

# "So Send I You"

**John 20:21** ... *"Then said Jesus unto them, 'Peace be unto you: AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME, SO SEND I YOU.' And when He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said, 'RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.'"*

What an awesome experience this must have been! If you're familiar with the narrative, then you'll recall that at this point in the story Jesus had already been crucified, buried, and resurrected. Now, as He appeared to His disciples, He speaks these astonishing words... "AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME..." that is, in the very same manner, with the very same mission, to accomplish the very same purpose, "SO SEND I YOU"! I would imagine that the disciples were so overwhelmed by the shear terror of the situation that these words might have gone right over their heads. But once they received the Spirit, He brought all things back to their remembrance, and quickened their understanding concerning this tremendous declaration.

*"As My Father hath sent me."* Recently, the Lord stirred my heart to ponder these words. How was it that Jesus was sent? What was it that compelled Him so? This question is of vital importance to us, seeing that our commission is intimately linked to His. As He was sent, we are sent; and what motivated Him is to be our motivation. He is the divine Pattern for us to follow, giving us a millennial vision of God's aionian plan and purpose in us for the world!

Probably the most familiar and well-loved of all Scriptures is John 3:16-17. Though it's been memorized by countless millions of believers over the years, I feel confident when I say that at best, only a small percentage have realized it's application to our own calling and election. *"For GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED."* What comfort we've all found in these words! *"For God so loved the world, that He gave..."* The measureless bounds of that divine love was shown by the fact that *He willingly gave His life a ransom for many!* He, Whose life was of infinitely far greater value than could ever be assessed... Whose life was never tainted with the corrupting defilements of sin, loved this sin-sick world of fallen humanity so much that He gave *heaven's best...* and laid down the life of His Sonship, in order that others might be brought to God! What a selfless act of charity and compassion manifested toward mankind! He, Who had it all;

yea, He, Who *was* all, *willingly gave it all*, that He might redeem others back to God!  
Glory to His Name!

Paul's words wax eloquent concerning this. "*LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made of Himself no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore GOD HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and GIVEN HIM A NAME which is above every name...*" (Phil. 2:5-9)! Just think of that! Though He was essentially one with God, He left the "high and lofty place", the glory of the Father, that He might "condescend to men of low estate"! He *humbled* Himself, taking upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh ( Rom.8:3), that He might be able to be touched with the feeling of our infirmities! He didn't descend from the heavenlies to prove Himself superior to those around Him. He didn't seek only to associate with those who had attained, or risen to His level of spirituality (for that would have been a great disappointment for Him). Nor was He interested in building a reputation for Himself by putting others down. He was not sent into the world to *condemn* the world, but that the world *through* Him might be saved! He identified with the groaning of the prisoners, being "numbered with the transgressors", that He might "*lead captivity captive, and give gifts unto men*" (Eph. 4:8)! Praise God! He, Who was Lord and Master over all, willingly became Servant to all, lowering Himself to the unpretentious position of "foot-washer", that He, in due season, might raise them up in the newness of life!

By this, the true heart of sonship is revealed. This heart is *not* the obtaining and retaining of eternal life, spiritual blessings and/or gifts, just so we can feel good about ourselves. Nor is it the acquiring of God's promises, in order that we might hoard them to ourselves. And it is certainly not meant to give us a sense of superiority, which thus causes us to look down on others of less stature. But the spirit of sonship is seen as the *obtaining* of life, in order in order that we might be poured out for the life of others. It is the *possessing* of life, that we might *have life* to give. It's the receiving of the Spirit, that we might impart *such as we have* to a groaning creation. In a word, it's the life of *giving*, of *sacrifice*, and of *servitude*; a life where possessiveness has no part. It's the possessing of *a love consciousness*, that's ever mindful of the needs of others, and always putting them before ourselves... *a love life*, that is void of condemnation, that's constantly compelling us to condescend to men of low estate!

**LIVING  
SOULS VS.  
QUICKENIN  
G SPIRITS**

In I Cor. 15:45, 47, 49, we read, "*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last man Adam was made a Quickening Spirit...The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*"

There's a contrast made here between the first man, the man of the *earth*, and the last Man, the man of *Spirit*. By comparison, we understand that when the natural man was originally created, he was made "a little lower than angels"... wholly in need of the impartation of life. While he lay formed in the dust, he had nothing to offer, nothing to give. He could only receive. Just as the natural earth has no power of itself to produce life or productivity except a seed be planted in it; even so, the first man was dead and lifeless, until the Lord God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," and raised him upon his feet (Gen. 2:7).

Not only did Adam receive natural life at this time, but he was also given access to spiritual life, as well. He had the opportunity to be raised up into a higher life form, simply by partaking of that which was freely provided of the Lord. But because he chose rather to partake of that which was forbidden, he cut himself off from "the Tree of Life" (that is, from the spiritual life which is in Christ), thus resulting in death. This, then, is the condition into which billions of his offspring have been conceived, being "*made subject to vanities, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope...*" (Rom.8:20). What exactly is the hope to which the "creature" has been subjected? Verse 21 continues, "*...because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God*"! So that's it! There is, planted deep within the heart of every creature, a hope of deliverance, that "*even as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly*"!

What does He mean when he speaks of "the image of the heavenly"? He's referring to the image of Christ as a "Quickening (life-giving) Spirit"! Jesus Christ, the "Last Man Adam", not only *received* life, but was able to *give* life, as well! "*In Him was life; and the life was the light of men*" (John 1:4)! Unlike the first man, who is ever in need of deliverance, Jesus was able to impart deliverance! Hear His own Words: "*For as the Father raiseth the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth Whom He will*" (John 5:21). And again, in verse 26: "*For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself...*" It was because He had life in Himself that He was able to impart that life to others. Virtue went out of Him, divine life flowed like a river to the hungry, huddled masses of the world, who sat in the darkness of depravity and deprivation, in the region of the shadow of death. Jesus came to preach "deliverance to the captives", to the spirits that were in prison, to all who were imprisoned in "the bondage of corruption". There was no depth into which He would not descend; there was no place that was too low. And the Good Shepherd manifested His love for us by the fact that He was willing to reach down into the horrible pit and miry clay of immorality and debauchery, in order to rescue us from certain death! This is love beyond human understanding!

## **THE INWARD WORLD OF MAN**

We've read that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son". The fact that He gave His life for the sins of the whole world is indisputably a declaration of His great love wherewith He loved us. But sometimes, the universality of this statement can seem almost impersonal. The truth of the matter is, God so loved the world of

mankind...and every world within it... that He gave His Son! You see, within every man there is a private little world... a world full of complexities, diversities, anxieties, and complications... of secret struggles, weaknesses, and worries. *This is the real world*, where men live out their lives; the world about which others know little, if anything at all. Often, when men give the appearance of being settled and secure on the outside, there's a turmoil going on within... a raging war, a literal hell of confusion. It's from *this world* that men cry out for deliverance, *for someone else to care*. Is not this the plea to which Christ came in response, the mission field to which He was sent? While there were certainly times when Jesus spoke to the multitudes, it must be noted that He spent a great deal of time with individuals. He was genuinely concerned about the needs of each person! The words of Exodus 3:7-8 enunciate the burden of His heart: "*And the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of My people...and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them...and to bring them up out of that land into a good land and a large...'*"! This clearly describes the mission for which Christ was sent. He descended to deliver, and to lift men up out of "the slimepits of Egypt". And He would not cease, until He'd brought them into "a large place" in the Spirit!

In the fourth chapter of John, we see a beautiful illustration of this. As Jesus rested on Jacob's well, a woman of Samaria came to draw water. As she approached, He requested that she give Him to drink. Knowing that the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans, looking upon them as "dogs", this certainly struck her as strange that He should desire something from her. Then Jesus said unto her, "*If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that sayeth to thee, 'Give me to drink', thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have giveth thee living water*" (verse 10)! What a striking contrast between "a living soul," which had nothing to offer, and "a Quickening (life-giving) Spirit"! In her natural reasoning, she said to Him, "*Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?*" The one thing she failed to understand was that the "living water" of which He spoke was not "drawn up"(requiring the efforts of man), but, instead, came down! As you know, this is one of the characteristics of running water. *It always seeks the lowest place*. In like manner, the gift of God was flowing down to her even as they spoke! Hallelujah! Like a beautiful stream cascading down the mountainside, the Spirit of Christ was coming down to her level, condescending to her low estate! Praise God, He entered into her "little world," descending from the "uttermost" to the "guttermost," seeking the lowest place in her life! And notice that once He'd located her, He didn't heap condemnation upon her, pushing her even lower, but He raised her up into the newness of life! In spite of the fact that she'd made her "bed in hell" (ref. Psa. 139:7-8), so to speak, He was there! Though He knew her "downsitting and uprising", and though He understood her thoughts afar off, being acquainted with all her ways, He used none of it against her. Instead, He used it as an occasion to offer unmerited grace to her! She received a visitation from "the Father of mercies, the God of all comfort" (I Cor. 1:3) which changed her world. And, as a result, she ran joyfully through the streets, proclaiming, "*Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST?*" (Jn. 4:29)

**MORE BLESSED TO GIVE...**

It's a sad, but true indictment that much of what is promoted in Christendom today is directed toward the covetous desires of the natural man. It seeks to make converts by emphasizing WHAT WE GET (through an acceptance of God's provisional plan), rather than WHY WE GET IT. Make a survey of the hymns so often sung in church today, and it won't take long to see that the theme repeated over and over is one geared toward selfishness; that "the blessed hope" of the church is that, any moment, we may be raptured out of this sin-blasted, problem-laden planet, caught away to that heavenly "Disney Land" in the sky, while the rest of our friends, relatives and loved ones, who were less fortunate than we, are swept into a burning hell! The general idea is that we'll be having so much fun eating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, swimming in the River of Life, walking on Streets of Gold, polishing our crowns, etc., we'll not have enough time to think of those poor souls who are enduring great tribulation upon the earth!

Please pardon the bluntness of my comments, but such a childish message cheapens the Gospel, by portraying heaven as a place wherein we have nothing constructive to do, and all of eternity in which to do it! It brings our incorruptible inheritance down to the level of infantile carnality, by seeking to literalize that which is spiritual! But, worst of all, it robs believers of their most important hope... the hope of their being totally delivered from the bondage of corruption, in order that they might be conformed to the image of the heavenly! I dare say that this kind of evangelism generally produces living souls, rather than life-giving spirits. It justifies the selfish nature of Adam in man, giving men just cause to ignore the groaning creation around them, while they seek to secure their own personal pleasure and preservation!

How different was the apostle Paul's attitude. In Rom. 9:1-5, we read where he was in "great heaviness and sorrow in his heart" ... being burdened for his brethren, his kinsmen according to the flesh. In verse three, he said, "*For I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren!*" Imagine that, if you will. Paul was so moved with compassion, so straightened by their spiritual blindness, that he actually willed that he might trade places with them; insomuch that *he would have actually went to hell in their place!* Is not this what it means to be "accursed from Christ"? It was this same Paul, who taught the church in Ephesus the beautiful truth that we, who are in Christ Jesus, have already been quickened together with Him; and that God "*hath raised us up together, and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus*" ( Eph. 2:1-7)! Beloved, please understand...this was not just some mystical terminology to Paul. He understood "ascension life" to be a reality. He had encountered it in a way few of us have ever experienced! And yet, he had become so united with the broken heart of Christ, so intimately involved with His concerns, that he would have gladly descended from that high spiritual dimension, *surrendering his sonship life in the heavenlies*, if it would have led to the enlightenment of his Israelite brethren. Now *that's* what it means to be moved with compassion!

Oh, how I hope you can hear these words! God, in these last days, is preparing the hearts of His chosen ones with a message of maturity, a word of enlightenment that everything we have received, or ever will receive as our inheritance is not for our benefit alone. It's ultimately for the sake of others. This must be the prime motivation for all that we do, for

this is the purpose for which we've been sent! We must willingly lay down our lives for the brethren; obtaining, that we might have something to offer; freely receiving, that we might have to freely give! We must lay hold on the high call of God in Christ Jesus, that we might be able to effectively deliver others from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God! Hallelujah!

### ASCENDING... TO DESCEND

This is the vision which is consistently given throughout Scripture. My mind goes back to Moses, who, after he and the Israelites had gone as far as the Lord had directed, was called to ascend to the top of Mt. Sinai for further instructions. "*And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled... and Mt. Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly...and **THE LORD CAME DOWN** upon Mt. Sinai, on the top of the mount: and **THE LORD CALLED MOSES UP** to the top of the mount; **AND MOSES WENT UP**" (Ex. 19:1, 18, 20). Imagine this awe-inspiring scene, if you will. Moses alone was allowed to enter into the fiery cloud high atop Mt. Sinai, amidst thunderings, lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet. He was allowed to witness things that no other man was permitted to behold. He was "caught up," so to speak, to meet the Lord in the midst of the glory cloud! It was in this place, in the presence of God, that he received the Commandments, the designs for the Tabernacle, and the unique privilege to behold the glory of the Lord through a face-to-face encounter. Furthermore, he entered into an experience which, I believe, actually transcended the laws of nature. Nowhere in Scripture do we read that during those forty days and forty nights, Moses had anything to eat or drink. This leads me to believe that throughout this entire experience, he was independent of natural sustenance for his existence. It's not difficult for me to believe that he was nurtured and sustained by the presence of Divinity (in fact, I can't imagine why thoughts of food, drink, or sleep would even come into his mind)!*

While Moses was no doubt blessed by this experience, he knew that he was not there for selfish reasons. Neither was he there to obtain "boasting rights"! He had gone up as an intercessor for, and as a representative of the people. Therefore, he *ascended* into the cloud *with a purpose...* that he might *descend* in due season with a blessing for others. He transported the glory upon his countenance, the Word of the Lord in his hands, and a revelation of God's plan in his heart, to the multitudes waiting at the foot of the mount. He became GOD'S VISITATION TO HIS PEOPLE, condescending to men of low estate, in order that he might lead them toward the fullness of their inheritance! Hallelujah!

Had Moses believed the popular escapist theology of our times, he might have easily forgotten his brethren, and the tremendous problems which they faced as a nation. After all, just think about it for a moment. Old Moses had it made! He didn't have a thing in the world to worry about, as long as he was in that high and lofty place with the Lord! He was in paradise! But just listen to the burden of his heart in Ex. 32, verses 31-32: "*And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, 'Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and*

*have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin --- ; and if not, **BLOT ME OUT OF THY BOOK WHICH THOU HAST WRITTEN!***" It's obvious that his heart was with God's people, insomuch that, if they didn't receive mercy and forgiveness for their sins, *he refused to go on without them!* Moses could not be content to remain in his blissful state while others were separated from God. His spirit groaned deeply within him for their deliverance...and, as a result, **THE LORD HEARD HIS PRAYER!**

### **FROM BEHIND THE VEIL... WITH A BLESSING**

Can you imagine that sacred scene from Old Testament times, when, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest passed through the veil into the Holiest of Holies? What a wonderful privilege this was, to meet with God in the place which He had determined. This was an honor reserved for ONE MAN, ONE TIME, at the end of the year! In order to have this meeting, however, the High Priest took incense in his hands, and a censor full of burning coals from the brazen altar. Placing the censor upon the Mercy Seat between the cherubim, he cast the incense into it, which, in turn, caused a cloud of smoke to arise... *and the Lord met with him in the midst of the cloud!* Ah, beloved, God manifested Himself in all of His splendor and majesty, mighty to save!

While he tarried in the manifest presence of God, vast multitudes were waiting on the outside. Every eye was looking for a sign of his glorious appearing. Their forgiveness, blessing and future depended on it! You see, the High Priest was not there simply to enjoy the spectacular scenery. He was not there to merely bask in the glory. He entered vicariously, to make atonement for the sins of the whole nation, and to receive instructions from the Most High.

Upon the High Priest's breastplate were twelve beautiful gemstones, representing each of the tribes of Israel in their respective order. He bore those names upon his heart into the throne room of God, that they might receive mercy and grace to help them in their time of need. Imagine, if you will, with what a dazzling brilliance these must have shone, as the glory of God's presence engulfed the Most Holy Place. Those representative "stones of fire" not only reflected, but were literally *filled* with heavenly light, absorbing the effects of that divine visitation. Therefore, when the High Priest exited from behind the veil, he bore the glory of God to the people! He brought hope and encouragement to the wearied masses of men, because his very appearance gave them the assurance that Yahweh had been pleased to forgive them!

### **DESCENDING... WITH DELIVERANCE**

We find a most wondrous account given in the gospels concerning Christ's ascension into a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Our story is found in Matt. 17:1-21, Mark 9:2-29, and Luke 9:27-43. Having entered into a season of prayer, a remarkable thing took place. As did the face of Moses on Sinai, Jesus began to shine with a radiance brighter than ten thousand suns. He was magnificently transfigured before his disciple's eyes. In fact, His raiment even shimmered white and glistening. If this were not enough,

the images of Moses and Elijah were also included in the vision! What a day this must have been!

To complete the picture, we read that a cloud overshadowed them, and "they feared as they entered into the cloud"! You probably recall the rest of the story. The voice of the Father spoke out of the midst of the cloud; and, afterward, the disciples saw no man, save Jesus only. Much could be said concerning these things, and volumes could be written. But the part which we'd like to point out is what happened next. As they descended from the top of the mount the next day, there were great multitudes awaiting them. "*And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, saluted him*" (Mark 9:15). The reason they'd gathered was because a certain man had brought his lunatic son to Jesus' disciples for healing, but had not received it. Therefore, they were all looking for someone caring enough, and compassionate enough to condescend into this man's realm of torment, his private hell, and rebuke the devil which resided there! (We would be remiss not to point out how perfectly that this madman represents the wild, rebellious state of fallen humanity... raging, sorely vexed, foaming at the mouth, and gnashing with his teeth; tossed to and fro from one extreme to another... writhing and wallowing on the ground like a beast...and desperately in need of deliverance from the bondage of corruption! Isn't that the truth?) But, praise God, there was One who came to "*proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound*" (Isa. 61:1)! He descended to deliver, and to destroy the works of the devil. He stepped down into that man's driven, demented world, which was co-habited by demon powers; and by the power of the Spirit, He drove them out!

### **HE ASCENDED UP ON HIGH... TO GIVE GIFTS**

Eph. 4:8-10 tells us, "*Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.*"

The greatest example of compassionate condescension has to be that of our Savior's descent into the realm of humanity. He was unequivocally God's greatest gift to men! The very fact that Christ willingly chose to be "made like unto sinful flesh" is almost more than we can fathom. He came down from heaven, stooping down, as we have seen, to the lowest level of mankind. But He didn't stop there. He actually descended into the lower parts of the earth...*not* because of any sin that He'd committed, but for the sake of those committed by others. But while He entered into the subterranean realm of darkness, the netherworld of departed spirits as a captive prisoner, He made His departure as a conquering King! As a result, when He ascended up "far above all heavens," He led captivity captive. ..AND GAVE GIFTS UNTO MEN!

Prior to His crucifixion, He assured His disciples of His coming again unto them. For forty days after His resurrection, He spoke to them of things pertaining to the Kingdom. Then, just before the cloud received Him out of their sight, He commanded them "*that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which,*



*saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence"* (Acts 1:4-5). For the next ten days, they ascended into an upper room, continuing in prayer and supplications, and earnestly waiting for the promised gift. Finally, unexpectedly, "when the day of Pentecost was fully come," there came "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind"...and the Lord, whom they sought, came suddenly into His Temple (Mal. 3:1)! Praise God, He returned, just as He'd promised!

Just as the glory of the Lord on Sinai was described by Moses as "*devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel*" (Ex. 24:1), we read in Acts 2:3-4 that "*there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat on each of them. And they were all FILLED with the Holy Ghost...*"! Not only did God light upon them in flaming fire, but He also "*sent forth the Spirit of His Son into their hearts, crying Abba, Father*" (Gal. 4:6)! The Great High Priest passed beyond the veil of their flesh, groaning and travailing from within his "living" temple for the needs of others! What a wondrous gift! Christ *in* them gave them the hope of glory (Col.1:27)!

As Jesus had promised, they were "*endued with power from on high*" (Lk. 24:49). Furthermore, they were "*raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ*" (Eph. 2:6). But was it merely for their enjoyment alone? Obviously not. For when they descended from that upper room, "having the glory of God," He descended within them. And they discovered that they'd received power for service! There was a manifestation, a demonstration of the compassionate Christ in action, as He flowed out of His temple, condescending from within His disciples to the multitudes below. From this point on, the ministry of Christ continued uninterrupted to the masses of humanity... healing the sick, casting out devils, curing diseases, raising the dead! Traditionally, we've referred to this as "the acts of the apostles"; but the truth of the matter is, it was THE ACTS OF CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH! They were merely "the habitation of God;" the means by which Great High Priest was brought into contact with the world! He entered into their little "worlds," that they might transport Him "into ALL the world" (Mk. 16:15)!

**A NEW  
WORLD...  
FOR ALL  
THE  
WORLD**

Can you remember when the Lord first entered your little world? I can. Our inward lives were as crime-infested, poverty-stricken, morally depraved, riot-torn, or problem-ridden as any of the cities around this natural world. And though some of us might be too proud to admit it, I believe that every one of us have had a "skid row" within, an inner-city street in the "slum area" of our hearts, where the "derelicts" of society lived; the "bums" of depression, guilt, lusts, fear, frustration, anxiety, and multiple phobias! It was there, on the "bad side of town," that the "riffraff" hung out...the bad spirits that habitually influenced us in thoughts and acts of corruption. At that time, we were "*without Christ...*

*having no hope, and without God in the world"* (Eph. 2:12). But, praise God, all that began to change, when God "*sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts*" (Gal. 4:6)! He condescended into our hearts to begin AN URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM; to transform our "skid rows" into "streets of gold"! Listen to II Cor. 5:17-18, from the New English Version: "*When anyone is united to Christ, THERE IS A NEW WORLD; THE OLD ORDER HAS GONE, AND A NEW ORDER HAS ALREADY BEGUN. From first to last, this has been the work of God!*" Hallelujah! He's renovating these hearts of ours into a world where He can be pleased to dwell; a place where He has absolute rule and authority! And you can believe that He *will* enter every avenue and dark corridor of our lives, completely illuminating our innermost being as the Light of OUR world, until all that is within us will bless His holy Name!

Why is it that He's gone to such lengths to deliver us? And why is it that He'll not rest, until His work within us is complete? The reason is so we might be able to bring that same deliverance to the rest of creation! You see, once He has transformed our inner world into a habitation for His glory, then we can be effectual in transforming the world around us! This, dear friends, is the hope of the creature... "*for the earnest expectation of, the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:19)! Hallelujah!

### NEW JERUSALEM... COMING DOWN

John was privileged to behold the church in its transfigured state, when once the veil has been removed, and God's model "city" is seen in all of its glory. "*And I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband.. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW*". After this, he was told, "*Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God*" (Rev. 21). Someone might ask, "Why is it that the Bride is coming DOWN OUT of heaven? I thought heaven was the final destination for God's people, the place where everyone wanted to go!" The reason for this collective depopulation is because of the burdened appeal of creation! Beloved, it's as certain as any promise made in God's Word. There's coming a glorious church, unlike anything ever witnessed before... a privileged church, which has been caught up to the highest heaven, to the very throne of God. But it will also be a church, which, because of the spirit of sonship at its heart, will not be able to ignore the groaning of the prisoners who still dwell in the region and shadow of death! It is this church which will come down from the heavenlies in High Priestly attire; bearing the gem-studded breastplate, which is the burden of mankind upon its heart. It will descend from heaven with deliverance, with power, and with authority, to set the captives free! Imagine that, if you will; a church, so virtuous and bright, that the nations of the world will walk in the light thereof, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor to it. Imagine these same kings submitting themselves to its authority, and seeking wisdom from its mouth! We say unto you that even as it was in the days of Daniel, Moses, Elijah, and of Joseph, the hour will come when the heads of nations will turn from the advice of their sooth-sayers, prognosticators, and heathen

advisory panels, to hear the voice of one "greater than Solomon," the incarnate wisdom of God!

When society creates more problems than it can handle; when conditions become so severe that man's very existence is threatened; and as humanity comes to the brink of collapse, GOD WILL INTERVENE. He *will* provide the Answer! His Word has declared it!

Even now, God is preparing that answer: A PEOPLE, with whom He is dealing, and in whom He is forming a servant's heart. These people are not concerned with getting their "pie in the sky," or with receiving "a mansion on the hilltop" They are not interested in receiving gifts and power, only to be glamorized as lords and gods over God's heritage. Instead, they are those who are interceding in behalf of a desperate humanity! Beloved, if we intend on being a part of that blessed company, we MUST plead the cause, we MUST be moved with compassion, we MUST stand in the gap, and we MUST make up the hedge for the lost and dying! We MUST become so identified with the hurts and wounds of the world around us, so broken over their condition, that we would actually take their place, if it would effectuate their liberation. When we fully arrive at that point, God will not withhold any good thing from us. He *will* give us the fullness of our spiritual inheritance, **BECAUSE THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SONSHIP!**

### **PRAISE THE LORD!**

If you, or someone you know would like to be added to our regular mailing list, you may write to the address given below. As always, all our material is free of charge, upon request.

#### ***GOOD SEED PUBLICATIONS***

c/o Terry & Tykie Crisp  
672 Goodman Rd.  
Dawson, GA USA 31742

You may email us at: [TCrisp4448@aol.com](mailto:TCrisp4448@aol.com)  
<http://www.goodseedpublications.com>

Or, visit our website at:

[Return to our Writings Page](#)

[Return to our Home Page](#)