy, Holy is He who is, and was, and is forever!" They are singing the same thing here. They are crying out, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts, and the whole

earth is full of His Glory", because Isaiah is not only seeing Christ in His Church, in a New Creation gathered up in Christ: he is seeing the Church in the earth. He is seeing the Glory made manifest in the earth. He is seeing exactly what John saw and wrote about in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

You and I, in our progression, in our growing up in the Lord; in our walking in Christ – we must not stop with having Life, with having Christ in us. This is the beginning; but you see, the beginning is also the end. The author of our faith is also the finisher. We must grow up into Him in all things. We must not stop here with the Life. There must be a revealing of Christ in you. We must have the Light of Life, but we must not stop with the Light. You see the Light fills YOU, but the Glory fills the EARTH. We must not stop with the Light, hiding it under a bushel. No, we must manifest the Glory. We must manifest the fellowship of the Son – the relationship into which He has brought us. The Glory of God must be expressed in the earth or the world will not know. Think about that: we can talk them to death, but they can't know unless the Glory is exhibited. And the Glory is the relationship of Oneness in expression. It is the FELLOWSHIP OF THE SON. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has called us into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. There you will find the Glory of God. There the earth will see the Glory of God. The world will see the Glory of God in a people, upon YOU who are the expression of it.

Let's look at some verses now. I want to show you how important Glory is to your Salvation; how inseparable they are one from the other.

Acts 7:2. "And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of GLORY appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran." This was Stephen speaking to Israel shortly before the Feast of Tabernacles. And he is not reminding them of the Law; he is not reminding them of the commandments. He is taking them back to the God that appeared to their father Abraham. He is not called the God of the Law; though he gave them the Law. He is not called the God of commandments; though He gave them the commandments. Even when God speaks to Moses, he refers to Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Why? Because of the GLORY, because of the RELATIONSHIP. There's no relationship of Glory in the Law; and God has always desired relationship. So to Abraham He was not the God of the Law. To Abraham He was the God of GLORY. Christ is the fulfillment of the Seed of Abraham. Stephen is showing that the Glory promised to Abraham, the Glory that appeared to Abraham has appeared to YOU in the Person of Jesus Christ! Then he goes on to tell them, "But you crucified the Lord of Glory!" My point is that the scripture had always shown God to be the God of Glory. We must understand that through the Person of Jesus Christ we have come to the God of Glory, and we have come to the Glory of God.

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the GLORY of God." Not just "all have sinned"; the real indictment against Adam is that that creation, that generation did not enter into Glory. It came short of the Glory of God, came short of God's Eternal Plan and Purpose for mankind. But Christ fulfilled God's Plan and Purpose for man when He said, "I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life". To what? "No man cometh to the Father, but by Me." But when you come to the Father, you come to Glory! You can't separate God from Glory. You can't separate Glory from God. And the reality of the Glory of God, the relationship which God fully intended is fulfilled in Christ. The only thing that keeps us from walking in Glory, in Christ Jesus is the veil on our hearts. When that heart turns to Christ... and what a turning that must be! I know we all think we've made it. We all think we've turned. But what a turning that truly must be, because Paul says that when the heart is really turned, then we are beholding the Glory of the Lord, and that we are transformed into that very expression, that very nature, character, that very substance, and become the expression of that in the earth. Yes, then we live as those who have no veil, because God has shined in our hearts, to give first the Light of Life. But the Light of Life is the Light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ!

Romans 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from among the dead by the GLORY of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." The term "even so" is important here. Like as Christ... even so we. Christ was raised up from among the dead by the glory of the Father. What does that mean? It means He was raised up from among the dead into a Divine relationship with The Father. He lived by Divine relationship: the relationship of The Eternal Spirit, the relationship of Oneness. He was raised up in relationship with the Father. He wasn't raised up and then found relationship; He was raised up into that relationship. Yes, because Jesus said, "I will receive you unto Myself, that where I am, even so you: that where I am, you are also." How Lord? Because "I am in you, you are in Me. And in that day you will understand this – you will understand My relationship with My Father. You will understand that I am in the Father; even so, you are in Me; even so, I am in you." That's John 14:1-20.

So what is this? It is GLORY! Raised up from among the dead by the glory of the Father. John 17: Jesus says, "Oh Father, this one thing I desire. Glorify me with the glory that I had with you before the world was." What is He saying? I want My relationship back! Yes, He left that relationship. He took upon Himself the form of a servant. He made Himself of no reputation, that He could become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Why did He do all of that? So that you and I could come to Glory! He didn't leave Glory just because He got tired of Glory. He left Glory so that He could be The Way, The Truth, The Life whereby WE may come to Glory! So He says, Father glorify Me with that same Glory. And then He just says, "Father, glorify Me with THINE OWN SELF."

Then in John 17:21 He says, "Now Father, I desire that I may give unto them the same GLORY you have given unto Me. I desire that they have that Glory. I desire that I be glorified in them; that they be with Me where I am." Where is He? He's in RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER! He's in Glory! 'Father, I want My Body to be where I am. I want My Body to be with Me in Glory. I want them to see My Glory. I want them to be One, even as we are One: One in Glory, One in relationship that the world may know. But you see, that relationship is an expression of an understanding given of God through the revealing of His Son. Christ must be revealed, to the extent that He has expression and manifestation through us. THE LIFE, THE LIGHT, THE GLORY.

Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY that shall be revealed in us."

Romans 15:7, "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the GLORY of God." Wouldn't that be wonderful if we would receive one another in Glory? In the relationship of Oneness. See, that's not merely a human relationship; that's not humans trying to be one with each other. That's you and I expressing the Oneness of the Father and the Son. That's you and I expressing the Glory of God! That is fellowship! Fellowship... that the world may know.

1 Corinthians 2:7, " But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our GLORY."

1 Corinthians 15:43,44. He's speaking of the death, the burial and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. "It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in GLORY: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." The LORD was sown in dishonour and raised in Glory, and when He is revealed in you, He is revealed in the Glory and the power of His Resurrection. He is revealed in you in the Glory of His relationship with The Father in the power of the Spirit of Life. Hallelujah! And what a transformation takes place in our souls!

2 Corinthians 3:18, " But we all, with open face (unveiled face) beholding as in a glass the GLORY of the Lord, are changed (transformed) into the same image from GLORY to GLORY, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." When is the transformation? Beholding the Glory of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:6. Paul is still talking about the same thing. " For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts..." That is, He has revealed Life; He has revealed The Son, "to give the light of the knowledge of the GLORY of God in the face of Jesus Christ." When the veil is taken off of my face, my real face – the face of my soul. See, I can put a veil over this face, I can make this face look better or different. But my true face – my heart, my soul... That's where the veil is. When the

veil is taken off my face, I see His face. He is in me! His face is not veiled! The veil is done away in Christ. In His death He ripped it asunder! Yes, God shines; the Light of Life, He reveals The Son. In Him I behold the Light of the knowledge of Divine Relationship – the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:27, " To whom God would make known what is the riches of the GLORY of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope (expectation) of GLORY." If Christ is in you, you have every reason to expect the Glory of God to fill you. For the Glory is in you, to be revealed in you in The Person of The Son Himself!

2 Timothy 2:10, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal GLORY." You can not separate the Glory from the Salvation. We are redeemed unto Glory.

So our Gospel, The Gospel of Christ, The Gospel revealed in us is very much the Gospel of GLORY. It's just that the GLORY IS THE EXPRESSION OF THE SON REVEALED – RELATIONSHIP!

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Part 5 – Foundation

2 Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory." I'm just going to speak now out of my heart. In our study together we have found Christ to be our Life: CHRIST IN YOU. The very substance, the very essence, the very fulness of your Salvation, of my Salvation is Christ in you. Think about that miracle: The Son of God, The Resurrection and The Life, The Word Who was in the beginning NOW dwelling in you! I don't know how we can even sit in our chairs – the reality of our Salvation is so great! How much our eyes need to be opened – inwardly. The eyes of our understanding, the eyes of our soul, that we would walk continually, live continually in a full and present view of Christ. My prayer is just that: that our eyes would be opened to see HIM.

So we dealt with these three terms: each of these terms relate to Christ. He is the reality and the substance of each of these three terms. LIFE – Christ is Life. We asked the question: when is He your Life? When He is in you. Not I, but Christ who liveth in me. Then we stressed the necessity that that Life is Christ being revealed. That brought us to our second term: LIGHT. We walk in the Light, we grow in the Light. The Light we found, is the Life revealed. It is the Light of His Life; that is, the knowledge, the understanding, the realization of His Life that fills our soul. It is the Light that drives out the darkness. And you know, nothing else will do that. Nothing else will drive out, do away with the darkness but Light. Isn't that so? You can rebuke the darkness – it just stays. You can curse the darkness – it just remains. There's only one thing from which darkness flees, and that is Light. Oh, the power of Light!

But as soon as Light is revealed, there must be a manifestation of that Light. That brought us to our third term: GLORY. Light is Life revealed, made known; but Glory is that Life exhibited – made manifest. And the Biblical order is just as we have stated. Life – Christ in you; Light – Christ revealed in you; Glory – Christ manifested through you. We were talking about the Glory being the relationship of Oneness; the realization of that relationship, the outshining of that relationship, and we used the word "fellowship". He has brought us into the fellowship of The Son. The fellowship of the Father, and the term "Glory" relates to that.

Now listen – Glory – the expression of Divine relationship, the functioning as a fellowship of The Son is NOT something that you can go out and do. You can't put it together; you can't make it work. It starts in you. It is not first with one another. It is first with The Son Himself. If we walk in the light as HE IS IN THE LIGHT, we have fellowship one with another, but that fellowship is first with Him. For it is He Who is in the Light. It begins in our soul; it begins in us. We can't construct it; it is not something that we can create. It is an expression; it begins within. Glory is an expression of an

ongoing relationship with Christ. We express that relationship to one another. We don't look to one another for that glory, and we don't look to one another for that relationship. We look only to HIM. This is my point: The three terms show us a progressive Work of the Spirit, the center of which is Christ, the substance and purpose of which is Christ. Life – Light revealed; Light – having expression; Glory – the Light of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. But this is something that is worked in us; and THE LORD is the center of that. I am finding that in Him; we are expressing that in the earth. I can not find that in the earth. I can't even find that in other believers. I find that in Him. I express that to other believers. If that believer is finding that in Him, then that believer is expressing that same relationship, and we have relationship one with another because our relationship is with Christ. We express this Glory in the earth, but we maintain this Glory in the heavens.

Let me show you something. I am going to bring another term in here: FOUNDATION. Christ is the sure foundation upon which everything else must be built, or it will not stand. The House of God must be built upon that foundation, or in the times of tests and trials, that House will not stand. It will fall except it have sure foundation. It doesn't make any difference how good the stones are. You can use good concrete blocks; you can use good steel; you can use good mortar. But if you have a sorry foundation, very soon cracks appear: walls shift, ceiling falls in! Yes, what does a great earthquake shake first? You may see the ceiling shake, you may see the walls move; but it is the foundation that is being shaken. It is the foundation that sets upon the earth. Listen – it's the foundation that sets upon the earth. "Father, that they may be One, as we are One, that the world may know." Listen – we are only One in FOUNDATION. The stones are not alike; the stones are diversified. One is a hand, one is a foot. They are diversified. The foundation is One – One stone, One rock – tried, tested, proven! THE FOUNDATION IS **CHRIST!!**

There's something about a foundation. A foundation has a characteristic about it that no other part of the house has. Throughout the scripture wherever you read about "foundation" there's another term right there – always. Foundation must be LAID. It's always that way. 1 Kings 5:17, "And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to LAY THE FOUNDATION of the house." 1 Kings 6:37, "In the fourth year was the FOUNDATION of the house of the Lord LAID, in the month Zif." Ezra 3:10, " And when the builders LAID THE FOUNDATION of the temple of the Lord..." On and on when you read concerning the foundation, the foundation always must be laid. Now Isaiah 28:16, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I LAY IN ZION FOR A FOUNDATION a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste."

Now the term "to lay" in Hebrew has to do with disruption of the earth. Now this is really good! Going to the Cross: The Cross is central to every Work of God in you.

Before a foundation can be laid, earth must be disrupted. There is a New Testament term "from before the foundation of the world". Several times that term is used in the scripture: "A lamb slain from the foundation of the world." In the New Testament the best translation of that is "disruption" – from the disruption of the world. Many Bible scholars translate it that way. The literal concordant New Testament translates it "from the disruption of the world." What a new view that brings in! God is not just making something "better". He is taking away the old, and completely replacing it with the New. This is taking place IN YOU, in whom Christ is being revealed, because although Christ Himself is the foundation, the foundation is laid by the revealing of The Son. It is the revealing that disrupts the earth; because He is revealed in His death, He is revealed in His burial, He is revealed in His Resurrection. The One that is revealed in you is absolutely, irrevocably dead to sin, and alive to God!

You can bring nothing of the old upon the foundation that is revealed in you. He is dead to it; has no place in Him. It is disrupted! Jesus said not one stone will be left standing upon another. He spoke particularly concerning that Old Covenant Temple. In 70A.D. the Roman General came, surrounded Jerusalem for three and a half years. The inhabitants were virtually starved to death: they were boiling their own children for food! They were butchering animals in the Temple; the abomination of desolations came upon them! Soon the walls fell, and they were slaughtered. The Roman general brought in a team of oxen, and plowed these stones that we just read about – up, out of the ground – disrupted that world! He plowed it up. One of the prophets had said that Zion would look like a plowed field. That day it was a plowed field – every stone was taken away; scattered, carried away. This is the Work of the Cross in your heart. This is the necessity of Christ being revealed in you. The ground is disrupted; the world is disrupted. The new foundation is coming, and upon THAT FOUNDATION the House will stand!

You can't just go out and gather up a bunch of rocks and try to bring them together and make it work. It's got to come from the foundation. You don't "create" glory; you express the glory of the Lord. What does the glory have to do with the House that I am talking about? The House is the House of Glory! The House is the House of Divine Relationship. It is the Glory that fills the House! The measure of the Glory is the Lord of Glory, and all of that is upon the foundation – Christ being revealed in you. Oh my, it is necessary that Christ be revealed in you. The foundation must be laid; and it is laid at the expense of EVERYTHING. Many times ministry wants us to come and preach Christ to their Church. What they really want is for someone to come in and make "their house" better. They need a better door, a real ornamented door that everybody will just want to run through – and fill up the house! And we come along and put up a door that's got BLOOD all over it; it's not pretty, and nobody in their right mind wants to go through it!

They are looking for a window; ‘maybe we can get in through the window.’ ‘Come and preach Christ’; don’t preach the Cross. But you can’t separate Christ from the Cross, because He’s revealed in the Cross. The mystery of God is made manifest in Christ crucified. That’s a small statement that has a lot gathered up in it, but that is just it. The mystery of God is revealed in Christ crucified. I’ll tell you what they really don’t want, and this is not everybody. Many are really hungry for the Lord, and willing to know Him at the cost of all. But some are not, and they want you to come, and they are looking for you to drive up in a vehicle with all kinds of tools on it – remodeling equipment: hammers, ladders, paint brushes and paint. ‘Come and remodel my church; remodel my people; bring them a NEW Word; give them a paint job and make this place look better.’ So here we come, and we’re not driving a remodeling vehicle; we come driving up in a big old Diesel number 8 Caterpillar! We set the blade down – a huge blade, and we rev that diesel up! And the Pastor comes running out the first service saying: What are you doing? ‘Well, I thought I would tear this building down! It took me thirty years to build it! That’s all right, it won’t take long to tear it down! It took 46 years to build this building! Jesus said just give me three days to tear it down and bring it back again. But we’re not just going to get the building; we’ve got a piece of equipment here to take the foundation of it. The only thing that is going to be left is ground. Then we’re going to lay a foundation.’

See, most people don’t want the preparation: the time of preparing BEFORE the foundation can be laid. You can’t just run in and lay this foundation on top of anything. There is great preparation. Let us read one verse. 2 Chronicles 8:16, "Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was perfected." All of the preparation – that goes back to David’s time. Part of this preparation was David saying, "Oh God, I want you to have a house." It starts there with you. Here’s our prayer: "Oh God, I want to go to heaven! I want to get out of this world. Take me quick!" No – that will never get a foundation laid. "Oh God, I want you to have a House functioning in the earth. I want to be part of the functioning of that House. Oh God, reveal your Son in me. Lord, work in my heart whatever is necessary. My whole desire is that YOU have a house, a place for your glory to be expressed in the earth! And I am willing to lay down my life so that can be done." How many of us are willing to do that? Now the Lord let David know that he was NOT going to be the one to see this done; that He was to use others. David said, "That’s all right Lord, let me just prepare for them. It’s not me: it’s YOUR HOUSE that is glorified. Let your glory fill your House, Lord. It’s not my glory. I’m after your glory filling your House. Whatever I do, Lord, just let me do it toward that end. Father, just don’t let me be a hindrance to it. If I’m a hindrance to it, just take me away."

See, the preparation starts in somebody’s heart long BEFORE the foundation is actually laid. David went through the time of preparation, and then comes Solomon. He’s the

one that will lay the foundation – a New View of Christ comes forth in Mount Zion! Solomon the King! Yes, but a greater than Solomon is come, a greater than Solomon dwells in you; a greater Temple than Solomon's, a greater foundation, a greater glory! Preparation – preparation – preparation – right up until the time the foundation is laid. There is not going to be a House manifesting glory in the earth except the foundation be laid: Except Christ be revealed in you.

Now let's bring this right to Peter. 1 Peter 2. Remember now, "Behold I lay in Zion a foundation..." Isaiah said that. Now Peter brings that right over into the reality of Christ, and he included you and I in the picture, in the relationship, in the reality. We'll begin with verse 1. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings..." He's actually writing to Christians here! "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby; If so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious." See, he's calling them to the foundation. Here's what you are: Verse 5, "Ye also, as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." You can't separate this foundation from the Cross! You can't separating the laying of this Stone from the disruption of the world! The disruption of the foundation of the old world; the disruption of the old world, the shaking of it, and THEN the laying of the Stone, the foundation of the New World, of the New Creation of the House of God. To some He is beautiful, but to some He is an offence. To whom is He an offence? To those who would keep "their world", who would keep "their life". To whom is He beautiful? To those who would have no Life but Christ!

Verse 8, "And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth (that means made manifest; the glory of the House made manifest) the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." Now much is said here, but here's what I want you to see. You are living stones. You are not a living stone; you are living STONES. But there is a living stone; there is One Stone – One Rock, One Foundation. When do living stones become One House? When they are gathered together upon the same foundation! And only when they are gathered together upon the same foundation are they in expression One House.

Now I want to show you something. This just hit me like a ton of bricks! I was thinking about laying the foundation in Zion, and the gathering of the lively stones of Mount Zion; the form in the earth, the House as it is in the heavens, and to express in the earth the glory of the heavens. I've often said we must be gathered upon One Foundation, but that needs to be explained. You can't just go out and gather up a bunch of lively stones and bring them in and try to fit them on a foundation. Make them fit... put them together, even when it is your best intentions. Now, you know the foundation is Christ; you want those stones to all be "in Christ"; you know that they should fit there, so you get your hammer out and go to work! But look – in the Temple of Solomon. This was the temporary House; the type, the shadow of the real. But even in this House, when it came together, there was no sound of a hammer! There was no sound of the chisel. That already took place in the time of preparation! All that chiseling and hammering took place out in the rock quarry.

How did those stones come together? Now listen carefully! The stones DON'T come together! The foundation that is laid in each of those stones is one foundation. The Foundation comes together. When the foundation comes together, it is without crack or without seam, because it is not a bunch of rocks coming together; not a bunch of stones coming together. We have to hear this! In every one of those stones of Zion, the foundation must be laid. It must be laid in each stone. In each stone Christ must be revealed. Life – Light – Glory. Christ must be revealed in each stone, the foundation is laid in each stone. It's the foundation that comes together. Since the foundation is one foundation, when it comes together it has no seams. It is as His robe – it was seamless. From head to foot it was seamless. So this foundation comes together. It is without effort: you don't have to coerce it. In fact, you can not forbid it! Christ joins to Christ, and the stones come with it. The stones are joined in the foundation. It's the foundation that comes together! And if there's a stone that doesn't have the foundation laid in it, you've got that stone and you are trying to find a place for it. But see – YOU are trying to build a house again.

And so it hit me – wham! Jesus, how did I not see this? "I Paul, as a wise masterbuilder, I have built walls, built buildings, put stones together...?" No! I Paul, a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation." And here I've been trying to put stones together! And make it work! "Let's all do the same thing..." We don't even know what the same thing is! I'm not telling you we shouldn't be doing the same thing, but that's not something you determine to do and then go out and do it. I'm not telling you we shouldn't function as One; I'm telling you that's not something you decide to do, and then go out and do it. The Oneness of the House is the FOUNDATION of it. When the foundation comes together, the House is gathered!

One last thing: Ephesians 2:18 –22. "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but

fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." The True House of God is not pictured as being built on the top of a foundation. The True House of God is pictured as growing up in the foundation. Building up IN HIM, grow up together as a holy habitation of the Lord. It is the House in whom The Son is revealed; in whom the Glory of the Lord is appearing. And out from it the Glory of the Lord is expressed. But all of this is from the foundation. Until the foundation is laid, everything is just good intentions; everything is preparation.

Our intention in this sharing has simply been to stress one thing: the necessity of Christ being revealed in you. We should set our hearts daily toward that end; we should pray for each other daily toward that end. Our gathering together should be toward that end; because unless the House comes up in the foundation, the House will not stand, nor will the Glory of God appear in it. You can not bring YOUR creations upon this foundation. You can not do that. May the Lord open and direct our hearts. May we more than ever before, become an environment for the revealing and the glorification of the Son of God. Hallelujah! He isn't going to be revealed in a post; He is revealed IN YOU. May our laboring together be toward that purpose. Amen.