

Title: Conveyed Into Holiness

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Last week the Lord came and He brought His word. When we take His word seriously, it changes things. It changes things in our lives, in our family, and the atmosphere around our workplaces. Eventually it will change the entire world. There is a promise in the Bible that God says, "as the water covers the sea, so will my glory cover the Earth." It will happen. He does not force His glory upon the Earth. He always uses His family. Now, God can use whomever He wants, that is true. But, He is a Father first. He is not first a God who does whatever He wants. He is a Father first. Fathers want their family to do their business. If God is our Father, and He is a Father first, He wants His family, through the love that we have for Him and the love that He has through us, to be as one in Christ Jesus, in the love of God and the family of God.

It was quoted today from John 17, that "we would be one, as we are one in Christ Jesus." That this family would go and administer His kingdom. God does nothing without first revealing it to His prophets. He does not do anything unless He reveals it to His family. His family believes that He can do it to the uttermost. When He does it, it gives you a testimony for your sons and daughters that God can do it to the uttermost. Then that ministry of faith gets passed down from generation to generation. You have a whole family of God here. Brothers and sisters in Christ, who believe in the testimony of the Word of God. That is how it changes your world. We have overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony in Christ. "Not loving our lives, even unto death." Not loving what comes in this life. How often do you take up your cross and follow Jesus? Every day, He says, "Do not love your life, even unto death." This is a hard thing. But, it is easy in Christ Jesus.

We have been doing a series in K3 on Wednesday nights on testimonies of the faith of brothers and sisters in Christ who came before us and recognizing their willingness. One of the testimonies that was given was, "If I am going to give my life to Jesus, and if I am going to give my life to the Holy Spirit, then He is going to come in as God. Not just the part of God that I want in me, but I have to give up all of me. I am literally, just an empty vessel."

Billy Sunday said, "A broken vessel must constantly be under the running tap." If you have a broken pitcher of water, you must constantly keep it under the tap to stay filled. That is the picture of what it means to be a Christian. That we would be broken and submitted before God. But, you would be constantly submitted to the tap of the Holy Spirit constantly flowing out of you. Out of you will come rivers of living water if you are broken and submitted unto the Lord. That running water constantly flows through you. A broken vessel is constantly under the tap. That is who we are to be.

Rees Howell said, "Bend me," was the prayer of the Welsh Revival. That we would be broken and bent, in submission before God. Last week the Holy Spirit gave us the word, "Holiness, now."

Colossians 1:13-14

When you hear that word, "saved," what are you saved from? You are saved from the kingdom of darkness that you were born into. We were born into evil. Yes, it is biblical. In the Psalms it says, "I was conceived in sin. The heart is deceitfully wicked. No one can understand it. It has been evil since I was born. I would rather be in the darkness than be in the light."

John 3:19

You are only comfortable where you are known and where you are familiar. We are more comfortable in the darkness than we are in the light of God. But, before we were born, our spirit man was with God. That is why we have this clash. That is why your soul is in such a tumultuous place before you come back to the Lord. Your spirit man, which was predestined before time began to be in the spirit of God, is crying out to be back with Him. But, your flesh is saying, "I have been born in darkness, I do not want anything to do with God." The only way to get from one place to the other, is through one man, Jesus.

The Father's Son conveys us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His Father, the kingdom of His Son and His love. It is a great love that Jesus has paid for you to be conveyed from darkness into light. From the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God. There was a severe price that He paid. What is hindering you from going there easily and just walking back and forth is that no one can come before God if there is any sin in him. Sin is what separates us and the wages of our sin is death. Separation from God is death. Sin is what separates us and it is like a magnet that repulses God away. Or, God comes to you and you feel repulsed by God because of the sin in you.

It is called a "guilt consciousness," where you do not want anything to do with God, because His holiness comes near you and your flesh says no. Jesus has to come with such a great love that it removes that repulsion. It removes that magnet force that drives you away. He says, "I am going to make a bond of reconciliation, to bind you to Myself. Even if you are faithless, I will remain faithful, because I have bought you with a severe price, on a cross for your sins. I love you enough, that I will never let you go." That is the gospel of Jesus. That is what has happened. He has delivered us from the power of darkness, from that repulsion, from that bondage, and set us free to go forward into His glorious light.

He says, "Those who are free are free indeed. I set at liberty the captives." They are free to go where they want, but the bond servant comes back and gives his life to the Master. He says, "I will go wherever you go." It is what a bond servant does. When you read in the Bible, it says, "the bond servant of the Lord." That is where the Master set free the son, and the son came back and said, "I will be a slave to you for the rest of my life. Pierce my ear, and I will follow you and never leave you." That is the attitude of the servants of God. Are we children? Yes, we are children of God. But, we are also "slaves of righteousness," as it says in Romans.

Colossians 1:13-16

All things were created through Him and for Him. There is delegated authority. All visible thrones and all invisible thrones are created for Him. You can have invisible thrones in the spirit world. There are principalities and powers that want to rule from those thrones. That is why you have over the ages, time periods where you see dictators who have said yes to the spirit world of an influence of nazism, fascism, communism, socialism, the other "isms." These are spiritual forces that need agreement with those that are in the visible world in order to influence peoples. Mankind, in greed and selfishness and power, says "yes." Giving them authority for a time and a season to influence the nations, and to spread darkness, because Satan is going down. He is trying to take as many people with him as he can.

But, there is another kingdom. Every day they say to the Father, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven," and conveys that in their area of influence. You say, "Well, I am just at home. I am just in that back cubicle over there on Abe Street. Nobody sees me over there." The Lord says, "I need people who believe this word."

There was a shepherd that was in the middle of a field, day in and day out. One day he was called to go feast with his father. There was a prophet there named Samuel. The shepherd,

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David, was sweaty and smelly, because he had been with the sheep. God called him, saying, “I saw you in the field. You are going to be king over my people. Out of your lineage will be my Son, who will bring the Kingdom of God.” Scripture says, “David, King David, of whose throne Jesus will sit upon.” If he did not believe that God had something for him, he wouldn't have changed the world. It does not take much. It really does not take much for God to change the world. All it really takes is a “yes” in your heart. It really does only take that much faith. Scripture says, “If you had the faith of a mustard seed, the mountain in front of you would be raised and go into the sea.” Who supplies the mustard seed? Is it God? No, it is you. It is you. It is us. It is this house and this family. It is this body of Christ across the world. It is all it takes.

Colossians 1:17-18

That in all things Jesus would have the preeminence. He would be at the top of the charts in all things.

Colossians 1:19-22

There is a key point that you must understand, that “you who were alienated and enemies in your mind, by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.” That alienation is that repulsion and that sin that separates us. The alienation is what we feel when the devil tells us, “you are not wanted, you are alone. God has been against you. You are an orphan. No one is for you, not even your own family.” That warring in your mind, is in your soul. The place where the flesh and the spirit collide. The soul is the mind, your thoughts, and your will, what you choose to do, and your emotions you feel. You can be ruled by your emotions of lust, anger, greed, covetousness, envy, and jealousy. Those things can overwhelm us. But, one of the fruits of the Spirit is self control and by the Spirit, those emotions are under control. Those emotions do not rule you. We have self control by the Spirit of the Living God, because the Spirit is now in control. But, that alienation is in your mind. That war is in the mind.

The battlefield is in the mind. Have you heard that? The battlefield is in your mind, especially those who have been called to Christ. There is that war, especially if you are new in the faith, of “am I really God's *child*? Is God really mine? Am I a son of God? The revelation has to be coming to you, of “I am the Bride of Christ. I am the beloved of God. I am a son of God. I have been betrothed to Him. I am a warrior of the faith. I am a good soldier. I am a bondservant of Christ.” Those are revelations of who you are that you have to know as you go on this journey. I am a plowman of the faith. I am a slave of righteousness.” What does that really mean? That is the battle in your mind. You think I am not some of those things. You have heard those things and just said, “I am not that.” That is the battlefield we have been talking about. You are in Christ Jesus. It is the flesh that says you are not worthy. The Spirit says, you are by the blood of Jesus. “By the body of His flesh, through death.”

Colossians 1:22

When we take and eat, what are we eating? We are eating the bread that represents the body of His flesh. These things that alienate us and expressly make us enemies of God in our mind, are put to death by the remembrance of what His cross actually did. Reconciling us in the body of His flesh through death, to present us holy.

There is another verse that says, “Be holy.” How? “Keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit.” It is like double English because it is written in Greek. It means just be who you are, and keep being it. You were not the One who made yourself reconciled. You were not the One that cleansed yourself of sin. You were not the One that saved yourself or conveyed yourself from the darkness to the light. You just have to be Mine. Stay being Mine. You are holy. You are blameless. You are reconciled in My sight. “Be holy. I am holy.” Like Father, like son. If the Father is holy, I am holy. If the Father is righteous, I am righteous. The Father is pure. I am pure. The Father is good, and I am good.”

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There is a warring because you are still working out your salvation. This is the sanctification of that flesh. This is the sanctification of those ways that you were born into. He delivers you and delivers you and delivers you over your lifetime. If we were completely made perfect the day we were saved, boom, you would just go to Heaven like Enoch. That is what would happen. But, He says, "No, I am going to let you be here. I want to teach you My ways. Let me teach you My ways. Let Me teach you how I think. Let Me teach you what it means to be My son or daughter." He does that best. He shows you how you are not Him. You say, "God, I am not like you." That is when He can come in and truly change us.

Have you ever been there? When it is like, "God, I keep seeing myself not like you and it breaks my heart." At that moment of breaking, the tap can be turned on to flush out that place in your heart. Then it is constantly under the tap of the Holy Spirit and no longer under your control. It is under His holiness now. He shows you those places, until you just break. You let it be His. The areas of our soul where we want to be like God and we get close and then it happens again, *we fall short*. Now, I am not talking about willful sin. I am talking about having the attitude that Christ has on the Earth. That if you were to do Matthew 5-7, heaven would come all the time. But, when you try to do it, you fall short of the grace of God.

I know you have been there if you follow Christ. That is where the body of His flesh through death has come to present us holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight. "The broken vessel that remains under the faucet is constantly filled." He wants that in every area of our hearts and every area of our minds and every area of our soul, because that is where the battlefield is. Your spirit man is already filled up full. "Let's go do this. I have been empowered. I am plugged into the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I am being filled. Come on old flesh. Let's get it going." Then the flesh says, "You know, five more minutes sounds really nice right now." It is, what it is.

Colossians 1:18

It says we are being made into the head, and the head is Jesus. The body of Christ has to be connected to the Head. We all know if you have no brain, there is no body. We all understand the science of what this means. But, this is way before they knew the science. They just knew that we as the body have to be connected to the head. The Spirit is saying you have to have the Head, Christ. He is the fullness of all things. He is the fullness of all things in the body. You must be clinging to the Head. You must basically be broken to do what the Head wants to do. You must be limp, so that the Head, the brain, can move you, activate you, position you, and flow through you. If your back is locked up or out of alignment, you might be walking, but not very freely or with a smile on your face. If we come out of alignment in the natural realm, the head has no control. The head can try to do what it wants, but you might not be able to get out of bed because your back is out of alignment. The alignment is important. The clinging is important. That I submit is important to the fullness of the Godhead.

Colossians 1:18

Colossians 2:9-10

Colossians 2:18-19

The battlefield of the mind, where what the soul decides is what you want, and where the flesh says, "I want this" and the Spirit says, "no." The flesh says, "I want this" and your spirit goes silent, because it has been muted, and you won't listen to it. That is how you become disjointed from the Head. Don't fake it. Don't fake the worship.

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I Corinthians 12:18-25

Last week, the Holy Spirit gave a word that was basically this scripture. When you do not hold fast to the Head, you stop that conveying from darkness to light. You stop it in that area of your heart, and you are not holy. It is wickedness. It is lawlessness. It is your way, and not His way.

This is what it means to be in the body of Christ. Every family of God, every church, is like a knuckle in the fingers. We all have different parts. We all are to be connected. All it takes is for one part or one joint of the body to feel like it is not necessary, because “we do not get all the YouTube clicks *or attention*. We are not seen. We are not known. What about what God told us? What about what God's doing for us?”

God has already written *this* in the word. What are you talking about? “Those parts of the body that are not publicly seen the most, I have given the most honor to in modesty.” That is just a natural example of what it looks like. That all are necessary and needed and unique. Your pinky is not the tip of your nose. Your ear lobe is not your tongue. But, all cannot look at each other and say, “You are not needed. We all need to be like the tip of the nose.” Then we would be one weird body. God knows this, because we are created in the image and the likeness of Him, to move as the Bride of Christ moves. Jesus is not going to have a stiff, out of whack, Bride who needs a chiropractor. But, He is working on one right now. He is having to “pop, pop, pop.” So, we would be holy as He is holy. You have to come in to the truth of the Word and what He says about us. You are unique, and you are necessary. Do all that I tell you to do.

There is a verse about His servants who take hold of the plow, and they do not look back to where they came from. If they look back to where they came from, they are not worthy. You can only plow the field that He puts you in. If you are looking at other fields to plow, then yours will never get done. If you are looking at how other family members and how other “joints” are plowing their field and doing it faithfully, then your field will never get plowed. But, to reap a harvest, every field must plow, plow, and plow. God says, “There will be a day when the man plowing will overtake the man reaping. Yes, I long for that day.

Hebrews 12:12-15

“Hands that are not working, and knees that do not believe they can keep walking.” Who is making the path straight? We know that, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” We know that in the Word of God, it says that we ask God to “keep my feet from stumbling.” Right? But, it says, “You make straight paths for your feet.” He has already told us what to do. We just have to do it. So, “that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.” If you are walking out of alignment, there is greater damage to the body when you are dislocated or you are not in alignment with the word. But, if you come into alignment with the word and be healed, now, we are moving.

Revelation 3:15-16

“I could wish you were cold or hot,” rather than lukewarm.

He would rather deal with the person that is hurt, lame and not walking. Healing them before they get going, so their dislocation in the body will not cause greater damage. It is interesting to hear it this way. What causes this dislocation? Good question. “So, what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.” “Be holy, as I am holy,” be healed.

Hebrews 12:14

“Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.” That is really what it says. “Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”

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Hebrews 12:15

There is the dislocation. It is that "root of bitterness." That is why He has been after it. That is why He has been shining the light on it in this house. "So that what is dislocated may be healed." So that we can walk and plow the field before us with faith and grace and zeal. Amen.

Holy Spirit, here we are. We thank you for your word. We thank you for this day. We thank you God, that you call us to be saved and to baptize all in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as a prophetic act. It is a representation of coming out of death and into life, by the Spirit of the living God, who raised Christ from the dead. We see this as a sign and a wonder. We receive your signs and wonders, and we believe you, God. We give you praise and glory. We thank you for your salvation. We thank you for your delivering work. We thank you for your words. In Jesus' name we pray, amen. Amen.