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# PART 1

## NEW COVENANT IS IN PERSON

### A Firm Footing

I want to bring emphasis upon the necessity of the Appearing of Jesus Christ, the necessity of the Appearing of Christ. I want us to see the necessity and the reality of His Appearing. I want to lay a foundation for this and I want us to look at a number of definitions, scriptural definitions and definitions of words in the scripture with regard to His Appearing. I want us to have a firm footing in the scripture, a firm footing in the theology of what I am going to share with you, that you may be able to stand; ready to share with others the Hope, that is to say, THE CERTAINTY that is in you; which is **Christ**. In the last several months I have been in three different searches with regard to the Reality of Christ: one having to do with Christ the Church, another one on the Necessity of Spiritual Understanding. And then this one concerning the Appearing, and they are all the same; one just fits into the other. And the reason why they do that is that I am not searching three different subjects, but searching Christ; searching Christ with regard to these three realities concerning the Lord Jesus. But now I am just going to limit my sharing to His Appearing.

#### References:

1 Peter 3:15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*

Colossians 2:7

*Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

Colossians 1:27

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

## Arrangement of the Books of the New Testament

Now, with reference to that, look at your diagram. What we see here is the arrangement of the books of the New Testament. The four Gospels, the Epistles and then that letter of John to the Church called the Revelation of Jesus Christ, in which all of this is simply summed up and presented in the Man on His Throne. But we see these three divisions, or saying it another way, this three fold arrangement of the New Testament. Now that arrangement is both Historical and Spiritual. It is Historical in that it is an arrangement of natural writings. That is not to say that these writings did not come out from the Heart of God; but it is written on paper and therefore it is natural. You can actually take your Bible out, if you are of a mind to do so and burn it up. Yes, you can destroy scripture. It is the Spiritual that you cannot destroy. And the one is in direct testimony of the other, and that is something that it seems to me most Christians, though they would readily agree with that, do not really understand it; because they keep looking at the scripture here in a very natural way and missing the reality of that which is Spiritual. The one is written to give testimony of the other. One is in your lap; the other one is in your soul. But the order is the same.

### References:

Luke 1:1-3

*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus.*

1 John 1:1-3

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

John 5:39

*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

## **The Order of The New Covenant**

The order of the arrangement of the books of the New Testament is the exact order of the New Covenant. Now, the New Covenant is written in your heart. Christ is the Living Word of the New Covenant; He is the Word of the New Covenant. The New Covenant is not in words (plural), but in WORD. Now you see all these scriptures come to my mind, but I mention to you Hebrews 1:1. The writer of Hebrews gets this settled, this business concerning the New Covenant. He says with reference to the Old Covenant, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past to the fathers by the prophets.*” That is part of the Old Covenant: the law and the prophets, the Old Covenant. And your King James Bible says, “*Hath in these last days...*” The better translation is, “*Hath at the end of those days...*” Done what? **Spoken in Son**. That is just a little different than what your King James will read, but that is the correct translation. “*Hath at the end of those days...*” So now that just speaks volumes. What comes to an end, what runs its course, what is folded up like an old garment and laid away? The Old Covenant with all of its rites, with all of its rituals. Yes, the Old Covenant, but also with its promises, with its prophecies. It is folded up, comes to its end, and runs its course because its only purpose was to bring you to the Living Word. And that is its purpose now. I am not telling you to go throw your Bibles away. I am telling you to go there to see the Living Word. You go there to see the Living Word, but the Old Covenant comes to be fulfilled in **ONE WORD**. The Old Covenant is words; The New Covenant is One Word. The New Covenant comes, not by the learning of words, but by the revealing of the **ONE WORD**. “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God... the same was in the beginning with God... That Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory...)*” (John 1:1,2,14)

### References:

Hebrews 8:10,13

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...In*

*that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*

Hebrews 1:11,12

*They shall perish; but thou remainest: and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.*

John 8:43

*Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word.*

Galatians 3:24

*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

## **Coming To The Living Word**

You know the verses, but He who was made flesh now lives in us. “*That which we have seen, that which we have handled...*” John says in 1 John 1:1, “*that which our hands have handled; our eyes have looked upon, that we declare to you to be the Eternal Word of God.*” He goes on to say that Word which is in us, that Eternal One, it is Him that we declare, and in doing so we bring to confirmation the Old Covenant. You see - ***hath spoken in Son***. We will read it again because he begins to sum up in Hebrews 12:18. “*You have not come to the mountain that might be touched...*” He is talking about Sinai. Sinai equates itself to Old Covenant, Moses, the law, the prophets. “*Ye have not come to that mountain that can be touched...*” And he described it, but then he says with “*the voice of words*” (verse 19) With the voice of words - ye have not come again unto words, but rather unto **the Living Word**. YE ARE COME TO MOUNT ZION. Ye are come to Mount Zion. He uses those two mountains in type or as an analogy of the two Covenants. Paul does that in Galatians 4 with reference to Ishmael and with reference to Isaac. In fact it is written there, “*these are two covenants.*”(Galatians 4:24) Abraham had two sons: these are two covenants. The one is fulfilled in Christ; the other is fulfilled in natural Israel after the natural seed of Abraham. Isaac was never, even in type and shadow, considered the natural seed of Abraham, though actually in fact you and I both know that he was; but the type and shadow is never of him in a natural way. Isaac is always, even in type and shadow,

representative of a spiritual seed, which is fulfilled in Christ. And that is the very reason that Jesus did not refer Himself, in any way, to Ishmael, but referred Himself to being the greater than Isaac, the greater than Abraham, the greater than Solomon. For He of whom each of these was a type is now come. He is not simply the author: Moses was the author of the Old Covenant. Even with the prophets, still Moses was the author. To Moses is attributed the Old Covenant. Christ is not simply the author of the New Covenant: **He** is the very substance of it, **He** is the very Word of it, the very thought of it, the very reality of it. The New Covenant is not something that Christ wrote **it is WHO HE IS!** We have not come to another book of words, we have not come to teaching and to theologies; we have come to a Person. If we haven't come to a Person we have come to nothing at all!

References:

Galatians 4:22-24

*For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh: but he of the freewoman was by promise, which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*

Galatians 3:16

*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

John 8:53,58

*Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom maketh thou thyself? ...Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

Matthew 12:42

*The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*

John 1:17

*For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

## The New Covenant Is In Person

Here is my great concern for the Church. Most have come to a religion: they love a religion; they are in love with a religion. They go where they go because of a religion that is taught there, a doctrine that is taught there, a form that is taught there. That is why they are not all gathered in one place. Do you understand that? Words - therefore they are gathered in many different places because there are many different words - teachings, doctrines. But the New Covenant is in a Person. And you have heard all of this, but I am going to make a point to stir up your minds. The New Covenant is in a Person. That Person is the thought of it, The Word -The Word of it. So let's look at the Word. What is The Word, what is a word doing? It conveys a thought, and yet He is much more than just a thought. This Word is Spirit; therefore this Word conveys a nature, a character and an Eternal Substance. The natural ear does not hear this Word. Words are heard by the natural ears, therefore we take great pains -I do, you do, we do in this fellowship; we take great pains that our words are a testimony of The Word Himself; knowing that the ears can hear words, but the soul must hear the Word. But if the soul is going to hear the Living Word then the soul must be directed there by the Rhema, by the words that we speak. Consequently we are extremely careful, I mean extreme to the *utmost* that our words are not about teachings; but that our words are for one thing. And that is to create an environment in the heart of the hearer that The Word Himself may be revealed.

### References:

Ephesians 4:20,21

*But ye have not so learned Christ: If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus.*

John 6:63

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

## The Person

For it is *The Word* Who transforms the soul. Consequently we are not throwing away teachings: no, no, not at all, but again what we have come to is not just teachings. We have come to a Person, about whom we teach, of

whom we speak, in whom we **LIVE** - A Person. There is a great deal of difference between the Old Covenant, which is strictly words, and the New Covenant, which is strictly Spirit - the one giving testimony of the other. This is all foundational to what I want to say. I said that the arrangement of the books of your Bible, that is the New Testament, are in the exact order or in the exact arrangement of the order of the New Covenant: the New Covenant being Christ, the New Covenant being One Word. Here is the order in your Bible. You can see it there clearly. In the Gospel we have one central figure and only one. My, how the enemy through the ignorance of man and greed of man, the carnality of man has tried to shift that emphasis to something else - to the Virgin Mary, to healing, to miracles. Was not Mary a Virgin? Yes she was, but The Gospel was not about her. Did not Jesus heal? Yes He did, but The Gospel is not about healing. Did He not work miracles? Yes He did, but The Gospel is not about miracles. The one thing central to the Gospel without whom there would be no Gospels (The Four Gospels), is the Person. My desire for you is the same as my desire for me; but my desire for you and for me is that we would be utterly and totally overwhelmed with the Presence of the Person. Not with the teachings of the Person. Jesus never said I am going away now, but I am going to leave my teachings with you. Take my teachings to the end of the earth. He did not say that; that is nowhere said, it is nowhere implied. He said; *“I am with you, I shall be in you. You will know that I am in my Father; you will know that you are in Me. You will know that I am in you. **This you will know.**”* (John 114:20) Hallelujah. You will know that by My Spirit; **this you will know.**

References:

Galatians 1:15,16

*But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen: immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.*

Romans 12:2

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Ephesians 1:10

*That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*

John 16:13,14

*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

## **Knowing He Is In Me**

We are not called unto teachings. Oh, that we would be overwhelmed with the Presence, with the knowledge of the Presence of The Person, if we would go to bed at night overwhelmed with the reality - ***He is in me!*** If we would get out of bed every morning in the overwhelming reality of the Person - ***He is in me!*** That wherever you go in the day, whatever you do, whoever you meet on your job, wherever you meet; that you would do so in the overwhelming reality of ***the Presence of the Person***. The Apostle Paul was overwhelmed with the Presence of the Person; and until you are, you will not understand his words. You will read them and you will quote them, and you will make good teachings out of them; but you will not understand this man who said, ***“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; but not I, Christ liveth in me.”***(Galatians 2:20) Now I must say he did not say Christ is coming after me, or Christ is going to come and visit me. Read it yourself. This man lives in the overwhelming Presence of the Person - Christ liveth in me. Until you get a hold of that, you have not gotten hold of the New Covenant. The New Covenant is not more prophecies, the New Covenant is not more promises, the New Covenant is not more teachings.

### References:

2 Corinthians 2:14

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

Philippians 3:9

*And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*

## All Promises/Prophecies Made To Him

The New Covenant is The One about whom all the promises were made; in fact they were all made to Him. Every one of them was made to **Him**. Unto Abraham and his seed the promises were made - everyone of them. The prophecies were all about Him - every single one of them. He is the more sure word of prophecy. That doesn't mean another prophecy or a better prophecy. Properly translated it means He makes the prophets more certain. Why? Because they spoke of Him and He came. He makes them more certain. He gives them validity, and when you see Him, then you begin to understand the prophets because you understand them not simply from the standpoint of words, but from the standpoint of Him of whom they all did speak. You are not just trying to figure out words of the prophets and apply them to your daily headlines of your daily newspapers. They don't apply there. They do not apply: they apply to Him. It is amazing; we have so many Christian people who don't seem to be able to get a hold of that. But, I don't know whether it is all that amazing or not: the Jews who had all the prophets couldn't get a hold of that. The Jews who had all the prophets and all the promises and all the types and all the shadows could not get a hold of that. Jesus said, "*You do search the scriptures...*" (John 5:39) "*I know you do.*" That is not written in the original as a command, but as an acknowledgement. "*I know you search the scriptures. I know why. You believe you have eternal Life there.*" And then He said, "*But they are they which testify of Me. And you will not come to me, that ye might have Life.*" He said; "search the scriptures", and the word "scripture" there means the whole volume of it.

### References:

Galatians 3:16

*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made, He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

2 Peter 1:19

*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.*

Luke 24:25-27

*Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to*

*enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

2 Corinthians 1:20

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

## **I Come**

Well, the Hebrew writer picks up on that and says, “*Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me.)*” (Hebrews 10:7) ***I Come***. Now, we are going to be talking about that: ***I Come. I Come***. The volume of the Book is about that from Genesis all the way through Malachi. It is about the coming of the Person without which the whole of the Old Covenant is without reason and without sense and without fulfillment. And if that is so, you are still under the law; except ***He Did Come***. He of whom all things were spoken did come, and in Him God hath summed up all things. In Him He hath taken away old things and in Him He hath made all things New, Hallelujah! I don't care how long you look; you are not going to find anything of the Old in Him. He is The Center: what makes the four gospels the Gospel is the Person: not what He said, not what He did, but He Himself. The disciples did not follow teachings: they followed Him. The Jews did not reject teachings; they certainly did not reject healings. They believed in His healing, they believed in His miracles - but they rejected Him. We all should understand that these gospels are not daily notes written by unbelieving disciples as a diary of the life of the earthman Jesus. No, these gospels were written, in many cases, after some of the epistles were written. My point is these gospels were written by men who had been transformed; these gospels were written by men who had been new born. These gospels were written out from an understanding of Christ who now lived in them. So now they take pen in hand and they write what we know as the four gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But they don't write them as daily notes in the life of the earthman Jesus. They write them out from the comprehension of the Eternal Son of God, and that is why the centerpiece of the Gospel is the same as the centerpiece of their Salvation - A Person. In everything they write they are presenting ***The Person, The Person***. You look at it: The Person is presented.

References:

John 1:11

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

Malachi 3:1

*Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.*

Ephesians 1:10

*That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth: even in him.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

## **The Revealing of The Person**

Now, that is the exact order of the New Covenant. The New Covenant, as I have said already, is in Person. The historical view, the historical view is here. The arrangement of what I call the historical view, which which you can read in your Bible, is the exact order of the Spiritual View. In other words, the New Covenant begins with the Appearing of the Person. Do you understand that the four gospels did not, do not, and cannot begin with the Birth of Jesus? Listen to me, I know they record the birth, I know that, but think about this, these men are writing during the time of the Church, during the time of the epistles, and what they are writing (the four gospels) is not the past history of a dead man, but a present reality of the Living Christ. The Indwelling Christ. They are writing from the viewpoint of the Holy Spirit. They record His birth: two of them record an earthly genealogy still seeking to convince the Jews of a historical fulfillment of a historical genealogy, but both of them then attributed yet this One to be the Son of God. John doesn't include a genealogy at all, he just says, "*In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*" (John 1:1,14) He didn't begin with the virgin birth; he didn't begin with a genealogy. Do you understand the Gospel begins

in the hearts of these men with the revealing of the Person, with the realizing of the Person; and even in a historical view the heart of each of these four gospels begins with the appearing, the coming on the scene and the certification of Heaven that is given of the Person. Where does the Gospel really begin, where do the gospels really begin? At the baptism, at the baptism of John. Oh yes, I know, now don't misunderstand me: I know you have a birth recorded there. You've got a birth recorded there because the prophets prophesied of it. If the prophets had not prophesied of it you would not have a birth recorded, and that is why you have a birth recorded. Not so you could worship Holy Mary, Mother of God. And I make no reference to any kind of religion when I say that.

References:

Matthew 1:16,18,21-23

*And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ...Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost...And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

Luke 2:4-7,11

*And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn...For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel...For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

## Where The Gospel Begins

But where does the Gospel begin, where is the heart of it? Where does the fulfillment of the last half of the last week of Daniel's prophecy begin, "the middle" of the week? It begins at the baptism of Jesus; it ends with the Cross. But here comes John. Jesus says John is the one to whom the law and the prophets come. "*The law and the prophets were until John.*" (Luke 16:16) Not until the birth of John, but until the baptism of John. John did nothing important until he baptized Christ, and when he did that, he was taken off of the scene. Why? Because that was the end of him and all that is represented in him. That is what he fulfilled. But in so doing, he brought to the end of their purpose the law and the prophets, because they are both going to find their fulfillment in the Son. Hallelujah! So there comes John. Now John gives his testimony. Christ is baptized according to the ceremonial washings of the Old Covenant. That is not a Christian baptism that takes place out there, friends. He isn't dunked under three times, or in three names, or even in one name. No, it is a ceremonial washing that was required for the repentance under the Old Covenant. The whole thing is gathering up in it the Old Covenant. But there is a greater witness given than that of John, because the Lord Jesus steps up out of Jordan and immediately when He does, because He is finished with that now, the Heavens open and the Father gives His witness - ***THIS IS MY SON!*** Hallelujah to God! ***THIS IS MY SON.*** In another place He says, ***HEAR YE HIM.***

### References:

Daniel 9:27

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

John 3:28,30

*Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him...He must increase, but I must decrease.*

Matthew 5:17

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

Matthew 3:15-17

*And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Hebrews 6:1,2; 9:10

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment...Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.*

Matthew 17:5

*While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

## **Father Reveals The Son**

Even historically the gospels begin with the appearing: not only a historical appearing introduced by John, but a revealing by the Father of Who it is that has appeared. **UNTIL THE FATHER REVEALS HIM YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO HE IS.** You don't know Who He is, until the Father reveals Him. Oh, you've got a lot of names for Him, but you don't know Who He is until the Father reveals Him. The Father alone knows Who He is, and the New Covenant is in the understanding of Who He is. It is not who I am, not who you are, but **WHO HE IS.** You have it there at that baptism. You have the historical view and you have it brought to its end; you have the Spiritual view and it is announced by the Father. And so it is with the New Covenant in you. It begins when the Father reveals the Person - the Person. One of the things that made my heart the saddest over the past years was when I would go to a place and return there several times. I made a habit of doing that until something was established there. But during those times I would get comments like, 'You know when I first heard you; you didn't make any sense

to me at all. I didn't have any idea what you were talking about.' But then after several times back they would come up to me and say, 'You know I am beginning to understand what you have been saying. It is making more sense to me now; it is becoming more clear to me now.' And what was happening was that person was substituting their understanding of what I was saying, for seeing Jesus. So much so that I began to teach and make a point out of it, I would say, 'Folks you haven't come to a teaching. I am not here so you can finally understand the theology of what I am saying. I am telling you right now what I am saying is true. I am telling you now if you search the scriptures enough you will see that what I am saying is true. But seeing that what I am saying is true; seeing what the scripture is saying is true is not the same thing as **SEEING THE TRUTH HIMSELF**. The Truth is Spirit and Life. The Truth is Person.

References:

Matthew 11:27

*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

John 1:18

*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

## **Seeing The Truth**

It is not the same thing as seeing the Person. What I want us to understand is the necessity of His Appearing. He had to appear before gospels could be written, and He has got to appear in you before the New Covenant is written. It is not understanding, it is not agreeing finally with the theology of the thing. Again, you can get that from the preponderance of the scripture. You can get that; you can get it and understand it and believe it with. **That is not the New Covenant**; that doesn't change the soul. It simply changes your mind concerning theology or concerning some doctrine. But it does not transform the inner man. The Gospel transforms the inner man into the image of the New Man - Christ Himself. But how does Paul describe that: how does Paul describe one who has truly come to the New Covenant? That is the Gospel, and I am calling the New Covenant The Gospel, or at least the Gospel

is what we preach out from the New Covenant. So there in that relationship they are the same. How does Paul describe it? 2 Corinthians 3 is all about coming from Old Covenant to New Covenant, but instead of talking about the teachings of the Old over against the teachings of the New; comparing words to words, Paul compares glory to glory, doesn't he? Immediately he starts talking about the glory that fadeth and the glory that excelleth: the glory of the one over against the superior glory of the other. In fact he says so superior is the glory to which you have come that it makes the other to be non glorious. The other ceases, the other loses its glory in the presence of the True Glory. And he wraps that all up in verse 18 and he says so here it is then, "*With an open face*, (that is a heart from whom the veil of the Old Covenant has been taken away). "*With an open face beholding as in a glass...*" (which some translated and I believe properly, the vision of God.)

References:

John 8:32,36

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

Colossians 3:10

*And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

2 Corinthians 3:9,10

*For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.*

## **The Vision of God – God Revealed His Son**

Now not some vision given of God: The Vision of God. The Vision of God has always been **His Son**. The Vision, the knowledge of God, the Light of God, do you understand? Beholding as in a glass, what? The Glory! No, Paul is not saying, "some of you have finally come to understand what I have been trying to tell you, and I appreciate that because I was really tired of you stoning me." No, that is not it at all.

Beholding the Glory! Yes, but not only the Glory, but “the Glory of the Lord” and being changed (transformed) into that same image “from glory to glory”. Coming in our hearts from the glory of the Old Covenant to the Glory of the New Covenant. There is A CHANGE that takes place in the condition of our soul. We come from the glory associated with Moses, a veiled glory, to the Glory of Christ Himself, the unveiled Glory. I want you to see something here. Moses, himself, with the veil upon his face was the type of a fading glory, a passing covenant, a passing way of knowing God. My point is that glory always associates itself with a person – not just with something – but with a person; the glory of the Old Covenant with Moses, but the Glory of the New Covenant with Christ. Christ is the Person of the Glory of the Lord. Christ, according to Paul is unveiled – *Apokalupsis*: revealed, the cover taken off. He is unveiled. Paul declares the unveiling of Christ to be **in you**. God unveiled His Son in me. God revealed - *Apokalupsis*, God revealed His Son in me. Hallelujah! Yes, the covering taken away: The Old Covenant taken away, but there is the True Glory, there is the Lord of Glory. See, the Glory of God associates itself now with a Person, the Person being **the Lord of Glory!**

References:

2 Corinthians 4:6

*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Ezekiel 1:1,26

*Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God...And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness of the appearance of a man above upon it.*

Exodus 34:29

*And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*

2 Corinthians 3:7,13

*But if the ministrations of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for*

*the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away...And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished.*

Exodus 13:21,22

*And the Lord sent before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way: and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.*

Colossians 1:27

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

Galatians 1:16

*To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.*

## **The Glory of The Lord**

As Moses was faithful in his house, now the Son is in His. Glory associates itself with a Person. The Glory of the Lord is not you seeing smoke; it is not you seeing a cloud. The Glory of the Lord is God revealing the Person in you. Do you remember the Old Testament account of Israel returning from captivity in Babylon and rebuilding or restoring the Temple? What did God say to them after the Temple had been restored? They came back and they rebuilt the Temple of Solomon and it didn't look nearly like the first one; but it wasn't meant to because it was simply a type of what was to come, but nonetheless it didn't look like it. In fact those who had seen the first one, when they saw the finished product, and it isn't that they weren't glad something was finished, but they wept and they cried and they wailed, because it didn't look like the first one. Those that hadn't seen the first one were just laughing and clapping and rejoicing because they had something. They had something, and when you put it all together and stood back the Bible says you couldn't tell the crying from the laughing. And there is great significance in that but we will just leave it alone. My point is the Lord, knowing the confusion spoke a word to them. A prophet spoke and said, well don't be too upset about this because I am going to tell you, "*The glory of this*

*latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former.” (Haggai 2:9) Well, now we know the glory of the former was Solomon. As we said, God’s Glory always associates itself with a Person. And we must bring this all to The Person of Christ - Christ having **His Person** in His own Body, The Church, and the glory associating itself with His Person. Hallelujah -The Glory in you! That first glory was associated with Solomon, so here comes Jesus now: the historical Jesus, Jesus before the Cross. Here comes Jesus the Person here in the gospels, and yet those gospel writers saw Him in a dual fulfillment, both historical and Spiritual; because they wrote from a spiritual standpoint concerning a historical Jesus, but they are declaring this same Jesus is now in us!*

References:

Hebrews 3:5,6

*And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after.*

Ezra 3:12,13

*But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.*

Haggai 2:3

*Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*

Ephesians 1:22,23

*And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*

## Historical and Spiritual Fulfillment

But here is my point: that had to have a historical and Spiritual fulfillment; it had to have because all prophecies do have. Jesus, the Son of God, though in the flesh, entered into that temple, and when He entered into that temple the glory of that latter temple had come, historically it had come. That is why He took the liberty that He did overturning the tables, turning loose the sacrifices, chasing out the moneychangers. That is why He said “*My Father’s House*”. (John 2:16) See, He fulfilled that. What did He say? A greater than Solomon has come, a greater than the temple is here! Hallelujah, but He actually enters that same temple. Yes, it has been beautified and remodeled by Herod, but it is that same temple, that latter temple that actually had no glory. The Ark of the Covenant was never put back in there: there was never a pillar of fire, never a pillar of cloud associated with it. But now the Glory of the Lord walks in! That is why He took the liberty that He did. The glory of the Lord never dwelt in that temple and permitted anything else to stay in there with it. No, not in Solomon’s day, not in Moses’ day. When the glory of the Lord filled the house everybody else got out! He is showing them I am not one among many here.

### References:

John 2:13-16

*And the Jews’ passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen: and poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold the doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father’s house an house of merchandise.*

Matthew 12:42

*The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*

Exodus 30:34,35

*Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the*

*congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*

1 Kings 8:10,11

*And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.*

## **Greater Glory Comes**

See, that's the historical fulfillment, but the greater Glory comes into that temple. The greater Glory comes into that temple, but that temple could not contain Him, could it? That temple could not contain Him, that temple would not receive Him: it would not receive, it could not contain Him and would not receive Him. They challenged Him: What right have you got to do this? What sign can you show us of your authority? And so He gave them a sign. He gave them the sign of **The Cross**. He said, "*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*" (John 2:19) Had they known they would not have crucified the **Lord of Glory**. They didn't know, they didn't know. "*He came unto his own and his own received him not.*" (John 1:11) And so, instead of them receiving Him and He making of them a House of Greater Glory, He says to them, "*Behold your house is left unto you desolate.*" (Matthew 23:38) It has no occupants. My Lord, "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*" (John 1:12) To them He gave power and glory. I pray that we understand this. He came into His Temple. Hallelujah! It had a historical fulfillment, and in the Church it has a Spiritual fulfillment. My heart is heavy for those who are still waiting... still waiting... still looking for a temple and a glory. That temple already had its glory, and rejected its glory. **THEY REJECTED HIM!** And He said there will not be one stone left standing upon another of it. I will raise up another. Hallelujah, and He did, and He lives in it and He is the Glory of it! Glory to God. That prophecy given of God at the time of Zerubbabel in Haggai 2 has been fulfilled historically, and it has been fulfilled Spiritually; and in both cases it was fulfilled by the Lord Jesus. This is what I am talking about, and I want you to see that in regard to His Appearing because it is so historically, but it is also so Spiritually. But I want us to look at that. I want us to learn to look at the scriptures that way, and understand the scripture from that standpoint. May we see this from the standpoint of what is historically

written and historically fulfilled, and that which can only be written in our hearts and fulfilled in **the Appearing of Christ in you** because the one is the exact pattern of the other. Blessed be the Lamb of the Living God!

References:

John 2:18

*Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?*

Matthew 12:39,40

*But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

Matthew 16:4

*A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.*

1 Corinthians 2:8

*Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

Matthew 24:2

*And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

## PART 2 EMPHASIZING THE PERSON

### From Words to WORD

We are speaking on the necessity of the Appearing of Christ with focus on the Person. I am going to try to be as much an apologist as I can. You know we think that to give an apology is to say I am sorry. Well it isn't: it is to thoroughly explain a matter. We want to do that as much as is possible, so that at least there will be or should be no misunderstanding of the point I am trying to get across with regard to the Appearing of the Person - the Person. The emphasis is on The Person and our diagram is simply the arrangement of the New Testament books. But as it happens, and it happens by the design of the Lord, the arrangement of the New Testament books is the exact order of the New Covenant as revealed by the Spirit of God. The New Testament is words on a page, yes: words written by men of God. Yes; men of God moved of the Lord; men of God in whom Christ was revealed, but men nonetheless. Words... But the New Covenant is **One Word**. We have come from words: historically, we have come from words to Word. Words - Old Covenant, to Word -New Covenant. Some haven't made that trip spiritually yet, but historically it is so. And so the New Testament in words is a testimony of the New Covenant in Word. Oh yes, more so even than the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant is in types and shadows, prophecies and promises. The New Testament is in Rhema: Rhema - words that are inspired by God, words that are spoken, spoken Word right out from the Living Word Himself. And yet the books of the New Testament are a testimony of, they are not that Living Word Himself. And the arrangement of the New Testament is in fact determined by the various appearings of Christ.

#### References:

2 Timothy 3:16

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

2 Peter 1:20,21

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Hebrews 1:1,2

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.*

Hebrews 12:19

*And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more.*

John 1:1

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

## **No Separation In Christ**

The four gospels are gathered together with regard to an Appearing. The epistles all have as a central theme another aspect of His Appearing. The letter to the Church called The Revelation is yet another aspect of His Appearing. There is there given to us concerning Christ a threefold appearing into which every other reference in the New Testament to the word “appearing” can be gathered. Every other reference to the word “appearing” can be gathered into one of these appearings because it is the same Person. And the whole emphasis, your involvement as a Christian, as a believer, as one in whom Christ dwells; your involvement is with a Person. This is to a greater degree than any of us comprehend, and yet the comprehension of it is set forth in Christ to be had by whoever will turn to see Him and know Him. This isn’t hid behind some veil of false dispensational theory. No, the Son of God is not veiled. The only veil that ever represented any kind of a dispensation has been done away, and you won’t find another veil or another dispensation in the whole of your Bible. It is not there. Many think that it is, but I am telling you that it isn’t. And don’t go to Ephesians 1:9-10 either, because the word there is properly translated “administration”. It’s the administration of the Holy Spirit that is talked about. There are no separating

veils; there is nothing in Christ that separates you and me from Him except our willfulness, our ignorance and our lack of concern. There is nothing there placed of God, (it was veiled in the Old Covenant) but nothing there in the New placed of God to separate you and me from Christ. You think about that for a while. There is nothing there, unless you or unless I have created it, brought it about: nothing there separating.

References:

2 Corinthians 3:14,16

*But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ...Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*

Philippians 3:10

*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

Ephesians 1:9,10

*Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*

## **Relationship With The Truth Himself**

So our involvement is with a Person, not a doctrine about the Person even, if it is a true doctrine. It is not the teachings of the Person: and you know those teachings are true. Friend, you cannot find relationship in teachings, I don't care how true they are. Relationship must be with The Truth Himself. There is nowhere Jesus even indicates let alone says; If you will memorize my teachings they will make you free. He doesn't indicate that, He doesn't say that. That is not what the gospels are about: they are not about His teachings, they are about the Person. Oh that you and I would come to be overwhelmed with the Presence of the Person! Now, I am not talking about "Pentecostal Presence". I am not anti Pentecost or Pentecostals. Personally, I have been speaking in tongues since I was 6 years old, but what most are calling "the presence of God" is a feeling. They got a high; they got a soulish high -

goosebumps on the flesh. That may well be a reaction to a realization of God's Presence, but that itself is not His Presence. When I say that we should be overwhelmed, to come to be overwhelmed with the Presence of the Person, I mean the Presence of the Person.

References:

John 14:6

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

John 8:32,36

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

## **The Knowledge of The Glory of God**

Look at 2 Corinthians 4:6, "*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in (not unto, not upon – but "in" as from within) in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*" Now we are not talking about theory then, we are not talking about something that is abstractly known: knowing the glory of God in some abstract way. No. We are talking about the knowledge of the glory of God being directly connected with seeing the Person: directly connected with the Person being revealed in you. We are not talking about the glory settling on you, or the glory coming upon you or any of this other stuff. We are talking about seeing the Glory of God in the Face of the Person. Now Paul a little farther back in his letter say this is a life changing, soul transforming event bringing you from the glory of the Old Covenant into the glory of the New Covenant, and he says it is with the appearing of the glory of the Lord. Then he carries that right on and says that appearing of the glory of the Lord is in the Face of Jesus Christ. You have got to read from his third chapter verse 18 to his fourth chapter verse 6 to get a complete thought because in both places he uses "FACE". In one place it is your face or the face of your heart; your soul is not turned toward Him, but is without veil and without shame, turned toward Him without veil. In the other place, it is His Face that you are beholding or His countenance or His front parts, not His rearward part as under the Old Covenant. But now you see the front part, face, which is also translated as "Personal Presence".

References:

Colossians 3:4

*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Exodus 33:22, 23

*And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand, while I pass by; And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.*

## **The Presence of The Person**

So you see, I am not talking about “a” presence: I am talking about The Presence of The Person: always living in the knowledge (not academic); **The** knowledge, **The** Light, **The** Light of **The** knowledge of **The** Glory of God in the Face of **The** Person, seeing the Person. Hallelujah. Who can stand in His Presence? Well, nobody; no one stands in the Presence of the Lord. Not in the Old Covenant and not under the New Covenant: no one stands in the Presence of the Lord. Paul cries out, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless...*” (Galatians 2:20) Nevertheless - the word simply means not that I have lost a whole lot. “*...nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.*” This is a man overwhelmed with the Presence of the Person! Now it is then the appearing of that Person with which the New Testament is concerned. First, the appearing of the Person and the effects of that appearing. (Man can’t stand in His Presence.) First, the appearing of the Person and secondly, the appearing of that same Person in His Body, the Church. Here Body defines Church: not the other way around. In His Body - the Church: the Church defined as His Body. It is not the Church trying to give the Body a definition, but the Church being understood as His Body, so that He is not appearing in a building: He is appearing in His Body which is considered as His Building, His Temple. Oh it is collective. I mean the way most of us think of “Church”

is that we all come and collect in a room. We are “collective” two or three times a week.

References:

Psalm 24:3

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?*

Malachi 3:2

*But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.*

2 Timothy 4:8

*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

1 Peter 1:7

*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 1:23

*(the church) Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*

## **His Body Gathers**

But The Body of Jesus Christ is collective 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Amen. And that which is collectively joined together continually is very careful to assemble together at every given occasion for the purpose of manifesting Him (manifesting Him is not something we do, it is who we are). Now I know many people have gotten tired of the traditional: you know, ‘I gotta get up and go to church.’ Well, nobody is more tired of that than I am! It is no wonder that you would get tired of that, but His Body gathers, and His Body gathers because of **who** and **what we are**, I am not speaking from a legalistic standpoint, but out from a spiritual reality. The Body is a collective organism. That is the way it works, that is the way it functions. The point is, it functions 24 hours a day, and gathering is simply one of those functions. It is

not the only one of those functions, but I believe it to be essential to all the other functions. We don't come to this place to "find" His Presence: we gather in His Presence. He is in you; He is in you!

References:

Matthew 18:20

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Hebrews 10:25

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

1 Corinthians 12:12

*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.*

Ephesians 4:15,16

*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body, fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Colossians 1:27

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

## **Until The Person Appeared**

Now, we want to deal with the appearing of this Person. Here you find the arrangement; the arrangement is in the exact order in which that knowledge, that comprehension, that New Covenant is revealed in you. It begins with the Person. It is **the Person**. I cannot emphasize enough that we are not after a teaching, we are not after understanding of teaching, we are not after understanding a position called "being in Christ" or "heavenly places". We are not after a title called "Sonship". These are not what we are after - the

things, the teachings, no. It starts with the appearing of the Person. Listen to me: until this Person appeared the gospels, the four gospels did not start. Now we need to understand that basically the epistles were written first, and afterward they wrote the gospels. The gospels were written out from a Spiritual point of view. Those men during the 3½ years with Jesus did not have a Spiritual point of view. No, the Lord had the Spiritual point of view, and everyone else walks around with their mouths open. Yes, on one or two occasions they arose to the occasion, but Jesus would say well, no “*it is My Father that showed you this.*” (Matthew 16:17) They made an intelligent statement like, “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*”(Matthew 16:16) But the rest of the time they just walked around with their foot in their mouth. Yes, you read your Bible: you know that. The Lord Himself was the thing that held them together - The Person, The Person! “*Thou alone hast the words of Eternal Life*”. (John 6:68) The Person.

References:

Ephesians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

Luke 1:1-4

*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

Matthew 16:17

*And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

## **Life Becomes Light**

His appearing is the heart and the soul of the gospels. So it is with the New Covenant - until He appears in you, until He is revealed in you (and the nature of that appearing is ever and ongoing, not just a one time look). And what

these gospels are in that realm of appearing or His being revealed, is His Father revealing Him in the midst of Old Covenant Israel; in the midst of a temple that could not contain His glory. It could not contain His glory. It is the same way with us: it is the Father revealing His Glory in us, and our souls cannot contain Him. We are stretched beyond our measure. We lose our lives, our concepts, our ministries, and our righteousness (if any man seeks to save his own life... Matt. 10:39, 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24, 17:33; John 12:25). The cry of our soul becomes, Not I but Christ liveth in me. I am talking about a born-again person, but while your soul has Life (yes, Christ Himself the quickening Spirit, the Living Spirit), that does not in and of itself transform your soul. It is the revealing of that Life: that Life becomes and is **LIGHT** -the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. That is what transforms your soul. Your soul is transformed in New Covenant comprehension. New Covenant comprehension comes with the revealing of the Word, the Person of the New Covenant, not by reading the New Testament. Now don't misunderstand, we read the New Testament for the Testimony that is there, for the declaration of Truth that is there; that in doing so our hearts may turn to see the Truth. But it is in the appearing of The Truth Himself that the soul is transformed and that the Covenant of God begins, because it is Eternal, to be written in you. Oh, hallelujah, it is in the exact order.

References:

Matthew 11:27

*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

1 Corinthians 15:45

*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

Romans 12:2

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

John 1:4

*In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

2 Corinthians 3:16

*Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

Hebrews 8:10

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.*

## **New Covenant Understanding – Relationship**

Friends, until Christ appears in you, New Covenant understanding does not appear. You can write “New Covenant” across your forehead, you can write “New Covenant” on your Church sign, and you can even sing “New Covenant” songs. But New Covenant comes with the appearing of the Person, amen. We are not talking about three appearings, but a threefold appearing working in you. This may gather up into itself hundreds or even thousands of appearings. It depends upon how often your heart turns to behold Him - He is there. We are talking about a threefold appearing because the Person brings us into the understanding of our relationship with Him. This is what He told His disciples in John 14. We know that is His referencing Himself to the High Priest on the Day of Atonement. We should know that, but you see He is speaking to His disciples now. Israel has pretty much by that time rejected Him. He is on His way to the Cross: I mean in a very specific time order now. The day is approaching, and He is saying, “*Do not let your hearts be troubled...*” (John 14:1) He is speaking to His disciples because He knows that the crisis of the universe is about to come upon these men. I mean this event is not just some man dying: this event is every man - past, present and future dying in One. And much more than that, but a crisis is on its way. So He says,” *I am going away but just as surely as I go away, I tell you the truth, if this wasn't the truth then I wouldn't tell you; but as surely as I go away, I will come in newness and receive you unto Myself that, (with the intention, with the purpose being), that you be where I am.*” (John 14:2,3) See, what is He after there? What I said a while ago – relationship: bringing these men into a relationship with Him as His Body.

References:

Hebrews 9:28

*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

Colossians 3:4

*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

1 Corinthians 1:9

*God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 1:11; 12:32

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

2 Corinthians 5:14

*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.*

## **Walking In The Light**

This is exactly what transpires inwardly in you. And I have seen the results of cutting that off. I have seen the results of saying, ‘Well I have seen the Lord, and that is all there is to see; and now I shall charge out and spend the rest of my life preaching or whatever.’ But if you have really seen the Lord, I just think along with that comes the understanding that I have not seen Him all; or better said, I have not seen the ALL of Him. I think that comes along with seeing the Lord. Do you understand that our walk is in the Light as He is in the Light? Do you understand that if you ever step out of light or quit walking in light, you do not “retain” light; the name of that condition is DARK? And the only thing that abounds in dark is your imagination concerning what you saw. Too many times I have seen it develop into the preaching of positions of flesh, and the substituting of flesh for the reality of Christ. In other words, as a result of seeing Him, but because of the imagination of our heart, we refuse to walk in the light as He is in the light, and what we end up doing is exalting

ourselves: taking His Names and placing them upon ourselves, and finding ourselves a position among God's people. It is always the same except it gets worse.

References:

1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Colossians 2:18

*Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.*

Colossians 3:17

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

2 Corinthians 10:5

*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

## **Realizing Our Union With Him**

But if we continue (and you will see this in Hebrews), if we hold fast the confidence of faith, if we walk in the light as He is in the light... Hallelujah, because The Light is certainly in you. The Life is certainly in you, but the Light in which we walk is regarding HIM. We come to realize our union with Him, and oh my, in the realizing of our union with Him we realize our union one with another. And that settles the "not wanting to assemble" problem. We realize that, and it is not just in assembling, folks: it is in the caring for one another, ministering to one another and the whole of the Lord's Body. But it is not the appearing of His Body: please don't go down that road. It is not the appearing of His Kingdom over here in this realization. No, it is not the appearing of His Body, or the members of His Body: it is the appearing of **The Person** in His Body. That is exactly what it is: it is exactly how Paul puts it and teaches it. The testimony of every epistle tells us that. We are not in

great expectations for the Church to appear or the Church to do anything except the Church to be the place of His appearing, the expression of His appearing, the outworking of His appearing. Oh yes, all of that because the Church is a living thing, a living Body; but which of the members of the Body does the Body live for? None of them. Every member lives as a collective whole for the One whose Body it is, and finds in doing that, that there is no separation from the One who lives in the Body, and the Body itself is for expression, manifestation and relationship. There is a distinction in that The **ONE** (Christ) is definitely The Life, and the other (His Body) is the recipient of that Life, but they are **ONE**. And this is John 17: that they may be one and understand that oneness; that they are One Person. We will never comprehend **THE ONE** while focusing on the parts, but rather by focusing only on the face of the One Who's Body we are. To many of us "see" or understand with the mind of the finger, or the foot, or the toe; rather that with the mind of the Head concerning the whole. In our view we are a hand, finger, ear, etc. In the Father's view, we are **ONE** corporate whole.

References:

Hebrews 3:6

*But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

Colossians 1:27

*...Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

John 14:20

*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

John 17:21-23

*That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. and the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

2 Corinthians 2:14

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

1 Corinthians 12:12,20,27

*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...But now are they many members, yet but one body...Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

## **The Person Upon His Throne**

Moving on to the third part of our diagram, The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ and once again we see The Person in and or upon His Throne. We are not looking for a Kingdom: it is the King. It is the Person upon His Throne. Look at it: how do you see a Kingdom when in fact a Kingdom is nothing more or less than the Sovereign rule of The Person? If you take away The Person, in actuality the Kingdom does not exist. Inhabitants may, but they are no longer a Kingdom. Why? Because the King made them a Kingdom. It is The Person in every case, it is the Person.

### References:

Revelation 4:2; 5:10,13

*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne...And hast made us unto our God kings and priests (a kingdom and a priesthood); and we shall reign on the earth...And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

## **Order In The Working Of The Lord**

Now, having said that, I want to give you just some comments that I think will help us as we begin to look at the actual term “Appearing”. There is a lot of confusion about the term “appearing”, and there many schools of thought as to prophecies and their fulfillment; whether it is prophecies with regard to restoration, resurrection, reconciliation, or the coming of the Lord. All of those are tied together. But we must understand that all of the prophecies have a primary reference at the time they are made, and have a direct reference to Israel to whom they were made; even though in every case that prophecy

reaches beyond that particular time for its ultimate realization. Every prophecy has a Historical fulfillment and a Spiritual fulfillment. And to bring something to your mind, I want to show you something first in Hosea. This is just a point of every prophecy having both its historical and its Spiritual fulfillment. In Hosea 13:14; *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from the eyes of the Lord.*” My Lord, well of course you know that goes right over to 1 Corinthians 15:55, “*O grave, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*” We read this in Ezekiel 37. This whole chapter, well most of it, is with regard to the resurrection of Israel seen here as the valley of dry bones: the bones are scattered all over the place. There has got to be a coming together. There are beautiful realizations here, but I am speaking of an order. Everything is with an order and that is exactly the way the Spirit of the Lord operates and works in you. First this moving upon, and then this gathering together, and then this bringing everything upon a right foundation, and then this breathing into it, and then this Spirit of God, and then this living. Oh yes, coming forth, a tremendous order in the working of the Lord.

#### References:

1 Peter 1:10-12

*Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*

Galatians 3:16

*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

### **Historical Fulfillment**

But let's look at this right in Ezekiel 37:12, “*Therefore prophecy and say unto them (because it is a hopeless looking situation), Thus saith the Lord God;*

*Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord...*" This doesn't sound like the quartet songs you hear on the radio, does it? 'One glad morning, when we just wake up dumb as a door knob, caught up to a great family reunion with Grandma who has corn cooking in a gold pot.' Yes I am being a little facetious, but it goes along that temporal, natural, and foolish line of thought. That is not what is being talked about here in Ezekiel. "*Ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves. And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land. Then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it saith the Lord.*" Now this has a historical fulfillment and the scriptures testify of this. The primary or historical fulfillment of this prophesy concerns the coming of Israel back out from Babylon, the seventy year captivity. This is the term "I will open your graves". He brought them out from Babylon. He brought them out from their graves; He brought them out. It was a literal fulfillment (historical fulfillment) of a yet to come promised resurrection and redemption and restitution and restoration. Yes, not only bring you up out of the graves, but to your land. Not only that, but as a result of this, and in doing this, the city was rebuilt, the temple was rebuilt. We know that it was simply a temporary recovery because it was historical, but this prophecy for Israel was historically fulfilled. In other words, it has already been fulfilled historically - that has already happened.

References:

Daniel 9:2

*In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

Ezra 1:3; 6:16

*Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God), which is in Jerusalem...And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.*

Nehemiah 2:5

*And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.*

## **Spiritual Fulfillment**

But now if we would take the time to read the gospel of John and most particularly chapter 5 and 6, and 14, we will see the Spiritual fulfillment. You need to understand that the historical fulfillment answers to Old Covenant Israel; the Spiritual fulfillment answers to Christ and His Body the Church, or the TRUE ISRAEL OF GOD. If you don't understand that the "historical" was fulfilled and the ultimate or "Spiritual" IS NOW fulfilled IN CHRIST, you are just going to be confused, as you look for another fulfillment. You must understand that there is a point, a point given of God, established of God called "fullness of time". There is a point established of God where we must come from the historical to the Eternal or the Spiritual to understand the scripture; to understand all scripture and particularly those dealing prophetically, and there is more than you think. You don't have to have them to say, "thus saith the Lord". Everything of the Old Covenant is in the prophetic sense in that it is all pointing to someone else. That is the reason that Jesus said they all testify of Me. Here I am and you won't come to me, rather you will keep the testimony and refuse the substance. And my, how that defines the secular Christian Church today! They love the testimony, but they know nothing of the substance. Now they want the substance, but they want to be able to shape and form the substance according to the imagination of their own hearts, to fulfill the lust of their own desires.

### References:

Galatians 4:4

*But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.*

Hebrews 9:23,24

*It was therefore necessary that the pattern of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands,*

*which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*

Colossians 2:16,17

*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

John 5:39,40

*Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

James 4:3

*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

## **Passed From Death Unto Life**

Have you ever noticed how the secular Church (and most of the world), at funerals, places all the emphasis on seeing the one that has died? We say we will see them again. By and large that is where they are involved - with seeing one another again, or taking up our life where we left it, but in a better place. But Jesus says in John 5:24, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but **is passed from death unto life.***” That pretty much tells the whole story right there. I never cease to be amazed at the simplicity and yet, the absolute profundity of course, but the simplicity of the Lord Jesus. He calls it what it is. What is it all about Lord? What is Salvation really all about? **Is passed from death to Life.** But how simple, the simplicity of that: and yet it gathers into itself the whole of Salvation, and then He talks about it. “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*” (John 5:25) First the dead shall hear: and that means hearing as a sound, paying attention to what, who; something has been said. They that hear unto obedience is the second “hear”. “*He that hath an ear let him hear*”, (Revelation 2:7; 3:13) -they shall live. Read these prophecies that I have just read and compare them. They were historically fulfilled, but now we are talking about a Spirit. We are not here talking about a historic or a natural

resurrection of historical bodies or natural bodies under any circumstance whatsoever, because this is the answer to a prophecy that was not talking about anything natural, whether a natural death or a natural grave. Why? Because a natural death is simply a temporary thing. Separation from God can be eternal.

Reference:

2 Corinthians 11:3

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

### **Israel Taken Into Babylon**

Ezekiel is talking about a condition here that resulted in Babylon and it resulted for seven sets of ten: it resulted for seventy years. The whole thing was a setting; it was a testimony of a greater Spiritual Resurrection to come in Christ. Why were they put in Babylon? Because they had rejected the Sabbath and the Lord of the Sabbath. They had rejected it all, rejected their rest; so they went into Babylon. There they were considered **dead**. To show God's consideration of that He allowed the temple to be destroyed and the city turned to rubble, the gates burned. A picture of the spiritual condition of Israel: Dead. Glory - not found, gone out from it (and in that particular case never to return again, until it returned in the true temple which is Christ). That is just historical; there you have it. Israel did return, yes we read that in Ezra and Nehemiah. They did historically, and by the way, each of these prophets was speaking toward that. Most all of the prophets are speaking toward that Babylonian Captivity. These that I have just read are most particularly about that and the return from it. But there is more to it than that historical fulfillment. It was but a type of the True that was yet to come in Christ.

References:

Ezekiel 20:23,24

*I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries: Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.*

Jeremiah 25:11,12; 29:10

*And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations...For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.*

Daniel 9:2

*In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

2 Chronicles 36:18-21

*And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.*

## **Natural Israel Is Representative**

We need to understand God's definition of Israel from the very onset. You tell Pharaoh here is who Israel is: "*Israel is my son, even my firstborn.*"(Exodus 4:22) From the onset the natural Israel, the people who were about to be created of God through a death, burial, and resurrection sequence; they were going to be representative in the earth from that time until the coming of The Promised Seed. They were going to be representative of that firstborn son collectively, and in him, in that collective representation God was going to reveal or exalt certain specific types of His Son. So it started out that way; consequently then, everything with reference to Israel – prophecy and promise was all in view of that Son. Doesn't that make sense? You know the blood on the door was in view of that Son. Well everything

else was also in view of that Son including these prophecies. So Jesus says, *“The hour is come...”* He is always saying that: *“the hour is come, the hour is come”* Hallelujah! *“The hour is come when the dead...”* Who is dead? You are all dead! You are all dead: everyone He was speaking to – DEAD! *“When the dead shall hear...”* Your prophets have told you that. Who among you hath an ear to obey, hath an ear to hear what the Spirit will say and does say? They shall live, and He just goes on and talks about that. John 5:26, *“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”* The intent of this scripture when interpreted by the scripture itself is not two resurrections: but one resurrection, a resurrection that Christ shows Himself to be; a resurrection that unto this one is death and unto this one is life; unto this one is redemption, and unto this one is damnation. Why? It is based upon the hearing, based upon the receiving. *“But as many as received Him to them gave he...”*(John 1:12)

References:

Galatians 3:16

*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.*

Exodus 12:7

*And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door posts of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

1 Corinthians 5:7

*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.*

John 4:23; 12:23

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him...And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.*

John 11:25

*Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*

## **Reality In Christ**

Paul says this concerning being the sweet savour of the Presence of God. Look at it in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, “*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish. To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.*” But yet unto these we are the savour of death unto death; unto these we are a savour of life unto life but unto God we are just one savour – the sweet smelling savor of Christ. Hallelujah! This too had its fulfillment, because Israel accepted the reality of this. This had a historical fulfillment and a Spiritual fulfillment, and it came in 70 AD with the absolute destruction of the whole of Old Covenant Israel - lock, stock, barrel, stone, timber, foundation and the whole thing; but it is the Spiritual significance that is for you and me. We see this reality in Christ, even this reality of those that are in the graves - still in the grave clothes, and in the tomb of the adamic man or of the Old Covenant of the old man. If you see that, then you see the types of it when He specifically pointed to a time. He let Lazarus die - dead four days because that was the time that the odor and the rotting set in: not three days - four days. So Lazarus was there, and it was four days and He said, “*Lazarus come forth...*” (John 11:43) And Lazarus came forth, but then Lazarus had to be unwrapped; the graveclothes had to come off. That is of tremendous significance when we are talking about these verses, but that wasn't so for Christ. See, that wasn't so for Him. There is this Spiritual reality and it goes on, but the point I am making here is that there is a historical and a Spiritual fulfillment of these prophecies.

### References:

Matthew 24:2

*And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

Ezekiel 37:11-13

*Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off from our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves.*

Matthew 27:52,53

*And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

John 11:17,44

*Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already...And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

## **The Last Day – Old Covenant Age**

You will find this following through John 6:39, “*And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*” And there needs to be a little better translation of this, but it simply means to raise it up anew, in the last day. The “last day” historically was the last day or the end of Old Covenant Israel. As far as it is actually scripturally so, the last day of Old Covenant Israel was also the last Sabbath of Old Covenant, and it was at the death of the Lord Jesus on the Cross. Every Sabbath that they celebrated after that as Old Covenant Israel was a stench in the nostrils of God. It did not point to the Lord: it pointed to a rejection of the Lord and a failure to enter into His rest. You know what He did to the first group that failed to enter into the “type” of His rest - they all died. This group failed to enter into the absoluteness of His rest, not a type not a shadow; and they were destroyed off of the face of the earth without mercy! Why? He said, “*I would have gathered you to myself...*” (Matthew 23:37) How many times would I have done that? And He goes all the way back to the days of Moses there. “*I would have gathered you, but you*

would not...*You killed my prophets, you shed their blood, and you fornicated. Now I have come to you Myself. I have come to you, and you will not. Your house is left desolate.*” There is no promise connected with this that that natural house is ever going to be occupied again. Why should it be? He raises up a Spiritual House in whom the restoration part of these verses is fulfilled eternally: not temporarily, as in a historical sense, but eternally in Christ Jesus. And every dollar that is sent by well-meaning but ignorant Christians today to help restore a historical temple that is desolate, is not only a waste of money: it is a slap in the face of the crucified Christ! And it is a denial of the Living Temple of God. We just need to wake up and smell the Rose of Sharon. We just need to wake up! Well, Jesus continues speaking in John 6:40, *“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth upon him, (see that is what He is talking about) may have everlasting life... “ This is not some dispensational teaching. “...and I will raise him up at the last day.”* Again, the last day without dispute is the last day of Old Covenant Israel.

References:

Ezekiel 20:19,20

*I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.*

Hebrews 4:1,10

*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it...For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

Hebrews 3:17-19

*But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

Numbers 14:27,32,35

*How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me...But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness...I the Lord have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil*

*congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.*

Matthew 23:37,38

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

Ephesians 2:22

*In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

## **The Resurrection I Am**

We read in Hebrews 1:1,2, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken in Son.*” But the real translation there is, and it defines these last days: “*Hath at the end of those days spoken unto us in Son.*” Oh yes, and also our word “appearing” that is related to the gospels: ‘...*hath appeared once in the end of the world.*” (Hebrews 9:26) The “age” as it is used there is described as the Levitical Age, the Old Covenant Age. Now John 6:44, “*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*” Are you trying to tell me that the first part of this verse is about the salvation of believers, and the last part is about something that hasn’t happened yet, and when it does happen it only affects a dirt body? You can’t just arbitrarily divide that thought. You can’t do that with any sense at all. No, not when you carry it on over into the epistles where Paul gives his explanation saying; yes, you were dead in trespasses and sins, but God who is merciful... God through His great grace that abounded to us: in that we were in one condition, has through His Son quickened us together, raised us, (that’s the exact same word, same meaning, same operation), raised us together and seated us together in the heavens in Christ Jesus, fulfilling the resurrection of Israel in Eternal and Spiritual terms. This is the resurrection that He said I Am - **I AM**. Well, you could go on to John 6: 54,” *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life: I will raise him up at the last day.*”

Reference:

Ephesians 2:1,5,6

*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins... Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

## **To The First – Death; To The Second – Life**

Old Covenant Israel would not “come to” the spiritual fulfillment of all their prophets. “He came unto His own and His own received HIM not” (John 1:11). Consequently, to that First or Old Covenant order He was death, but to the Second or New Israel (neither Jew nor Gentile, but One New Man) He was Life and this by His death, burial and resurrection. Very few are able to accept that He came as to the first – death: as to the second – Life. Yes. As to the first – death, that death which was promised by the prophets. But that out of that death would come Life, and the Life is Spiritual because the historical had already been fulfilled. And the Life and the Body that is raised up is that very Body of Jesus Christ, to whom He says, “*I Am the Resurrection and the Life.*”(John 11:25) In Revelation 1:8 we read, “*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*” Properly translated this is, “*saith He who is, even was, even who is to come, the ever coming one.*” Most Bible scholars will tell you to simply translate the whole verse, “*saith He, the Eternal*” because that was what it is showing: He who is, ever is, the Eternal. Was as to death, is to come or the ever coming one. Yes, as to Life...but who saith that? He, who is, the Eternal! One scholar said if I translated it in English to my full satisfaction I would simply say, “*saith He who is and is and is.*” Hallelujah! But a point was being made there concerning our redemption - was and now ever is. Yes, it said the same thing. And the same thing is said toward the end of that chapter when John is seeing Him and He repeats it again. “*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*” (Revelation 1:18) It is the same thing that just had been said in verse 8. It is the same thing: not a promise of some other event, but a declaration **of the Person**, -who He is.

References:

2 Corinthians 5:14

*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.*

Hebrews 2:9,10

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

Hebrews 9:26,28

*For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

## PART 3 DEFINING “APPEARING”

### Historical and Spiritual Fulfillment

We are seeing the historical and the spiritual come to fulfillment and recognizing the difference between the two. The more you think about it, the more evident it becomes to you in searching the scripture particularly when going back to the Old Covenant and reading scripture like, “*The glory of the latter shall be greater than of the former.*” (Haggai 2:9) Now you see there are those in the school of thought who see everything just Spiritual fulfillment, and end up spiritualizing everything. We don’t need to spiritualize what is already Spirit. Do you understand me? But they will look at that and they will say ok, you know that had its fulfillment in Christ. And most of them will say it has its fulfillment in you. Well, it does have its fulfillment in Christ, Who is in you; so it has its fulfillment in you. You are that latter house, but you see historically you are not, because he was specifically speaking of the house that Zerubbabel built with the help of Nehemiah, Ezra and all the others. That was the “latter house”. They were bawling and crying because it didn’t look like Solomon’s temple, and the others were rejoicing. They were about to have a split about this thing! Some said it is great and it is all of this; and some said that is because you never saw Solomon or his temple. But anyway the Lord intervened and said, Yes, but the glory of the latter shall be greater than the former.

#### References:

Ezra 3:12,13

*But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice: and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.*

Haggai 2:3

*Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*

## Glory Entered That Temple

Now that had to have a historical fulfillment because it was talking about the temple standing right there that they were looking at with their eyes. As we have said, you can't just ignore the historical fulfillment. This fulfillment came as recorded in Luke 4:16-21 and John 2:13-21. It is with reference to His exercising His authority that this greater Glory enters into that temple and was rejected. So there is a historical fulfillment, and there is no point in looking to National Palestine or to literal Jerusalem and thinking that there is yet some kind of a Messiah going to come back and be the greater Glory of that temple. He did that already. He did it already and then He rejected the whole thing because it rejected Him! And then the whole thing was torn down and the one now is another reconstruction. How many re-reconstructions is it going to take for us to realize this isn't the one? This is not real. This ceased being real on the day of His Crucifixion and ceased to exist in 70AD: there has been the historical fulfillment. There is now being the Spiritual fulfillment: I don't mean yet to come, I mean now being.

### References:

Luke 4:16,17,20,21

*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written...And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down, And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

John 2:13-21

*And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will*

*raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.*

John 1:11

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

John 5:40

*And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

## **NOW is a Being**

You see, with God, ***NOW is a being***. Are you with me on that? ***Now is a being***. With God now never passes: it is a being. It is what we said: He who is, was, and shall ever be. This is how God sees things that are fulfilled in His Son. They are ever ongoing. Yes. He is ever and eternal as to His state of being. This statement sums it up: He is ever and eternal as to His state of being with regard to time, place and/or state of being. Now if you can hear this, this means something to you. It means that Christ or that God in Christ never just does something. He shows Himself. And you remember that phrase: He shows Himself. Please remember that! He never just does something: He shows Himself to be that very thing. Here is what I mean, and why, because God has summed up and comprehended all things in His Son. Ephesians 1:9,10, “ *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.* ” So you see it is not His Son doing something, but His Son being something. It is not His Son doing something - coming, doing a coming; but being come in you. He defines the word “come”; He defines the word “fulfilled”

Reference:

Revelation 1:8

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

## The Eternal State of His Being

If you don't comprehend, if you don't understand God as to His Being, as to His Eternal Being, then it gets extremely confusing. That is why Jesus never says I give you a Life. That is why He says, "*I Am The Life.*" (John 11:25; 14:6) That is why Jesus never says I do resurrections. He says, "**I AM.**" The Eternal State of His Being – "*I am the resurrection.*" (John 11:25) The Apostle Paul referring to Christ says, "*He is our Peace...*" (Ephesians 2:14) Not He gives us peace - **He** is our Peace. See, the difference in what I am saying: He gives and He is; is the difference between the historical and the ever-present Spiritual Reality. That is the difference, and though the one has come and gone; the other never, never leaves; never goes, always abides. And it is a shame that confusion has been interjected into that to the point that we have to choose one or the other. You don't have to choose one or the other. You recognize the reality of both in the same Person. Everything of the physical and historical fulfillment regarding Israel came to be summed up in the Person of Jesus Christ. And everything that is of the Spiritual promise to Israel comes to be fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ regarding His Body the Church, The Israel of God, which is neither Jew nor Gentile but One New Man in Christ. What a difference that makes.

### References:

Galatians 3:16

*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

2 Corinthians 1:20

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

Colossians 3:10,11

*And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

## **Dead To Sin, Alive Unto God**

Oh yes, it is extremely difficult for you and me to move from the one to the other. I know that. It is extremely difficult for you and me to move from a historical viewpoint of the Cross to seeing the Cross daily. But we come to this Eternal State of His Being. He - Christ in you did not simply die to sin, and then come forth in the resurrection alive unto God. He did that, but that same Christ who became dead to sin remains to this day dead to sin and remains alive unto God. Do you understand Christ never ceases to be dead as to sin? You take this right into the heavens, and you see the Lamb there and this Lamb is very much alive, and this Lamb has all power and this Lamb is in the Throne. But this Lamb is seen, (and it is quoted this way by any reputable Bible scholar or any translator) this Lamb is seen to be one as presently slain although undoubtedly and remarkably - He Is Alive! Hallelujah. He never ceases to be dead to sin, and He never ceases to be the end of the world. He never ceases to be who He is. See, it is not merely a thing that He does, it is who He is. Everything He did was out from who He is - who He is.

### References:

2Corinthians 4:10

*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

Romans 6:10

*For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

Revelation 5:6

*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

## **Reckon Yourselves To Be**

So He became dead to sin, and that is the reason the scripture can go on in Romans 6:11 with you now and say, "*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

For how long? Forever. Why? Because He is forever dead to sin, forever alive unto God. Whenever you see Him it is going to be in that state of being: no to sin, no to death; yes to life. Hallelujah. Dead to sin: alive to God - that is Him, that is Him. You can't divide those up and say, yes, He did, He came and died for sin so that we wouldn't have to die. There is no inclusion with Him in His death in that understanding. The facts are we are included in the Cross or it has no merit. It did the Israelite no good to kill the lamb and then throw it away. He had to put the blood on his own door and walk through it. There is the inclusion in the Cross, of you and me. After all, it is our death He died. Paul says, "*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God.*" But how? Through the One who is always and forever dead to sin: it having no dominion over Him. Death having no dominion over Him - alive unto God. Hallelujah.

References:

John 12:32

*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

2 Corinthians 5:14,21

*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead...For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Exodus 12:7

*And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

Romans 6:9

*Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him.*

## **Comprehending Who He Is**

So the point that I am making is that while most of us are praying for Christ to do something, what we should be doing is setting our hearts for a comprehending of who He is. 'Oh, God give me peace'. 'Oh God reveal your Son in me.' 'Oh God let me have wisdom.' 'Oh God reveal your Son in me.' See – it's not what He does, it is who He is. I am speaking now in that

Spiritual sense - Christ in you; not that historical sense when He did these temporal things. And don't misunderstand me, I am not telling you that the Lord Jesus won't heal us. I'm not saying that, but what I am telling you is that He healed all those multitudes and none of them had Life. And He changed the water into wine, but He couldn't change the Gentile into a Jew or a Jew into a Gentile as a miracle. It all took a greater Work of the Cross and of Who He is - that Work that is in you.

References:

John 2:9

*When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.*

Colossians 1:29

*Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

## **He Shows Himself To Be**

I pray that you understand what I am telling you. The emphasis is to be upon that. It is not just Him doing something, but He shows Himself to be the very thing that your heart is desiring: the very thing - Peace, Love, Joy, Life, Security, Blessedness, Glory -all of that, it's **HIM**. And that comes under the sign of The Ever Coming One, The Ever Appearing One, The Ever Present One. Hallelujah. It is to the Church that He says, saith He who is, was, The Ever Coming, The Ever Present, The Ever Appearing, saith The Eternal. You see what I am talking about? So what He did historically, He does Spiritually - this same Jesus, this same Jesus.

References:

Ephesians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*

Matthew 11:27

*All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

## Now Appearing In The Presence of God

Now, in this lesson we are looking at the three Appearings of this Person. In Hebrews 9:24 we read about one of these appearings. This is the order in which they are written in the scripture, verse 24, 26 and 28; but the order of these appearings is actually verse 26, and then verse 28, and then verse 24. The Hebrews writer puts them the way he does here or mentions them in the order he does here for a specific reason. Verse 24 says, *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself...”* Into heaven itself. Unless you and I understand something of His entering into the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle under the Old Covenant as the High Priest this doesn't really make a lot of sense. So perhaps we should take a little time and look at that. What is this all about? When you come to realize that in The Person of the Lord what a difference it makes. You know, most of the time with me the scriptures simply show me how really ignorant I am, and how much I don't understand. It is the Lord Himself who becomes the understanding of it.

### References:

Leviticus 16:15

*Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat.*

Hebrews 9:7

*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people.*

John 5:39,46

*Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me... For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.*

## To Exhibit In Person

I don't say; oh God help me to understand Hebrews 1:1. I need to say, Father reveal your Son in me that I may see in Him the reality that is spoken of here, because it is spoken of Him; it is found in Him and I desire to know Him. Because that reality that He is, is in you and in me and it transforms our souls. What is this "*now to appear in the Presence of God for us*"? (Hebrews 9:24) This is The Person on His Throne. But it doesn't exclude you and we will look at that. Now what I want to show you is "*into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*" This Greek word here for "appearing" (and all three of these "appearings" used in Hebrews 9 are different words).

This word in Hebrews 9:24 is Strong's # 1718 and it means ***to exhibit in Person. To exhibit in Person.*** It is spelled for you in English ***Emphanizo***; phonetically it is ***emfanidzo***. It is the Greek version of the word and it means 'to manifest, to exhibit, to view, to show one's self, to come to view, to appear, to be made manifest, to disclose, to declare, to make known but with reference ***to exhibit in Person.***' "*... now to appear in the presence of God for us.*" How? In Person! Oh my, in Person. He gathers every one of these appearings up in one statement: "*In that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in Me and I am in you.*" (John 14:20) And the Hebrews writer uses three different words translated "appear" but three different words because he is speaking of a threefold appearing of one Person.

## Seeing The End

Verse 26, "*For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world...*" And see that is here, "*now once in the end of the world*", so that pretty well tells you where that appearing has to go – in the first; for He appeared to put away, to bring to an end – "*hath appeared*". You are going to see Him in the same way and with reference to Him and His Eternal State of Being. When you see Christ, you see Him in this order; you will see Him not as the One who has come to bring things to an end. No, you will see Him AS THE END of all things Himself. I hear people say all the time, 'Well you know brother, I am just trying to get rid of this or I am trying to get rid of that; or I am trying to do this. And I am thinking; the problem is you haven't seen the end yet. Jesus did not come simply to take things away, but as the very END of all things Old and the very

substance of all things New. When Christ is revealed in you, you see “THE END” of all things Old and the very Person of all things New. You are confronted not with the One who is going to do something, but the One who is WHAT GOD HATH DONE. There is a lot of difference in those two understandings. We think I’ll just keep praying, and I know that the Lord will get rid of that for me. No - He is the end. Seeing Him is what makes the difference. He presented Himself to Israel as the end unto which they would not steadfastly look, but He is the end nonetheless.

References:

Romans 10:4

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

Revelation 1:8

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

2 Corinthians 3:13

*And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished.*

## **To Render Apparent**

But this word “appear” in Hebrews 9:26 is the word with which many of us are familiar with. It is ***Phaneroo*** (Strong’s #5319) which is a Greek word meaning ***to render apparent***. There are a number of definitions to it: ‘manifestly declare again, to show, to make visible or known what was hidden or unknown, to manifest, to make actual and visibly realized, to make known again, to become manifest, to be made known, use of a person, to expose, to view, to make manifest, to show one’s self, to appear.’ But the emphasis of the word “*hath appeared to put away sin*”, is ***to render apparent***. See it is to this it becomes apparent: that He who died unto sin once has made those who have come by that same way, that same death; He has made them dead unto sin as well. And that is why Paul says, “*Therefore reckon ye also yourselves, (seeing that this is so, this becoming apparent, seeing that this is so, therefore upon this certainty) reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin...*” (Romans 6:11) But how do you figure that out? You don’t have to figure it out. It is based upon the certainty of Him. When He appears (that is

to say, when He shows Himself to be the end, thus enabling us to “see” Him as the end) **then** the end is come. Another verse that uses that same word is Colossians 3:4, “*When Christ, who is our life shall (Phaneroo (pronounced fan-er-o'-o) appear, then shall ye also (Phaneroo), appear with Him in glory.*” It becomes apparent. Now tell me what that has got to do with a second advent? By definition “Second Advent” is preached as an event, hence the word advent; but what has it got to do with the appearing in Hebrews 9:26 or Colossians 3:4? Nothing! That is Christ in you... revealed and made manifest in you... that you may know Him in the fullness of Who He is!

## Beholding

Now Verse 28, “*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him...*” This is important that you see this: that you are able to look at it in the scripture. “...*unto them that look for him shall he appear...*” What is the promise? Those that look for - wait a long time? No, look for, wait to a certain, to look for. To them that look for Him, He shall appear. The word “appear” is **Optomai** (Strong’s # 3700). Anyone should know what **Optomai** is if you have ever been to an optometrist. It means to see, to have sight, to look at, to behold; but it also means **to allow one’s self to be seen**. Yes, to see, to be seen, to appear. It is related to beholding, 2 Corinthians 3:18, “*Beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord...*” There is both a looking and an allowing of one’s self to be seen; allowing one’s self to be seen is to the taking away of the veil by His death; allowing Himself to be seen. So, on our part, it is the act of looking but, on His part, it is the allowing of Himself to be seen. What is it? It is “*walking in the light as He is in the light*” (1 John 1:7). Each of these three words are related to one another in that each one depends upon the revealing of Christ. Except Christ be revealed “apokalupsis”, there can be no “emphanizo”, or “phanero”, or “optomai”. They are related because they speak of One – not one appearing – but The Appearing of ONE!

### Reference:

Matthew 27:50,51

*Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.*

## The Appearing of The Person

IN PERSON. Well that is just the point because it is all The Appearing of a Person; but look where He is - in the heavens. The other word “appear” is there, but the emphasis is to ‘make apparent, to make something that is real, that is so, to appear as being apparent, to become apparent. And the other in Hebrews 9:28 is “*to those who look for...*” And that simply means to set one’s heart in a steadfast gaze upon a particular thing; to set one’s heart in a steadfast gaze. It has to do with expectation of certainty. I always relate that to a pregnant woman. Now you know her expectation is not to become pregnant, she is pregnant all right. Her expectation is not that there be a baby in her. There is nothing coming, but there is about to be an appearing of what is there, right? And it is coming in a fullness of time, just like God reveals His Son. And she is lying there awaiting and looking. You who have had children know that more than I could ever tell you. She is in great expectation of certainty; and the certainty is based upon the fact that the child is there. Not might be, might not be, or may walk into the room. No, he shall appear: sight allowing self to be seen.

### References:

2 Corinthians 3:16

*Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

Colossians 3:2

*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

## He Shall Appear

And He shall appear as One who is dead to sin and alive to God. He shall appear without sin unto full Salvation. Are you going to tell me that that we are still waiting for that, for that reality in Christ? And yet there are those who would blatantly say yes. According to them your Salvation is not yet complete, and will not be until that “Second Advent”. That is a term that has been created to suit a doctrine that is simply not correct. And yet, the appearing of the Lord is very real, Hallelujah - very, very real. Therefore He hath appeared once and He who hath appeared once shall appear “again” whenever you look for (set the gaze of your heart to see) Him. Yes, and He will appear as your Salvation. He will appear as full Salvation and that same

One, at the same time appears before the Throne and in the Throne for us who are in Him. Glory to God!

Reference:

Hebrews 7:25

*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

2 Corinthians 3:16

*And whenever they may turn unto the Lord, the veil is taken away. – **Young's Literal Translation***

## **Coming To View The Person**

To convince you of this doctrinally is not my point: to explain is. But the point of the explanation that I am seeking to give to you is just this: we are not talking about the appearing of a doctrine or a teaching. We are talking about The Appearing of This Person. I am simply trying to explain that, that is what the Apostle is also pointing to. We are talking about this Person appearing. You can believe that He has once appeared to put away sin. But until He in that same way, in that same manner is revealed in you, you will not understand sin put away. You won't do it. You will not understand the end of all things. You will still be trying to bring them to an end... bring them to an end... bring them to an end - until you see the end up close and personal. That is what I am trying to tell you. Our words and our explanations of what is written must bring us to viewing **The Person**. He will appear in that way, and that will set the ground for Him appearing as full Salvation and upon His Throne and all that relates to that. And then it just continues because He is the Ever, Ever, Ever Coming One. That is not what He does: that is Who He is - Ever Abounding, Hallelujah - Ever Abounding. I must be clear, so I repeat. Appearing is not simply something that He does, it is more than that. The Appearing of Salvation, the Appearing of Glory, the Appearing of Life and Light, the Appearing of the Great God and Our Savior is **WHO HE IS!** Oh! Father, reveal thy Son in me!

## PART 4 “APPEARING” IN THE SCRIPTURE

### Experience His Coming

We are going to look at the word “appearing” as it is in the scripture, and I am going to be bringing in definitions of many of those words and the scripture in which that word “appearing” appears. I trust that it will just help lay in our hearts a foundational understanding with regard to the Lord in His coming, in His appearing. There is so much needless confusion in the Lord’s Body today regarding this; and I contend that the actual answer to any confusion with regard to the coming of the Lord is to experience it yourself. There is no need for God’s children to just stumble around in confusion. So I contend that the actual answer is to experience His coming, to experience His appearing; and once you do, you may not understand all the Greek and all the Hebrew and all the theology connected with all the scriptures; but you will understand one thing - **The Lord is Come!** Hallelujah, The Lord is come! I have seen Him.

#### References:

1 Corinthians 9:1

*Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?*

1 John 1:1

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.*

### Understanding His Body

You will understand that His Body is not some kind of a figurative illusion until the real thing comes along. How many bodies have the Lord? Is that figurative? Under the Old Covenant it was figurative, and in the New Covenant everything that was prophesied or promised under the Old comes to its fruition, comes to its completeness in Christ Jesus. The natural mind wrestles with that, the natural mind cannot understand that, but neither can the

natural mind see the Lord. Jesus said that much to Peter when He said; *“Who do men, but who do you say that I am? Peter said; Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God.”* (Matthew 16:13,15,16) There is very much bound up in that. So much so that the Lord said, *“Flesh and blood did not show you this...”* (verse 17) In other words you didn’t figure this out by sight and sound and touch. The body that I am in, flesh and blood did not show you this, but My Father. See, you could not even see Him, for Who He truly was and is, when He was sitting next to you. How is it you expect to know Him now, in that way, with your natural eyes or perceive Him with your natural heart? Believers cannot let go of the illusion that The Kingdom of God is going to be what Old Covenant Israel thought it was going to be - a natural Kingdom. They thought it would be a Kingdom set in buildings having buildings, having cities, places of refuge.

References:

Ephesians 1:23

*(the church) Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*

1 Corinthians 12:12

*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.*

Acts 1:6

*When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

Luke 17:20,21

*And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

Numbers 35:14,15

*Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge. These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.*

## One City In a New Creation

Friends, there is One Place of Refuge: you enter in there and you don't need to run any place else; it wouldn't do you any good. There is One City of God; there is One House of God. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, but One New Man in the One New Creation. Well, do you think God is going to make another one? Secular Christianity has a purely materialistic view of a purely spiritual and eternal reality. That idea, that concept was what the Jews had, but it was wrong. The Lord said no, "*Ye are from beneath, I am from above.*" (John 8:23) Our whole concepts are different. His is: 'I have only come to beneath so I can die and bring it all to an end. I am from above.' But we insist on bringing Him down where we can get our carnal minds around Him, and as it were, handle Him and put our hand upon a perfect and a pure and a complete Work of God. This was Israel; this was Israel's folly. You can't have it both ways. You have either got to be on your way to a city, or you have got to be a city made of God. Now you can't have it both ways. It has either got to be the Body of Christ in whom Christ has His Eternal Expression both in heaven and in earth, or just accept the fact that you are just a mythical, made up Christian illusion until the real Jesus steps forth. But you can't have it both ways.

### References:

Hebrews 12:22; 3:6

*But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels...But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

Colossians 3:11

*Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all and in all.*

Philippians 2:7,8

*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Hebrews 2:14

*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

Hebrews 11:10

*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

## **A Manifestation of The Truth**

I suppose I will labor the rest of my life reasoning with folks in the scripture, but I must confess I do grow weary with such reasoning with those who should know better; and with those who should be part of the manifestation of the Truth rather than adding to the confusion. If we would but turn our hearts to see Him! If we would but turn our hearts to see Him, to know Him, and turn loose of our “first man” identities as to our real being. Don’t expect to lay them down and then pick them up again in some spiritualized form. Just lay them down and forget them! And come to find your identity in Him. In **Him**. We still think that the whole of God’s plan is for the satisfaction and comfort of mankind. It is not: it is for the desire of His Eternal Heart, who cannot, and will not dwell in anything temporal or natural, regardless of what form it is in, or what we imagine it to be. He cannot, He will not, He does not! We sing a song, “There is no peace until the Prince of Peace comes.” How many believers are still waiting for the Prince of Peace to come? I mean come from the outside, come from somewhere rather than living in that reality? Paul says He is our peace. What rest we would have for the turmoil of our soul: but no, the natural mind wants to figure it out.

### References:

2 Corinthians 2:14

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

2 Corinthians 3:16

*Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

Philippians 3:10,13

*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death...Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.*

Ephesians 3:11

*According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Ephesians 2:14

*For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.*

## **Appearing In The End Of The World**

Now, no disrespect to any visually impaired individuals, but to figure this out is more impossible than for a blind person to comprehend the beauty of a rose. You can't get it by touching it or smelling it. So Paul says, "*I would that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened...*" (Ephesians 1:18) We are looking at a threefold appearing which is listed in Hebrews 9, and there are all kinds of reasons why those three appearings are listed there. We are just stating the fact that they **are** listed there, and have been looking at the **order** of His appearing that is related to these verses. The order is **first** the Appearing of the Person, and **then** The Person in His Body and **then** The Person upon His Throne. I can relate this arrangement to the gospels, the epistles, and the revelation. You have to look at that as a whole – the Testimony of the New Covenant. The gospels- it is the appearing of the Person; and He appears once in the end of the world, once in the end of the law, once in the end of the prophets, once in the end of everything that came before Him. How can He do that? Because He was before everything that came before Him. "*Before Abraham was, I Am*" (John 8:58) So He appears **as the end** of it seeing it was all given preparatory to His appearing in the first place. He appears once and the word there is, "He hath appeared", and the whole gospel, the whole of the gospel of Christ, the whole of the reality of the New Covenant that is written in you stands firm upon that foundation. "*He hath appeared once in the end of the world.*" (Hebrews 9:26)

References:

Matthew 5:17,18

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

John 1:29

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

John 10:8

*All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.*

Luke 12:51,52

*Suppose ye that I am come to give peace eon earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.*

## **Understanding The Body**

Then those gospel writers, in particular John, (because John also writes an epistle and letters to the Church) say not only that, He hath appeared, but that this same Jesus does NOW appear in His Body The Church to those who 'look for Him.' In the gospels He appeared for the purpose of bringing all things to its end. He had a body prepared of God for that purpose. The Epistles declare that now He has an altogether different Body that is not prepared for death, but for Eternal Life. This is not a body "prepared"; and the word "prepared" is used because every sacrifice had to be prepared of God. Now God used men to do that, but He gave the recipe for the preparation. But of the Seed in Resurrection it is said, "*God hath given to Him a body.*" (1 Corinthians 15:38) Of that Body it is said, "*God hath placed every member in it according to His divine will and desire.*" (1 Corinthians 12:18) Of that Body it is said it is not made with hands, it is not designed by man. I am here to tell that Jesus Christ, the resurrected God; not only does not need another body, He doesn't want one! He doesn't want one.

References:

John 1:1

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Hebrews 10:5

*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me.*

Luke 2:25,30

*And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him...For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.*

Ephesians 2:10

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

## **Awake**

Can we just wake up from among the dead? And rejoice in a Salvation that is beyond our comprehension and that can only be known by experiencing it inwardly. A very wise man wrote (as to experience), “**Experience, is nothing more or less than our measure of apprehension of that which is already true for us in Christ.**” Hallelujah! Paul reckons experience and apprehending something - laying hold, apprehending, experience; with the same word as “comprehend”. For we are not talking about a natural mind here, but a soul laying hold upon that which is Christ in His Appearing – experiencing Him.

References:

Ephesians 5:14

*Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

Philippians 3:12

*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

## Phaneroo – Manifesting

We have seen this as a threefold appearing, once at the end of the world. The word that is used there is the word **Phaneroo**. If you are looking in Vine's or Strong's it is #5319. One scholar says, 'to be manifested'; the word **Phaneroo**. In the scriptural sense of the word it is more than to appear as the English would define it. A person may appear as defined in the English in a false guise or without disclosure of who he truly is. But to be manifested, **Phaneroo**, which the English translates "appear", is to be revealed in one's true nature and character. This is especially the meaning of **Phaneroo** here. Yes, there is another scholar that uses this same point **Phaneroo**, and says that **Phaneroo** is completely dependent upon **Apokalupsis**. **Apokalupsis** is always translated "revealing". **Phaneroo** -appear. What he is saying is until there is a revealing there cannot be an appearing. And I contend that is what the problem is in the Church and in every believer. Until God's Son is revealed in us, there is not going to be an appearing in any of the word forms, in any of the expressive forms that He takes. It is not going to be there. It is go to be us trying to do something like Jesus; it is going to be us caught up in trying to love. It is going to be us. And we may master a number of things and come out as the good guy on the block; but don't be fooled, don't be deceived - it is still not Christ. It still is not Christ and it is still not accepted of God.

### Reference:

Galatians 1:15,16

*But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen: immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.*

## Salvation Is Another Person

Do we really understand that before Christ brought mankind to its absolute death, to its absolute end, that He first brought mankind to its absolute zenith in Himself, the Perfect Man? People think Salvation is going back - being like Adam. Christ brought man beyond Adam. He brought man into perfection and man was still just fit to die. Jesus absolutely knew no sin and yet as man He died. He brought man to his zenith showing that there is yet nothing here acceptable of God, nothing - except in death. Salvation is not a better person: it is another Person altogether - it is **Christ**. I don't know what

dispensationalists think they can add to that. You have to get off into the land of illusion; and you have to get off into the land of trying to satisfy the lust of somebody's flesh with ideas regarding heaven or whatever. And all you are doing there is taking away from the reality of the fullness of God in Christ. I don't know what man thinks he can add to it that God has not already completed in His Son. Sometimes while working or just being about my day whatever my day finds me doing; just the sense of the awareness and the realization just raises up in my soul: **GOD IS MY LIFE**. Salvation didn't get me washed up, cleaned up, ready to go up or down or anywhere else. Remember the washing, the cleaning, the washings, baptizing of the sacrifice that got it ready to be offered. Salvation is that Life, that Eternal Life giving Spirit, that Christ of God making my soul His abode. What are you going to add to that? I contend most believers do not comprehend that reality in the Person of Jesus Christ. They have a small view of Salvation so they must have a great view of something else. Salvation itself does not satisfy them, and it is simply because they have never seen it in the Face of Jesus Christ.

References:

Matthew 3:17

*And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

John 12:32

*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

Romans 3:10,23

*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Revelation 22:18,19

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

Colossians 2:9

*For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*

Hebrews 9:9,10

*Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that would not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.*

## **He Presents Himself**

So we have all these terms of APPEAR: when He appears, shall appear, does appear, hath appeared, given to us. **Phaneroo**. Colossians 3:4 is where this word is translated “appear”. “*When Christ, who is our life shall appear...*” See this word, **Phaneroo** has nothing to do with some coming in the sky, or some coming as though He wasn’t already there. It has nothing to do with that: you can’t take that word and make it say that. Those words have definitions. “*When Christ, who is our life shall appear...*” Remember to appear, to manifestly appear, to **Phaneroo** is to be revealed in one’s true nature and character. When Christ who is our Life shall appear; when we see Him in His true nature and character; when we see Him, who is our Life. We see Him because He appears and permits us to see Him. He presents Himself to our soul as the Light and Life and Glory with which God intended our soul to be filled. “*Shall appear*” - then a word that means “here; at the time that”. Then at the time that He appears, then shall ye also. Now, the arrangement in the English and in the original text is not “then ye shall appear also”. That is not the arrangement. That is not talking about His appearing and your appearing “too” or in addition to Him, because the word “appear” means here ‘to be made apparent as to the true nature and character of what is revealed’. “*...then shall ye also...*” (the right order is “then shall ye also appear” not ‘ye

shall appear also'. What is the difference?). The word "also" is a Greek word pronounced something like *Kai (kahee)*. It has a copulative force to it; it means to copulate, a joining together. This copulative force to it in: "ye shall also" is not as in addition to; it has a joining together force to it. The state of being coupled together: that is how you are appearing. That is what becomes apparent to the one to whom He appears - coupled together. But you know that copulation taken on to its full definition refers to that act of a man and a woman becoming one to produce fruit. This word has a copulative force to it. It isn't talking about walking along beside of.

#### References:

John 8:12; 14:6

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life...Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 6:17

*But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

Ephesians 2:6

*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

### **Union – With**

I just wish people would get a right definition of the scripture. Just take enough time to do that. "*Ye also with...*". The word "with" is a Greek word, SUN (soon) (Strong's #4862), which is also denoting union: union in glory. Certainly it is in glory because that is the state of His Being, and when He appears, when it becomes and is made apparent to you that He is your Life; it becomes apparent of your union with Him in His glory. A comprehension of relationship comes out from that, and a comprehension of relationship that is

absolutely impossible to have, to experience except He appear in this manner. And you simply can't make that verse say anything else; and who would want to? The dispensationalists have a mania for grabbing up every King James translated word "appearing" and just lumping them into one big gigantic event. That my friend, is a total impossibility: you lose all sanity when you do that. You take everything that is real out of Salvation when you do that. You separate the Lord from His Body. Do you know what a body is called when the life is gone out of it? It is called dead, it is called a corpse. We are not the dead body of Christ; we are the **Living Body of Christ**. That is because He who is Life Lives in us! And that is the whole point of Salvation.

References:

John 14:20

*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

Ephesians 1:20,22,23

*Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places...And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

1 John 5:11,12

*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

## **Shall/When**

Hebrews 9:28 is that second of that threefold appearing. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Translators have added the word "time"; it isn't included in the translation called the Literal Concordant at all. Why? Because "time" is not the issue. The second: in Hebrews the first and the second is the issue. The taking away of the first; and the establishing of the second: that is the issue in Hebrews. The first tabernacle, the first sanctuary against the second sanctuary, which is heaven itself: time is not the issue. We are looking at "shall appear". Notice that to those that look for Him shall He appear. There are many that argue that every

time the word “shall” is used a futuristic view is being defined or being talked about. That is simply not true. No real Bible scholar would argue that with you because they know it is not true. The word **SHALL** in many cases is added for emphasis such as, **it is a certainty** this will happen when a condition is met. The word “when” is implied here; “*when unto them that look for Him*”; the actual word “when” is not used here, but in another place it is. “*When Christ, who is our life shall appear...*”(Colossians 3:4) The word “when” is translated ‘whenever; not pointing to any specific time but to a specific condition of the heart -when it shall turn’. Look closely at this verse, it does not say, “He shall appear”, but “*shall he appear*”. See what difference that is. “*To those who look for him shall he appear.*” It is the emphasis that is different. You could just as easily say to those that look for Him, **will** He appear, “*shall he appear without sin unto salvation.*”

References:

Hebrews 8:7

*For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.*

Hebrews 9:6,7

*Now these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people.*

## Seeing – Optomai

The term used here for “appearing” is not our term *Phaneroo*, but is the term ***Optomai*** (Strong’s #3700): ‘to look at, to behold, also to allow one’s self to be seen and therefore to appear. It has to do with sight. Now, nowhere in the scripture are any of these terms “appearing” connected with natural seeing. We think surely this “*hath appeared at the end of the world*” refers to natural seeing. No, because He walked around in the midst of them and nobody saw Him – nobody: you might as well have not been there - nobody saw Him. He said time and time again; if you knew Moses you would know Me, if you knew My Father you would know Me. The word “know” there means “an understanding, a seeing.” Nobody saw Him. He told Peter you could not possibly see Me this way; you know My Father has done this. Certainly He did become flesh; certainly He did that so He may die. But “hath appeared” -

no, that is something these writers only understood long after the time of that appearing. They had to understand that by the Spirit. What I am telling you is we are not talking about the sight of the natural eye. We are talking about the eyes of your understanding, and that is what you have to relate this “appearing” to or just throw out all the definitions of all the words in your Bible and write one of your own.

References:

Matthew 11:27

*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

John 5:46

*For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.*

John 14:9

*Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

Matthew 16:17

*And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

## **Appear In The Presence Of God For Us**

And the third “appearing” is in Hebrews 9; 24, “*For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*” What a dynamic Truth that is! I was telling you that we see this with the arrangement of the New Testament: the gospels, the epistles and the revelation: The appearing of the Person, The Person in His Body, and the Person upon His Throne. And the Tabernacle is a perfect representation of this. You have the three compartments of the tabernacle which stands for full and complete Salvation The Holy of Holies is a figure of heaven itself, but He did not enter into a figure but into the real, and appears there **NOW** in the Presence of God for us. And the word “for” there does not mean instead of us: He appears “for

us” because there you and I cannot be seen except in Him. It doesn’t mean that God looks at Him and sees all of us; it means God sees Him presenting Himself for His Body. He is not seeing Him and His Body: He is seeing Him. He is seeing the PERSON OF HIM. Christ presenting His Body as One with Himself, this is what the Father sees and accepts and this is what we must see as well. “Accepted IN the Beloved” Eph. 1:4-6.

#### References:

Hebrews 7:25

*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Hebrews 9:7,11,12

*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people...But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

## **High Priest On The Day of Atonement**

The Old Covenant reference to that is what is exciting. It is speaking of the Day of Atonement. I always supposed that the High Priest on that Day of Atonement entered in behind the veil wearing his full regalia and with the breastplate on him and the names of Israel written there and all of that; that he went in that way and presented Israel unto God, in union with himself. That is a good picture, but it is not the true picture and I found that out through doing some real research. The fact of the matter is this, and I gravely over looked it: on the Day of Atonement that High Priest did, out in view of Israel wear that full regalia so that Israel would understand that they are represented in him. It was for the understanding of Israel and is to be our understanding as well. But when he went into the Holy Place he took all of that off, and he was washed from head to foot, and he put on nothing but linen. Everything - linen breeches, linen coat, linen belt, linen hat - everything linen; and went in before the Lord wearing only linen. When he came out he redressed: took that off, put on his full regalia and went out and once again presented himself as

full salvation to those that were looking for him. “*To those that look for him, shall he appear without sin unto salvation.*” That is what he did: that is the Day of Atonement.

References:

Exodus 39:6,7,14

*And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses...And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.*

Leviticus 16:4,23,24

*He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on...And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.*

## **He Alone Is Accepted Of The Father**

What is the significance of this? The significance of this is when he went before God nobody appeared but him. He and he alone was accepted of the Father because he went there bearing the blood. We must understand: Christ only appears before the Father, but He appears for those who are one **with Him, in Him**; but He appears in the pureness and the righteousness of His nature and His character, and He is accepted of God for all who are in/with Him. You are accepted in the Beloved: not instead of Him, IN the Beloved. The word “for us”. Let me give you a natural explanation because it is true of how He appears for us, but not in our stead, not as though we weren’t there, both in death and resurrection. But He alone is seen of the Father “for us”. You all have heard of tort lawyers, the people that represent a great many people in lawsuits, and for them the more the better. These people have no

representation except that lawyer. They give all their rights up; they turn over everything to that lawyer, and he is the only way that they are recognized as being in that courtroom. Yet they have to be there because they are the plaintiffs, but the judge recognizes only the attorney. Not one of those plaintiffs can speak, not one of those plaintiffs can stand up, not one of those plaintiffs can make a case. The attorney is there for them. He is not there as though they don't exist: he is there because they do exist. He is there because they are there, but there they are not recognized except through him. He is there for them. He is not there representing himself; he is there for them. So Christ, but only Christ is acceptable to the Father. The High Priest goes in and he comes back out, and this is the type. He puts off the old; yes, as a High Priest he does because that has got blood all over it. He comes back out, washes, he puts it on in newness, and he goes out and shows Israel a whole new view of himself.

References:

Matthew 3:17

*And, lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Ephesians 1:6

*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

Matthew 17:4,5

*Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

Ephesians 1:10

*That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*

## One Is Appearing

Oh yes, for He alone is acceptable to the Father, but He appears there for us - now to appear. That is the word ***Emphanizo*** (em-fan-id'-zo) (Strong's #1718), which means 'to exhibit in Person or to disclose', but also it has bound up with it 'appear, manifest, show, signify, to exhibit to view, to show one's self, to come to view, to appear'. You see all of these have overlapped, they are knitted together. Why? Because it is always ONE who is appearing; it is the same One who is appearing every time; it is **Him** every time. Whether He is appearing as Life, however He is appearing - it is Him. And so though all of these terms have a specific meaning as to Christ in His appearing, they all are overlapped and you are going to notice more of that as we look. Another word for "appearing" is ***Phaino*** (Strong's #5316). It means 'to shine, to be brought forth into light, to become evident, to appear'. Matthew 24:30 uses that. "*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.*" Now it is the sign of **the Son of Man who is in heaven**; it is the Son of Man who is in heaven that appears. The sign doesn't appear in heaven: "*Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man being in heaven.*" "Then shall appear" appear means: it shall shine, it shall become evident, it shall be brought forth into Light that the Son of Man is where He said He would be; that He did what He said He would do, and that He is accepted of God into heaven. The sign is The Son of Man Himself Appearing in heaven. Appearing in His saints.

### References:

John 3:13

*And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

Ephesians 4:9,10

*(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

Matthew 12:39,40

*But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

## The Presence Of The Lord

Matthew 24:30, "...and they shall see, (the same word, *Optomai* which we have already discussed) *The Son of Man coming*, (which is a *Parousia*), *Parousia* means the Presence of the Lord, in His Presence; not as some kind of a smoke filling the room, and we say 'Oh my, the Presence of the Lord.' No, the Lord in His Presence, but you see it is not simply the *Parousia*; it is depending upon two other works of the Spirit both of which are called "appearing" or "coming". It depends upon *Apokalupsis* which is defined as 'taking the cover off.' It also depends upon *Phaneroo* which means demonstration of that which is discovered. *Apokalupsis* means discovering, taking the lid off, disclosing. *Phaneroo* means to exhibit or demonstrate what has been disclosed. Before there can be a demonstration of Christ in you there must be a revealing of Christ in you. But through the revealing of Christ and the demonstrating there is the acknowledgment and the reality of His *Parousia*, His Presence. And it is in His Presence that we are caught up in His Presence, and with His Presence that we are filled and in His Presence that we do live. None of these words are meant to be interpreted as far away from you. None of them: but the reality of Christ in you and you in Christ.

### References:

1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 5:23

*For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? ...To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints...And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 1:27

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

James 5:7,8

*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

## More Words For “Appearing”

We looked at **Phaino** (Strong’s #5316) which is to shine; then you have **Epiphaneia** (Strong’s #2015) which differs from shining within. This means to shine upon and there is just one verse here. Titus 2:11, “*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.*” This is not a shining within, but something that has been presented by the Spirit to all men whether any will receive or not; but I included that because it is the word “appear”. And then it is the word **Phaneroo** which we have already discussed - The Person Appearing in His true nature and character. This has nothing to do with someone who is absent coming to a place. The **Parousia** doesn’t either. The Parousia does not mean the arrival, but it means The Presence of One who has arrived; and the word Parousia is used twice in reference to Paul. The other times it is with direct reference to Christ. With reference to Paul it is where these people are blessed in his coming. It says “in his coming” but it means in his presence. It is the same word folks, it is just that in relation to Christ, He has to be revealed in you before you can experience His Presence.

### Reference:

Philippians 1:26

*That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.*

## Apokalupsis

Now another word for “appearing is **Apokalupsis** (Strong’s #602) which means ‘an uncovering, unveiling, removing the lid, a revelation or appearing.’ “*But I certify you brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the Apokalupto, by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*” (Galatians 1:11) You know that is where people get the term “Apocalypse”. The moviegoers have taken that from the secular Church – “Apocalypse Now”, and it means “revelation”. Who in the Name of God ever redefined it as destruction of the planet? That is why it is called the Revelation, Apokalupto -Apocalypse Now. Yes I hope so - now Christ Revealed. Yes, He does bring all things to an end and shows Himself to be the beginning and fullness of all things new, but the word means “revealed”, not devils and dragons and worlds exploding. Strong’s #601 - **Apokalupto**, ‘to uncover, to lay open what has been veiled or covered up, to disclose, to make bare, to make known, to make manifest, to disclose

what was before a mystery.’ That is the “coming of the Lord”. It is translated that way; it is just misinterpreted because people get more caught up in comings than they do in The Coming One.

References:

Revelation 1:8

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Revelation 21:5

*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.*

Colossians 1:26

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.*

Ephesians 3:3-5

*How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.*

## **A Shining Forth**

And then there is the ***Epiphaneia***, (Strong’s #2015), which also means a shining forth. It actually refers to the shining forth of the Glory of the Lord. With reference to Matthew 24:7, “*For as the lightning cometh out of the east and is seen even unto the West...*”; “cometh” there is the word ***Epiphaneia***; the shining of the Glory of the Lord. This is immediately the consequence upon the unveiling, ***Apokalupsis*** of the ***Parousia*** of the Lord in His Saints. Yes, a shining forth, and that is how it is when He is revealed in you and ***Phaneroo*** takes place and ***Parousia*** is realized. Shame on people who relate that to events - distant events. The only future about this is that Jesus is Eternal: “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*” (Hebrews 13:8). Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

## Recovery Of The Testimony

I trust that we have at least inspired you to come to a foundational understanding of these terms as they truly relate to the reality that is in you. Now I know that you don't need to know any of these terms for God to reveal His Son in you. But to reason with others concerning that reality you do, because you have got to use the scripture and the scripture is where these are written. The Lord began to deal with me several years ago: Get Ready, Be ready to give account to every man the Hope that is in you, the reality of Christ that is in you; and I was made to know that would be in the scripture. We immediately begin to start on a theme and teaching on "The Recovery of the Testimony of Jesus Christ". The Recovery of the Testimony of Jesus Christ in the Scripture: and the basis of that was when Israel went into Babylonian Captivity, and the coming out of that, with the rebuilding of the temple and the city. Here comes Ezra the scribe. He had gone wherever he had to go and he had gathered up all the fragments. In seventy years manuscripts were gone, writings were gone - destroyed, burned. History says that he presented Israel with its first and at that time the only complete body of scripture: he had recovered it. They had a temple and a city and they didn't have the slightest idea what they were supposed to do with it! So Ezra came down for the dedication there with Nehemiah, and Ezra stood up and from daylight to dark he read the scripture. And the people rejoiced and cried and went out to do what the scripture said to do. Oh, hallelujah, there was a recovery in the scripture of the Testimony that God had given to Israel. That is what made the recovery complete. It wasn't that there was a temple and a city: the temple and the city were full of darkness and confusion, and had no comprehension until there was a recovery of the Testimony of Jesus Christ in the scripture. And the Lord began to deal with our hearts that this must be. This must be if there is to be a true recovery of the Testimony of Jesus Christ. It has to have its foundation in the scripture.

### References:

1 Peter 3:15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*

Ezra 1:5

*Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.*

Nehemiah 8:1-3

*And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.*