

# KINGDOM ALIGNMENT & CONSEQUENT ADVANCEMENT TEACHING

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# RESTORING APOSTOLIC GRACE

- The book of Acts is the '*Genesis*' of the New Testament Church.
- It is full of the Lord's creative power being demonstrated in and through the lives of common people with a not so common cause.
- It was the creative presence of the Lord that gave existence and form to the early church.

# RESTORING APOSTOLIC GRACE

- That same presence is presently being released upon the earth today to bring to birth a completely new form of church.
- Every aspect of the church is going to take on a new form in the way it functions and the purpose for which it exists as the life of God flows freely in the church.

# THE KINGDOM

- Why the Kingdom?
- What's the Kingdom?
- Where's the Kingdom?
- What components within the Kingdom?
- What's the structure of the Kingdom?
- What is our function in the Kingdom?

# THE APOSTOLIC

- Define the Apostolic & Prophetic wrt the Kingdom.
- Apostolic is connected to an open grave
- The function of the 5-Fold within the Kingdom
- Functioning of Ministerial Gifts within the Kingdom
- John 20

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Immediately after the presence of God was poured out upon the men and women in the upper room, they began the great commission.
- The Holy Spirit had transformed them into bold witnesses that the most powerful men in the world would stand in awe of them.
- Without the Holy Spirit we can accomplish nothing.
- With Him, we can overcome the greatest darkness and any resistance to the cause of His Kingdom.
- Great change came upon ordinary people that denied Him, others abandoned Him.
- Yet what was it that so dramatically changed them?
- It was the awesome grace of God!

# MEGA-GRACE

- Grace is the ability of God to do what ordinarily could not be done.
- They were the recipients of “Great Grace.”
- Acts 4:33 (NKJV) ‘And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.’
- The word “great” here is the Greek word “*mega*” from which we derive the commonly used word “*mega*”, meaning very large in size or proportion.
- These ordinary people had mega-grace.
- The church must not settle for being average any more
- Our commission is not an average commission.

- That is why Jesus called it a “*great commission.*”
- He also gave us the opportunity to fulfill this commission through “*great grace.*”
- We must beware of not hindering the mega-grace of God from flowing through the church again.
- This is why the Lord is releasing apostle at this time.
- Apostles always give birth to apostolic people.
- The Apostle Paul said, “*just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense of the gospel, you all are sharers of my grace.*”



- One of the primary objectives of an apostle is to impart the grace of God to others so that they may be equipped for the commission of Jesus to go forth into all the world.
- Church success is not so much determined by how many people we can gather but rather how many have been partakers of the grace of God and released to function in that grace.
- When we are only functioning in the first part, we will hinder process of the people being able to function in the great grace.
- I'm not talking about salvation grace.
- What I am talking about is a measure of Christ's life abiding and flowing through the lives of the people we are leading.

# A HOUSE FULL OF MEGA-GRACE

- The Prophet Haggai said that the “*latter glory of this house will be greater than the former*” (Haggai 2:9).
- We often misquote this verse by saying that the house is going to be greater.
- He did not say that the house was greater, but that the glory in it would be greater.
- True apostolic commission is not so much focused on the house as it is on the glory of the One who is to inhabit the house.
- With this kind of focus, the life of God will begin to flow through the church into the nations of the world.
- The life of the early church was the result of this one basic factor-Jesus was in their midst manifested in everything they said and did.

- To the early Christian He was their primary focus.
- Day by day they encountered the Lord in ways that propelled them into kingdom living.
  
- When the true nature of the apostolic Christianity is revealed again, we will see the church rise into a house of the new shape and form full of glory and grace.
- In the first-century, Christians were not recognized just by their doctrines and titles, but by the presence of the Lord in their midst.
- So will be the nature of the church in the coming days ahead.

# GRACE FOR A NEW SEASON

- Across the earth, right now, environments are being affected by eternal realities that have broken into time.
- These new heavenly realities are breaking upon former seasons and activating an entire new season in the earth and with the birthing forth of a new season there comes a new measure of grace.
- Let me reiterate this; every new season in God comes with a new dispensing of grace for that season.

# GRACE FOR A NEW SEASON

- We have often thought of grace and mercy as one and the same thing.
- Mercy is unmerited favor, but grace is comprised of two elements; power, that ability to do a thing and authority, the legitimate right to do that thing.

- The question of whether or not you have the authority is directly related to the One who has authority.
- It can be likened to a police officer whose authority to enforce their power is directly related to the governmental source that gives him the authority to use that power.
- In the Kingdom of God, we must be positionally related to Christ, because it was to Christ that all authority was given.
- So, if grace is power and authority, we only have authority if we are positionally related to Christ.

# BE CORRECTLY POSITIONED

- In every new season it is paramount that we are positioned accurately with authority or we will hinder grace from flowing.
- Authority and power will be blocked.
- In this present season God has been restoring the kingdom order of father-son relationships.
- One of the reasons for this is to increase the measure of grace from one age to another.
- The essence of what God does migrates from one season to another, building up and becoming greater in mass through the fathering order.
- Unfortunately, many in the church today embrace a mentality that they only need to be positionally related to Christ and not to man.

- Alternatively, if they do believe in being fathered, they do it from a distance on their terms.
- Jesus said, "*He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward*" (Matthew 10:40-41).
- The word 'receive' means to grant full access, to not refuse intimacy, to receive into ones family.
- In other words, receiving God's appointed governmental office the right way positions us for the receiving of a measure of grace.
- There is a grace overflow effect that takes place when we are positioned accurately in the father-son relationship.
- They become inheritors of the 'reward' or the treasures of grace they have broken into by being positioned correctly in a right relationship



- During the previous order preachers would call people to come to the altar to receive a double portion of grace and people would ignorantly flock to the front in hope of receiving this '*double portion.*'
- Some went as far as throwing their coats over people
- This teaching was drawn from when Elijah threw his mantle on Elisha
- We must understand that a double measure of grace was transferred to Elisha due to the years of him serving Elijah
- Elisha was positioned correctly in relationship with his spiritual father and as a result it enabled him to have access to his mantle.
- Grace was transmitted from one season to another because of the covenant relationship of father and son.
- Elisha carried and dispensed a greater dimension of grace to do what God had called him to do.

- Unfortunately, Elisha went to the grave without giving away what he had and as a consequence the unique grace that Elijah and Elisha had was restrained
- Every new epoch (definition of epoch: *the beginning of a period in the history of someone or something*) is marked by radical change and new developments.
- With a new season there is a dispensation of grace.
- Dispensation has been wrongly used by religion
- A dispensing is simply a '*handing out*' or '*a giving out*'.
- In every new season there is a dispensing of grace for the purpose of deepening, enlarging and expanding the kingdom
- This requires that we change and adjust to the new measure of grace for that season
- The new things that God does in that season are supported and empowered by the new measure of grace.
- What happens if the season changes and we don't?
- It means that you are still in the old season and therefore you will create your own economy in order to keep going

- This is one of the major problems in the church today.
- Many are stuck in the previous seasons expecting new results and bound by spiritual barrenness or the absence of fruit.
- If we are not doing what He is doing, we not in His economy of grace.
- In every new season there must be a willingness to be emptied out in order to take on new measures of grace.
- This requires dying to some things that we have built our ministry around and migrating to a new spiritual position.

# FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

- John 1:14 “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.***”
- ‘Full’ means to the complete measure. God intended to measure out grace and truth in a season so that there is ample provision to sustain the ‘new’ that God is doing.
- If we keep functioning out of the last season, not only will we be void of grace for the season, but also void of truth.
- Every new season is accompanied by grace and truth.
- Truth is the fresh word for the new season.
- That word is destined to become flesh.
- God releases a word from eternity into time for the purpose of creating something in the earth.
- In relation to Jesus, He not only spoke the truth but He became the embodiment of the truth.

- Jesus was an authentic representation of word from eternity manifest into time.
- Evidence of a new season is that the things that are eternal become natural.
- Eternal truth begins to make its appearance in the natural realm, which means things that were once an eternal reality are now a reality in time for all to partake of.
- It is critical in this season that we migrate to where 'grace and truth' are and allow them to shift us so that we become true representatives of heaven in this season.

# POSITIONED FOR THE PRESENT SEASON

## INTRODUCTION

- In the present season the church has found itself in the midst of the most significant series of changes it has experienced since its inception in Jerusalem.
- We are presently experiencing a release of the Holy Spirit's divine dealings which is opening a new door into deeper dimensions of God's purposes and end-time intent.
- In this present season the Lord is working in a reformation spirit to upgrade and reposition the Body of Christ for kingdom advancement.
- God is overhauling mentalities, understandings, perceptions and positions in the church.

- God is making known to the church deeper facets of His ways, plans and purposes, for the intention of empowering the church to move into a greater dimension of accuracy and authority.
- From this will be birthed a new manifestation of church life in the earth.

# UNDERSTANDING A NEW MOVE

- To define the term a '*Move of God*' we must understand that God doesn't move.
- We are required to move.
- God abides in perfect stillness and perfection.
- God doesn't wake up one day and say I'm going to have a reformation move or a revival move.
- God works in strategic appointed times to move us into his ways and move us into His seasonal ways for the earth.
- The key issue is to get established in the present truth that God is revealing.
- It is the truth that we encounter in any experience with the Holy Spirit that enables us to be repositioned for the next season



- An example of this can be found in the book of 1 Kings 19:9-13. Elijah had succumb to the threats of Jezebel and as a result walked out of the will and purposes of God for the hour.
- In order for him to be positioned accurately and for the Lord to move through him, God created a phenomenon in three ways, the wind, the earthquake and the fire.
- However the Bible says that God was not in these manifestations!
- Finally, the Word of God says: *'After the fire a still small voice and so it was when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave.'*
- In fact, the original translation reads, *a delicate, whispering voice or word.*
- It was the power of the Word he heard and the understanding he obtained that repositioned Elijah accurately for the next season.

- The Word of God is not necessarily words in English but a spiritual frequency.
- The Word of God is *living*!
- The Word of God is not just information, it is the life flow of all that God is.
- His nature and character, and His authority and power are hidden within the Logos word.
- It is not until understanding enters our hearts that these attributes become alive and manifest in us!
- When responded to, it creates the power within us to manifest an attribute of God on earth not seen or experienced before.
- This is a move of God!
- Basically what happens is that God makes more of Himself available to our wisdom through His word to us.
- God unveils more of Himself, which in turn affects the current systems of the earth.
- Change occurs in a variety of places as a result of this occurrence.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPHETS AND THE WORD OF THE LORD

- Prophets will begin to sense a change in a season.
- Then God begins to speak through them in order to articulate correct seasonal patterns in the present season.
- God must always speak before things in the earth can be shifted into the order of the day.
- Isaiah 42:9 *“Behold, the former things have come to pass, and the new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”*
- The key is in our obedience to the word of the Lord.
- Our active response to what God is saying to us.
- Truth must be walked out not just received.

# BEING ESTABLISHED IN PRESENT TRUTH

- 2 Peter 1:12 *“For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them and are established in the present truth.”*
- Whenever God is releasing a new dimension of truth into the earth, it is vital that we not only hear the truth proclaimed but become established in it.
- One of the common pitfalls in the church today is with those who are hearing the new things God is declaring, but are not committed to becoming established in it.
- The word establish means: *to be joined together in union with or the coming together of two parts firmly.*
- We must understand that truth is always progressively unfolding.
- When we become established in a measure of truth we are basically coming into a place of agreement and hence connecting our lives to it so that we are joined as one with truth.

# HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Romans 12:2, Transformation begins by submitting ones mind to the renewing of the Holy Spirit.
- Notice the word '*renewing*'.
- It is an ongoing process of the Lord; bringing our minds back to the state of the second Adam.
- During each new phase of our lives, the Lord will begin the work of renewing our thought patterns.
- He does this by reconfiguring the strongholds of our minds.
- A mind that is submitted to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit will be grounded in present truth and flexible to any change the Lord brings.

# THE PROCESS EXPLAINED:

1. New season approaches, God begins to unfold truth to us individually (Isaiah 42:9 *“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell of them.”*)
2. He then works to establish us in that present truth. Romans 12:2 –removing former things in our thinking. Former things are systems of thought that no longer are valid or powerful enough to empower us to walk accurately and effectively in the new season.
3. When we have established this in our hearts, it will begin to effect and influence our direction. In other words, we should start to see changes occurring as a direct result of the truth now existent in our minds.

# SPEEDING THING UP!

- Under the impact of this present season, the church must continue to rise up to seize control of the destiny God has for each nation.
- For this to take place, it requires that we enter into full cooperation with the will of God and the revelation He is proclaiming.
- By being committed to be established in God's present truth it will accelerate the times and seasons so that the end will come.
- 2 Peter 3:12 *“ Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.” (NJV)*

# UNVEILING THE GLORY THROUGH SONSHIP

- *“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For you have made him a little lower than the God, And You have crowned him with glory and honour. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”* Psalm 8:3-8
- There is glory to be discovered and seen in all the works of God.
- In this Psalm David asks the question: *“What is man...?”*, as he recognised the majesty of God’s creation and how small man was in comparison.
- However, his next statement indicates that He knew man’s place in God’s order:



- The word “*glory*” in this passage of scripture is the Hebrew word *kabod* which means the full weight of something.
- *Kabod* refers to a visible manifestation of the nature, character, greatness and reputation of God.
- Everything God created exists to manifest the glory of God.
- Psalms 19:1 says, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of His hands.*”
- Isaiah 6:3 says, “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, The whole earth is full of His glory.*”
- Paul, in referring to the glory, states in 1 Corinthians 15:41, “*The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory.*”

- All creation was created and designed to display glory, but only man was made in the image of God.
- Man was created to be like God in nature and character.
- All that God created us to be, we already possess.
- God created us to display Himself in the earth, which is why we are created in His image and have the capacity to rule and have dominion.
- After God gave man dominion (Genesis 1:26) He said, "*now be fruitful and multiply.*"
- To "*be fruitful*" means to reproduce or to bring out that which is on the inside.
- Being fruitful is producing and reproducing the nature, character and reputation of God in the earth, which is His glory.

# THE RADIANCE OF THE FATHER

- As sons of God we are created with the inherit ability to display the radiance of the Father's glory.
- Hebrews 1:3 says, *"The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command."*
- In John 17:1 & 5 there is a reference to two glories which we need to take a close look at.
- Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: 1 *"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. Jesus was saying, "I've completed what was required of Me and I'm asking You to restore to Me the glory I had before the world was formed."*
- So there was a glory He had before He was sent to the earth.

- He goes on to say in verse 22, *"I have given them the glory You gave Me, so they may be one as We are One."*
- Let's break this down. He's returning to the glory of being God, which he left when He was sent to the earth to be man.
- Yet the Father gave Him a certain glory while He was on earth, that glory He was not returning to.
- He was leaving that glory to enable and benefit His sons and those who would believe in Him through their word.
- So it is clear that there was two glories Jesus was referring to.
- The glory before the foundations of the world and the glory He was given while on earth.
- The later glory has been given to us!
- What is that glory? In verse 23 it says, *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one"*. He is following on from verse 22 stating what the glory was that His Father gave Him: *You in Me and I in You*.
- Jesus is saying that the Father chose to live as Himself in man!

- We can often overlook the magnitude of this reality – God confining Himself in an earthen vessel.
- That's why Jesus said, *"If you have seen Me you have seen the Father, for the Father and I are One."*
- This is the glory that Jesus was given! And that glory He did not take to heaven but transferred the rights to His sons.
- This is why Paul states in Colossians 3:3-4 *"For you died, and your life is now hidden with God in Christ, so when Christ who is our life appears, you will appear with Him in glory."*
- Paul is not talking about the end of the age when Jesus returns.
- He is speaking about your life NOW; about Him being manifested to you and in you where you are.
- Remember that the glory He is speaking of relates to the glory He transferred to His sons, which is the Father being one with His sons.
- He is not referring to us going to heaven to experience glory!

# REVEALING THE GLORY

- We are designed to be the primary source by which the Father can reveal His glory!
- This is something that we cannot do of ourselves but rather He lives to do in us.
- So how does this happen?
- The key is found in John 17:18, *As you sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world.*
- This is a simple yet profound statement and it is the key to unlocking and releasing the glory in the earth.
- Looking at the life of Jesus as the 'pattern Son' we can draw out key conclusions in relation to the glory.
- *We understand that Jesus was the One sent of God but He emptied Himself of the glory He had before He was sent to the earth and became a man.*

- He then had to '*learn*' how to grow into a new glory.
- The key to unlocking that glory was sonship.
- When He was as young as twelve, Jesus said to His earthly Mum and Dad, "*Did you not know that I was about My Father's business?*" (Luke 2:49)
- For the first time in scripture Jesus acknowledges His sonship.
- Even though He was a son, the glory was not fully released through Him, why?, because He hadn't '*come of age*'.
- He had not yet matured as a full grown son.
- Eighteen years later we see Jesus at the Jordon being baptized and the heavens opened to Him, and the voice of God said, "*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*" (Matthew 3:16-17)
- The Father was acknowledging and decreeing, "My Son has come of age and as a result I am now able to give Him the keys to My kingdom.

- Jesus had matured to a state of sonship by which He was now one with the Father and as a result, the Father's glory could be demonstrated through Him.
- Maturing as a son is a true principle to the heavens opening to us and the glory being released.
- Like Jesus, the seed of our heavenly Father is in us.
- We are sons by birth, yet we are still maturing into sonship.
- Several times in scripture Paul writes to the various churches and addresses them as babes or children in God.
- He was identifying that they were sons of God but that they were immature.
- Even though they were sons, based upon their immaturity, they were hindering and holding back their inheritance from manifesting (refer to Gal 4:1-7-1; Corinthians :1-3 and Ephesians 4:14-15)



- The kingdom of God has an order to it.
- Sonship is the basis of which the kingdom operates.
- The purpose of God putting man into the earth is to ultimately have a son so that His glory can be manifested in the earth.