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A Church With Vision

ACTS 26:19

Paul described his conversion experience as having seen a heavenly light and heard a heavenly voice — what he saw and heard that day changed his life forever.

O.T. prophets were called "seers". There are no prophets in the O.T. sense today but there are leaders in the church who have ability to accomplish what others do not see.

King Saul saw Goliath

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as an enemy to big to
overcome. David saw him
as a target to big to miss.

The people of BCC saw
the need for an independent
church in ~~the~~ Charleston
that led them from
the People's Market Store,
to Va. St., to Brook St
to the Karamba Blvd., to
Radburn Drive to here
in 75 wonderful years!

People who have vision

~~These people~~ have been
described as:

Those who see the invisible,
~~and~~ have the inackible,
believe the incredible
think the unthinkable

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BIVD

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And do the impossible!

I. ^(A) Church With Vision
Has a World-Wide Mission.

(Math. 28:19 - "Go ye...
all nations Acts 1:8)

"... witnesses ... Jerusalem,
Judaea, Samaria ...

uttermost part of the earth."

An artist was asked to paint
a picture of a big church.

No run-down facilities,
no worn grass borders of
neglect - but heated Bldgs -
comfortable pews, Stain-glass
windows, Carpet floors -

Offering Box - "Foreign Missions -
for high cost"

Extremities

(E G X & 200)

"The
most
distant
Point!"

(webster)
the end

"The ends
of the
earth!"

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3 Mission Calls:

(1) The Regions Beyond -
(Acts 16: 9-10)

(2) The Regions Within
(2 Cor. 5: 14)

"The love of Christ constrains...

To take hold of / grasp
like a fencer in total control

A testimony of Glasgow student,
or a student Name Borden -

^{David} hereafter to Stanley

"I can see the smoke of
a 1000 village where
Christ is not known."

(London Westminster
Chapel - Memorial plaque
in the floor!)

(3) The Regions Below
- Luke 16: 23

David
Liv. W. J. G. J. G.

Rm
Washer
3rd gent

We do not live there!

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Plans For The Future

Some folk are so
concerned about keepj
thing as they are -
no vision for what
could be. -

1994 -

2015

Dozens
of Chs.

Key, NC
Stock
Ua.

Marsh Fant
Rock Hill

"The Richest People On Earth"

Hymn - "How Rich I Am"

Each year Forbes Mag. lists
400 of the richest people in
America ^{and the world}. They are no longer
called Millionaires - Billionaires!

- aspirations to be trillionaires!!

There are two locations
in the world where we
have seen what many
call excessive wealth.

(1) Key West Florida (See ^(1A) app.)

(2) Tower of London - Jewels

(50 minutes to view on T.V.)

The Bible states that the
richest people on earth
have riches that are
located
not on earth!!

See
No. 10.
Tenth

Mid
1990's

Forbes
Magazine

"Don't pile up Treasures on earth
where moth and rust can spoil them,
and where thieves break in + steal..."
Dis them (6K Text)

Treasures
Hoard

Same!!!
place!!!

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(Matt. 6: 19 ff)

The "where" and "There"

Investment Program.

These verses make No Sense
to unbelievers. However they
do make sense to those
who are "heaven born" and
"heaven heard".

Eph. 3: 8 = Beyond human
comprehension and
calculation - they cannot
be measured by any
standard on earth. !!!!!!

Spiritual matters require
a Spiritual Mind to understand
these verses - Spiritual
values make sense to
Spiritual people. (1 Cor. 2: 14)

(21)
"So is he
that hath
up Treasure
for himself
and is
not
rich
Toward
God
when
Death
come
he had
nothing
left!"

Luke 12:

16: (21)

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Let us look at riches
of a different kind —
and the lifestyle of the
very rich but not too
famous.

you and I &
all true believers
are there NOT too far

1 Cor.
13
15
John
3

There is a Chapter in
Romans that deals with
Spiritual riches. Romans 8

A Treasure Chest
Spiritual Mating - Marriage
TREASURE

The first 7 chapters Holy
Spirit mentioned 2 times —
Ch 8 - 22 times.

No penalty
inflicted
No record
Satan
as Accuser

No Condemnation
No Separation

Judgment
hang over
our head
Guilt
Judgment
Settled
out of
Court

How ARE we Rich?

Question:

"Chase settled"

MT. 27:3
yes... condemned!

④ "What can a man offer to buy back his soul once it is lost? Whole world of wealth - NOT enough!"

I. The Riches of Spiritual Life (8:2)

Every person has a ^(2 W 55)

"Spiritual address" - a

2 Plains
Rocks
"dog tag" = our spiritual status. (1 Cor 15:22)

"In Adam" - all die physically (death)
(Rom. 6:23) ^{death} ^{life} ^{Spiritual} ^{a remnant of our future}

In Christ - life of a different kind. (Jn 5:24)

(John 3) (3:16) (10:27)

2 discoveries (Princeton WU)

(St. Albans) - 15 year history

Question: What would you trade for eternal life? Priceless!

How rich is that?

What about - all the wealth of whole world & lose the only thing eternal to be - None

Mk 8: 34-35
Follow to Jesus

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"the Same Spirit
that led Jesus
... lead us!"

"led" a/w
Luke 4:1

II. The Riches of A Spiritual Guide (8:14)

One of the first concerns
of a new Believer - Can't hold
on, out - fall back to the
old life style - Not strong
enough to make it. (John 16:13)

"He will guide you... follow His
direction (Truck-Sign Follow Me)

8:26 - Two helpers -

One to prompt our prayers

" " present the to God (a.w.Park)

When do we need a guide?

When we do not know the
way! (VanCouver - "I am

your guide... just follow me
- a guiding person!

(Mocksville - Sampson)
NC.

Not left
To struggle
on our
own!

Looking
back

(1) School

(2) Mate

(3) Calling



III. The Riches of A Spiritual Inheritance
(8:17)

The Bible term adoption means we are God's children and belong to His family - all the "voting rights and privileges" (8:15) is the legal right to the status of a son and a rightful heir. God deals with us as mature children not infants.

"joint heirs" = "what He

gets, we get - equally in the family fortune!

"Co-Heirs" - a truth beyond human grasp!

ARE: Redeemed Souls
in unregenerated bodies

- Shall be

Redeemed Bodies * 200,000 pages - frozen!

David Allen
Jama

Rom 8:16
"are"!!

1 Jn 3:1-2
"now"!!

ARE =

now sons
now heirs

2 Cor 8:9

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See WNN
on Ordulane

(Stone Eden Estate)

2 terms

(1) de-jure
to own.

Lawful Title
Legal right

(2) de-facto = actual
reality of possession

We don't have it yet -
But as good as ...

Rom 8:30
so as done in
mind of God

104 to
3M!!

IV The Riches of Spiritual Security

Question Answer
8:35 - 8:39

What bird is not eternal?
(Not worth having!)

8:30 - one follows the other.

Completed in God's
reckoning! ^{Action} Good as already
done!

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Verses:

Phil 1:6

What God began
He completes
to 07/11 the Time
Having begun...
will complete it

John 16:27 "Never mean Never"

John 5:12

John 6:37 (Bruce Dunn)
at BCC.

McClain

WE ARE SAFE — forever
① never ② ever ③ Sever ④ Forever!

Life's greatest discovery!

" "

decision =
eternal
destiny

Do you have that assurance?
Today

(1A)

Appendix

In Sept of 1622 Two Spanish ships set sail from Havana, Cuba for Spain. The Santa Margarita and the Atocha were loaded with wealth from the New World.

Cargo = Jewels, Gems, Gold, Silver +

2 days from port - storm - sunk.

Spanish ^{gov} spent next 5 decades looking - failed. 1966 Mel Fisher

began - 1970 record in Spain general location. First coin - 1971

One of the largest underwater treasures 40 mi. west of Key West, Fla.

Est. Value 400 million plus. 1986 divided 500 investors = instant

Millionaires - MUSEUM. (G.R.S.)

Mel's
grandson
Shawn
long
for
the
silver
part!
more
than
400M!

It's all about ~~the~~ ^{the message} ~~the message~~

"Don't Mess With The Message"

(Gal. 1:1-12)

It is possible for an impt
or communication
① (message) to be changed: ~~①~~

Dr. J. M. Gray - A company
Exec. Dictated a letter part
of which said: "We understand
your letter, and will now
fill your order." (a big order!)
A careless stenographer trans.
as follows: "We understand
your letter, and will not
fill your order!" A single
letter changed the meaning

② A message may be
~~②~~ neglected.

Many years ago before
modern means of communication
when "Snail mail" was it -

(2)

A couple deeply in love
had a serious quarrel
split up in anger but
soon after the man
realized he had made a
terrible mistake, wrote
a letter of apology —
ask for forgiveness and
a reply for he was leaving
for a job assignment ^{out of} the country
soon. She received the letter
wrote a quick reply —
all is forgiven — let
us proceed with the wedding
plans — ^{Reining} gave letter to
her bro. to mail —
no reply — married
someone else. (Cont in attch)

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The Churches in the Roman province of Galatia had been infiltrated by false teachers called "Judaizers" who had attacked Paul's apostleship and the Gospel.
(Grace not enough - keeping the law a must.)
Paul's defence of the Gospel)

I. ^{CAN & WAS} The Gospel Exchanged For Something Else (v. 6)(7)

The Gospel is: God's message of redemption in Christ to men who are enslaved in sin.

(1 Cor. 15: 1-3 - 3 verbs)

2 aorist tense / perfect!)

Point: they would just change churches or denominations or religions - keep the message - Gospel/Grace for law!

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A first glance these verses sound like "double talk". Key is the word another.

2 books

in - book one is unique

v. 6 = another of a (ἕτερος) different kind = no gospel at all!!
v. 7 = another of the same kind. (ὁ αὐτός)

Point:

There is no "other" gospel only one kind truly, else is a false gospel (Not "good" but "bad news")

A system for Accidents Slays

— (Citizens of Refuge) Safety under the true faith

The Gospel Is Unique:
(v. 8-9) It's Over A Kind

The gospel is not about us, it's about Them — "of Christ"!

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Aspects

"of God" = (Source) "of Kingdom" (area of sway)
"of Christ" = (Subject) "everlasting" (duration)
"of grace" = (Nature)
all = One Gospel.

Gospel is about a person. It calls for a personal relationship not a religious system. (legalism)

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What if:

Angels

[An angel] appeared from God a specific message - "do your best" God understands "do good" = good enough!

Paul - don't believe him!
(Aratena = dedicated to destruction) - 1 Cor. 16:22

For those who do not ^{believe} love Jesus Christ - a warning!

Picture word of animals awaiting the slaughter!

What's at stake

Animals

(6)

wholesome
teaching

Observation:

One of the mysteries of life — how easily men turn from truth to error — a false formation (2 Tim 4:4) No room for error here!

Gal.
3:1

III. The Gospel AND ITS Proclamation — Pleases God

(V.10) "It pleases God ^{to please} ^{to} ^{save} ^{them} ^{who believe}

False teachers are "men pleasers" they trim and tailor their message to suit their audience.

From the O.T. prophets, to John the Baptist to Paul — "pleased God"

(Cor. 1:2)

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IV. The Gospel Came To Men By Divine Revelation NOT Human Invention — OR INVESTIGATION (v. 11-12)

¹ The Gospel is NOT something
Apostles or a Committee designed or
figured out. NOT from
church assembly or a gov. or political group —
OR directly from God.
² Conference

In 1 Cor 15:1-3 "received"
no man's signature on
it. Receive & pass it on.

Point:

We are involved in a
divine rescue program.
The world is a sinking
vessel — rescue passengers

Fulton

8
Bishop Sheen

— Treasures of Clay

Have you paid all
your debts? What about
liss, cheating, thoughts,
neglect — who paid
your sin debt — He did.
(Gal. 1:4)

slay unto death of
High priest. - Then
free to return home
Temple & Jer = a place
or refuge.

"~~Somebody~~ Else"
- Call somebody
else the Gospel
is like calling
a gun a
man or it is
somebody else - a word
or call it a
man doesn't make
it a man!

~~On~~ labels aren't
always accurate!

① Canaan Refuge

6 | 3 on each side of the
Jordan River.

- Place of asylum for
accidental murderers -
aid person who killed
someone accidentally
to escape the avenger
of blood. Provision:

perpetrator stays here
to their city - kept open.
No place in Palestine was
more than 30 miles from
a city of R. - distance of one
day's travel. Person
stay there until case
be adjudge - whether
murder - death immediate

news
relates
of kin
to
avenger
the
death

that is
NOT a Gospel -

① The "Gospel" ~~that is~~
v. 6-7 of Something Else ^{other}

② ~~The Gospel~~ ^{The Gospel}
~~of a~~ ~~book~~ (Unique)
(One of a kind) (Unique)

③ The Gospel ~~that~~
Please God v. 10

④ The Gospel Came ^{Origin}
for God, - NOT Men.

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Birthmarks

(Acts 9:6)

Birthmarks are usually blemishes on the skin revealed at birth. Some are trademarks of celebrities that set them apart. Cindy Crawford

When a person is born again there are spiritual signs of life from God. Acts 9 reveals some of these signs of birth in the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. A test of "spiritual pulse"

I. The Mark of Obedience - v.6

① Then comes before me ^② = Will
a surrendered life. ^{#1 Will of God over my will}

Samuel: "Speak lord for thy servant heareth" "LORD, I'm listening"

Soul: I feared the people
and obeyed their
voice...

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Samuel to Saul: "it is
better to obey ... than sacrifice
(1 Sam. 15:22) - (124)

Point: Obedience is a word
we apply less and less
to human behaviour."

We send our dog to obedience
school and our children to
Charm school?

⊗ Dog owner at Walliams Lake
whistle - they returned.
Question - "what if" -
they won't be my dogs
very long - Expected obedience
God does not want or need
our opinion He expects
our obedience!

Agony
A trophy
of Sam's
Victory -
a desire
for honor
to glory
from the
people!

My
S.D.
Lam.
FOLLOW
1. Heb 5:8 - "He was
a Son....
John 10:27

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II. The Birthmark of Prayer - v. 11

Saul had been saying or reciting (rote) prayers as a religious ritual - Thaiser. Now he is praying. Unsaved are not big on praying - "500 size prayer" - prefer a "prayer bead, prayer wheel" - a "low view of prayer."

Verses on Prayer

Prayer is a measure of spiritual maturity - not low long, ~~but~~ low loud, but from a long heart.

- (Dad + Tongue + some flooring!)
- (Let's pray about it!)

Now it came to that - our last resort. Desperate situation.

• Bessie
Escape

• Dad
Thems

• Knees
in
prayer

Saw him on his knees by bed

(4)

- Acts 2:38

"Id. with
Someone.."

Matt. 28:19
- a Command!

III. The Birthmark of Baptism (v. 18)

2 Extreme
Everything
or
Nothing

Baptism is NOT Necessary for
Salvation - but it is Necessary

It is a church ordinance +
it is not optional - a sign
of obedience. (1 Pet 3:21)

Identification with Christ
publicly! (a Resurrection
and resurrection!) Coal River -
Coal River -
Coal River -

Photo
of what
happened

IV. The Birthmark of Fellowship With The Saints - (v. 19+26)

• Before Christ - a/c

wanted to be with them
as often as possible =
"Spiritually family." - "back to church!"

Now
Love what use to loath!

Have "separation dog" - no callus!

SA
Still
crossing

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V. The Birthmark of Witnessing (V. 20-21)

"The real problem with Christianity is not Atheism / Skepticism but non-witnessing Christians try to smuggle their own soul into heaven" — without sharing the Gospel.

• Barclay — if you knew of an area where people were starving for lack of food water and you had plenty of both — would you tell them?

- Pittsinger — elevator up or down
- 2 women — elevator / doctor
- Waitress — Eden, NC
- Jean Edwards — *

= Souls
for
Christ
convinced

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"When Churches Get Together"

In Church life we "get together" on a regular basis. In fact,

✓ • Heb. 10:25 admonishes us to do so! Reason: A Believer

An isolated
Christian
will develop
(immature)
to isolationist

living in isolation = a weak
INEFFECTIVE
immature person spiritually. We

need to associate with, fellowship with a local assembly of the Saints. Interestingly, the word

✓ • Synagogue = "with/to go"

i.e. to assemble ^{or} gather together

✓ • (Moody - five (coals) illvs.)

We sit, stand, eat, sing together at Church. Today, let us Examine some of the N.T. usage of that very word — Together in

("Guidelines For Togetherness")

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T. We Should Be Together In What We Believe - Acts 2:44

Ch. Doctrine ~~unlike our~~ ~~Ped~~,
does not have to be ~~re made~~
every day! (Jude 3)

Contend for the
"faith", which
was once for all
delivered unto the
Saints

Ch.
what do
you believe
Pastor
Ch.
3 =
same
thg.

The reason many will
~~not~~ make it to Heaven - Unbelief!

(απειθεω) alpha priv. tive
Two directions
"Disobedient"

only
ref.
John!

An Eternal
Choice
Life/Death

Gospel of John - 1:12

2:23-24
3:15-16
5:24

Verses

Act 16:31, Rom 1:16, Rom 10:9-10
1 Cor. 1:21

Verily, truly
I say unto
you....

1. Moody - "I can't believe!!!
Whom can't you?"

2 Sam.
15:19-23
(ITTAI)

Doctors, Mother, Banker Paul! I believe 6.2!
Friends - Gal! Believe Him! Acts 27:25

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the person
object of
our worship
Glorious
Son of
Father God

II. We Should Be Together In How^{to Whom} We Worship - Acts 2:46-47

Idols
O.T.

Eph. 1:15
Isa.
2:11, 17
"alone"

Niagara Falls
Jumper

Book

"Real
worship"
www

Rev 1:13

The word worship in English
is attached to the word —
"worth" = to bow down,
pay homage, honor — a superior
being. In N.T. elements
of worship: preaching, reading
of Scripture, prayer, singing,
giving, baptism & Lord's Supper
all part of a "Worship Service" =
A service where Jesus Christ is
central - Song, Sermon, Specials
Magnify Him — NOT the singer
or preacher! No celebrities,
no show business technique or
atmosphere.

Rev. 5:14

* TEXAS PASTOR = dead dull service
set over - 80 mins - 2 weeks heaven dull!

III. We Should Be Together In Prayer (Acts 3:1)

2 men of different temperament - together in prayer!

golf, fish, hunt, Bowl Shop, joy, work -

Pray together = resolution of problems, restoration of relationships!!! (Brandas)

Why pray?

God tells us to do so!

not just in crisis - but always in all things Test!
Can I pray about it?

* Harold Fletcher

* Ivan - High Point of week!

* u u u - Ch. problems - a room why? stiff person!

Jim
Cynabala
offer
\$24,000
w/m
3 m/w

5

Praying together will unite
a church as no other
Spir. tral Exercise —

Peter / John = "Prayer Partners"
(Synthesis)

IV We Should Be Together In Ministry - (1 Cor. 3:9)

④ Let us visit a great
Concert hall — 100 musicians
in orchestra — 75 Voice

choir — la. m. ex. Sergio
his own favorite music &
insists on playing it!

— What a mess. Noise! Not Music!!!

Many Churches like
that — la. his own favorite
program — it or I quit!

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Find out what is God's
work - not necessarily
church work!

1 Cor 5 - a field to cultivate
Church life: Church vs Bldg. to Construct

• "Bosses" - ^{Diocesan} ^{Church} - ^{Diocesan} ^{Church} on Boards
Comm. Hcs - issue orders

• "Eaters" - Socials / suppers
- not visitors - ^{carry in} ^{carry out} -

• "Sleepers" - ^{Church} - ^{he is not lifting!} ^{Ang. Ser. on 12 2!}

Jacob syndrome -
• "Talkers" ^{Church}

Thy oughta, you oughta

Church Workers I oughta!

3:9

LABOURERS!

(GIVE PYOL)

Evergete workers not ex. ties!

Pastors & ^{the} Problem - ^{Commitment!}

Mat Hie Rice ^{Wilson}

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High problem
for evolutionists
- Million to get
have 16,000

V. We Shall Be Together in Resurrection - (1 Thess. 4:17)

Death severs all human
relationships - death the
great & last enemy.

(1 Cor. 15:26)

Together - Forever

Kate - Picture
"Friends Forever"
my Buddy? Forever.

"It will Be Worth It all"

Ps 23

Abraham

(the friend of God!) - 3 Times in Bible
Isa. | Chrm.
Ja. 2:23!!!

Who your friends?
His?

1.

"Lord, I HAVE A Problem!"

The Ungodly Who Prosper

Psalm 73:12

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David wrote ^{NOT Quite} ~~about~~ half of the Psalms - 50 ANONYMOUS Asaph - 12 - a chief musician

Problem: How can a good & Sovereign God, permit the Ungodly to prosper & the righteous To suffer. Same: Prosperity =

Watch T.V. - wrong

Sign of God's approval Poverty = disapproval. Wrong: Same of God's best = suffering - Job.

(Moth Story - insect with shrivelled wings - never fully developed. Making of creature in the struggle - no struggle no beauty) hot house hot water & tea

Catipiller To B.Fly

VI

Asaph wanted to believe that evil is good - address his personal struggle in this Psalm - maybe yours too!

① ANXIETY ② ANSWE ③ ASSURANCE V. 1 V. 23

1.

Birthmarks

There are many words associated with the word — birth.

- ① Birthday — ② Birthplace,
③ Birthrate, ④ Birthright,
⑤ Birthstone — ⑥ Birthmark is

— "usually a blemish on the skin" ^{AT BIRTH} Some ^{others} can't — a trademark for individuals — (sets them apart)

refer to ^{THE} a fact —
Person has
a life ^{Signs of life}

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"Birth Marks"

Acts 9:6-26

out of hospital

* McFrench - N.C.

OK. Spiritual pulse

Signs of Life

(1) Appetite for Word -
(1 Pet. 2:2) "newborn babe"

Feed the soul!

(2) Attendance at Church. (Heb. 10:25)

(3) Attitude of Prayer

Spirit = "breath"
Breathe

"praying always" (Col. 3:3)

"Praying without ceasing"

(4) Awareness of the Holy Spirit

(4) Appetite for the Gospel

Unsaved

"tearing tower"

Saul - Paul had all of these signs of new life. (Let's check our spiritual pulse too!)

Spiritual Stethoscope

MK. 4:14-20

AAT 2 more

1st 2:37

1st 9:36

1st 18:1

1st 4:1

TEST

2.

ST. Fler:

"As the 3 days & nights in the tomb
gave the world the Saviour, so 3 days
and nights gave the world its greatest
principle of salvation."

Not -
What can I
do for you?

Right
better you
symbol

Birthmark of Obedience

(9.6) + 8 ^{the book called} Saul's name ^{not "hey you"} "Fall
Surrender!"

To the obedient heart - ^{Divine} ^{Direction}

"^① then" came before "^② me"

^{They will} ^{NOT} ^{"my heart"}
the word "obey" means

"to hear + to heed!" ^{2:8-9}

"Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth"

* I'm listening, Lord ^(Saul) ^{Samuel}

Obedience is a word we apply
less & less to human behaviour

We send "pets" to obedience school

* Dog owner at Williams lake
whistle - "if they don't want
be my dog long!"

Everybody obeys ^{Somebody} ^{Some time}

So God speaks not seeks
our opinion - our obedience!

1/De 5:8 ^{of ADAM} ^{"NOT my will"}
Dad = "all my 3 teen AN obedient sons"

Luke
6:46

Hear
+
DO
8
To the

Blue
Pencil

Polycan
Polican
↓
GOD

Phil 2:
12

Obedience
DUTY

3

Verses:

Phil 1:9... and this I pray...
Phil 4:6... in everything by
prayer... let your requests be
made to God.
Col 3:9... do not cease to pray
for you...
Col 4:2... continue in prayer
... as of the Lord

II. Birthmark of Prayer - V. 11

Saul has recited, rote
prayers - his religious
lectures + training... Saying
and praying - not same.

Unsaved + Unspiritual

people are not big on
prayer! Once in a while -

"God is great, good... food

"Now I lay me down..."

"Low view of prayer (Strass)"

Prayer is the measure of us all -
our spiritual temperature.

POINT: NOT how long or
how loud - but the
longing of the heart to
please God. Edmiles!

Jonah 2:1

Sleepless
not
Prayerless

Survivor
in the
lurch

Prayer
MK 1:35
Jon 2:1
Lk 18:1

3 ATTITUDES

- 1) Light
- 2) Duty
- 3) Desperation

Blessed Escape!
Ch. prayed for me
Parents = Saved

(4)



If you are saved -
Someone probably prayed
for you!!



* Prater procedure -
30 minutes before Counsel!

* Try Praying - a list

Pray about it!
Has it come to that?

(Last) (not first) resort!

a Place -
a Burden

Jack
Johnson
"Will
Pray!"

III. The Birthmark of Baptism

(v. 18)

A Picture on IP with Christ

PICTURE!

Two Extreme: Everything

& Nothing - NOT @ optimal
ordinance - a sign of
obedience - (1 Pet. 3:21)



* Missinaries -

Identification with Christ.

Have you? If not, why not?

(5)

MUST choose
Sides!

Spiritual Warfare
JUST 2 Sides:

- (1) God's
- (2) Satan's - no

Middle ground!

anation of war - to
withhold help = helping
enemy!

IV. Birthmark of Christian

Fellowship - v. 19 | 26

a changed lifestyle

v. 1 = against

MTT. 12:30

v. 19. with

* Acts 9:1 + 19!

Now Saul loved the
people he use to loath

* TEST - neutrality is

impossible

Plate tried

Didn't
work!

V. Birthmark of Telling Others

John 1:41-44
About Christ - v. 20, 21

Witness

* Elevation (1) Up or Down?

(2) 2 women - Linton

In N.T. 40 people Jesus healed

- 34 brought to him by
others (J. Stewart statement
Bible mag)

* Question 11
Jack Welch | Joan Edwards

PKS
New
Hope

Songs
For Christ
Meets

Songs
Saviors!

* Mattie
Rice

* Bill
Layne 10/4

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"The Saints Who are NOT IN THE N.F.L."

"SAINTS ON EARTH"

There are Two Bible words people shy away from: (1)

SINNERS (2) SAINT = "I not either

one! SINNERS = murderers, Rapists, child abuse, bank robbers - but

not me!! (Rom 3:23 all - ^{except?} you?)

SAINTS = The apostles - no other

Jesus = We see them as

"Super Somebodies" who are

"Canonized" or "religious" superstar! (Popes, ^{Priests} Preachers) And Sick!

Point: If one says "When the Saints go Marching On" -

better start here on earth or you will discover you have been "marching in the wrong direction." (Matt. 7:13)

"Go in the narrow ~~way~~ gate. For wide is the gate and broad the road which leads to disaster... many go that way. Narrow gate - how find it!"

Same of Saints -
"I'm no saint!"

NOT Bad

NOT Good either

Pope

LK. 19:10

where?
MATT. 7:13



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Saints = Synonym for Christian,
Some believers, church and
(Heb. 1:2 - "Set apart, holy"
or "Separated unto God")

I. The Identity of Saints -

(Eph. 1:2) = ^{AN EARTHLY} Address
A HEAVELY

Who are the saints

Anyway? Ans. "in Christ"

Ok. = αγιος Hagios -

"You old Hagios you!"

"Holy" person! I.E. a

saint is another word
for "Saved, son, Secret

been again believer!"

Saint!

"in Christ" = our position
not always our condition!

(Sometimes not very Saintly)

(Barn house story)

New believe
like an
architect
only at a
large
scale for
Plan to
create a
sky scraper
Finished
product not
yet complete!

Phil. 1:6

Degree of
Development

II. The Humility of Saints

(Eph. 3:8)

What is humility?

It is a vanishing virtue!

Dictionary definition:

"... the central idea is

③

Humility

selfish

"freedom from pride ...
a meek and modest person.

C.S. Lewis: "... if you
really get in touch with God
you will in fact be humble..
it is silly nonsense to
~~be~~ always concerned about
your own dignity which has
made you... Unhappy all
of your life" (More Christianity)
The humble saint has not

part in the posing and
posturing that says always -
"Look at me" (Gal. 2:20)

If we think we are humble -
we probably aren't -
read my book - "Humility
And How I Attained It"

Paul the Classic Example:

In this verse broke the
rules of grammar by
constructing a Comparative

1st. 12:2

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1 Cor 15:9 - "least of the apostles"

with a Superlative -

"least" like saying
"most and mostest!"

Hypothetical
Situation

ACTS
19

1. Ex. ~~me~~ ^{me}

- 5. Hungry
- 6. Cloth
- 7. Rolled
- 8. Throat

(Let us suppose after
he was run out of
several towns (not)
Ephesus - he went to
see a pay chart - (Tell
me about
the events of yourself)

2 Cor. 11: 23-27

- 1. Beaten + stoned (1 time) (diff. today)
- 2. prison 5 times 40 stripes.
- 3. Near death - often
- 4. Shipwrecked - 3 times
- (you said - "cheapest of sinners
least of the apostles")
- 5. Hungry
6. Rolled
7. Throat

Diagnosis you are delusional

You are burned out
Suffering lack of self-worth
Need to start feel good
about yourself!

A poor
self-image

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There are no "perfect" SAINTS on planet Earth.

III. The Maturity of Saints (Eph. 4:12)

"Perfecting" =
To a second
end -
Maturity!
Telos

God's goal for His children is the same as a ^{good} parent for their children — Maturity, grow up! That's what perfect means here.

(Heb 6:1 | 5:14 = "full grown" i.e. mature. (Telos))

Maturity (J. Oswald Sanders)

"The ability to meet the demand and emergencies of daily life as mature adult and not in a childish way. i.e. a grown up attitude and approach to the rigors of life"

4:15

our bag is all grown up!

Family
Observation
this week -
our bag is
growing - maturity.

1. Abraham - lied
 2. David - adultery murder
 3. Moses - murder
 4. Noah - drunk
- Not perfect!

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IV. The Priority of Saints (Eph. 5:3-) (Phillips Trans)

Wherever Christianity has gone it has brought a higher standard of morality to humankind.

Chastity & Virtue go with the gospel of Christ.

The great civilizations of the past - Greece & Roman great emphasis on knowledge wisdom and justice little on morality.

(Bandy 14 of the first 15 Roman emperors were practicing homosexuals)
Spiritual ^{Birth} life requires Spiritual behaviour.

(Josh Kadey
& 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

old lifestyle
was! 2 Cor 5:17

were
not are!

From
Socrates
To
Nero

Roman
Empire
not
conquered
moral &
morally

The Measure of Maturity

1 Cor. 5:11-6:1

Text: 5:14 "full age"

6:1 "Perfection" - ^{Not Sinlessness!}
($\tau\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\iota\omega\tau\eta\tau\alpha$) = $\frac{=0}{\text{MATURITY!}}$

Intro // Usually both parents and children are interested in "growing up" - ^{A desired goal & wh.}
(Our farm kitchen - door facing - marks of growth.)

Maturity is an important goal -

✓ 10 yr old doctor? 11 yr old lawyer,
✓ 12 yr. old policeman 13 yr. old pilot!

Q // (So why do we put spiritual babies in places of leadership in ch - surprised when they fail?)

Question // What's spiritual maturity?...

"The ability to meet the demands and emergencies of life in a mature and not a childish way" (Sander's)

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(- Grade your own paper!)

The Text suggests 4 tests to ^{measure} determine the extent of maturity:

I. THE TEACHER TEST (v. 12)

Follow after write
your answers and
- stopped at 5th grade -
didn't keep 6th!

A case of arrested development -
spiritually retarded - a low level of learning! God doesn't grade on the curve - must pass the test before move on!

Should be a teacher - still in kindergarten - ^{(Back to ABC's) Repeat program} ABC's - Should be in grad school! ^(slow to grasp spiritual lessons!)



(Once - "her pupil?" - NO -

attended my class - never my student!)

^{Poor attendance (skip) sleep in class - (don't work) NO homework - (not it!!) NO graduate.}

Problem: Dull of heavy more than
6:12 dull teachers! (v. 11)
"slothful" = "lazy" "dull dumb"

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growing old
not aging
growing up!

a milk diet = baby food -
immature -
not grown up!

(Milk - Meat)

II

(FOOD)
The Kitchen Test - V.12

Children want to eat - they like
not what likes them. (Cokes, Cookies,
Candy, cones) (Kate - Taco Bell)

Crash diet
Fast
Food!

Diet

Milk - Babies - "first principles" - ABC
Meat = Solid food! - For Adults!
Teeth to enjoy

(2 Pt. 3:18)

Grow up + Grow Down (Psa.1)

Tree

Trunk

a Root System for Support.
(1 Pet. 2:2 - Col. 3:16, Josh 1:8)
(Pastor = resp. for Menace -
Appetite = our resp.) (Jack)

III

The Nursery Test - V.13 - 14A

Text: "Babe" = infant

Babes lack "know" + "know how"

2 Sandpile
swatches
over
the
throw
away!

Unskillful - undeveloped - Loud!

(1) Babes - getting their way -
not into the work (Selfish) ①

(2) Babes - ^{Totally} dependent on others
food, water, clothing, Bath,
carried around ②

yellow
close

"Burped"

(Not Self Reliant)

③ Dependent
on other
Everyday

4

ATTENTION

Many believers are "betweeners" between Egypt & Canaan - out of place & out of time but not in victory! (Wink)

"OUT BUT NOT IN"

not - never accept fake!

playing church game?

(3) Babes - sleep, cry, Tantrums - all manifestation of

"playpen syndrome"

(4) BABES - Blames ^{Someone else}

Morals
Right | Wrong
Good | Evil

IV. The Ethics TEST - v. 14

(Judgment)

"Discern" = make distinctions

Good -
Bad

Make good decisions based up Word of God - Good spiritual counsel and promptings of Holy Spirit!

EXAMPLE: (Marriage) (Cow-rope)

50 yr. old man call Mommie & Popie if he may go away for the weekend - color of clothes

the inability to make good decisions - ethically anemic

where to go, what to wear, how to behave, friends - (NESTORS)

others = "spiritual leaders"

V. The Building Test - (6:1)

Foundation
Superstructure

Foundation is impt - Jesus said so - (MATT. 7) But

5
Unfinished
Buildings
Aboard!

So: ^{UV} Foundation - forache
"Tom Rent"
Trees | Shake tree mechanic
Spune - lose family

The foundation of our faith
is NOT the whole structure!

At the start - not sun.
Foundation - or ABC's are
the launch pad - not
a parking lot! (www)

Form T: (Advance in your
Keep climbing - every day!)

Progress!
Go on to
Matur. ty! → day - not at the top

Go on — for the hard

Grow up — goal = Matur. ty
goal of every good parent!

Proud
Parent!

Larkin! - Proud
(Grade your own paper!)

"Inamullah
She says
talk, read
write - now

Every good
parent too!

... bags to car -
others in car to school, trips -

(6)

Some Christian!
Can't see heresy!

① Nightriser - Can't make a
decision - about
anyth - stone = 0
BSS - Help her!

② Manning - can't see
see only what want to see!

③ 57 year old man -
Mommie | Weeker - clothes,
haircut, wear, on & on.

④ Were you surprised
Evangelist meltdown on T.V.

Not good & Evil -

Conclusion: Matt 7.

The granularity of our
beliefs is impt. But move
on/up Superstructure Root!
The foundation of our faith

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⊗ (4) Ss. W.V. Trip
A. Foundation - weather w. a
B Tree - For Rent Sign
5 tree main | Squinty
Close family

is a lunch pad, not a
Parking lot. (www)

Keep Climbing - advance
Go on for the hard
Mature - (care for the problems)

* (Cindy called re Larkin's
away at college)

"She's growing up"

(1) College - Awards

(2) Keys

own

Car -

Responsible
gets home
proceeds

Cool's goal for

Grow up!!!

Outs
TO

ERS.

Best
Time

Now!

Grown!

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The Measure of Maturity

Heb. 5:11-6:1

Spiritual maturity: ... the ability to meet the demands and emergencies of everyday life in a mature and NOT a childish way. (Sanders)

TEXT: "fullage" 5:14 / "perfection" 6:1

Has nothing to do with sinlessness - ^{everything} "Christ / Jesus" to achieve an end or goal to finish = grow up + go on!

Maturity our desired goal:

(doctor - 18 y/o old? lawyer 10?

pilot - 12? ~~So what~~ ^{why} do we

put spiritual babies in places of resp. in Church? They don't grow up - they blow up!

(1 Cor 3:1 - bro's babies)

Examples: ① Paul, Phil. 4:4 - A jail!

② JESUS - In every life situation he acted in a mature manner - Stress & Strain - He = Strong Study

Intro

Parent
Leaving

* Our farm
house -
door facing
- Mark
7
Growth!

2

POINT:

Slow to grasp spiritual truth
- Should be a teacher
Back to K. Gordon!

5 tests of maturity - text.

1. The Classroom Test - (Teacher-Pupil)

(V.12) This is a case of Arrested Development - Spiritually Retarded! - Learning over a long period of time - Same low level! (Fallon after WWII - job interview - not beyond 5th grade - why - drafted before so to 6th grade!)

Look out
37 yrs old -
diaphs

check BC
of child
a teacher
and not a
Parker
Lot

Cuba
More
Go on!

Problem:
not a "dull"
teacher -
dull learner!

"Dull Learner"

Text - "Ought" / "again"

God doesn't grade on the curve -
Succesfully
Complete exam before move
on. Ours = a battleground not
a playground

* Once to a teacher - "her pupils"
No! Arrested my class -
never my pupil
Should be teachers - still Toddlers!
Love "Toys" more than facts



What if - at church - grown
person - play in nursery!

3

ask?
TBI MCD - never
a Steak
House!

II. THE DIET TEST (V. 12B)

the contrast is "Soft" AND
"Solid" food. Children like
Cokes, cookies, candy —
junk food for supper!

Kate!
2-Givante
works
Two legs!

A milk diet = Babyhood —
(where's my bottle —

B A meat diet — Chewin' &
teeth! (2) (Over
teeth)

OK
Naw!
Bite!
Jaws
Paw!

(Verse 1:22, 2:2)

One
vice
"daring"
"long for"

Tree
Roots
+ Limbs
go together

Newborn babes — 'Spiritually pure
milk —
grow.

(2 Col. 3:16 - Josh. 1:8)

Jack H — one of they I
cant provide appetite!

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III. THE INFANT (Baby) TEST (v. 13-14A)

We talked about Baby food -
milk. What are other "baby
things" - "unstepped" v. 13
"without experience" -

(2) "Baby talk" - single
syllable words - Da-da-
mine
(2 even Sand Bay - one
truck - Santich, grab, cry
+ throw! App. Word in Bible
Sp. Names - no clear -
JUST. | Sant. | Adoption, Red.
Redemption | Glorification + + +

(3) Baby Ways - (~~1 Cor. 3:1~~)

(A) yell at close range!

(B) Want their way | picked up!
fed - played with - Attention

1 Cor.
3:1
(6k)

"Bible
Talk"

Paul id. many of
the problems
in Corinth
Ch. 7 to
their immaturity

Center
these

April 26-
09.

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Dedication Service (Faith Baptist Ch. Prosperity WV)

In 1994, near the end of our tenure as pastor in Charleston, my associate Geo. Durlington & I Believed the Lord was leading us in a New direction of helping chs. develop long range growth programs. In those early days I Recall at least 2 chs in So. WVa that stand out.

- ② (1) Johnson Chapel Bap Ch (Princeton)
(2) Faith Bap. Ch (Prosperity)
(Since 1994 - Over 300 chs.
19 states & Canada - "guarantee"
- 60-100 new^{chs} construction)

In the Fall of 1994 a group of 15-20 members of Faith Bap Ch. met^{us} in the old ch. Building at the invitation of Pastor Halsey & Dr. Lester Pipkin. to view a slide presentation by G.D. & R.K.S.

entitled "God Wants Your Church To Grow". Sometime after that meeting & other meetings with Joseph Miller - Fla, you began to plan for future growth that has brought you to the dedication of this new facility.

It is ironic, that this year
some 14 yrs after our first meeting
we are completing our consulting
ministry to move to another
phase of Ch. development service
(1) Teaching pastoral ^{STUDIES} ~~theology~~ in
a Bible College Program

Congratulations to Pastor
Halsey, the leadership and
members of this Congregation for
the successive completion of ^{this} program
~~Congregation~~
(1 Cor. 3:6)