THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Part Two "The Way of The Spirit is Revelation"

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Someone once said, "Some like to read the Bible in Hebrew, some in Greek, but I like to read it in the Holy Ghost." Truthfully, the only way to comprehend the Bible is in the Holy Ghost.

Many of you have experienced what I am talking about. Think back just a moment. Perhaps you have read a passage in the Bible over and over maybe for months, or even years, and thought that you understood it. Then one day, you got your Bible down and you began reading the same passages and suddenly, *it opened to you*! The Word just seemed to jump out at you, and you understood it like never before! You didn't try to understand it differently, *a different understanding was simply revealed to you*!

Or perhaps you were sitting in a service and the preacher read a text and began to bring his message. As he ministered, God used him by the *anointing* to reveal a mystery that you had never seen before. This is what I am saying, revelation is given by God! It is the *rock* the church is built on! Jesus told Peter "Flesh and blood hath not revealed that He was the Christ, but the Father (Spirit) had revealed it!" Glory!

I have heard preachers say you have got to have the original texts. You have got to understand Hebrew or Greek. No my friends! <u>You must be Born Again!</u> <u>You</u> <u>must have the Holy Ghost</u>! He is the *revealer*!

Jesus said, "When He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all Truth and will show you things to come". Let no man deceive you! Without the Spirit of Christ, you are none of His! You must be born again by the water and the Spirit! Without the Revealer which is the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, you will never be able to comprehend the revelation of God!

This may be difficult for some of you to accept, but the Holy Spirit can also reveal natural things to you. I have faced many problematic situations in my life that I was unable to resolve on my own. I have found that the Holy Ghost is a problem solver!

Allow me to give you one example: After being born again, I sold out to God. Many of you have heard my testimony of how we lived in an old school bus and later in a shack in Alabama. After about three or four years God began blessing us financially. I had worked menial low paying jobs for different individuals in the area. I learned a lot about painting, wall paper hanging and remodeling work. The more I learned, the more money I made. I branched out and started building room additions and later homes. One home I built had a very difficult roof configuration. There were several different rafter pitches that had to be cut precisely in order to fit. The lead carpenter that worked for me at the time had no idea how to tie the roof rafters together. I sure didn't know either and this had to be done the next day or we would just have to hold up on the job.

That night I prayed! I didn't know what else to do. God had moved for me supernaturally in the past but this was something entirely different that I was asking God. I asked God to reveal to me how to build this roof!

The next morning I woke early. Before I could get out of bed, I saw in my mind exactly how to cut every rafter for that home! Praise the Lord! I know some of you don't believe this but it is exactly what happened! The Holy Ghost revealed it me! God truly knows all things.

The men that worked for me were amazed as I showed them how to cut those rafters. They asked, "How did you figure this out?" I told them the truth. God showed me! He is a revealer!

I am convinced if I had not asked the Lord to help me, I would have never known how to cut those rafters. I would have had to hire someone who had that expertise and we would have lost several days of work.

This is a great lesson. When confronted with a problem you cannot solve, ask God about it. You may be surprised how easily the answer comes from Him that knows all things! This is one of the great rewards and blessings of being born again!

In our last chapter we talked about Cain and Able. Cain and Able: two men, two seeds, two offerings. One accepted and one rejected. What is your offering my friend? Have you offered up your body as a living sacrifice as your reasonable service? *"Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost!"* You are bought with a price and you are not your own!?

Your body is God's temple. You are to bring it under subjection and keep it pure and holy. Jesus taught it is not what goes in a man that defiles a man: potatoes and beans won't defile you, and neither will a pork chop. No sir! What will defile you is evil thoughts, evil communications; it is what comes from the heart that defiles a man. Meats for the belly and the belly for meats, but they will perish with the using! Jesus taught, if a man looks on a woman to lust after her, he has committed adultery with her in his heart! Jesus is concerned with what is in your heart. Your outward man will perish! Only the inward man can be renewed!

Alright, we see that it was by God's gift of revelation knowledge that Able knew what offering would please God. We see clearly that God is speaking to whomsoever He will by His Spirit, knowing that no man can come to Christ except the Spirit draw him. Our walk in God is directed solely and completely by the Spirit of God that dwells in us. God's true ministers do not speak by their own minds, but by the Spirit of God. The Word has stated very boldly in 1 John 2:27: "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

God has given His people, *"Ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking".* We have no need for men to teach us, but rather we look to those that have the *anointing* to teach us!

Think about those times the Word just opened up to you. Suddenly, you had an understanding that you didn't have before. If you will keep this in mind, you will never argue the scriptures with anyone again!

As a young minister I was continually frustrated with folks that could not understand what I thought to be very simple truths. For instance, when I encountered someone that believed it wasn't necessary to be water baptized I would just freak out! Then I would start, "Jesus commanded us to be baptized! He walked 70 miles to be baptized of John! If Jesus didn't think it was important why did He do that? 'Peter commanded us to be baptized! 'Paul baptized people that came to Christ the same hour of the night! 'Peter wrote that baptism also saves us! What's wrong with you!!"

And then, their argument would begin, "Water baptism is a work! I'm saved by grace, not by works! So, I don't have to be baptized!"

It took me awhile, but I finally realized the great truth I am writing about. God speaks by revelation! No need to argue with anyone. Just love everybody, preach The Truth and allow The Revealer to do His work!

The Apostle Paul has been called "The Apostle of Grace". Without question, Paul had a deep understanding of New Covenant Truth. How did he acquire this knowledge? Although he was taught the scriptures by some of the greatest Jewish teachers of his era, they could only convey the letter of the Word to him. His understanding of truth came another way. A way we must all come to acknowledge if we are to comprehend the truths contained in God's Word. It is the Way of the Spirit.

In the first chapter of Galatians Paul describes how he came to know the doctrine he taught.

"Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is

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not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 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 revelation of Jesus Christ". [Galatians 1:1-12].

I hope you can see plainly that *"The Way of the Spirit is Revelation"*. Paul didn't receive his knowledge of the scriptures through the teaching of men! His knowledge was revealed by the Spirit! Bible schools can help you with the letter of the Word, but the teaching of men can never give you the revelation of the Word! Remember, Jesus said, "*When He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth"*. (See St. John 16:13). You must be born again of the Spirit!

Paul was struck down by God on his way to Damascus, and was blinded by the exceedingly great light that had shone about him. Soon afterward God sent a man by the name of Ananias, who laid his hands on him and restored his sight by the power of God. Paul immediately went and preached Jesus Christ boldly! Now this is what most of us do when we are first converted. Your first desire is to share what Jesus had done for you. But Paul then turned and went into Arabia and stayed hid away for three years. WHY? Why did Paul suddenly withdraw himself from the mission field? Paul gives us the answer in the following passage of scripture: *"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: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days." [Galatians 1:15-18].

Paul had a Divine mandate from God! He was to receive his doctrine by revelation. Paul said that he conferred not with flesh and blood (men)! He didn't go to the other Apostles for his teachings. Instead he separated himself from all men that he might hear from God Himself! It was fourteen years later before Paul ever saw Peter or the other Apostles again. He went back to Jerusalem by revelation and preached the gospel to them to make sure he had not run in vain. And when Peter, James and John saw the power that was given unto Paul they gave him the right hand of fellowship, there was no doubt that Paul had been with Jesus, because he preached the same doctrine that Jesus had given them (See Galatians 2:1-2). He had received his doctrine by revelation!

Clearly, God is not a respecter of persons! If He spoke in times past in this manner, then He still speaks the same way today. Remember, Peter and the other Apostles received their doctrine the same way. Even though they walked daily with the Lord, Jesus had to reveal His teachings to them by the Spirit. They heard the Lord preach over and over, but they had no understanding of what He was really saying!

Remember, Jesus told Peter, *"Flesh and blood hath not revealed this to you, but my Father* (Spirit) *which is in*

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Heaven (Spiritual Kingdom) He hath revealed this to you."

Thus far we have seen God communicate by Spirit revelation to Able, Peter and Paul. And these are only three examples, there are many, many more in the Holy Scriptures. As is stated many times in the New Testament, *"Let them that have an ear, hear what the Spirit is speaking to the church."* Christ is the Rock, the Anointed One, the Revealer, the Spirit of Truth and the Church of Jesus Christ is built on this Rock! The Rock of Revelation.

I know you will probably remember that the Apostle Paul said if his gospel was hid, *it was hid to them that were lost*. I have met many individuals that just could not comprehend even the fundamental truths of salvation: "Being born again, Repentance, Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus, The Baptism of the Holy Ghost, living a Godly, holy life, etc."

I have determined by their staunch refusals to be obedient to these fundamental truths that there are multitudes that do not have ears to hear! However, although many reject the Truth, I must continue ministering the Word by the anointing of God, as this is the only form of communication God has ordained.

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 1:1-2].

God only speaks by His Son! And the Bible says, "We know Him no more after the flesh." Jesus said, "T will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you." He was speaking of the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost; which would come and guide us into All Truth! Thank God, He has come! And He is still speaking from Heaven to those that are in heaven! Glory! I sit in heavenly places with Christ! Do you my friend?

The Bible speaks of "Hidden Wisdom" and also "Hidden Manna." We know that manna is food. Therefore this hidden manna is spiritual food or spiritual wisdom that is hidden from carnal men and women, but is readily available for those that have an ear to hear what the Spirit is speaking. In the book of Revelation we find these words concerning the Mark of the Beast: *"Let him that hath wisdom, count the number of the Beast."* What kind of wisdom? Of course it can only be the "Hidden Wisdom" spoken of in the Bible.

Let me show you just a few more scriptures concerning this "Spiritual Unction" before we go to another chapter of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. [1 Corinthians 1:21].

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. [1 Corinthians 3:19].

We see by these two verses that the wisdom of men is foolishness with God. Man's ways are not God's ways! Before we can understand the things of God, we can and must think like God thinks! Our minds must become spiritual, our thoughts must be spiritual thoughts! Our human reasoning (thinking process) will always be contrary to God's ways. The Bible says the carnal mind is an enemy to God! Listen to what Jesus said concerning revelation knowledge:

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast Trumpet Messenger Page 9 revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. 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. [Matthew 11:25-27]. Think about that! Many think they have a complete understanding of the Godhead. But Jesus states that no man knows the Father, but the Son and no man knows the Son, but the Father! Further, you can only know Him by revelation!

Oh, dear friends, let's not be wise in our own selves or prudent! Let's humble ourselves before our God, and confess that as human beings we are ignorant concerning the things of God and seek the Divine knowledge that comes only through the Holy Spirit! We must confess that we cannot know God by the wisdom that we have obtained through this world's educational systems. Jesus is the Revealer of the Hidden Mysteries of God!

The Bible tells us to study to show ourselves approved. But how do you study? Do you study the Word of God the same as you would a common text book? If you do my friend, you are not acquiring the knowledge of God! You must prayerfully study the Word asking God for the revelation.

No my friends, flesh and blood is not revealing the revelation of Jesus, but rather the Spirit of the Almighty is revealing to whomsoever He will: even the fullness of the mystery of Christ.

Let him that hath an ear, hear, what the Spirit is speaking to the church . . .

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