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THE END OF JESUS'S MINISTRY IN THE FLESH

Jesus the only begotten son of God was crucified, from that point He ended His ministry in the flesh. Like Paul said, if we had seen or known Him after the flesh, all that is in the past now, we no more see Him in this way. [2 Corinthians 5:16-17]. Many Christians are hooked on the flesh of Jesus, for this reason they never enter in to possess the fullness of God's Power. We have to realize that the Christ was not that flesh body of Jesus; Christ was that inner spiritual body that revealed itself through the flesh of Jesus for the whole world to see. As we read this chapter, God will reveal more on who the real Christ is.

WERE THE PROPHETS WRONG?

The prophet Micah spoke about the glory of the house of God in the latter days. Brethren believe it, the latter days are here. The latter days have been here since the coming of Jesus in the flesh.

Micah 4:1-3

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

The impression that Micah gives from this prophesy is that the house of God will remain established on the mountain of God forever. If Jesus was that temple of God that the whole world should flow to for healing like we established in the last chapter, How come He was crucified? How come we see Him no more after the flesh?

All the prophets talked of the glory of the Future house of God, which we have established is Jesus. Then how come His ministry in the flesh ended only three and a half years after taking off.

This controversy is the major problem with Professing Christians and the world at large. The deceitful doctrine that is implanted in their systems of religion is that until the same flesh Jesus of over two thousand years ago will appear again in the sky, we can not fully enjoy the full benefits of God's kingdom. So men keep looking to the sky awaiting His coming.

Many are still awaiting a flesh Jesus appearing in the sky suddenly to take away the Christians from this world into heaven where we will begin to enjoy His benefits unto eternity. Others say He will physically stand on the mount of Olive in Jerusalem, others say He will come riding a physical white Horse to fight on their behalf. Some say He will come back to establish His kingdom with Jerusalem in the Middle East as the headquarters. All these are destructive doctrines that hinder the Children of God from moving on into the promise that God has prepared for them.

Even the disciples of Jesus Who saw Him ascending, stood at the same spot staring into the Sky until they were corrected by Angels not do so. That physical ascension after His resurrection was only a Sign God showed the believer of the path He or she will take if they hearken to the gospel in belief. Jesus did not ascend into any physical geographical location in the galaxy beyond the Sky. He ascended into the spirit realm which can not be defined by time, space or earthly elements. The disciples where told clearly, that the same way He ascended is the same way He will descend, they admonished the disciples not to look up at the skies for His coming.

Acts 1:9-11 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Today most professing Christians are looking up into the sky thinking that Jesus will come out of the Sky based on the fact that He ascending in that Form. A wicked and carnal generation will always seek physical manifestations from the sky but they will never see it. I have heard from people that have been regarded as men of God, who do mighty works in the Flesh preaching of the second coming. They say "when Jesus comes to suddenly take us away into the sky" and multitudes are deceived by their sayings. Even many who are called men of God have not truly entered into God's kingdom and they prevent others from entering by preaching lies. Most of them do this ignorantly anyway, so we are out to enlighten the believers on the hope of their calling. They preach of a false hope and cause multitudes to live in fear never being able to comprehend the fact that all things have been given to the Church. They never come to the realization that as He was in this world so are we in this world.

One may ask, then when is He coming? Or how is He coming back? We will see the answer shortly.

THE RETURN OF THE GLORY

God was about to make a final move. We saw God come down in the form of Glory Clouds into His tabernacle when the Tabernacle was completed by Moses and dedicated **(EXODUS 40:33-38)**. We also saw how God came down with His glory clouds into His Temple in the days of Solomon, during the dedication of the Temple **(2Chronicles 5:13-14)**. Many Years Later God descended again from Heaven, but this time into a man Called Jesus **(Matthew 3:16 – 17)**. Multitudes sought Him for healing and deliverance because in Him God worked good works for the saving of souls. That ministry lasted only forty two months, but God was moving on here. Few days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, God came down again one final time in the form of fire into the very disciples of Jesus Christ. The Church was now to be the temple of God and remain the temple of God throughout all the ages.

Act 2:2 -3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

The lord's spirit appeared this time in the form of fire because He came down at about midnight, while it was night. Remember that God's glory always appeared like clouds in the day but fire at night. **(EXODUS 13:21).**

There were one hundred and twenty disciples in the upper room when they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost [Act 1:15]. There were also One hundred and twenty Priests when the temple of Solomon was dedicated [2Chronicles 5:12]; If you remember the glory of God also came down on that occasion. All these things were carefully ordered in this manner so that we can truly have a picture of the events in the spirit. The descent of His glory into the Tabernacle of Moses to the Temple of Solomon to the Baptism of Jesus, then finally the Church was a step by step unfolding of His true salvation plan. All this serves to strengthen our faith and understanding concerning our Heritage in God. Just imagine the fact that all that manipulation and toil of those Old Testament Characters were really done for we who are predestined to stand with Christ in His glory.

The Glory of God had ascended back into heaven some few weeks earlier on after the death of Jesus in the Form of a cloud. Jesus had been glorified so that every aspect of humanity in Him had been dissolved. The ascension was a spiritual process that converted Him back into that original spiritual state He had in the beginning with the Father. So He was translated from an earthly, carnal and mortal image into a heavenly, spiritual and immortality image.

Jesus had to leave the scene to give us opportunity to be part of the eternal temple. He had to go away for our own good, without which we would have had no part in Him. Can you now see that the disciples where given a place in the Father's House. Jesus said "In my Father's House are many mansions"; meaning that in His Father's House there are many abiding places. We who believe abide in Him who is the House of God in the Heavens. It is a House not made with hands, a house spiritual House eternal in the heavens. He being the head had His ministry to accomplish and He did it to the letter. God also predestined many other sons to manifest His works and name to the whole world. These are the ones predestined to sit on the same throne of glory that Jesus sat on.

The many abiding places (mansions) in God's temple still remain today for all who hear and understand this message.

John 14:2 -3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

We individually and corporately have become the temple of God in the midst of the earth. We have become the light of the world; we have become the fountains of living waters. We do the very works Jesus did, which are indeed the works of God. All the nations of the earth will look unto us for the salvation of their souls once our obedience is completed in Him.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

DISCERNING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Jesus is the head of the body of Christ, while we the church are the body of Christ [Colossians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, **Ephesians 4:4-6**]. Those who see us see the very Son of God (THE CHRIST), and our spirits in us bear witness that we are the begotten sons of God through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many confess this but many really have no idea of what the body of Christ really is. We must understand that the body of Christ is not a flesh and blood thing. Christ is spirit with no material form or shape whatsoever [2 Corinthians 3:17]. For this very reason God uses the wind or clouds or fire to describe His glory because they have no form whatsoever [Isaiah 4:5, Exodus 16:10, Exodus 24:17]. He might appear in this physical carnal dimension, using the bodies of men but let us never get into the error of thinking that he is that body He appears in. If Christ revealed Himself through the flesh body of our Lord Jesus it is all over now, He has moved on. Christ has moved on over into the Church His body, to reveal Himself to the world through it.

The body of Christ is a spiritual body with many members. What happens to we who inherit glory is that we become joined to Him in the spirit so that we are one spirit with Him [1 Corinthians 6:17]. Being one spirit with Him we are actually one body with Him, because His body is a spiritual body not an earthly body. As we become more and more enlightened by revelation from His presence, it becomes apparent that we have a spiritual body or a spiritual house in the heavens that is imperishable which is indeed part of that glorious eternal body of Christ [2 Corinthians 5:1-2].

The body of Christ is actually a universal gathering of spirits perfected in God into one. Paul is still part of that body; John is still part of that body. The names I mentioned are just a few, there are indeed uncountable multitudes that make up that body of Christ, and they include departed brethren and brethren who remain on the earth. This revelation of Christ through His body is a continuous process that never ends. From generation to generation Christ will manifest Himself through His body using the flesh bodies of Chosen vessels. The ones chosen or predestined to manifest this glory in the flesh are the first fruits or the church of God.

We are the ones who are custodians to the hidden wisdom of God, We are the ones greater that Solomon. In the same way whole world marveled at the Temple of Solomon and His wisdom, so will the world marvel at the beauty and glory of God manifested in us.

We, who house the living God, manifest the very mystery of godliness unto men and spirits in the realm of the unseen. Paul mentioned this mystery in a letter to Timothy.

1Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

This is a mystery that is fulfilled in the body of Christ, firstly by Jesus and now the Church, we who believe and follow Him wherever He goes. We the Church manifest Christ who in turn manifests God, so if the world beholds us they behold the Father. It is a very great privilege even though most might not understand this mystery now, but they will eventually understand someday.

What is man that you oh God are mindful of, so that you have given Him all the works of your hands to rule over it. [**Psalm 8:4-9**]. Of a truth God has given the Church all power in Heaven and earth to rule over all in union with Him

WE ARE EVERYTHING IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD

The bible makes it clear that we being overcomers, we are the very ones who make up the temple which is the house of God. We are the pillars of the temple (**Revelation 3:12**); we are the stones of the

temple (1 Peter 2:5), we are he servants or priests serving in the temple (1 Peter 2:9), we are the palm trees in the Temple (Psalm 92:12-13), we are the bread of life (1 Corinthians 10:17), we are the branches on the lampstand [Revelation 1:20].

So you see that we who make up the body of Christ make up every thing that is the Temple of God. A corner stone (Jesus) and a foundation has been built in the heavens and we are the stones that form that temple.

God dwells in us, and like nations went up to seek God to worship Him so will the world have to come to us for the very salvation of their souls. This Temple is permanent in the Heavens and will never cease to radiate the splendor of the True God. Even after the ministry in the flesh the ministration continues throughout the ages. Jesus is still ministering today, Paul is still ministering today, and John and all the other disciples are still ministering the word today.

The corner stone which is Jesus was laid from the foundation of the world and came into view over two thousand years ago. Upon this foundation the other stones that make the foundation (the disciples) were laid. This Temple building continues to grow with other stones being laid on the foundation; we are these stones of the temple.

1Peter 2:5 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.

AWAKENING TO THIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD IN US IS INDEED THE KEY TO OUR VICTORY. NOT MORTAL BEINGS BUT SONS IUST MERE OF GOD. AWAKENING TO THE FACT THAT THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH DWELLS IN US IS OUR OCCUPATION.

1Timothy 3:15 -16 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

We who are called of God ought to behave ourselves because our bodies are no longer ours but of the Lord. Our bodies have become the house (temple) of the living God. We ought to manifest the love of God with our flesh body, we ought to walk in the spirit and reveal the word of salvation unto the nations before our final glorification in God.

We ought to grow continuously in the knowledge of the fact that we are the Temple of God. As we increase our awareness in this direction, we ascend into oneness with Him so intimately that we seize to exist.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

It is no child's play to have this type of responsibility placed in our hands; just think of it the living God dwelling in us. It is an honor beyond comprehension. Imagine all the millions of people that Perish on a daily basis; imagine all the travails of mankind, yet God has chosen us to bear this honor and glory.

Deuteronomy 14:2 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the

earth.

Imagine the fact that God said unto Moses "no man can see my glory", yet we see it and live by it. We ought to be thankful and constantly praising Him, always seeking to do the things that please Him, things that honor our creator.

OUR GOAL AS BELIEVERS

When we have a true clear revelation of the Body of Christ in the heavens, our only goal and ambition now becomes being part of that body or being in that body. In the temple of God which is the body of Christ, the fullness of God's blessing abounds. This is the place God has commanded blessing for ever more, a place where no good thing is withheld from its inhabitants.

Jesus was found in Christ from the moment of the Baptism, for this reason He lived in the full grace and love of God. The same thing goes for Paul and many other disciples of God who joined themselves to the Lord by the spirit. If we are not joined to Him or if we do not find ourselves in Him we abide in the realm of the death and will not taste the love of God.

The Father loves the Son and has given all things to the son. He who does not believe in the son and join Himself with the son abides in the wrath of God. The Father honors the Son and shows Him all His works. The Son pleases the Father the Father's wish is that all men listen to the Son and join themselves to the Son. In the son is peace and the fullness of Joy. All power in heaven and earth has been given over to the son.

The hope of our calling is to be found in Him, blameless and in Love. Our hope is to know Him and feel His love and mercy. For this reason we toil day and night, watching in the spirit for His appearing. For this reason we do works pleasing unto to Him, so that we can taste of the power of His resurrection that will raise us up from the graveyard of ignorance and place us in His invisible kingdom of love and pleasures.

I personally want to hear that voice from heaven saying "this is my beloved Son in whom I AM well pleased; I WILL satisfy Him with pleasures, with peace, with laughter, with honor, with long life and I WILL show Him my salvation".