

FATHER'S HEART MINISTRIES

THE ONLY FOCAL POINT

2Cor.13:5-6

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you –unless, of course, you fail the test?”

“Failed the test” also means *“to be reprobates”*

It also means:

- To be castaways
- To be rejected
- To be unapproved, or unfit
- To be worthless
- Not standing the test

The word *“test”* means:

- To determine the genuineness via scrutiny
- To discern
- To contemplate
- Inward scrutiny

Every believer is being asked by the Holy Spirit, ***“Do you know that Christ Jesus is in you?”***

This question must be answered by you alone!

Why this question?

The provision of God the Father is expressed in our life by:

1. Knowing
2. Yielding
3. Reckoning
4. Walking ... this is a process!

We must continually examine ourselves to establish if we are still in the faith!

Question

“Have I deviated from the Father’s primary focal point for my life?”

This focal point determines my outlook on life; my faith; hope; my mentality etc.

Col.1:24-27

“I have become its servant (the Church) by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – the mystery that has been

kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

The word “*mystery*” refers to something that is undisclosed, or that which operates outside of your range of apprehension. It is operative but you cannot discern it. It exists but you are not aware of it!

Many believers are ignorant of Christ being in them. They only know of them being in Christ!

*****CHRIST IS IN YOU BY HIS SPIRIT!**

OUR OVERALL AIM = TO BRING FORTH CHRIST IN HIS BODY

Col.1:27

The Christ that is IN us will become expressed through our thoughts, actions and lifestyles. His character will be our character. His thoughts will be our thoughts. His passion and zeal will be clearly seen in us. We will become the expressed image of Christ here on earth!

2 Cor. 3:18

He who has seen us will have seen Christ. He who has heard us will have heard Christ. Just as God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself – **2 Cor.5:18-19**, Christ is now in us to touch every life around us. We are to be His Body, a vehicle to express Him in totality

The centrality of all apostolic doctrine is “Christ in you.”

Any doctrine that fails this plumb line is not the doctrine of God. – **2 Jn.9-10**

1 Pet.1:23

We are born again by the incorruptible seed of God’s Word.

2 Pet.1:4

Those who partake of His Word become partakers of His divine nature.

2 Cor.5:17

We have now become a new creation. However, we need to have this inner man grow into maturity until Christ richly dwells in the nature of our inner man.

Eph.3:16-17

True apostolic work is to form this Christ in the spirit of man (inner man) until they are rooted and grounded in love. We proclaim this mystery of Christ IN us, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

Col.1:27-28

Paul talks about being in labour again until this Christ is formed in the Galatians Church. **Gal.4:19**

Isa.43:1-7

Jacob was created, but Israel was formed, or fashioned, by the intricate dealings of God. All new creations must be disciplined, trained, and formed until they have prevailed with God and man. **Gen.32:28**

1 Cor.3:10-11

Paul speaks of this apostolic work. He is to lay a foundation into the life of every believer so that they can be built up as a living temple for the Lord. This foundation is not doctrine, nor a restored truth. IT IS A PERSON! – CHRIST! The apostle is to lay Christ into their spirit until Christ is their foundation. Then other ministries can build upon this foundation – **1 Cor.3:10.** Apostolic work is completed when Christ has become formed in the believer; then the work through them will stand the test of time and will be rewarded – **1 Cor.3:14.**

Gal.1:15-16

Christ revealed in us is the message we will need to preach as apostolic people here on earth! Christ must be made known in the temples of our bodies. He must be seen, heard and felt through our lives. – **Mal.3:1** Christ must come forth in the saints!

Jn.1:32

The Holy Spirit cannot descend and remain, except upon the Son. The last day outpouring will be upon those who have Christ fully formed in them.

Micah 4:1-2

(Read)

What is the “house” of the Lord?

1 Cor.6:19

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”

The word “temple” here is the Greek word; **Naos** denotes only the inner, most sacred part of a building. This speaks of the spirit of man, the inner sanctuary of God!

Every believer is a spiritual temple in which God dwells by His Spirit.

2 Cor. 6:16

“What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God”

All the believers corporately constitute the temple of God!

The spiritual temple of God is Jesus, the Head + His Body, the Church (locally, individually, and universally).

Eph.2:21-22

“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.”

We are God’s:

- House
- Temple
- Habitation

Rev. 21:2-3

“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.”

This is God’s ultimate desire – we becoming His dwelling place!

God’s dwelling place is a people, the Church which is the Body of Christ!

The abode of God is not heaven, but a people clothed with heaven!

So, the throne of God is not somewhere in heaven, but within the midst of a representative people in the earth!

The Body of Christ is both a city and a temple! These are metaphors describing the structure of God’s city and temple!

Heb.12: 22

“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God... vs23, to the Church of the First Born...”

The heavenly Jerusalem is a city!

The heavenly Jerusalem is the Church of the First Born.

So, the true Jerusalem is the Church.

You’ve got to receive this revelation because in the last days, you the Church will be established as the house of God in the top of the mountains! God is channelling the Church, directing the Church into this one ultimate focal point in these last days!

The house of the Lord, which is His dwelling place, His abiding place, His habitation, and His people, is going to be established as the highest revelation of the knowledge of God ever known to man!

Col. 1:24

“Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the Church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

“Suffered”

Pathema; in the Greek. It refers to passions and desires for Christ’s Body, not for our ministry!

The true spirit of the Apostolic seeks for the unity of the Body of Christ.

Passions and desires that drives an individual to undergo stress, pain inconvenience, bruising and intense internal conflict for the sake of Christ’s Body!

There is no desire for self – praise and selfishness!

You carry scars on your body for the sake of The Body!

These verses reflect upon the urgency, passion and intensity of the Apostolic burden.

Gal.4:19

“That Christ might be formed in you”

Formation of Christ within.

The formation of that revelation into God’s people.

To come to full realization of this fact in your own life!

Why?

Col.2:9

Col.3:3-4

Therefore vs. 5-17

This move of God will not come to pass without pain, suffering and martyrdom – laying down your life to Christ while you are yet alive!

In **Col.1:15-20**, we have a picture of the cosmic Christ in an ascended position.

The reflection of Christ in the earth is the Church.

How can Christ be so elevated and His church so marred in its representation of Him! – is what Paul is saying!

Col.1:3

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...”

Here we see a deep anguish for the Church – an obsession and intoxication to build Christ into every man.

It is a deep deposit of passion within the spirit man to be concerned about the Body of Christ.

Col.1:28-29

“We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labour, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

“Struggling”

Agonizomai; in the Greek.

It refers to the determination of an individual who is competing to win the prize!

Never give up, striving with determination to win the game!

Paul was working as if his was the last generation!

We place a demand on time today, not leaving anything for tomorrow.

It involves the pain of wrestling in a public contest. It aims at winning the contest and achieving the goal.

WE CAN'T GIVE UP – FIGHT!

It speaks of the force and violence adopted for the quest of mastery in the establishment and the substantive behaviour of every believer in Christ.

Present everyone perfect in Christ

This is the mandate of fivefold ministry.

“Telios”

It means being fully developed, matured into the fullness of Christ.

No more wilful sin through the body!

Full growth – complete development of the whole individual. The fullness of Christ established in every person!

Col.2:1-3

“I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met personally. My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

God is going to reveal His fullness in a people that will fulfil His purpose on earth.

There is still a veil over most of God's people when it comes to seeing the full reality of this heavenly vision:

"God wants to fully reveal, live and manifest Himself in His people"

The revelation that God wants to bring to His end-time people is that they themselves are a vessel or container to contain all and everything that God is!

The mountain upon which God wants to establish the Church in these last days is symbolic of this ultimate position for your spirit and mind!

He wants to establish you in the unchanging, immutable fact that YOU are the Temple in which He dwells by His Spirit!

To climb the mountain of God simply means stepping into a place where God opens our consciousness of Him, our awareness, our understanding of God increases when we dwell in the mountain.

In order for God to reveal to us deep spiritual truths that cannot be understood with the carnal or natural mind, we've got to ascend the mount of God.

In the last days, the highest revelation and knowledge of God is to be revealed to His people!

That revelation is that we are becoming by experience, day by day and moment by moment from one degree of glory to another the HABITATION, or DWELLING PLACE of God!

What is meant by having a conscious awareness of God?

Just as you know or are conscious of whom you are as an individual person, so conscious we must become of the life of God resident in our spirit! – Which is your true identity!

Col.3:1-4

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears then you also will appear with him in glory.

Know this – do this. This awareness; this consciousness; this revelation must grip your spirit AND THEN VERSES 5-17 WILL BECOME REALITY IN YOUR LIFE!

We must move into this ultimate focal point!

Now, the last day Church shall be a mountain, a fortress, a tower positioned in the midst of the crises that will overtake the earth.

In Daniel's vision the stone of the kingdom was cut out of a mountain (*Dan.2:45*) and began to destroy the Babylonian systems of the earth. The stone itself grew and became a mountain in the earth!

The mountain must always be seen in the context of its destruction of Babylon. Only a mountain Church can interact Babylon and overcome it.

A mountain carries the idea of:

- (1) Elevation
- (2) Fortification / strength
- (3) Perception / vision because of its position
- (4) Refuge / protection

A mountain also speaks of:

- (1) A system of function and operation
- (2) A kingdom
- (3) A ruler ship system
- (4) A governmental order

Har is the Hebrew word for mountain.

In Genesis.22 we have reference to the ***Mountain of God:***

Vs.1 Place of Sacrifice - Killing what you love the most = your personal responsibility!

Vs.4 You see this mount only as you step into a third Day position - stepping through death, burial into resurrection life!

Vs.5 Place of true worship - worship **in** and **by** the Spirit

Vs.13 Place of substitution - God steps in, he is willing to supply heavenly resource, when you are willing to let go everything in full obedience to Him.

Vs.14 In the Mount of the Lord it shall be seen - place of vision, perception and discernment.

Ex.24:16

Place of God's speaking

Ex.25:40

Place where divine patterns are imparted

Lev.27:43

Place of installation of divine Commandments - the Word is utmost important

Ps.74:2

Dwelling place of God

See Eph.2:18-22

See 1 Cor.6:15-20

See 2 Cor.6:14-18

The Church is the temple, eternal abode of God; dwelling of God; habitation of God; household of God

*The mountain of the Lord's house shall be **established** and it shall be **exalted**. These words represent two imperative qualities and conditions that the Church must emerge into before the purposes of the Lord can be ended. **The Lord's House must be established and exalted!***

Established

Hebrew = kuwn

It means steadfast; stable; secure; faithful; be sure; be reliable; directed accurately; morally made permanent with standards that do not slide; absolute inward certainty; to be determined; arranged into an order that is settled and stable, provide for; furnished; fastened down; It also means to be erect; to stand perpendicular.

We are talking here of elements of maturity and completeness - a Church without defect; no moral deficiencies.

See Eph.4:13-15

A Church that has stepped into the fullness of the exact measure of the stature of Christ!

The last day Church is being established on top of the mountains.

On Top

Hebrew = rosh

It means choicest, best, ranking head of things, height, beginning, first, chiefest place, excellent, first, ruler, highest. It speaks of ascendancy! Having a rank above

See Ps.89:27

"I will make him my firstborn, the highest of the kings in the earth"

The context of **Ps.89** is the exalted position of the end time Church!

God says in the day that He is:

- 1. Empowering the Church with a Davidic spirit;**
- 2. In the day when the Church begins to rise into a dimension of Covenant;**
- 3. In the day the Church begins to define its son ship identity;**
- 4. In the day the Church begins to step into the authority of God that is represented in the name "Father"**

In the day the Church begins to understand these things: "I WILL MAKE HIM MY FIRSTBORN"

You invoke Firstborn rights and status upon you, by understanding your position in the economy of God.

And when your position in Christ becomes a revelation to you, you release a decree - a rip out of your heart- **"You are my father"**

THEN GOD WILL ESTABLISH YOU AS HIS FIRSTBORN.

NOTE

The firstborn had the birthright blessing:

- **The right of double portion to the heritage of the father**
- **The right of headship in the absence of the father**

"Make"

Natan; in Hebrew.

It means to give; to place; to add; send forth - used with regard to something given whether tangible or intangible.

It also means putting something in or upon a place; fastening something in place; Putting forth a voice; to appoint!

God is saying; "I will ordain you", "I will appoint you", "I will pass a law", "I will decree that you are my firstborn, the highest of the kings in the earth!"

Note:

We are the point from which God's sound is released!

"Highest"

Elyon in Hebrew

This word Elyon comes from the Hebrew word Alah

So, to be "the Highest" means to be most exalted; elevated; the power to ascend!

We have ascendancy! We have the power of upward movement!

David's life depicted and ascension: from Bethlehem to Hebron to Zion!

"Highest" means then having an elevation that is superior to; having a rank that is elevated above; It means coming to a place where you are legitimately in your own mind, and experientially in a superior position to the kings of the earth!

This is a Church that walks in the total conviction and full understanding and complete realization that we are actually superior to the Devil!

Having the absolute, undeniable conviction that you have a rank above the Devil (See Eph.1 - our position)

You have the right to impose the will of God in the earth by the power of decree!

Note

***We can't get to that authority until God makes us His firstborn!
And to step into a place of being the firstborn requires from you:***

A cry of:

- ***Identity***
- ***Covenant***
- ***Son ship***
- ***Divine authority***
- ***Intimacy***
- ***Relationship***

***These aspects are all bound up in that expression:
"YOU ARE MY FATHER"***

Exalted

Hebrew = nasa (naw-saw)

It means to be lifted up, to be prominent, esteem, honorable, lofty, respect.

The combination of *established, on top, exalted* identify a clear purpose of God that the end-time Church be prominent, strong, powerful, visible, influential, skillfully governed and managed, mature with the power to direct human life at national and governmental levels.

Characteristics of the mountain Church

(a) These powerful characteristics of the Church are reserved for those who live in the last days. (Micah 4:1) We are a finishing generation - we who live in powerful expectation and anticipation of the finish. We who live at the converging point of all prophetic Scripture are that special generation in whom these characteristic will be released.

Only a people that yearn, desire and develop a passion for the culmination of events in the earth can step into a last day position.

(b) The mountain Church has influence because of its position. (Micah 4:2)

It relates to the nations. Its special position is the element that attracts the nations. It will cause nations to have a positive confession of the Church and hold it in high esteem and honor.

As the nations come to a deep realization of their utter spiritual bankruptcy they shall say: "*come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...*" This is an expression of deep need. It is not a casual saying!

The words: "*go up*" literally means "*moving from a lower elevation to a higher elevation*", or "*to ascend*"

The mountain Church will literally cause nations to upgrade in all aspects of life! There will be a moving from perplexity of the human state; from brokenness; from moral decay; from the dark corridors of humanistic thought and intellectual reasoning to the heights of moral dignity, integrity, character, wholeness, acceptance and recognition.

"GO UP" = Alah

To Ascend

In order to go up, you've got to depart from an old position.

It is a positional shift: withdrawing from old friendships, religious orders and ways of the past, coming into the ultimate order and structure - the Kingdom.

A moving from temporal to eternal.

Coming to a higher awareness and understanding.

To be stirred up mentally - mentality shift - connected to transformation via mind renewal!

(c) The mountain Church emits a divine standard to the entire earth. (Micah 4:2b)

The law goes out of Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Law refers to instruction, teaching (*putting out words*), laying down regulations and directions.

It comes from a root that means *to lay a foundation, to erect, to establish*.

Law is a system with built in principles that regulates behavior patterns of the people. These principles prescribe, govern, and dictate religious and social activity of life.

All the values and principles that influences and shapes proper behavior will go out from Zion.

The mountain Church will instruct, teach and lay down foundations that will dictate proper human interaction and behavior.

The main issue is that of behavior. The behavior of nations will be shaped by the Last day Church! The Church will install the moral code of God in the earth that will cause the nations to step into alignment with the set standards of the kingdom.

(d) The mountain Church will pattern the required and acceptable standards of life (Micah 4:2b)

(e) The mountain Church changes the character of entire nations and adjusts the cultures of nation states (Micah 4:3)

Judge is the Hebrew word sapat. *Sapat means to maintain law and order; to defend the cause of the poor and oppressed. It refers to the function of government in any realm; to execute justice on behalf of others.*

The mountain Church will settle disputes - correct / reprove and mediate.

Note:

What is important to remember that the **Church is not an institution!** The Church is a race, a community, a nation. In order to fulfill these prophetic positions outlined to us in Micah 4, there must be a proper response, expectation, mentality, expression and utterance and a faith that matches that which God has declared.

What is our problem?

We are too self-conscious.

We are too conscious of our weaknesses, our ungodly habits, our inability to live godly, and our sins.

This consciousness keeps you separated in your mind from the life of God in your own spirit – which is your true identity.

Rev.12:1-5 (Read)

Only those who are truly seeking God in these final days are going to be caught up into such awareness, such a consciousness of the Spirit of God within them. That old personality that is separated from God is going to fall into the ground and die!

Then the new creation man – the real you is going to come alive in the reality of being one with God!

We are going to come into such an awareness of who God is in us, and what we contain, that our habits and shortcomings and our rebelliousness are just going to fall away!

God wants our awareness of Him to increase to such an extent until His Spirit saturates and permeates every cell of our bodies until death is swallowed up by life!

Read Rom.8:11-12

God manifested in the flesh

1 Jn.4:2-3

God today is still being manifested in the flesh.

How?

Christ IN you and me!

We must become aware of being the manifestation of God in the flesh!

See Eph.5:30-32

We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh = THE GREAT MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH!

Ezek.36: 25-27 + Jer. 31 = the essence of the New Covenant
Two Tablets = the heart + the mind

We bear the image of the heavenly!

Heb.2:9-12

2 Pet.1:1-4- partakers of His divine life

Jn.1:12-13 – power to become sons of God

Eph. 1:10-14 – the dispensation of the fullness of time

In Ezek.36:25-27, He promised it!

In Rom.8:29-30, He predestinated it!

In Eph.2:4-6, He perfected it!

In 1 Cor.1:30 is how He did it!

Read Rom.3:30!

What is the greatest problem?

2Thes.2

The “anti-Christ in God’s temple”

Outer court – Body = world conscious

Holy place - Soul = self- conscious

Most Holy place – Spirit = God conscious

What is the solution?

- Stop believing the lie (They did not develop a “love for the truth”)
- 2 Cor.5:1-5 – start to groan.
- 1 Cor.15:45-49 – know this.
- Eph.1:17 -23 – pray this, especially verses 17-18.