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THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION- Today, the Spirit is not sharing so much "knowledge or revelations," as He is working to reveal the Son of God in us, and the plan and purposes of our God who so loved, and still loves His world. Whether knowingly or unknowingly, we all receive God's love through the small or great experiences of our daily lives. Who has not marveled while beholding the awesome creation that surrounds us? And now, some of us stand amazed as He reveals that all these things are only a pattern, a type, of the perfect and glorious Christ creation that is being progressively and successfully birthed in us. Indeed, while the old world is decaying, His perfect and complete work is soon to be unveiled to the world. *"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."* (II Cor.4:16) *"And he that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me: Write for these words are true and faithful."*(Rev.21:5)

THOU ART THE CHRIST- Paul calls Christ the hidden mystery, *"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and 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 hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."* (Col.1:26-28) Christ indeed is a mystery that can only be known by the Spirit. Today, there is as much confusion about who Jesus Christ is as there was when Jesus walked this earth. Jesus asked His disciples, *"...Whom do men say that I, the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"* (Matt.16:14-15) The confusion about His identity was everywhere. However when He asked Peter, the answer was clear, *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God..."* (Vs.16) Jesus said to Peter, *"...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."* (Vs.17) Peter heard by the Spirit. It is the same for us as it was for Peter, no one can know who Jesus Christ really is, without the revelation of God's Spirit.

God's chosen have been endowed with the Holy Spirit, that they might know Him in Spirit and in truth. *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God."* (I Cor.2:9-10) It is His Holy Spirit who opens the windows of our soul to the light of truth that is in Christ Jesus. Peter wrote, *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who hath called us to glory and virtue."* (II Pet.1:3) We have all things that pertain to His divine power, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. The Holy Spirit is much more than speaking in tongues and receiving gifts; He is the One who reveals all the things that pertain to life and godliness! He leads us into all truths and reveals unto us all the things that God has prepared for us. The Holy Spirit within is our new life here and now. He is our "Husband," our sustainer and our guide.

THE ANOINTED ONE- The word Christ is translated from the Greek word Christos, which means "anointing" or "anointed." An anointing refers to an oiling, a pouring on or a rubbing of the oil of the Spirit, which enables us to fulfill a special calling. Jesus is the Son of God in Spirit, but the anointing that He received of the Father made Him the Son of God in the flesh of a man as well. This uniting of Spirit in flesh and blood had never existed before. Jesus is the firstborn of a new creation; He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. Just as the first Adam was the firstborn of this soul creation, Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the new spirit/soul creation called "the Last Adam." *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end...These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God."* (Rev.22:13-14) This new creation, in God's image, has been the Father's plan from the beginning. He chose and anointed His own Son, and sent Him into the body of Jesus and poured upon Him the Christ anointing that He might become Son of God and Son of Man. Jesus Christ is the Pattern Son for us. He is the Christ, the One who overcame death in the flesh. We in turn, were spirits in Him, chosen and sent into the flesh and blood bodies, to overcome the works of evil until death itself is overcome, and God is all in all. Jesus did it first, and opened the way for us to follow and become the new creation of God in Him. *"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."* (I Cor.15:26)

Jesus arose from the waters of John's baptism, *"And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said, thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased."* (Lk.3:22) In that moment, Jesus was confirmed to be the Christ, the Anointed One in the flesh. And it did not stop there; *"He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."* (Lk.2:52) Jesus grew in the things of God and of man, and He is the Head of His own body of saints, who are growing into mature sons. *"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ."* (I Cor.12:12) This membership in the body of Christ is all part of God's plan; every member was chosen in Christ even before the world was founded. Paul calls them *"...the called according to his purpose."* *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say of these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"* (Rom.8:28-31) Beloved, we were in Christ when He chose to send us to the earth and become human beings. He then called us and we recognized and answered His voice. He filled us with His Holy Spirit who leads us into all truths that we might overcome the works of the carnal nature, and triumph over hell and death, as He did.

THE WILES OF THE DEVIL- Throughout his letters, Paul is faithful to encourage the saints to be strong in the Lord. He urges us to *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* (Eph.6:11) He does not tell us to go after the devil, or to try to figure out how to beat him, but he urges us to put on the entire spiritual armor that enables us to stand strong against all his wiles. The word "wiles" means trickery, deceit, manipulation, fraud, double-crossing, chicanery; it is a battle of the mind. In this world, we are constantly exposed to the wiles of the prince of this world. He imparts his power into men and women who have the ability and charm to sway others to agree with their opinions. Thus he uses those who exercise power over us, to woo us with propaganda, rumors, false theories, promises of peace and prosperity, all built on misinformation and lies. Such is the flood of words coming through the press and social media, hammering their warped views and false information into our minds, to confuse us and control us, and to convince us to support their cause. This in turn creates hostility among friends and families, communities and countries and opens the way to wars and destruction. The wiles of the devil that Paul warns against, are well disguised lies, specifically targeted at Christians, and concocted to shake their faith and weaken their desires to seek truth. Thus, the serpent spirit uses his most cunning schemes, quoting Bible verses to entrap the unaware. The devil's ultimate goal is to defeat and destroy the power of the living Word in the sons. This is not just a battle between good and evil; it is a battle between life and death.

The Galatian Christians, became convinced that the way to please God, was to add the works of the law to the hearing of faith. Paul explained that it is not possible to walk by the works of the law and by faith at the same time. *"And the law is not of faith; but, The man that doeth them shall live in them."* (Gal.3:12) Faith and Law cannot walk together; it is one way or the other for the works of the law annul the walk of faith. Paul explains that we cannot be married to the law and walk by faith too. Through Christ, our husband the law is dead, and we are now married to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Christians often make new laws for themselves, and when they fail to keep these laws, they suffer guilt and condemnation again.

One of the most subtle and insidious of the devil's wiles is to reduce, change and even eliminate the role of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The largest religions in the world recognize Jesus as a teacher, a prophet, a good man, but they slip Him out of His role as the Lamb of God. *"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."* (Jn.1:29) A lamb is a sacrificial animal; God's Lamb is the perfect sacrifice for sins. Most of the world's great religions teach the same great principles of goodness toward others and clean living among men, but they slip out the blood sacrifice that takes away the death penalty of the law, *"The soul that sinneth it shall die."* (Eze.18:4) Jesus could have easily escaped death, but He laid His life down and became the only acceptable sacrifice to pay the penalty of the law for sins. *"...our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality through the gospel."* (II Tim. 1:10) The Lamb of God, annulled the law of sin and death that all souls were under. The required "blood sacrifice" was required from the beginning when Cain offered the beautiful fruit from his garden, and God rejected it, but accepted the lamb slain offered by Abel.

Today, we are living in the times that Jesus called, the end of this age, and while Satan has multiplied his wiles against the saints, the voice of God is being heard louder and clearer by those who have ears to hear, and hearts to understand. In the Old Testament, when God uttered His voice, the people and even Moses, greatly feared, *"For they could not endure that which was commanded...And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake."*(Heb.12:20, 21) And now we hear the voice of His Holy Spirit, *"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."* (Heb.12:25-27) *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."* (Prov.9:10) Our fear is not as panic or terror; it is more like awe, wonder and respect that arises from the knowledge of God.

God's voice is not heard literally, it is felt. Just as the wind is not seen, but is felt by its mighty power, the Spirit can be gentle as a dove, yet lead us with a strong arm of love or it can be like hurricanes Helene and Milton, destroying everything in their paths. Jesus said *"...I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."* (Jn.12:47). *"...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."* (I Jn.3:8) To save the world, Jesus Christ is destroying the works of the devil. God's judgments are not punishing man; they are destroying all the works of evil, and uprooting the lies which have been planted in the hearts and minds of man. The Spirit of God is exposing the counterfeits, and replacing them with the Truth. This is the warfare that is taking place in heaven and in earth, the realms of spirit and soul in us, that are made manifest in the world. *"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of the brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."* (Rev.12:10) *"And the seventh angel sounded,(the last trump), and there were great voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* (Rev.11:15)

OUR SURE FOUNDATION- *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor.3:11) Our safety is the Rock, the foundation on which we stand. Our foundation was laid ages ago, before the world was. Jesus Christ is the solid Rock that is the same yesterday, today and forever. Christ needs no amendments; He will not change and can never be moved. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." (Ps.18:2) Not long ago, I still believed that our sure foundation consisted of the doctrines that we learned at the beginning of our walk with Jesus; the teachings about His great salvation and all that pertains to that. These things are indeed part of our foundation, but they must yet be experienced through our daily lives. The whole foundation is the living Christ, the Christ who is the Spirit within us, the life of our flesh and blood. In a dream that I have shared before but which is now unfolding and enlarging in meaning, "I went searching for my Prince (son of the King, specifically "the son of God in me, our true identity). The love in my heart for my Prince, constrained me to go on an arduous journey, through a very steep, uncharted mountainous area, (our journey has been arduous, in spiritual places that were unfamiliar to us). I walked over narrow, winding trails, looking for any sign of my Prince. I came to this house, more like a small castle and rang the bell. A man dressed as a cook, with a tall, pleated white chef's hat on his head, came to the door. (the chef is the Spirit of revelation in us. He prepares the food for our spiritual strength). I told him I was looking for my Prince. He said, he is not here, he is out working on the castle that he is building. I went eagerly in the direction he pointed, and after a while I heard the determined and strong sound of many voices singing in perfect harmony as they worked together. It was an exhilarating sound, and I knew that it came from deep down below the earth, (deep within), where they were digging. I knew that this was my Prince and his brethren, digging ever so deep to uncover the foundation of this great building. End of dream.*

In this dream, I represent not only myself, but all who are in this journey together. The dream reveals our soul's desire to know the Son who is working in us, to build us into His glorious church. In the dream, I walked through rough, narrow and mountainous terrain, but when I finally reached Him, I heard His voice. He and the entire body of sons, are still digging to uncover the deep foundation, Christ in us! Christians have been busy, trying to build the building while the foundation had not yet been fully revealed. They have built on doctrines, church laws and on the literal teachings of Jesus, but they have left out digging for the One who is hid deep in the midst of their inner beings. The work that is still in progress within each of us, is the work of the Spirit, unearthing the Christ that has been hidden deep in the midst of our spiritual beings. As we dig, Jesus Christ is revealing Himself so that we might know Him and see Him as He is, and be like Him. He is the "cornerstone" of the building, therefore all the stones must be as He is. With each revealing of Jesus Christ in us, our minds and hearts are transformed into His likeness. Beholding Him is the goal that must be achieved; He is the maker, the builder and the finisher, of this project. Remember that Jesus said, *"On this Rock, (this living foundation), I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* (Matt.16:18) Christians have been busy trying to build the perfect church for God, when they had not dug deep enough to uncover the true foundation. But take heart, Jesus has continued the work and the true and sure foundation is being revealed. The work will stand and will not be delayed.

How marvelous is our God, and His ways past finding out! May our souls, our desires and our passion, join the Son in us, and the entire body of those who are digging joyfully to find this hidden treasure, and to see Him face to face. *"For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known."* (I Cor.13:12) May God bless us all!

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