

THE CHURCH:

HOPE OF THE NATIONS

'JESUS CHURCH' – 'IN' - THE 'WORLD'
- 'YOU ARE' THE 'BODY OF CHRIST!'

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THERE ARE 3 VITAL THINGS JESUS 'REVEALS' BEFORE HE RETURNS TO HEAVEN. THEY PROVIDE US WITH A VERY IMPORTANT 3 PAGE, 'BLUE-PRINT' FOR OUR LIVES, AND DAILY WORK WITH JESUS - 'LORD OF THE HARVEST'

Why are they so 'important'?

- a. Because each revelation; change; provision is given by 'Jesus.'
- b. Each one is his '**final words**' as He moves on to the climax of the atonement and resurrection.
 1. He's '**Finished**' the work with his disciples. Now their '**Graduation**' Matt 16:13-20.
 2. He's '**Finished**' the training of the disciples. Now they will **work**, in the '**world**' John 17:1-26.
 3. He's '**Finished**' everything the Father sent him to do. Now '**commissions**' them. Mt 28.13-20

Together, the 3 events,

1. **Guide** the **shape** for our personal 'working' life as a Christian.
2. **Guide** the **shape** for the '**working**' life, and vision of our local '**Jesus-Church**'
3. **Guide** the and '**working practice**' for mission, in any nation, and any people in the '**world**.'

We are most familiar with the One Jesus reveals '**after**' his death and resurrection.

Every Christian, church, and world theological training, has focused on it. **It is T.G.C.** Mt 28:16-20.

From this one final command of Jesus, we have sought to shape, Christian lives, develop discipleship programmes, plant effective churches, and take Jesus message and life to the world.

This command is the **last page** of **God's & Jesus** 3-page '**blue print**' to save the world, **with 'us'**

Men and woman have sacrificed lives, homes, remained single, forsaken fame, money and 'left all' in obedience to T.G.C. They 'Go' with joy. I've seen, lives, and places changed. But it's **limited**. Entangled in the 'Web' of so **many words** that have suffocated, the '**power**' Jesus **insisted on**, and **taught** the '**harvest-workers**' to use. **1 Cor 2:1-5, 4:20**

The Two revelations Jesus gave, **before His crucifixion**: I have dug into, meditated on, cross referenced, and found myself stunned, silenced in awe at the **simple-superiority** of God's plans.

These Two revelations, have set **my compass** in church planting, and the nations for decades. I remain **even more convinced** of their importance as, page **1, 2**, of God/Jesus **world blue print**.

Together they **shape who I am**, and **what I do**, in the lives of **people at home**, and the **nations**.

These Two revelations give **T.G.C.** sense, context, purpose and insight into God's & Jesus plans for the **world-harvest**. They stir up, an '**increasing-in-faith-hunger**.' They **assure us** of God and Jesus '**inexplicable-faith**' in **us**. We find, '**they believe**' **we can, we are**, the '**hope of the nations**'

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These **Two revelations** constructs the bridge that releases Jesus to say, with **absolute certainty** to 'us'

'They who believe in me, the same works I do, they will do also; and **'greater'** works than **those** that I have done, **will now** be done by them. – 'I'm going home' my **'world-harvest-workers'** are **staying**, (in the **world**) to continue, and replace the **'work of one'** - Jesus - by the hands of many, with my life in them. John 14:12

It makes sense that Paul can write, 'things which Eye has not seen, and ears have not heard, and it's not entered into our tiny minds and hearts what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Cor 2:9. C/f. Isa 64:4. C/f. 2 Cor 6:11-12.

THE TWO REVELATIONS.

1. **Matthew 16:13-20.** The **'graduation'** of Jesus student workers. - **Three** stunning revelations.
 - a. Jesus reveals that **He is** the promised 'Messiah'
 - b. Jesus reveals 'He' will start a new church, - 'My-Church' replacing 1,500yrs of Moses church.
 - c. Jesus boosts their **'Authority'** for a **'world'** assault on Satan's ownership of the nation's people.
2. **John 17:1-26.** Only hours before Jesus is led to his death on the cross. **We are invited** to **'eaves-drop'** on Jesus **'final'** long, detailed talk with his father. We listen, to the love between the Father and Son. The concern, Jesus has for **his beloved students** and, their strategic role in the **world's people** believing in, and choosing Jesus, as the only **authentic** Lord and Saviour.

'We're saved for the World' The foundational understanding for what Co-workers with Jesus Christ, **'Do'**

Everything gets **'transferred'** to **'Us'** - We have no problem hearing that, **'everything'** the **Father** is, and **'everything'** the **Father** has, He **'transferred'** into Jesus, to **'help'** - people. In John 17:10. Jesus says to the Father, 'All things that are mine, are yours, and yours are mine' C/f. Jn 16:12-15. **But we hesitate**, and take a deep breath, when Jesus reveals, in **John 17** that, everything that the **Father** has given to **Him**, is to be **transferred**, into **'us'** - **Yes!** - **'everything'** that's in God, and Jesus, - God has planned, and designed, for it **all** to, **end up** in **us!**

That's what Jesus said, and **did**, with His first **student-workers**, so that they could **duplicate learning** to **'Help-People'** exactly like Jesus did! - C/f. **Luke 6:40.** Acts 10:38.

JOHN 17:1-26.

This great final testament of Jesus refers to several important things. God's love of Jesus and His disciples. Sanctification; Unity; The worlds future; The part **we play** 2,000yrs later!

- **John 17** is **all** about.
'God – Jesus – Disciples – World – Us'
- **We discover** that Jesus refers to the **Disciples 43 times**, and the **World 17 times**.

This should **stir our curiosity** to know **'why?'** To search deeper, into what is uppermost, on the mind, and heart, of Jesus, only hours before His death? - So much so, **He must talk about it with his Father.** The context in which we find Jesus speaking/praying to the Father is 'important'

Jesus reveals it in **v4.** - **'I glorified you'** - on the earth - in the world - I have **accomplished** - I've **finished** the **work**, you gave me **to do**.

Two observations, and one question.

1. **Ob: I Glorified you.** When the word **Glory** is used concerning God, it expresses, praise, honour, His splendour, wonder, radiance, none to compare with the only true God, who has proven to be just and true in all His ways. **He is famous for it**, all and more. He is **Glorified**. At its core meaning, the word **Glory** refers also to, **'God's Reputation'** - The **Glory**, the **reputation** of God, is totally justified, deserved, **He's the real-deal**, He can be **trusted**.
2. **Ob: At the heart** of God's nature and being His reputation is, **God keeps his word.** His promises are true - as is, every aspect of His nature and being. **Jesus is saying, - v4. 'Father I have Glorified you, on the earth** - i.e. In the world! 'Father, you entrusted into my keeping your **entire reputation**. I have kept; upheld your reputation; it's not damaged; it's intact. **You are Glorified.**
Where? In the - world!

Not like Adam: God entrusted his reputation and the future of this 'world' into the life and safe keeping of his 'first king of this world' He **'defected'** and handed it over to God's eternal enemy; Who became the God of this world. Jesus: The second, the last Adam, would not do that, in spite of unbelievable daily attack, temptations, rejection, loneliness, false accusations and lies, to get him to make one independent choice; **not the Father's**

3. **Q: I have finished**, I've accomplished the work you gave, me to do.
The question we ask is - what is, the finished work of Jesus He is referring to?
It can't be, the cross - he's not been crucified yet.

The answer starts in **v6-8**. I have **revealed your name** (reputation - who you are) to **the men** you gave me - out of the **world**. They were yours, and you gave them to me. They've kept (**done**) your word.

v7. **They** have come to **know** that **everything** that **you have given me**, is from you, Father!

v8. **I've given your words to them**, they **received** them, they **understand** I came from you. They **believe** you sent me. **I'm asking you on their behalf ... the brothers**, you've given me.

- **John 17.** **Jesus** is reporting back to the Father having **finished the training** of His **student workers**. Jesus has **been a living working model**, for them **to copy**. Now **they're ready to work** - in the **world**, for the rest of their lives, with people who still need to know Jesus.

v11. **I'm not staying in the world**, they are going to stay, and **work in the world**. **Hold onto them, Fill them, grow them, full of confidence to trust in your name, and never give up.**

v13. Now, I'm speaking to you Father, **in the world**; so that they, my workers, may be filled up with **all the Joy** I had, and still have!

Where did Jesus say He was filled with most Joy? - **In the world!** Contacting people in the world! - Where will we then, **experience** being filled most, **with all the joy of Jesus**? In church, or in the **world contacting, visiting, talking with people?**

v15. I do not ask you to take them **out of the world**, just keep them free from Satan's plans. **Jesus knew** there will never be a time where we will **work** in an **evil free** work environment. **There is no evil safety zone.** - **We look for dark places to work in.** c/f. Psa 139:7-12.

Why?

1. Because it's what God and Jesus do. c/f. Psa 139:7-12. We are commanded to **copy** them. Eph 5:1. 1Cor 11:1.
2. We know our Jesus can fix whoever, and whatever we find in the dark places.

India Stephen 15 cardboard. Arthur Rd high security jail. 9 others; **Shushilla** Stan Esme maid x2 sons. South Nepal. Bible translators: river two sides Jesus appeared changed the side that chose him. **Urala** all out, tumor, lady green sari. Elephantitis. Baby 14m after bareness for years. Vizak baby.

v18. **In the same way** - you - prepared and trained me - sent me into the **world**, I have sent them into the world. The first thing Jesus says to his disciples after the resurrection. C/f. 1John 2:6. John 20:21. Be at peace; as the father sent me (into the world) I also send you. (into the world) C/f. 'The Law of the Harvest'

They've begun to **love** and **work** - **impartially** - with people in the **world**. They are **changing** the way they **talk** to people, **behave** towards people, **treat** people and are learning to have the same '**Attitude**' towards people and circumstances. Everything's on course for the future. c/f. Phil 2:3-5.

They know our contacting people-methods. They have learned that if it breathes, moves, sniffs, coughs, talks, looks like it, then - **pray for it!** They will do the work I have done, and **greater works** yet before they are done.

We were right to put our faith in their potential, they are changing while working with people, **in the world**. Learning to **Love** enemies, **do good** to haters, **bless** cursers, and **pray** for wrongs done. To be kind to ungrateful, and Evil men, **impartially**. Luke 6:27-28,35.

v20. **Jesus** now **transfers** the entire **content** of his request and appeal, towards **US**. '**Father** I do not ask on behalf of **these alone**, but **for those also**, who **believe in me**, through **their words**. (These who are currently my-workers)

This includes everyone who has chosen Jesus **through to US**, and who will come to him, **through us, and our children's children!**

v21. **I pray Father**, they will live, and work, as one as we do Father. **For one reason**, 'so that the **world**, and the people in it who still need to be born anew **will believe** I was the **real deal** and, came from heaven to earth.

v22. **Consider this: 'The glory which you have given me - I have given to them'** That they may **be seen** to be of **one mind** and **one purpose** in **love** and **unity** in the same way we have been, releasing you to fulfil **everything** in your heart and plans Father.

Father I'm almost finished here. You entrusted me with your **Glory** - **Your reputation** - while I worked among people, **in the world**.

I have now passed on, and entrusted to **them your reputation**, and, **my reputation**, in the **same world**, working with **the same people** - but now, in **every nation of the world** - until you send me back again.

v23. **I will be in them, and you in me**, working together to **perfect, mature** them; growing up in us

For this reason, that **the world's** people would **KNOW** that you sent me.

It's all totally dependent on, how they **live, behave,** and **treat** people. This alone will prove **you and I are the real deal!** And that I love them, as you have loved me.

Biblically, we are Rescued, saved out of the '**world**' to be put back into it - **to work!** with Jesus.

'We who have said '**yes**' to Jesus, are '**God's hope for the nations**'

MATTHEW 16:13-20.

THE 'GRADUATION' OF JESUS STUDENT WORKERS.

The 1st church was announced on the holy mountain of God. Mt Sinai.

In God's Holiest presence, Moses received God's plans for the future of the worlds people.

Conceived in pure, sinless majesty, power, and God's joyful voice shaking the mountain. From this, **God's Church** took shape on earth, through Moses, for 1,500 years.

The 2nd church was announced in the mountains of Satan. Mt Hermon.

Jesus walked his disciples 30 miles north to remote, hated, and feared '**Gates of Hell**' in Caesarea Phillip, for their **graduation ceremony**, to **reveal** the start of '**His**' new church

Even by Jesus standard of 3 years of radical challenges, of the churches rule book of **do's and don'ts**. Jesus choses to celebrate their '**training graduation**' in a place way off the **radical-chart**.

It's the most evil, darkest, demonic worship, and witchcraft pornographic ceremonies. Dedicated to Satan, Baal, Pan and any demon entity. Child sacrifices, clairvoyant prophecy was common.

No Jew would go anywhere near the feared, '**Gates of Hell**' in Caesarea Philippi.

1st. Jesus confirms that He is the promised Messiah.

2nd. Jesus announced his intention to start a totally **new and unique church**. - '**I will build my church**'. Nothing has been seen like it before on the earth. It will stop what Satan is doing to people. '**His**' church, **Jesus'** church, will replace

the church of Moses that has been '**the church of God**' for 1500 years. - c/f/'A New Church' Hebrews study notes.

3rd. Jesus increases the **level**, and **range** of the disciples '**spiritual authority**' exponentially. It's another level, added to the day recorded in Matt 10:1 when He gave them His authority **to help** people every day, by praying for them; to heal those sick, and cast out their demons. c/f. Lk 10:1-24.

Jesus now transfers to '**them**' who will plant new, unique, '**Jesus-churches**' - '**two keys**' never given to anyone before outside of heaven.

They are the functional '**Keys**' of '**The Kingdom of heaven**' one '**Frees**' the other '**Stops**' - 'Loose' and 'Bind' Matt 16:19.

Add to this '**The Key of David**' c/f. Isa 22:22. Another '**Key** of '**authority**' (on His shoulder) from the Father to Jesus; to '**His Church**' to '**us**' -

See the church at Philadelphia is rewarded with what **can stop** - '**Satan's church**' Rev 3:7-10. C/f.

'gates of hell'. These are key's that are entrusted as, accountable spiritual responsibility. They give - transfer, authority and power to '**make-decisions**' about things, places and people.

To '**Bind**' and '**Loose**' - **what-ever!** Mt 16v19 - To '**Shut**' and '**Open**' - **No one can change it** Isa 22:22

Understanding this '**revelation**' of Jesus is where **we** are given by Jesus, His foundation, His starting point for '**Spiritual Warfare**' to '**My Church**' corporately and us personally, to **help people**.

GOD'S THREE-FOLD BLUEPRINT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD MUST NEVER BE REDUCED TO A 'MESSAGE ONLY' - 'WORDS, PROGRAMMES, AND STRUCTURE ONLY' BELIEF. GOD CLEARLY KNOWS THAT THE SOPHISTICATION OF SATAN'S KINGDOM, AND RULE IN THE NATIONS, CAN ONLY BE MET BY ANOTHER SUPERIOR KINGDOM WITH HIS SUPERNATURAL AUTHORITY AND POWER, AND FULLY TAUGHT, UNDERSTANDING, WORD OF GOD SATURATED WORKERS, WHO LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE WITH ALL THEIR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH.