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"We want to see Jesus! We want to see Jesus!" This has been the cry of humanity ever since the Greeks came to Philip in John 12:21 at the Passover feast. The answer of Jesus in verses 23-24 was that "The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." And in verses 32-33 it tells us that He is discussing His death: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This He said, signifying what death He should die."

Jesus knew that the Life that was in Him was the answer to the needs of the world. But He also knew that working in one physical body, with geographical limitations of being able to be in only one place at a time was not the answer. He knew that for all the world to see Jesus, He would have to be glorified, lifted up from the earth realm, and His Life planted in humanity so as to bring forth a great harvest in others. Plain and simple, this is what He is saying in John 12:23-33. Simple arithmetic bears this out. If He came back to earth and gave each person 6 minutes for a private conference, it would take Him more than 100 years (working day and night, 7 days a week) just to see the people in New York City alone. In fact, He would never finish, for new people would be born faster than He could interview the present living ones. If every person living now on earth were to spend an hour alone with Jesus, it would take 400,000 years for Him just to see those now living! Even if He preached to an audience of 1,000 every hour, 24 hours a day, it would take 400 years for the present population of the world to hear him. Can you imagine standing in line for 400,000 years just to get one hour with Jesus? I know this sounds silly, but I must shock you and awake you to the truth of the real plan of God!

Jesus was a Divine Seed. He was that Living Word, planted into humanity, that brings forth a harvest in His own Likeness. John 1:4 says "In Him was life", implying that outside Him there was no life. This is true. The earth produced a vegetable life, and there was an animal life also. There was even a human life in the world. But all this "life" was only a mortal (or dying) life. There was no divine life outside Jesus. He only has immortal life, eternal life, and this is the life that He is imparting to humanity through His death, burial and resurrection!

## **REPRODUCING HIMSELF**

In order to reproduce Himself, He had to find soil that would receive Him. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not, but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God..." (John 1:11-12). Angels could not receive or produce this life, for angels are spirits, and this life had to be planted in earth, in the Adamic soil. "...we have this treasure in earthen vessels..." (2 Cor.4:7). Praise God, He found that soil, that earth which would receive the living Word and bring forth in His Likeness. Rom 8:29 says "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

The reproduction of this divine life is brought out plainly in 1 Cor.15:49. "...as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the Image of the Heavenly." Heb.1:3 and Col.1:15 tell us that Jesus was the express Image of the Father, the "Image of the invisible God." Not physically, for the Father has no physical body. He is spirit, invisible, and omnipresent. It was the Nature of the Father that Jesus expressed on earth in the sight of men. Man could not understand the Nature and Substance of God in His omnipresent, invisible Form. So Jesus became His Image and expressed Him in a physical, visible body, in a language we could understand. "...we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only Begotten of the Father..." (John 1:14). And in 1 John 1:1-2, we read "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;)."

Now the Father is saying: "Son, you gave me your Body as a Vehicle of expression, that I might reveal myself and unveil my Glory to this world. Now You have laid that Life down, and have given that Body over to death, that out of death I might bring forth a Body for You, through which You can express Yourself, and which will bear Your Image in the earth." "...a Body hast thou prepared Me" (Heb.10:5). "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (1 Cor.12:27). "But now are they many members, yet but one body." (1 Cor.12:20). A many membered body for Jesus, for the expression of the Christ life in humanity! Glory to God; what a plan!

### **HE BOUGHT A FIELD**

Jesus gave a parable in Matt.13:44, "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." Now this story is not about you finding salvation and buying it. You did not buy your salvation, it was the Gift of God. The Kingdom is like a treasure hid in a field. That earthen field is you. The Kingdom is in you, but hidden, veiled by flesh. Jesus found it, and "...for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross...", (Heb.12:2), and bought that field. He paid the price, in full. He not only bought the hidden treasure, He bought the field also. He purchased your earthen vessel, and He has an eternal Plan for it. "...ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your Body and in your Spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor.6:20). Your body has been purchased, as well as your spirit. What is He going to do with this earthen body of ours? According to Phil.3:21, He is going to change this body and make it like unto His Body of Glory. Not do away with it, or leave it in the grave, as some erroneously teach. But He will take this very earthly tabernacle we now live in, and change it into a glorious and eternal Temple. "...We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed," (1 Cor.15:51).

To see the Price He paid for this Field, turn to 2 Cor.8:9. "For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His Poverty might be rich." What a powerful scripture! Rich, yet making Himself poor. Selling all that He had, to buy that Field. So that the Treasure in that Field might be redeemed and uncovered, unveiled, revealed, manifested. Phil.2:6-8 (Amplified) tells us that Jesus was essentially One with God and in the Form of God, but emptied Himself, stripped Himself of all His heavenly Glory, made Himself poor, so as to suffer the awful poverty of death. Why? In order to plant that divine Life in the earth of humanity, so that we might grow up into His Likeness, bear his Image, and share that eternal Glory that He has with the Father. That we might be rich. That we might be what He was before He became poor! Glory to God!

### **A LIVING HARVEST**

Let me quote you our text again in John 12:24 in the Amplified Bible: "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just one grain, never becomes more but lives by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest." When Jesus came into this world, He alone had Life. There were no others capable of producing Life. 1 Cor.15:45 says that the first Adam was a living soul, but of the earth, earthy. No life in him, just as earth or soil cannot produce a harvest without seed. But the last Adam, {Jesus}, was a life-giving spirit. But that life remained in the seed until it was buried in the earth. The seed alone had life, there were no others like it.

When Jesus walked this earth, He manifested the realm of sonship. But He was alone in that realm. There were no other sons, no one else with the divine Life of God, no one who could understand Him or fellowship with Him. "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not." (John 1:10). "... the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..." John says. (John 1:14). Even John the Baptist, who had received divine revelation on the identity of Jesus, began to have his doubts as he sat in jail. He sent messengers to get more proof and reassurance. His enemies did not know who He was. They thought He was everything from an illegitimate troublemaker to a devil, but they would not receive Him as Son of God. His friends thought He might be a reincarnated prophet or at least a good man with love and compassion. But they knew nothing of sonship. By divine inspiration, the disciples received the revelation that He was the Son of the living God. But they did not understand the realm of sonship.

One time, in Luke chapter nine, a village of the Samaritans refused to receive Jesus. James and John were furious, and asked the Lord if He wanted them to call fire down from heaven and burn up those wicked people, as the prophet once did. But He rebuked James and John. They did not understand the realm of sonship. They still lived in the realm of the prophets. But the realm of sonship was much higher.

It was not a destroying power, it was a life-giving ministry. They could understand the Prophet, for he walked in the same life and the same spirit they walked in. But here was a New Creation Man, a Son of God. Nothing else like it on the earth. And they couldn't understand it. It was a lonely life, living in a world where He was the only Inhabitant. But His Determination was to populate that realm of Sonship with many others, brethren in His own Image. Even Peter could not fellowship with Him on this high plane of the God-Life of sonship. Immediately after Peter received the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God, in Matt.16:22, we find Him rebuking Peter because of the message of the cross. Jesus turned to him and said, (Matt.16:23), "...thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." He could not even communicate with Peter on the realm of sonship.

Oh friends, let me tell you that this higher dimension of the Spirit is a lonely place at present. Not many can understand what you are going through, what you are hearing from God. Just as Jesus had to find His fellowship with the Father alone, rising many times before day and going into the mountains to pray, just so there is a place the sons walk in today that only God can understand. And the further we go in Sonship, the more unexplainable this place becomes to those who are NOT in it.

But thank God, there is a harvest coming from this divine Seed, this firstborn Son of God. This new world, the world of sonship, will be fully populated. Jesus will have fellowship with those who have suffered as He suffered, who have become joint heirs with Him of all He possesses. This is the purpose of God of planting this first Corn of Wheat into the earth of humanity. The full harvest will bring forth on various planes. There will be a 30 fold harvest, a "double portion" or 60 fold, and a "fulness" or 100 fold. At present we are looking for the firstfruits of the harvest, that body of sons who shall be manifested to deliver the creation from the groaning bondage of death. All of this from that One Corn of Wheat! Praise God!

### **THE HARVEST REAPED**

There will be no reaping of the harvest, no gathering it into the Father's Barns, until it has come to its full maturity. Many who do not really believe in mature sonship try to quote the part of a verse in 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God," but they fail to go on with the rest of the verse: - "And it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." No, the truth of the harvest does not do away with the literal personal return of our Lord Jesus to this earth. We shall see Him. "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear." And the fact that we are babes in Christ, children of God, and sons growing up into full maturity, does not do away with the fact that this harvest must come to full maturity before it is reaped. "...Behold, the husbandman, (God) waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath only patience for it..." (James 5:7).

Jesus said in Mark 4:28-29, "...the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." When the farmer first sees the blade come up from the ground, he is not disgusted with his crop and ready to plow it under. He knows that it is perfect to its present stature, and that given time and the right conditions, it will continue to grow until the full corn appears. The sun shines, then the clouds appear. The thunder rolls, the lightning flashes, and the rains fall. Then the sun reappears, and completes the work of maturing the corn. But there is no reaping until that which appears in the field bears the exact image of that which was planted. Not only the image, but also the life-giving qualities.

So we have His Life within us. But we still remain attached to this earth realm. Not cut loose and brought into the higher Kingdom Realm yet. "We shall all be changed" not yet fulfilled in us. Paul says, "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality ..." (1 Cor.15:54). He indicates here that this has not yet been done, as long as we dwell in this mortal or dying realm. There is yet a reaping. A reaping of the fully matured harvest. And it shall bear the exact Likeness of the One who was planted, that first Corn of Wheat. So that if you were to see the first Seed and a harvest seed together, you couldn't tell the difference. John, on the Isle of Patmos, couldn't tell the difference. God took him by the Spirit into the new age, and twice he fell down to worship one who was in the image of Christ, (Rev.19:10,22:8), and both times had to be told not to do it, that the messenger was only one of the saints. "Worship God." That first Corn of Wheat is the only One Who has ascended back into Diety, as well as giving His Life and Image to humanity. Worship Him! Praise Him forever!

## WHAT IS SONSHIP-REALLY LIKE?

After twenty chapters of describing the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ, the Apostle John finally summarizes it all up in John 20:31 "...these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have LIFE through His Name." So this is the heart of the Gospel. He has done all these things to show us what the Anointed One is really like. For we are part of Him, bone of His Bones, flesh of His Flesh, members of His Body. And that we might see the realm of Sonship in action, for this is the place we are to dwell. We must know how to act. We must know what our privileges are. So He shows us what a Son of God is like. And that through His Name, we might believe our way into this same life!

This is the Gospel. This is the Good News for humanity. We will be like Jesus. We are to bear His Image. To sit with Him on His Throne. To share His Glory, and His Inheritance. Oh yes, this had made good theology, but was never brought into a realm of reality. Somehow, someday, somewhere beyond the blue, we would see Him and be like Him. But here on this earth? In front of the heathen of this world? No one seemed able to believe for such as this. But it is so anyhow. Men's doubts and fearful arguments will never prevent it from coming. Praise God! He has decreed it. It is according to His eternal Purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord!

There will be a harvest. The harvest will produce a multitude of sons in the Image and with the Life of the Son of God, until the knowledge of His Glory covers the earth as the waters cover the sea. Heaven is real, and will be entered into by those for whom it is prepared. The body of that first-born Son has not been destroyed, and He shall be seen again. But let me say to you that He will be seen on this earth by the nations of the world in His Body of Sons, and they will know that they have seen the Christ, the Son of the living God. And the Kingdom of God shall come to this earth, the Will of God will be done here, and this shall be as great as any heaven you've ever dreamed of.

## GREATER WORKS SHALL YE DO

Jesus healed the sick, cast out devils and raised the dead to demonstrate the privileges of Him who walks in the Kingdom realm, above the limitations of this earthy life. Blind eyes were opened and the lame made to walk without any failures, to show that there is nothing hard for the New Creation Man. He has fully demonstrated Sonship. All the Things that He did had divine Purpose. He triumphed over all the powers of darkness and put them to an open shame. The battle is won. For those who walk in His Footsteps and bear His Image on the earth, there is nothing hard about casting out devils or raising the dead. The New Creation Man has absolute dominion over all the Works of God's Hands. All creation bows to His Authority. He who walks entirely in the Spirit and is no longer bound to the earth, knows no limitations. He who no longer draws his life and strength from earth, but is cut loose and gathered into the Father's Barn, cannot be touched by Satan. Satan knows his limitations. He had the promise from God in the garden of Eden that "dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." So as long as we bear the image of that one, (Adam), who is of the earth earthy, we are Satan's rightful food. But as we put on the image of that heavenly One, that life-giving Spirit, we no longer are The Serpent's Meat. He no longer has the right to attack us and he can find nothing in us. When the sons of God have then ministered this life to the world, until the Adamic nature is no longer in evidence, then shall the Glory of God cover this earth, and Satan will starve for lack of the old carnal nature to feed upon. Praise God

Jesus healed multitudes of people in Palestine during His short Visit to this earth. But he did not come to heal all the sick or raise all the dead. If this was His Purpose in coming to earth, then we'd have to say that he failed, for many were still sick and lame and blind when He left. Many lame were still gathered around the pool of Bethesda and sitting at the Temple gate long after His Ascension. But His Purpose in coming and walking in the realm of Sonship, was to demonstrate this realm to those who would follow Him here, to open the way for them, to make a way through the Veil, and to plant the Life of the Son in us. Glory to God!

"Lift up your hearts and rejoice, oh ye people, for your redemption draweth nigh! It is even at the door. The day is at hand when you shall rise up into a throne that you have never known before. The blessings of heaven are upon you, the Grace of God dwelleth in you, and this the world will know. For their sakes I'm anointing you and sending you forth, and for their sakes you shall go. I have a surprise for this world, and one they will never guess. For though they have forsaken and rejected and despised Me, yet their hearts I'm going to bless. And the surprise is that the Life I will bless them with is already in the earth. Yet, it is hidden in the hearts of those who are truly Mine, who have tasted of the new birth. For I am going to rip aside the veil of flesh, and reveal and unveil My Glory from out of My living Temple.

How surprised they will be to discover that My Glory has been in their midst all the time, veiled in flesh, unknown to those who had only carnal eyes with which to see. But ye, my people, my beloved indeed, have need to rejoice. For you are My Battle-axe and Weapons of War. With you will I tear down the throne of nations, and the power of Babylon. Not in your own power, for you have none. But in the Power and Wisdom of your God. For the thrones of this earth and the kingdoms of this earth, have been built by man, with the wisdom and strength of Adam. And they shall be destroyed by man who has learned to enter into the Wisdom and Strength of the eternal God. That destruction shall be eternal. For never again shall carnal man build kingdoms and thrones. Never again shall the flesh rule over my Creation. For My Kingdom, built by My Son, shall continue forever, and shall rule over creation through all ages. Ye are Mine, and I am yours, saith the Lord of heaven and earth. Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!"

### **THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST**

More than two thousand years ago there was a man born contrary to the laws of life. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did he cross the boundary of the country in which he lived; that during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood he puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billowing waves as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him,

He never wrote a song, and yet he has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot.

He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Once each week the heels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesman of Greece and Rome have come and gone; but the name of this man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nearly two thousand years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by Saints and feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Savior.