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Prologue:

The concepts brought forth in this study are for peace and assurance of God's love; that the world's foundational understanding of our Father in heaven may be realized as the root of all iniquity. The Lord's call for His children to ascend is the most important message one could understand in this lifetime. Please seek the Lord for an open heart as you are presented these words of Truth.

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

The 144,000

Study Seven

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(All bracketed [] words inserted into the following scriptures are the author's paraphrase.)

OPENING REMARKS

Being able to present this study to you is a privilege and an honor, to share concepts that are so high in meaning. I praise God that He has brought the church to this level of knowledge, giving us a depth of understanding. Understanding who the Father is, who the Son is, and who we are in Jesus Christ is major, if we are ever to achieve that place that God has designed for His church. You know, Paul wrote in Ephesians 1 – there is a prayer that he recorded (Ephesians 1:17-18) where he prays that we would have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in God’s knowledge; a spirit of revelation knowledge. He says that when you are walking in that place – I believe he is simply saying abiding in Christ, letting God teach you – that the eyes of your understanding will be opened and you’ll know the hope of God’s calling.

In my denominational experience, I never really knew the hope of God’s calling other than that He wanted to save my soul – and my hope was simply to get to heaven. But over the years, the Lord has changed that in my life. He is giving me a new understanding of His hope. I know that He would have us be saved. But to be more specific, as Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:9 (*Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*), the end of our faith, or the completion of our faith is the salvation of our souls. Christ is the author and finisher, or perfecter, of our faith. And if we learn to listen to Him, we will know the hope of His calling, the goal that our Heavenly Father has for this body of Christ, for the last day church. I think Paul states it in Ephesians 4:13, where he says:

Ephesians 4:13

13 Till we all come [or we all arrive] in the unity of the faith [that we’re all understanding alike], and of [he says in] the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man [there’s your word “perfect” or “complete.” How complete?], unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Think about it: According to the apostle Paul, he is stating here that the church will arrive in the unity of the faith, in Christ’s knowledge – which will bring them to *the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ*. That is an awesome thought and, when you think that this is God’s hope for us, that’s even more thrilling – to recognize that truth. In order to get to that place, we have got to understand who our Father is. But in order to get to that step, we need to understand who *we* are. Who is humanity? What happened to make us this way? Once we unravel that, and we can see our Heavenly Father for who He really is and what His goals are, it will reflect again back on us, and we’ll recognize who we really are in Jesus Christ. That is the purpose of this study – recognizing the church in the book of Revelation, seeing exactly who we are, where we are, is extremely eye opening. Your eyes will be opened when you see the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

THE SIN NATURE

To begin this study, let me make a point about the human mind: Every person on this planet, whether he is a Christian, or an Atheist – whatever denomination he belongs to, however he perceives God, or chooses not to perceive God – every person on this planet is manifesting their perception of God. It is the way you define God that justifies you to do the things that you do. The way we perceive God is being reflected in everything we do whether we recognize that or not. God, I believe, has created a vacuum in the human mind, in the heart of humanity. We need divinity. We need this being. And how we define Him, however that is, is a reflection, is seen in what we do. So in a past study we covered what happens in the womb, the fact that a baby receives the emotions of the mother. And we took this back to Adam and Eve, pointing out the fact that Eve is the mother of all living – that those emotions that Eve possessed concerning our Heavenly Father, our Heavenly Father allowed her to have them.

Her own way of perceiving God led to these emotions. Now let me explain what I'm getting at: When Adam and Eve sinned, and death entered into the world, things began to happen that I know we don't even understand. And things began to happen to Eve that I know I don't have the vocabulary to define, except that there was a horror of fear and separation, and a feeling of rejection that she felt of God. *He must feel this way toward me*, I believe, is what she felt. I don't believe He felt that way toward her, but He allowed her to think those thoughts and feel that way and pass that to her children – and it has never been unraveled by a human being and passed on to another generation, a *healthy* understanding of God. I know Jesus Christ dwelt on this planet and His understanding of our Heavenly Father was correct but, in order for us to receive a correct understanding ourselves, we have got to listen to Him. And in so far as I understand it, I don't know that anyone has.

I don't know that anyone has listened to Him to the point of walking in the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ because, you see, once the basic understanding, once your foundation is clear and you perceive God accurately, everything changes on the inside for you. Here we have Eve passing these emotions to humanity and humanity receiving it in the womb, having no vocabulary, shelves it – puts it on the shelf, not knowing how to deal with it. And this rejection, this feeling of *less than* is carried by every one of us when it comes to God. I think that's what makes a person claim to hate God and shake their fist because they feel rejected by the most powerful being in the universe. And it's just natural when you feel rejected to want to reject them back, to make them feel the way you feel. These things are so deeply ingrained in us, it really isn't something I think we could even verbalize or explain – it is just there. It is there so deep under the surface of our thoughts, and God knows that – and God loves you, and He will straighten this out. He will give us the true understanding if we're willing to listen. Let me tell you how I know that.

FOUNDED ON THE SEA

Psalms 24 is a key psalm, a key chapter if we're to understand the truth about God, the truth about humanity. In Psalms 24, the Lord says, starting at verse 1:

Psalm 24:1-2

1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof [of it]; the world, and they that dwell therein [in it].

2 For [because] he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Now, we know the sea is water. We know Isaiah 51:10 defines the sea as *the waters of the deep*. That word “deep” is “abyss.” In Isaiah 51:10, “the waters of the great deep,” that word “deep” [8415] is “abyss.” In Isaiah 51:10, “the waters of the great deep,” that word “deep” is the Hebrew equivalent to “bottomless pit” found in Revelation. And he's talking about the mind, the human mind. Your mind is *infinite* and, when Adam fell, he fell into infinity. Why do I say it's infinite? Because your mind can never be full; you can never receive so many thoughts that you can't receive another. You are infinite in thought and capable of receiving anything our Heavenly Father wants to give you.

When Adam fell, it was into a *bottomless pit*. And just imagine, just as man grows in wickedness, and will never stop perfecting wickedness, you can also be turned to receive righteousness and never stop growing in righteousness – in understanding God and reflecting Him. You can be more and more like Him every day, for the rest of eternity, if you're open. And in Psalms 24, this is where the Father states that He founded the world on the sea, on that conglomeration of thought, which is based on misconceptions of God. You see, if in the womb

you are given the emotions of your mother, and there is that rejection and separation that is given you, that means every thought, every way of acting since your birth has been based on that perception of God – on that lie. And by coming down to the foundation of who we are, we can wipe clean all of the error, have it straightened out, and walk accurately in Jesus Christ.

This is what the Father asks in verse three: “Who shall ascend out of it?” (Psalm 24:3 *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*) “The whole world is founded on the sea, but who can ascend out of it into,” He says, “the hill of the Lord?” Hill is *mountain*: “Into the mountain of the Lord, and stand in His holy place?” The mountain of the Lord, the hill of the Lord, is “Zion.” Who is going to ascend and stand on Mount Zion with Christ? We see this in Revelation 14:

Revelation 14:1

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion [Zion], and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.

Here is a group of people, one hundred and forty-four thousand, standing on Zion, answering the question raised in Psalm 24 – *who will ascend and stand on the holy hill of God?* He answers it in Revelation 14:1.

THE 144,000

Somehow we need to allow the Lord to define who the 144,000 are, and I want to do that right now. I want to share with you in so far as I understand it, and using the scriptures, who these people are. For one thing, in Revelation chapter 7, we see that they are out of the *twelve tribes* – that there are twelve names mentioned, and there are then twelve thousand out of each of the twelve tribes, making 144,000 (Revelation 7:4-8). Now, in my denominational background, I was told that these are *Jews* because they come from these tribes. But let me suggest to you that when the Lord is speaking about the Jews according to what the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 2, He is looking at you inwardly, not outwardly.

Romans 2:28

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

So why the “twelve tribes”? Because these tribes that he mentions represent characters, *character traits*. If you were to go back and study the twelve tribes and look at each tribe that he mentions here, and just follow it through, you will see character traits develop and you’ll find yourself in one of them, or maybe more. You’ll recognize he is talking about a way of thinking, a way of being – and these people overcame the weaknesses. These people overcame and, when he talks about the twelve tribes, he is talking about inward truth, inward definition. Why twelve thousand from each tribe? There’s something you’ve got to understand about numbers. In Daniel 8, Christ is referred to in your margin as the *wonderful numberer*, the *numberer of secrets* (Daniel 8:13). Numbers are highly significant in the Bible. The number *twelve* comes from 3 x 4. That’s one way of getting there: 3 x 4 is 12. Let me tell you why I chose those numbers and what they mean. I want to put on the screen three, what *three* means:

The number *three* denotes completion

Three divisions of time: past - present - future

God's attributes: omniscient - omnipresent - omnipotent

1 John 2:16 - all that is in the world:

the lust of the flesh
the lust of the eyes
and the pride of life

Three denotes "completion." When you look at time, you have past, present and future – that's all of it. That is a complete definition of time. When we talk about God Himself, the attributes of God, He is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent. You see, those three words define the characteristics of God. In 1 John 2:16, when he says *all that's in the world*, he says *the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life* – that's all that's in the world. You see, those three things complete it; three denotes completion. What about *four*? Four shows an "earthly completion." When you look at the number four, the regions of the earth: north, south, east and west; right, left, up and down – this denotes all the regions of the earth. When he talks about humanity, he'll say *every nation, kindred, tongue, and people*. *Four* is an "earthly completeness": Four elements; four great elements: earth, air, fire and water. You see, *four* shows this completeness of the earth.

The number *four* denotes earthly completeness

4 regions of the earth: North - South - East - West

4 fold division of mankind: nation - kindred - tongue - people

4 great elements: earth - air - fire - water

Twelve is three "fours." There is a completeness to the four. Four is brought to the end, or your earthliness, your way of understanding. The heavens, the earth and the sea; God's understanding, our understanding, the world's understanding. When we look at *twelve*, twelve tribes times twelve thousand — thousand just simply means "many" – you get the *144,000*. What does that mean? The complete body of Christ. But put that word "complete" inward: Complete in your salvation, the completion of our faith, *is* the salvation of our soul (1 Peter 1:9). And the remnant church, the last church will ascend out of the sea, out of the world's understanding of God, and have a true understanding of God – and will stand on Mount Zion, being complete, standing with Christ. And what does that verse say? *Having the name of the Father in your forehead* – that means having the character of the Father. ***You cannot possess the character of God if you don't know what it is.*** *You've got to recognize His character in order to possess it and have it written on your forehead.* Remember the harlot in Revelation 17? She has a name. Her god is a mystery. The 144,000 ascend out of the sea, out of the world's understanding and stand on Mount Zion in the holy place of God, with Christ, having the understanding He possesses. Remember:

Ephesians 4:13

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, ...

Here they are, standing with the Son of God on Mount Zion, having the true understanding of God's character.

A SURE FOUNDATION

Now, how do I receive a true understanding of God's character? Where does it begin? Isaiah chapter 28, verse 16 reads like this:

Isaiah 28:16

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth [believes] shall not make haste.

Revelation 14:1, we see on top of the mountain – but Isaiah 28:16 shows you the *foundation* of this kingdom: The foundation stone is Christ. Somehow, by understanding Christ, we will understand the Father. You know, He only lays one foundation – it is Christ Himself. But if we can get a handle on Christ, and understand Him, we will then see the Father, which will reflect on humanity – and you’ll see yourself and where you’re headed. One word in this verse, where he says “a sure foundation,” it’s this word “sure.” It means a “founded foundation.” Instead of putting a “founded foundation,” the King James put a “sure foundation.” In other words, Christ Himself was founded; *Christ Himself was taught*. Christ Himself had to be completed inwardly, just the way we have to be completed inwardly. (The word “sure” found in Isaiah 28:16 is [3245] in the Strong’s Concordance and is translated “instructed” in 2 Chronicles 3:3.)

You see, there is a scripture found in Galatians 4, where the apostle Paul tells us that *Christ was made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them who are under the law* (Galatians 4:4). The fact that he states He was made of a woman tells us that, in the womb, He was receiving that same emotional trauma given us. But also in the womb, according to Hebrews, in Hebrews chapter 10, starting at verse 5, Paul writes:

Hebrews 10:5

5 Wherefore when he cometh [comes] into the world, he saith [says], Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest [you would] not, but a body hast thou [have you] prepared me:

That tells you that the mind came before the body – that the Son of God in eternity past, this person who created all things, who was made Lord and Christ, the mind entered into the womb and the two were blended together. His divinity and His humanity came together. The Son of God in the womb was made of a woman, made under the law. This relationship of divinity in humanity – this coming together – He was able to deal with the struggles that humanity faces. He had every struggle. How do I know? Well, He was tempted in all points as us, yet without sin. He was made of a woman but He also possessed His understanding of God – and that humanity tried His divinity. Remember in Hebrews chapter 5, where Paul writes:

Hebrews 5:8

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

He learned obedience. You know, if someone tells you to do something you want to do, and you do it, that’s one thing. But if they ask you to do something you don’t want to do, and you do it, that is when you’re learning obedience. *The Son of God learned obedience through the things which He suffered* – and that divinity overcame humanity, and He lived without sin. He always trusted His Father and, when His Father moved on Him to speak and act and do, He did exactly as He was told. His greatest trial, of course, was Gethsemane, where He was pressed and sweat came out like great drops of blood as He prayed, “Father, take this cup.” But He remained faithful, even unto death, and became that Holy Spirit when He was raised from the dead. He was perfected and completed as He had listened to His Father and trusted Him even unto death. He is now, in symbolic fashion, standing on Mount Zion. In other words, He has a complete understanding of the Heavenly Father and of what He has been working with, and doing with, mankind.

Now these thoughts lead me to 1 John chapter 5 because, in 1 John chapter 5, John asks the same question of who shall ascend, only he states it differently, and he describes these things differently. But remember this: Our foundation is Christ, and He is a *founded* foundation. He Himself was given the Spirit of God without measure. He authored our faith. He was the first to trust God. He finished or perfected our faith as He continued to trust His Heavenly Father in His humanity. He is a founded foundation.

BECAUSE OF

1 John chapter 5, John begins, verse 1:

1 John 5:1-2

1 Whosoever believeth [believes] that Jesus is the Christ [or the anointed one, the one who is made Christ, the one given God's Spirit without measure.] is born of God [He has been given life of God]: and every one that loveth [loves] him that begat [gave life] loveth [will love] him also that is begotten of him. [that has received life, that's begotten of him]

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

Again, there's no such thing as listening and doing what God says and not manifesting love to His children, or to all. You cannot be obedient to God and not be manifesting love – that's impossible. Verse 3:

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh [overcomes] the world: ...

Now remember 1 John 2:16, all that's in the world, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and pride? All that's in the world is based on that feeling given you in the womb, and you are simply responding to God from what was handed you from your mother. So when he writes:

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh [overcomes] the world: ...

I understand that to be the *world's understanding* of God. It doesn't mean that *you* try not to lust, not to have pride – that isn't how you overcome. The way you overcome is letting God lay a new foundation for you, and allowing *that* to straighten out your thoughts concerning Him – and He becomes easier to listen to. We have more of a willingness to be His child and do as He moves us, because we're understanding who He is, what He is doing. And, as those things unravel, He will take away the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life because all of those things are *between your ears*. Your mind is the citadel of who you are; and there is no outward thing that can overcome you except you let it – that you would desire it more than serving God. But understanding God and coming into the reality of His character will help straighten those things out and make you new in Christ.

All of us having been born again have tasted this concept. All I'm saying is that the Lord is going to take this to the fullest degree, as high as He can, and change us inwardly. So in 1 John chapter 5, verse 4 when he says:

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh [overcomes] the world:

You overcome those things by overcoming your understanding of God. ...*whatsoever is born of*

God overcomes the world's understanding of God,

4 ...and this is the victory that overcometh [overcomes] the world [world's understanding], even our faith.

Now let this sink in. *Faith*, Romans 10:17, *comes by hearing* – hearing the word of God. Hearing: When we allow Him to teach us, when we read a verse and He confirms in our heart that this is true. Remember Jesus in Matthew 16, what He says to Peter: “who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:16-17) – and he says: “You’re the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Christ tells him: “You’re blessed, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, my Father in heaven revealed this to you.” You see, *that* is faith – it was given him by God. He couldn’t have verbalized it; He probably wouldn’t have understood that. But that is the definition of *faith*. Faith comes by hearing God. What is the victory that we have? *Even our faith*. That isn’t you reading the book and figuring it all out – that’s Him confirming in your heart what is accurate, what is truth.

1 John 5:5

5 Who is he that overcometh [overcomes] the world [world's understanding], but he that believeth [believes] that Jesus is the Son of God?

What did he just say? Who is it that’s going to ascend and stand on Mount Zion? *It’s he that has the foundation of the founded foundation*. Every one who stands on that mount, having the character of God, will understand Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God and was brought to a completed perfection.

THE VICTORY

Verse 6:

1 John 5:6

6 This is he that came by water and blood,...

Now the King James has put “by water and blood.” A more literal translation of this is “because of water and blood.”

6 ... even Jesus Christ; not by [in] water only, but by [in the] water and [in the] blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth [bears] witness, because the Spirit is truth.

This is where this study begins to really get deep, and I pray that you have an open heart, a hearing ear as we cover this, because what we have just read desperately needs to be understood if we are to stand on that mountain and understand a founded foundation. First of all, when he says “this is he that came because of water and blood,” if you look at the symbols of *water* and *blood*, if you can see them as symbols and look at what they stand for – water is “thought.”

Blood, according to Leviticus 17, is a picture of *the soul* (Leviticus 17:11-14). You see, the life is in the blood. When we talk about the soul – let me just get through this quickly. This word “soul” in the Old Testament, the verb of it means *to take a breath*. Aaah. That’s the verb. The

noun, they've translated "soul" (Strong's number [5314] is the root of "soul" [5315]), and that is the breath taken. Now if you'll notice, every time you breathe in, you exhale, and the soul, this word translated *soul*, is what you have retained. Remember everything outward is to teach you the invisible things and, in Leviticus 17, he says *the life is in the blood*, the soul is in the blood. King James put it "life." It's the word "soul." And if you'll recognize, every time I breathe, what I retain is *a picture* of the soul. Well, if you look at it inwardly, life only comes from God – and you breathe in His breath, *His understanding*, and what you retain is the record of who you are as you manifest your Heavenly Father.

Water and blood: Christ came because of the *water* and the *blood*. What happened in the womb? Our water was distorted. Our thoughts were confused and made inaccurate concerning God. And the result of those thoughts is the soul, the blood. Remember, in Hebrews 4, where Paul writes that *the word of God is sharper than any double edged sword*, than any two edged sword and, in Revelation 19, there is a "double edged sword" coming out of the mouth of Christ? (Hebrews 4:12/Revelation 19:15) It is the *spoken* word that he's talking about in Hebrews 4. It's *sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit*. The spirit is the "mind." The *soul* is the result of the working of the mind. When God speaks, He separates your thoughts, your spirit – and His Spirit then begins to mold you and make you in His image. The spoken word, as we listen, divides even spirit and soul. Your spirit or your thoughts – your mind – has distorted, polluted water, and it is making an image unlike God. But when we listen and He gives you "a new spirit," he says, *...will I put within you*. He begins to mold you like unto Himself; as we abide and listen, He can mold. The water is the *thought* – the blood is the *result of that thought*. This verse tells you Jesus Christ came because of the water, the thoughts we possessed and the result of it, the blood, *the soul*.

What is that saying? Let me tell you what it isn't saying: It doesn't say Christ came because God was angry and needed a human sacrifice before He could forgive us. No. That's not why He came. We have read into the scriptures that concept – it is untrue. Christ came because we were distorted and, remember, He is *the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*, meaning that, before we even fell, our Heavenly Father brought forth the thing that would fix it – His only begotten Son. Why bring forth a Son? To correct it, because in order to correct us, the Son of God had to become *us*. Remember, He became *sin itself*. Although He never sinned, He became sin – and slew that old man. He died, which is something the Father cannot do. God cannot die. He brought forth a Son, who would create all things – become like unto the very creation He made – and die, slaying that sin nature, be given life again, come out of the grave and give you a completed understanding, a completed mind, if you're willing to listen and allow Him to change the way you think.

Now verse 6 tells us He did not just come in the water only, but in the water and the blood – He came because of the water and blood...and then He came *IN* the water and the blood, in other words, partaking of this very thing we possess, and overcoming it. There's no way this man could have been tempted in all points like us and not be like us – that is impossible. Your temptations are not just from the outside – they're from the inside. To be tempted is not a sin, but to follow it and allow it to overcome you is. Remember in James 1:

James 1:13

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am [he is] tempted of God:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Christ was tempted in all points like us, but He had that understanding of the Father that

overcame, that He used to defeat the old man. In so doing, He was brought to a completed perfection. Jesus Christ came because of the water and the blood, and He came IN the water and the blood and the rest of this verse says:

1 John 5:6

6 ... And it is the Spirit that beareth [bears] witness [or gives testimony], because the Spirit is truth.

In other words, the result, the perfection of His understanding – the result of this coming in the water and blood, being made like us and overcoming it – the result of it is the Spirit that He now possesses. And that Spirit He possesses bears witness that these things are true, because He now has an understanding He never possessed before He was a man and brought to perfection. Think about it: In eternity past He was perfect, but He was not completed until He suffered, being tempted. *Tempted in all points like us, yet without sin.* And He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Being made perfect, He's now the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him...raised from the dead – perfected. He now gives you *His* mind. He came because of our distortion. He came IN our distortion in order to correct it. That is an awesome definition of love, isn't it?

TO KNOW HIM

1 John 5:7

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven [give testimony in the heavens], the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost [Spirit]: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness [or give testimony] in [the] earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Now let me tell you: Three times in these verses he has mentioned the water and the blood. It says He came because of the water and the blood, He came IN the water and the blood, and the Spirit and the water and blood all agree in one. In other words, He came because of our distortion. He came *in* our distortion and now His spirit and His water and His blood all agree. He has brought them together and He is a glorified man. He came because of our distortion. He came in our distortion and He corrected it – and now the spirit, the water and blood agree. When we receive His Spirit, when we walk in His understanding, He will correct that in us. If we look at verse 20, 1 John 5, he says:

1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath [has] given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ [Him that is true is the Father. And we are in His Son. And he says...] This is the true God, and eternal life.

As Christ stated in John 17:3:

John 17:3

3 ... that they might know thee [you] the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast [you have] sent.

You see, by looking at our founded foundation and understanding as the apostles wrote, we see why the Father sent the Son. It was because we needed Him, *not* because the Father needed it in order to forgive. It's because we needed it in order to be corrected, and delivered, and set on top of that mountain to stand with Christ. You see, all of that involves the

character of God – recognizing Him, that He is a God of love, not wrath upon you if Jesus doesn't die. He is a God of love, and He brought forth a Son in order to correct us. Do you know what that tells you? That means in eternity past, before creation, before our Father brought forth His Son, that He saw **you**. He wanted you; He wanted you for His pleasure. His pleasure is to communicate. He, in order to communicate with you, gave you an infinite mind in a free will, so that you could stand before Him in love and receive and worship and give Him pleasure.

In other words, He saw you before He saw the Son. He wanted **you**, and He brought forth a Son in order to achieve His goal for you of completed perfection. The reason the Son of God exists isn't simply because the Father wanted to have a Son – it's because He wanted to have *many* sons. The reason the Son of God exists is to perfect the church, to bring the church to the Father, and I want to close on the verse that states that. It's Isaiah chapter 49:

Isaiah 49:5

5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

If you'll read this in Isaiah 49:1-12, you'll discover it's Christ. And you'll discover He was born to bring the church to the Heavenly Father. That is His purpose – to become us, slay the old man, and give us a perfected spirit.

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Now, what I would like to do is give you a testimony and just tie all of these concepts together for you, because the Lord has given me an experience over the last few days that, personally, I don't know of a more important thing to tell a human being than what I'm going to share with you. And I also believe that only a handful of people would ever be able to receive what I'm going to say. So I would just ask that you have an open heart, and I pray and trust that the Lord will confirm in your heart that these things are so.

A few days ago, I was driving down the highway and wanted to turn on the radio. All I could find were oldie stations playing old rock 'n roll songs, and on one station in particular, they were supposed to be playing old Beatle songs. In my past, I was a Beatle maniac. I loved the Beatles – and they said on the radio that they were getting ready to play two songs in a row and I thought, *well, this will be interesting. Let's hear what they're going to play.* After a few moments, this song came on by the Beatles, and that song wasn't on but just a few seconds, when the Lord began to reveal to me why I liked that in the first place.

Let me share this with you: I began to realize that, in this music, I had found *acceptance*. You see, when I would listen to these songs, I could imagine myself performing them in front of a girl, or my parents, or friends, on the stage – and imagining acceptance from people. It was an imagined acceptance but, nevertheless, I felt acceptable and, therefore, I listened to this music constantly. And then the Lord showed me that everything in my life, everything I have done, all of my choices were made to help me feel accepted. Now, when that thought came to me, it was just almost instantaneous, that the Lord spoke to me. And what I'm getting ready to share with you was so powerful when it happened – in fact, I can honestly tell you, it was the most powerful spiritual experience I have ever had in my life.

When I realized I did everything in my life, everything was motivated because I felt

unacceptable, the Lord spoke to me and said: “I accept you. I have always accepted you.” When that happened to me, I actually went forward in my seat, hanging onto the steering wheel – I lurched forward – and I felt my mind just flying up into the heavens. I almost said the words, “I’m ascending!” I could see that word in my mind and, suddenly, nothing else mattered. I turned down the radio, and basked in the thought that God accepted me, and I began to weep. I turned off the radio and, for the rest of the time I spent in the car, in fact, the next day, and the next day, I basked in that understanding, realizing God *accepts me*.

Now, the Lord has helped me understand what took place, and this is what I want to share with you. It has everything to do with this entire study. That feeling of my feeling unacceptable is what happened to me in the womb. I’ve been using the word “rejection,” but I realize now I felt *unacceptable to God*, but I couldn’t define it. I realized that is why people need a new BMW, a bigger house, jewelry, clothing they wear – whatever it is. It makes us feel better about ourselves, and we feel accepted. That’s why people have dogs and pets, because you feel accepted – *unconditional love*. And we have been finding our acceptance in the earth because we didn’t recognize the vacuum, the emptiness that was created when we believed we were unacceptable to God.

Now had you asked me five minutes before this happened to me: “Does God accept you?” I would have said, “yes.” But it was *intellectual*. I can honestly tell you now that it isn’t just intellectual. The Lord has spoken to me and said the words to me, “I accept you. I accept you the way you are.” and I have *believed* it – and that is faith, isn’t it? Faith comes by hearing, hearing the word of God. He spoke to me and I believed it – and what happened? *What He just did was erase the foundation of sin*. He erased the reason for me to do anything for acceptance, because He has filled me with *Himself*. He has filled me with His acceptance of love, and there’s no reason now for a sin nature based on feeling unacceptable to God. I know now that I’m not unacceptable to God. In fact, I know that I am so acceptable to God that He birthed a Son in eternity past, and allowed Him to die to deliver me from this misunderstanding. In fact, the angels themselves are ministering spirits sent forth to be ministers to those who are heirs of salvation.

Do you realize what I’m saying? There is no need for *anything* in creation except that humanity needed it – and humanity is what our Heavenly Father wanted in the first place. I want you to recognize this. Our Father never takes anything away from us, that He doesn’t give you something better. Now how would you explain that to the Son of God, born in eternity past? You see, that concept that our Father brought forth a Son and eventually His Son became a human being, a man in the image of God – that concept above all others should prove to you where we are, how we are *exalted* and *loved* and *honored* and *respected* in the mind of our Heavenly Father. He allowed His only begotten to become **us** for all eternity – and the lie we were born with, He will erase it, if you only listen to Him. You don’t have to wait to have an experience like I did – He’s telling you right now. He is moving on your heart right now, that these things be so. And if you’ll only be quiet before God, and let Him minister to you, and let Him convince you of His love – that is faith, and He will pull you right out of the sea and stand you on Mount Zion with the Lamb.

You’re on Mount Zion with Him. Why? Because you both have the same understanding of God and you’ll have the character of God. Moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, let this truth develop in your heart, and let the Father have His way, and you will discover the sin nature is gone, that you have an understanding now of God’s love and that He has told you Himself, and you are *set free*.

There is not a more important thing one could tell another, except what I've just told you. The basis of the world's iniquity is their misunderstanding of God's love. We have had an emptiness inside – let Him fill it with Himself. Be the church in a world of darkness. Be the church. Stand on Zion. Be the 144,000. Convey to the world the Bread of Life. You have answers to give them – I pray that we march together. I pray that the Son of God fill us with His Spirit and that we understand the love of the Father, and this foundation that we have – that we find ourselves needing things, stops.

Now let me show you some of the places where this leads, the understanding it gives us. Remember in Ephesians, chapter 1, Paul's prayer?

Ephesians 1:17-18

17 That the God [and Father] of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you [would give unto us] the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [in His knowledge]

18 [He says] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened [will be opened]; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, ... [and you'll know the hope of his calling]

This is the hope of His calling – that He can erase the sin nature from you. This is the hope of His calling – that you can see Him in truth and recognize who you are in Jesus Christ. This is the hope of His calling – to develop in you His love. Also, remember in 1 John where John writes:

1 John 4:9,16-17

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

And then a few verses later he says:

16 And we have known and believed the [this] love ...

17 ... that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because [for] as he is, so are we in this world.

You see, you tie that concept of understanding His love, having boldness in the day of judgment, and you tie that concept then with Revelation 14, the first angels message (Revelation 14:6-7): *Fear God, give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come.* Do you realize what we're talking about here? The Lord has helped us define and understand the sin nature. He has helped us understand the void it creates and He will express His love to you and fill that void, erasing any need to be accepted by the world! It explains Isaiah 51, where the Son of God is said to have *dried the sea, the waters of the deep, of the abyss.* (Isaiah 51:10) All of these things now make sense; all of these things now come into harmony with the things we've been studying. And I'll ask you to go back, listen to this study one more time, understanding the end of it from the beginning – and go through this study and listen to those concepts, and recognize now the truth of them in a new way. Listen again. Learn more. Hear the voice of your Father. Come out of the sea and ascend to the top of the mountain, and glorify the God of heaven. Love Him, because He loves you and always has, and has always accepted you... We have received a *lie*.

You know, that is why a serpent is crooked: it's a *picture* of iniquity. That's what the word "iniquity" means – crooked, wretched, bent, twisted. That is the way a serpent moves, isn't it? What a perfect picture. It's the serpent who lied and distorted the words of God, and Eve

believed the lie and passed it to us, and the Lord has straightened it out. We are the last generation church. We are the remnant church. We are the ones who understand, who can convey this truth to the world. I pray that we glorify Him. I pray that you're blessed in these things, and I pray that we grow in this understanding.

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