

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

FOREWORD

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Years ago when I was a member of a Bible-based but very strict church with no reliance on the Holy Spirit or His power, I was standing listening to two of the old men talking after the service. One said to the other "It's all mystery Bill * - all mystery", and Bill replied "Yes Ted,* it's all mystery - such a mystery".

As I stood there I questioned it in my heart; somehow this did not seem to ring true. Later that same week, after asking the Holy Spirit, He began to reveal the mystery

It is very sad that these dear old born-again Christian men did not have a real understanding of Father's heart for us to know. It is for all of us to know and I hope that within these few pages we will be able to encourage you too to know: not only know but through knowing, be able to go and do.

God bless you and may your joy be full in complete revelation and understanding.

* (Not their real names.)

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* All scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise stated.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

Not so long ago there were just a few lone voices saying these things. At a convention I heard a speaker tell of how the Christians prayed and got a Christian president for their (South American) country. A few short years later this president was replaced by a non-Christian. The people then went back to prayer asking the Lord why He let it happen. The Lord's answer came back "Why did YOU let it happen".

One forthright preacher preaches "Church - grow up, get out of nappies". Sometimes ministry only takes place within the church building - but this is where we practise for the real thing. There's a whole world out there searching for the truth. When the Lord says "Go", just go - and you will soon move into an adventure you never even dreamed of. It's an adventure money can't buy. We began ours a few years ago now - and it gets better by the day.

God bless you as you prayerfully take the step of faith, not knowing if the step is six inches or six miles. I can tell you it is a vast step but you will not be disappointed - He will never let you down. We have an infinite, generous, gracious, loving Father who is SO pleased when we have total faith in Him. All glory to His Mighty Name.

passengers had boarded the plane I got on and saw that the plane was absolutely packed. I looked for my seat and I didn't just have two seats - I had THREE!

We can and should dominate the circumstance - come into our own joint heir-ship with Christ - Kings, sons of the Most High God. We've read it enough times; we have it in our heads - can we now make it reality in our spirits so that, quite naturally no, quite **supernaturally** we begin to live and move and have our being as what we are and what Dad intended for us in the first place.

We are told to go and heal the sick, raise the dead. How far away are you from thinking about raising the dead - or are you doing it? We all should expect to move in this area as a matter of normality. Maybe you are, or maybe you are just a step away from doing these things that have already been prepared for you to walk in. On the other hand, you might be surprised how many Christians are already involved in these areas.

Don't go on expecting less - expect the most. You won't be doing it for yourself, you will be complying with Father's orders and it's all to His glory and the praise of His Holy Name. The understanding of the mystery is not for personal gain or edification and should not cause us to be proud or puffed up in any way - it should rather bring us to a place of humility, a place where we stand in awe of Almighty God and His vast provision for us, His children.

We would like to encourage you to more and more seek the Father's face; to enter into His secret place where His delight will be to reveal His mysteries to you, His beloved sons.

CHAPTER I

WHOSE REVELATION IS IT?

Why "mystery" anyway? Why should there be a mystery to be revealed? The word speaks of the god of this world blinding the minds of unbelievers (2 Cor 4.4). Can he then blind the minds of believers too? It is obvious that he can, because we have all heard some professing Christians say that they refuse to believe that healings, tongues or any gifts are for today. If they refuse to believe, what does that make them? Unbelievers. Thomas only refused to believe one thing - and what a sin **that** was.

Of course it is so much easier to not have to live in faith. Faith is not the easy option. Refusing to believe is the easy option. But we know that without faith we cannot please God. Heb 11.6 says **BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE AND BE SATISFACTORY TO HIM**. This being the case, the devil, having inveigled some Christians into a non-believing stance, has prevented them from moving in power, walking according to the Spirit and being a power soldier of the cross.

If the Bible were like any other book, we could just read it and understand it. If that were the case there would be no problem about our understanding, but we have all had times when we have read the same passage over and over again and then suddenly the "light gets switched on" and we can comprehend it

and believe it (faith).

It is much easier for a person to not have to find the light switch and just deny any part of the Bible that suits them.

If the virgin birth or the resurrection are too much to take in, then it is easier to deny them. This opens the door for other faiths to jump on the denial and score points from it thereby bringing the body of Christ into contention with them.

Should Christians choose not to believe that healing gifts are for today, they would have to work very hard to prove it from the word and they would be using the word in a very sterile way to support negativism - which is so contrary to what the Bible says.

1 Cor 2.10 says YET TO US GOD HAS UNVEILED AND REVEALED THEM (THE SCRIPTURES) BY AND THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES DILIGENTLY, EXPLORING AND EXAMINING EVERY-THING, EVEN SOUNDING THE PROFOUND AND BOTTOMLESS THINGS OF GOD (THE DIVINE COUNSELS AND THINGS HIDDEN AND BEYOND MAN'S SCRUTINY). (Amp.)

How much can we then know and understand? Everything! Again, the word says ... THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS (John 14.26).

We read that revelation is only by the Holy Spirit Himself. He who will teach us all things. Earlier in the passage (v 17) it is also quite clear that the unregenerate cannot understand or receive the things of God - simply because they can only be re-

New Ash Green and Gillingham in Kent (where the men went to the high places and commanded the powers to leave) and Harrogate in Yorkshire. We obtained a map of Harrogate and prayed over it to receive Holy Spirit revelation of what we needed to know. He revealed which was the highest hill in the town and the men went up there and took communion in remembrance of our Lord's death and victory. Just a few weeks later we had a new chapter up and running. It was so easy - so simple, because the Holy Spirit did it!

It isn't what was said, it was just the statement of our faith in the power of the shed blood of our glorious Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. This is men and women coming into their sonship. The whole world is waiting for it to happen, groaning in anticipation. Can you grasp the simplicity of this and yet the enormity of what you and I are heirs to? The brakes are off and the chocks are away. God has provided everything we need - the tools to get the job done. But tools are not a lot of good if we don't know how to use them. That is the reason for information - to make every born again Christian aware of their place and what is available to them.

The unseen spirit realm dominates this (what some consider to be) real world. Mostly we don't have much control over the circumstances around us - or so we think - and if we do think in that way, that's what we get. Yet if we know the truth and the truth sets us free (John 8 v 32), we will soon understand how, as sons of God, we have our say in what gets done.

Once, on a night flight to Indiana, I said to Dad "You had these planes made and the fuel got out of the ground just for Your children to do Your work, (the unsaved only pay for their tickets to keep them flying), so could I please have two seats so that I'm more comfortable and able to sleep". After most of the

several books on spiritual warfare I remarked that there was a good choice of these books now, compared with not so long ago. A man standing at the counter spun round with a look of alarm on his face as I said this. When he went out I said to the owner "that comment caused a real reaction didn't it?" "Yes" she said "the majority of believers are very uncomfortable with that subject".

With all power and all authority at our disposal and a defeated, disarmed enemy, how can we not have absolute confidence to deal with any situation? We have to just simply be sons of God, kings and priests before God. We can and should, with words of faith, deal with demons, powers, principalities etc.

On one of our trips to Tanzania in a town called Morogoro where our word of knowledge was to take authority over the ruling spirits of the huge mountain that over-shadowed the town, this was done and we opened a new chapter of FGBMFI there. "Ah - that's Africa", I hear you say. Is it different there then? No, it was the same in Aruba in the Dutch Caribbean.

What about Europe then? Five years ago two of us went to Luxembourg to deal with the dominating spirits over the place. The Holy Spirit revealed many things to us (mysteries). Luxembourg means "fortress of light"! Its nickname is "the little fortress" but it is in fact a huge fortress. He revealed the fact that the suicide rate there is the highest in Europe. We took authority over all these things and two years later a chapter of FGBMFI was opened and is still running. Our remit was not to open the chapter but to see-off the opposition.

We have been teaching this here in the UK and prior to setting up new chapters of FGBMFI the men have broken the hold of the enemy. Three places where this has been the case are:

vealed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it quite naturally follows that the devil cannot comprehend God's word. He's had plenty of time to read it and must know it 'parrot fashion' by now, yet with no real comprehension or understanding. 1 Cor 2.13 says **AND WE ARE SETTING THESE TRUTHS FORTH IN WORDS NOT TAUGHT BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT TAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

I once met a young man who, when I asked if he had ever read the Bible, told me that he had but it made no sense at all. In fact he said "Reading the letters of Paul, I can only assume that he was stark staring raving mad". The oracles of God are foolishness to the carnal mind (read 1 Cor 1.18-25) because the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. In quoting that very verse I have had unbelievers laugh at me - even that basic truth being foolish to them.

Recently quoting "flesh begets flesh and spirit begets spirit" (John 3.6) I was told it was crazy. I often wonder how the unbelieving mind can be so blind - yet "there's none so blind as those who will not see." Their will is involved and the decision of their will is "I am happy in my ignorance".

1 Cor 2.15 says **BUT THE SPIRITUAL MAN TRIES ALL THINGS, DISCERNS ALL THINGS), YET IS HIMSELF TO BE PUT ON TRIAL AND JUDGED BY NO ONE (HE CAN READ THE MEANING OF EVERYTHING BUT NO ONE CAN GET AN INSIGHT INTO HIM).** (Amp.)

What a privileged position we are in - and it all begins with us having the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2.16). This place of understanding is the starting block of the race that we are running. We can be taught by men but even that is not necessary (John 14.26). The Holy Spirit is more than we shall ever need.

Have you ever read the Bible and come to a point where you have had an unanswerable question? This frequently happens to me and in asking the Lord for the answer, I don't normally get an immediate response but in a few days He shows me the answer to my question.

Sometimes our gracious Lord will reveal something that seems of no real importance. For instance, Father revealed that Samson was not a very big man - in fact he showed me that he was thin and not very tall. When you take this revelation and begin to look at Samson's life, it makes the whole thing take on new meaning. For instance, could he have pulled those vast pillars over even if he had been the strongest man in the world? Or could he have caught 300 foxes - or slain 1000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass? The answer to all these questions is of course a resounding NO.

All of this was carried out in the supernatural - and the Philistines were so vexed because Samson was so small. The Holy Spirit also revealed that there is only one thing that would have vexed the Philistines more - and that was if a woman had done it! The Lord revealed all this so that I could preach that you don't have to be big or clever - just move in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

What a glorious, mighty God we serve, who makes His word to be a living word, a Holy Spirit-revealed, powerful word.

Once, years ago on a Saturday night when I was preaching next day, I went into my study to prepare a sermon. The Lord spoke to me and said "You wanted to watch the cowboy film, didn't you". I agreed but told Him (as if He didn't know) that I had the sermon to prepare - and the cowboy film would probably be rubbish anyway. "But you wanted to watch it" He said "so,

Can you accommodate the fact that as a son you **can** know all mysteries? 1 Cor 13 v 2 (Amp) says IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS (THE GIFT OF INTERPRETING THE DIVINE WILL AND PURPOSE) AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE SECRET TRUTHS AND MYSTERIES AND POSSESS ALL KNOWLEDGE That says you can. Is that hard to believe? Eph 1 v 8 (Amp) says WHICH HE LAVISHED ON US IN EVERY KIND OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING (PRACTICAL INSIGHT AND PRUDENCE). Not some kinds of wisdom and understanding but EVERY kind. I didn't invent this stuff - it is God-breathed Holy Scripture that is stronger than cast iron. It stands supreme for ever.

How then is all this available to each of us as we have need? Back to the drawing board. "Christ in you the hope of glory." If Christ and the Lord Holy Spirit are in you and the two are inseparable, then the fact of the Holy Spirit indwelling means you have at your disposal all that He is. It's His job to instruct you. John 14 v 26 says BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS

The Holy Spirit dwelling in you provides you with access to all things (Rom 8 v 32). Therefore putting all this to work allows us to carry out the purposes laid out in Chapter 5: telling all men and making the manifold wisdom of God known to the powers and principalities. It goes beyond embarrassment and fear of looking foolish. It takes you beyond the place which the world thinks is normal, to our rightful place of **real** normality - God's normality. It's the world that's out of step and the world knows that it runs on a kind of madness.

Some time ago I was in a Christian book shop and having read

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Sadly, what we seem to have is embarrassment - we are too frightened to say anything because of what people might think. Afraid to let anyone hear our tongues in case people think we are crazy. What happened the first time the Christians at Pentecost let the world hear their tongues at the beginning of Acts 2? Acts 4 v 4 says there were 5000 salvations.

It would appear that many of us are embarrassed about our gifts, but the situation is desperately worse than even this. It is a fact that most Christians don't even know what their gifts are, let alone how to use them. Many times I am asked "how can I know what my gift is?" When we are on our travelling missionary outreaches we see many salvations, healing miracles, Holy Spirit baptisms and telling people their giftings. The scripture for this is 1 Tim 4 v 14 (Amp) **DO NOT NEGLECT THE GIFT WHICH IS IN YOU (THAT SPECIAL INWARD ENDOWMENT) WHICH WAS DIRECTLY IMPARTED TO YOU (BY THE HOLY SPIRIT) BY PROPHETIC UTTERANCE WHEN THE ELDERS LAID THEIR HANDS UPON YOU.**

How often do we see this done in church? I haven't ever. We have made it part of our ministry and offer it to the body as opportunity allows. The problem for the saints is that the injunction "do not neglect the gift" cannot be carried out if the second part of the verse is not put in place. The whole ethos of this book is - REVELATION. God wants you to know, not to remain in ignorance. Matt 10 v 26 says ... **FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED THAT WILL NOT BE REVEALED, AND HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN.** That tells us that Father wants us to be informed; He wants us to understand His mysteries.

go and watch it". I did - and it was rubbish, as we both knew it would be. Then I went to bed.

Upon getting up in the morning, I sat down to write and in just 20 minutes had my sermon. Such grace and love. Whatever the circumstances, sometimes with many speaking engagements when on tour, He always provides - and when necessary, in a short space of time - always fresh and appropriate for the congregation who are to receive it.

As we learn to come into being receptive to all that Father wants for us we just open ourselves to all that our generous Dad wants to lavishly impart to us. If **we** know how to give good gifts to **our** children, how much more does our most generous Dad know how to give to **us**.

I hope that what I've said so far hasn't made you think it is hard to understand what the word says. If you are one who has a problem with comprehension, a short prayer asking the Holy Spirit to make it simple to understand, is a good thing. As soon as you ask Jesus to come and live in your heart and forgive you all your sin, you have understanding - don't look for hidden meanings - just take the word to mean what it says. It is dishonest to make the holy word of Almighty God fit to what you have made up your mind about already - that's religious rubbish. We take God at His word literally, even if we don't understand, and trust for enlightenment in His time. Don't make a big deal out of it, just let it simply speak to you. It will be made to be simple by the One whose job it is to make it so, the Holy Spirit.

1 John 2.27 says **BUT AS FOR YOU, THE ANOINTING (THE SACRED APPOINTMENT, THE UNCTION) WHICH YOU RECEIVED FROM HIM ABIDES (PERMANENTLY)**

IN YOU; (SO) THEN YOU HAVE NO NEED THAT ANY-ONE SHOULD INSTRUCT YOU. BUT JUST AS HIS ANOINTING TEACHES YOU CONCERNING EVERYTHING AND IS TRUE AND IS NO FALSEHOOD, SO YOU MUST ABIDE IN (LIVE IN, NEVER DEPART FROM) HIM (BEING ROOTED IN HIM, KNIT TO HIM) JUST AS (HIS ANOINTING) HAS TAUGHT YOU (TO DO). (Amp.)

My son had people from another faith knock on his door and he invited them in to discuss what scripture really said. (His unsaved friend sat and listened to the debate.) "So you literally believe the whole word of God?" my son asked the visitors. "Yes" they replied. "Then, can Jesus be called the Everlasting Father?" he asked. "Never" was the reply. My son knew it was there somewhere and he found the reading in Isaiah 9.6 "..... AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED EVER-LASTING FATHER (OF ETERNITY), PRINCE OF PEACE" (Amp).

The visitors said "Oh, you're taking it too literally". My son's friend came into salvation but sadly, the visitors went away un-enlightened.

CHAPTER 6

THE POWER

Rom 8 v 19 (Amp) says FOR (EVEN THE WHOLE) CREA-TION (ALL NATURE) WAITS EXPECTANTLY AND LONGS EARNESTLY FOR THE SONS OF GOD TO BE MADE KNOWN (WAITS FOR THE REVEALING, DIS-CLOSING OF THEIR SONSHIP). We know that part of this refers to post rapture but there is also truth in this for the here and now, for example, those who have taken authority over the weather and seen it bow to the name of Jesus. Even as He commanded the storm in Matt 8 v 27 WHO CAN THIS BE, THAT EVEN THE WIND AND SEA OBEY HIM? He demonstrated the Son of the Living God being revealed to nature.

Coming into an understanding means cancers are rebuked, de-pressions have to leave, plants are made to produce more fruit, cars run without fuel - so many natural things made to work differently - there are vast numbers of examples.

But is this how the body of Christ lives and moves and has its being? Is the normal Christian life one of manifested power out in the world as our Saviour demonstrated for us and as He commanded us to do? John 14 v 12 says ... HE WHO BE-LIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO HE WILL DO ALSO: AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE HE WILL

will reveal it.

How are we to carry out this purpose? "The many sided wisdom of God made known to the principalities and powers" - that sounds like a pretty tall order - a hard one to work. Yes, almost impossible, but there is a way and like all things with God, it is very simple, yet deeply profound. **KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND JUST BY KNOWING, YOU WILL BE!**

When you know in your spirit, your body language will agree with your words. Then the host of witnesses will see that you really **do** know. It all comes back to reading the word, taking in what Father God has already said and when it becomes reality to you, then your mouth and your body will agree.

The Lord told me why tongues work in prayer. He showed me that all earthly language has been corrupted by the way that people use it. Everyone speaks negativism, death, destruction, rebellion, hate, etc. All of these have become built into our language. Just listen to what people say sometimes. "I'm dying for a cup of tea!" "My feet are killing me". "You little devil!"

So, as a result, God has given us angelic languages so that when we come into His throne room our words are immediately acceptable.

There's the purpose. We have no need to strive to attain these things because the Holy Spirit of Almighty God is our sufficiency to work out the purpose in full.

CHAPTER 2

THE WHY?

This was the way Father purposed it. This was His plan to keep everything a mystery as we easily understand from His word. The word is powerful - sharper than any two-edged sword. Not as sharp as, but sharper than. If the devil had access to Holy Spirit revealed word, that word being the sword, he could then cut you or me with it. If the enemies of the gospel had access to the word - again they could use it against us. All of the wonders, the wisdom, the power and authority are hidden in the word for us.

If the devil, or the powers and principalities, had any kind of insight or understanding, they would not have hounded the Lord Jesus to death. **1 Cor 2.8 NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE OR WORLD PERCEIVED AND RECOGNISED AND UNDERSTOOD THIS, FOR IF THEY HAD, THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY (Amp).**

This was their final collapse; this was their downfall; this was total disaster for the kingdom of darkness - total ruination for them. Yet the crucifixion of Jesus was vividly portrayed in Isaiah 53, Psalm 22 and many other places in ancient Holy Writ; so how did they not know and avoid the supreme act of folly that would bring about their total defeat?

Also, the death of Jesus made nonsense of reason. Reason would say "Kill him - get him out of the way and we've won". We cannot make reason the order of the day - reason doesn't walk on water or feed 5,000 people on five loaves and two fishes; reason doesn't turn water into wine or heal the blind man or raise the dead. When was the gospel ever reasonable? If anyone takes your coat, give him your shirt as well - that's reasonable?! If anyone strikes your cheek, turn to him the other.

What a nasty shock for satan - Jesus went down into hell for three days and then returned in resurrection power, glorious and triumphant over all the power of the enemy, obtaining a victory so mighty and so great. Why? For you and for me. Rom 8.28 ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER AND ARE (FITTING INTO A PLAN) FOR GOOD TO AND FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO (HIS) DESIGN AND PURPOSE (Amp).

The death of the Lord of Glory at the hands of sinful men and instigated directly by the devil was the most terrible, the most appalling, the worst event the history of the world has ever known. Nothing could ever come near to the depth of awfulness of this one cataclysm. Yet, because God turns everything to good for us who love Him, He turned the worst event ever into the best - the most desperately wicked deed into the most wonderful 'sauteria'.

This sauteria is not just salvation but everything that goes along with it. It is new life, healing, sonship, kingship, priesthood; it is being seated on the throne now. It is having our life hidden in Christ now. It is each one being a new creation from day one - the moment we asked Jesus to come and live in our

DANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ETERNAL AND TIMELESS PURPOSE WHICH HE HAS REALISED AND CARRIED INTO EFFECT IN (THE PERSON OF) CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

That is the full purpose: part of the purpose is evangelism which we have just seen. Here we see the rest of it - to be made known to - who? Not just to men but to all the heavenly host - the good, and more particularly the bad, supernatural powers. You might well ask - how do I do that?

The Lord revealed to me while in prayer one morning that there were 4 witches praying against me. That is true for so many of us, particularly those at the sharp end of evangelism. So much prayer is needed in this area. All of us have untold numbers of demons working, tempting, pushing, whispering, nagging (are they masters of nagging?) Yet many are just watching. Heb 12 v 1 says THEREFORE WE ALSO, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

They are watching to ascertain what we believe, how we believe, in fact what our faith levels are. They can easily judge this from what we say. Matt 12 v 34 FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS. The Christian's mouth and what he says are so important - more than we realise. The word says we will have to give account for every careless word (Matt 12 v 36) - and how many careless words we all speak! They are written into our language and just trip off the tongue so easily. We should speak faith - that's how Jesus spoke - knowing Spirit-grounded faith. These unseen powers are not just listening, they are watching our every move, noting even our body language. If we say something and we don't really believe it, our body language

When we really begin to believe that we are sons of the Almighty and joint heirs with Christ, already seated on the throne (Eph 2 v 6) we will do what is required **quite naturally** because we are who we are.

The world is stark staring, raving mad. There's a madness of striving to get – at all cost. At what point does a millionaire say "I now have enough - I'll stop working now"? Suicide is rampant in the millionaire fraternity. The madness of drug-taking, the madness of people knowing that they are their own worst enemy. The madness of wars, greed, jealousy, religiosity, etc.

We who come into the mind of Christ come into God's sanity which says "give and it shall be given unto you". The sanity that says if you are hit, turn the other cheek. The sanity that goes to this mad world to tell them what a sane mind is. Is it surprising that they turn on us as if **we** are the mad ones?

How are we to carry this out? In our own strength, what a daunting task. But - with all the power of the Holy Spirit and the authority of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can go forward with absolute confidence to carry through this endeavour as Eph 3 v 8 requires. That is what it's about as far as men are concerned - but there is more.

This scripture (Eph 3 v 10 & 11) (Amp) goes on to say - THE PURPOSE IS THAT THROUGH THE CHURCH THE COMPLICATED, MANY SIDED WISDOM OF GOD IN ALL ITS INFINITE VARIETY AND INNUMERABLE ASPECTS MIGHT NOW BE MADE KNOWN TO THE ANGELIC RULERS AND AUTHORITIES (PRINCIPALITIES & POWERS) IN THE HEAVENLY SPHERE. THIS IS IN ACCOR-

hearts and forgive us all our sins. Miracle of miracles - God won me back to Himself and made me His son, never to be lost ever again.

As a general rule, Christians do not seem to realise just how big this sauteria is. 1 Cor 6.2A says DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE SAINTS (THE BELIEVERS) WILL (ONE DAY) JUDGE AND GOVERN THE WORLD? Verse 3 says DO YOU NOT KNOW ALSO THAT WE (CHRISTIANS) ARE TO JUDGE THE (VERY) ANGELS AND PRONOUNCE OPINION BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG (FOR THEM)? HOW MUCH MORE THEN (AS TO) MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS WORLD AND OF THIS LIFE ONLY! (Amp). Can you begin to grasp the excitement, the expectancy in this? We are to rule and judge now for this life, and then later we will rule cities!

In Luke 19.17 it is the excellent servant who is put in charge of ten cities, but we know of many cities where there are hundreds or even thousands of Christians residing, so how could this be? There are enough planets in creation for each person let alone each Christian to be in charge of many not just cities, but whole planets.

If you had ever seen the throngs of angels, the unseen hosts, which outnumber the powers of darkness two to one, you would easily understand how this could be. Once, when walking down a very wide high street in Bishop Auckland, I was aware of a huge crowd of them beside and behind me.

Another time when a demonised man had been in my kitchen and having gone, left a few demons behind, the hair on the back of my neck felt as though it was standing on end. When I commanded them to go, I perceived them leaving faster than

jet planes. Romans 8.22 says WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION HAS BEEN MOANING TOGETHER IN THE PAINS OF LABOUR UNTIL NOW, AS WE WAIT FOR THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES (OUR MANIFESTATION AS GOD'S SONS) (Amp). Can you take all this into your being so that you may be the new creation that God intends you to be, and that you may begin to live out His full purposes, taking your rightful authority and place.

Once, when singing "I'm going to rule and reign with you throughout eternity" the Lord spoke to me and said "When's eternity, Frank?" I replied "Well, it's a bit open-ended in both directions Lord". He then asked me "and where will you rule from?" "The throne" I replied. "And when will you be seated on the throne Frank?" "I am already" I replied. Then the Lord said ". well?" in such a way that I realised I was meant to be ruling and reigning already.

Knowing this truth, how should we live ruling and reigning now? We won't be able to until we come into a Holy Spirit revealed understanding of who we are and thereby how we will quite naturally live out our new kingdom life.

MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. It's all done, all finished, all accomplished. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Why? - because Jesus became sin - not just took my sin but actually **became** sin for me.

When the Israelites were in the wilderness they had to put up a pole with a serpent on it and when they looked at the serpent on the pole they were healed. When our beloved Saviour went to that cruel cross, he actually became what that serpent represented. Sin. Yes, He washed my sin away with His precious blood. But it is almost incomprehensible - HE BECAME SIN: therefore I am righteous. That's the truth.

I once said in a church service that Mother Theresa of Calcutta had no more righteousness than I have. I said that any good **she** does, as with any good **I do**, is as filthy rags in God's sight. We all know she was a wonderful person and the epitome of all that is humanly good - YET my and her only claim to righteousness is the righteousness we have in Christ. I had seventeen complaints because the religious mind has rule-keeping as its priority, do-gooding and generally trying to earn its way into heaven by church attendance, devout acts, holy behaviour, etc. The way to salvation is NOT THROUGH WORKS LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST (Eph 2 v 9).

When asked "what must we do to do the works of God?" the Lord Jesus's answer was (John 6 v 29) (Amp) THIS IS THE WORK (SERVICE) THAT GOD ASKS OF YOU: THAT YOU BELIEVE IN THE ONE WHOM HE HAS SENT (THAT YOU CLEAVE TO, TRUST, RELY ON AND HAVE FAITH IN HIS MESSENGER). The only real work is to believe, trust, rely on and depend on only what God says and requires.

the Holy Spirit. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit of God can people have the scales taken from their eyes. We, the body of Christ, have all this power at our disposal.

It says it is a mystery. A mystery has to be solved, yet this has been kept hidden throughout the ages. The Bible asks "how can anyone search into the hidden things of God?". Yet you, having come into your salvation, are now made aware of the most amazing revelation, the most wonderful plan devised by God, all for your personal benefit, to bring you into the Holy of Holies, to bring you into Divine righteousness - not just into God's presence but you into God and God into you!

This is all such a huge, such a vast notion - how could the old unregenerate mind possibly take it in? But now that we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2 v 16) we have the ability to unravel the mystery. We are told to walk according to the Spirit. How can we have that kind of walk without the understanding? According to the world's understanding, a Christian is someone who is good, or at least is trying to be. That's the reason for the charge of hypocrisy being so frequently levelled at us - because they know we don't live up to being good, as they expect.

We all begin our life in Jesus trying to be good, our ideas running much the same as the world's. Yet soon we discover our weaknesses, our failures, our inability to live out our lives being good. We very soon realise we cannot rely on our goodness - any good we can accomplish is as filthy rags in God's sight. (Isaiah 64 v 6). We soon discover that any righteousness we feel, brings us into the danger of becoming self-righteous. Only by Holy Spirit revelation can we discover the glorious righteousness freely given by God through Christ's selfless act of dying on that cruel cross. 2 Cor 5 v 21 **GOD MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, THAT WE**

CHAPTER 3

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

Col 1 v 26-27 says **THE MYSTERY WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT HIDDEN FOR AGES AND GENERATIONS BUT IS NOW DISCLOSED TO THE SAINTS, TO THEM GOD HAS CHOSEN TO MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE GENTILES THE GLORIOUS RICHES OF THIS MYSTERY WHICH IS - CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

I still remember the Saturday night that these few words became rhema word to me - they became Holy Spirit inspired words deep in my spirit. Sure, I'd read this scripture many times before. Yes, I had asked Jesus to come and live in my heart. Yes, I had asked the Holy Spirit to come and fill me with His presence. Yes, I had said all the right things and believed them in my head.

At this time I was going to a church where we held Jesus, God and the Bible in a sense of great awe. There was nothing much about **our** part in this great plan - the only thing it seemed I should do is - *try to live a good life*. I hadn't achieved that up to that point and don't think I have since. Every Sunday we would take Jesus out of His box (the Bible) and have a really good look at Him and exclaim how wonderful, how glorious,

how beautiful – and then put Him back again until the following week.

So, even though I had Jesus in my heart and the Holy Spirit filling me, I took a further step. And what a giant leap! It suddenly became absolutely true - better than the best - more than I could ask or think.

If at this point you are saying "So what - I've known that for years" you need to ask the Holy Spirit to make this rhema word for you. Look at it a bit more - it says "the mystery revealed". It has been hidden from all for generations, men and angels; there are riches in this - it is all so glorious. Can you catch the idea? It is in fact the whole foundation of everything we aspire to in our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ in me and me in Christ.

Christ in **me**! I danced, I whooped - Wow! This Jesus who we looked at each Sunday and admired all His beautiful facets - He was in **me**, filling me - He had taken up residence with **me**! The Creator of this whole universe, with all His power, with all His authority, was in **ME**!

I went to church the next day and tried to share my revelation; it met with seemingly no response because sadly, the body of Christ in that place didn't acknowledge the Holy Spirit's function of bringing one into that personal place of sonship.

The whole of the three years of Christ's ministry was training twelve men not to stand on the sidelines looking in awe as He performed miracles - much of the time He expected **them** to do it. "**You** give them something to eat" He said "**You** heal them." The whole of His teaching is exactly the same for us so that each of us personally, and all of us corporately, may be the Body of Christ for this poor dying world.

CHAPTER 5

THE PURPOSE

Eph 3 v 8 & 9 (Amp) TO PROCLAIM TO THE GENTILES THE UNENDING (BOUNDLESS, FATHOMLESS, INCALCULABLE) AND EXHAUSTLESS RICHES OF CHRIST (WEALTH WHICH NO HUMAN BEING COULD HAVE SEARCHED OUT). ALSO TO ENLIGHTEN ALL MEN AND MAKE PLAIN TO THEM THE PLAN (REGARDING THE GENTILES AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL MEN) OF THE MYSTERY KEPT HIDDEN THROUGH THE AGES AND CONCEALED UNTIL NOW IN (THE MIND OF) GOD WHO CREATED ALL THINGS.

There it is again - "mystery". The mystery revealed - Christ in you the hope of glory. Now here's the purpose - it's for all men. Here we see what sort of gospel we have to share - the biggest, the most vast, most wonderful gospel for us to "gossip", proclaim or announce. That's for us to do once we come into the realisation of our sonship. The plan of the mystery is to further the gospel so that men might come to a place of salvation to show the riches of Christ (verse 8) which no human being could have searched out.

Our ministry is power evangelism. That means that instead of telling the good news over and over again, we use the power of

power and the driver controls the power of the car - therefore it may not stop. Now put that same policeman in a Centurion tank - now he has not only the authority given him by the law of the land, but now he also has the power to back up that authority.

Can you understand your enviable position whereby you are given not only the authority of the Name which is above every Name (Phil 2 v 10) but also you have access to the ultimate never-ending power of the Holy Spirit Himself.

Sadly, many who have been on the Christian path, even for a considerable amount of time, have failed for one reason or another to come into this place of knowing who they are in Christ. Just hearing it once is not enough - we need to read it in books as well as the Bible - hear it preached either live or from tapes (faith comes by hearing . . . the word of God - Rom 10 v 17).

We need to read and inwardly digest these facts showing who we actually are in Christ.

If Christians are still living and behaving in a similar way to before they were saved, it is because they have a problem of identity. It makes no sense at all for any Christian to be living less than a divinely royal, supernatural life with all its consequent fullness.

WHY SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN GOD'S BEST?.

This basic fact, this mystery revealed, is the open door to all of the other tremendous things He has worked out for us, for instance: 2 Pet 1.3/4 **AS HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY GLORY AND VIRTUE, BY WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, THAT THROUGH THESE YOU MAY BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD THROUGH LUST.**

He not only lives in you, He has His life going on inside you; He has allowed you to participate in His Divine nature. Can you get a handle on that? The actual Divine nature is already in you!

Outside of Christ I have nothing, I am nothing and I recognise that in me (my old nature) there is no good thing - but in Christ I have all good things.

Frequently we come across Christians who see themselves so poor and downtrodden, so hurt by others and the world, that they come up in the prayer line time and time again. "I need help; I need prayer; I'm in a terrible state; I can't cope". They sometimes have no assurance of salvation and therefore no witness. Then there are the Christians who cry "bless me Lord, bless me Lord" all the time.

Can any of us have more than has already been freely given? The mystery revealed - **CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY - HALLELUJAH!** It has all been generously lavished upon us already - there can't be any more to give. It's no good

seeking more - what we have to do is come into the place of knowing the measure of what has been given. Actually, we cannot know the measure because it is SO MUCH - we can never come to the end of it. Yet, because we are finite, we do measure in one way or another, but God gives without counting the cost. Jesus . . . holds all things together by the word of His power (part of Heb 1.3). He spoke all of the known universe (perhaps more) into being - and keeps it all running. This same Jesus lives in all those who have invited Him into their hearts and lives and He will never leave them nor forsake them (Deut 31 v 6 BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE, ... HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU).

When I was backslidden for 10 years, I became involved in occult practice. One day when in a very tight corner and in great fear, I prayed "Jesus, please get me out of this" and immediately He dealt with the situation, even though I was in deep sin. He doesn't make a promise and then at the first sign of trouble draw back from it. Jesus goes through everything with us. He said "I won't ever leave you" and having made that promise, He absolutely won't. If you believe today that He has left you, you are believing a lie.

"MY FATHER AND I WILL COME AND MAKE OUR HOME IN YOU" (John 14.23), - do you know you are a temple of the Holy Spirit? Can you see yourself as a beautiful building containing Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Whether you can or not, that is a true picture of you - a place of worship with Almighty God in residence. If we really understood how special and wonderful we are, now that we are in Christ and Christ is in us, we would never judge another Christian or criticise - instead we would see Christ in each other - we would recognise Christ by looking into each others' faces.

new life in Christ available to you - they had to come into that place of glory for their own life in order to be able to pass it on to you. As you are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to enter more and more into this glory situation, so you will all the more make it available to others around.

Many, many times, while ministering to the oppressed we quietly but very firmly tell the evil spirits to go. There's no need to shout, no need to mention the word "authority" or "power" - they know you have these things. What they look for is to detect whether you really know it yourself. If you know who you are, they will see it in the way you behave - they will hear it in your voice, not so much by the words you use but the confidence with which you say them. When you know who you are, you just take control.

I remember being in a house in Gillingham and carrying a parcel upstairs; while putting it down I became aware of a 'presence' above me at the top of the next flight of stairs. I went down and asked the lady of the house if she was aware of anything there. "Oh yes" she said "we sometimes see an old lady standing there". I asked her if she would like me to get rid of it. "Oh yes please!" she replied. It was so simple to just go and say "these people don't want you here so go - now - in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ". A few weeks later I met that lady's daughter and she was able to confirm that the house was now free of that spirit.

It is almost like a policeman - watch the confidence they use: yet it's not quite like the police situation because the policeman has the authority but not always the power. If a car is speeding down the road and a policeman steps out in front of it and puts his hand up to tell it to stop, he is demonstrating authority. But in this scenario he has authority but no power - the car has the

We are God's workmanship Eph 2 v 10. It's nothing **we** have done because we could not lift a finger to help ourselves. He did the whole thing for us. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith Heb 12 v 2. He authorised it, finished it and worked out everything in between.

God made man in His own image Gen 1 v 27. How many times have we heard it said "Isn't he just like his father" or "she's got her mother's nose". Yes, we should be like our parents - and no less so when our Daddy is Almighty God. We are Divine royalty. God in you means your life is the very breath of God. God's love is in us, limitless, lifting and blessing all those around.

2 Cor 3 v 18 says. . . **BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE, BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.**

We read that the veil is torn in two - nothing is in the way to prevent our full understanding. It goes on to explain how by looking into the word, by looking into the glory of the Lord, we are being changed, yes, turned into identically what Jesus is - from the same glory, this glory of Jesus, to more and more glory. God places no limit on how he wants to change what I was into what He has already provided. It's all so wonderfully big, vast and grand. The word states it all so clearly - absorb the fact and live it - not just for yourself but for the glory of God. In living your new life for the One who paid the price to make it all happen, you will, as a matter of normality, live for those around you who are not yet in the Kingdom.

Someone else was the instigator, or the catalyst, to make the

CHAPTER 4

IDENTIFICATION

We see from the last chapter that the emphasis is not on what we can do for God, nor is it on how we can serve Him (though there is a place for service) but if we try to come to God through service we will come unstuck because that is putting 'the cart before the horse'. The creature (you) is so much more important than the vehicle (service).

First you need to find out who you are (what is **your** place in the hierarchy of things), what is **your** place in the pecking order; **your** authority; **your** power; then, knowing who **you** are, you will quite naturally begin to behave in a way that becomes a king or a son of God and joint heir with Christ, and someone who is 'more than a conqueror' (Rom 8 v 37). Many Christians don't behave like this because of lack of inner assurance of these things. I remember the first time I had employees working for me, I asked them to do something - and they just did it. I was surprised at first because this had never been my experience before but a boss is a boss and he is obeyed because he is a boss. Now I was the boss and they naturally expected me to tell them what to do - that is the order of things.

You will quite naturally act like a Jesus-filled person if you have the divinely inspired revelation of that fact. Knowing that you know that you know, makes you believe the new life in

you. The first time I prayed for healing I was surprised that the sickness obeyed me - just like those employees obeyed. The first time a demon obeyed me, again I was surprised. These things come into their natural order and first and foremost we must identify and know our place.

This was the **original** hierarchy:

GOD
CREATED MANKIND
GOOD ANGELS
SATAN
BAD ANGELS
ANIMALS

Psalms 8 v 4-6 WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM, AND THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU CARE FOR HIM. FOR YOU HAVE MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, (OR HEAVENLY BEINGS) AND YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOUR. YOU HAVE MADE HIM TO HAVE DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET.

Here we see that Adam was next in line of authority after God; as in our list he was very high in the "pecking order". Yet he gave it all away, believed the devil's lie, took on sinful nature and came into the place of fallen mankind, almost last in the "pecking order" and subject to all the wiles of the devil - wars, murders, stealing, adultery and all the rest of his deceit. (One of his sons became the first murderer.) Yet God provided a second Adam. 1 Cor 15 v 45 THE FIRST MAN (ADAM) BECAME A LIVING BEING. THE LAST ADAM BECAME A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT (restoring the dead to life) and verse 49

AND AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF DUST, WE SHALL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY MAN.

If we are regenerated (born again) then we are restored back to God – yet not back to the same place as Adam had, how ever good that was. We are restored to a new place and that new place is in God's own family. We have become sons of God - Rom 8 v 14, Gal 4 v 6, Heb 12 v 7. Adopted into God's own family - Gal 4 v 5, Eph 1 v 5. Even taking on the very nature of God Himself. 2 Pet 1 v 4 BY WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, THAT THROUGH THESE YOU MAY BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD THROUGH LUST.

Now look at your position:

GOD AND HIS FAMILY (INCLUDING YOU)
GOOD ANGELS
SATAN
BAD ANGELS
FALLEN MANKIND
ANIMALS

We are not put back into Adam's old place (even though that would have been good) but we have been given a much better place in God's own family. Know that and behave as though it is true BECAUSE IT IS - then you will see things turn around for you as they did for Jesus and Paul and Peter and all those first Christians.