



From the Cross to the Glory: Moving from Believers to Mature Sons

**Prepared by Minister Pauline Burthwick
Releasing Destiny World Wide
info@releasingdestinyworldwide.org**

First Us



Then Lead Others

God has a VISION for YOU

Are you following His vision for you, or yours?

- Jesus Said, Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father. Joh 14:12 (WEB)
- Let us Consider: How do we as believers measure up to this Scripture? How does the Church reflect this in society?
- Paul said: Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you. Php 3:13 -15 (WEB)

What is the the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?

- For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified. Rom 8:29 -30 (WEB)
- For many are called, but few chosen.” Mat 22:14 Why are few chosen?
- Who is this calling for?
 - But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children (sons), to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Joh 1:12-13 (WEB)
- This is not about gender or ethnicity.
 - For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:27 -28 (WEB)⁴

Being Taught by the Lord 29 August 2006

- *I wait in anticipation for you to come to Me each morning. To sup with you, to fellowship with you. For you are My [people] and I long to teach you to train you up in the ways I would have you to go. To correct the erroneous things you have come to believe from this dark world where you are currently stationed. For this is but a station for you and it is not your permanent home, for your home is in My presence, living and dwelling with Me, flesh of My flesh, bone of My bone and that can be experienced where you are, even there at your current station, but there will be more, more pleasure for us together as I come to tabernacle with My people.*

- *Many people think this is their home, that this is all there is and I have more, so much more – even here on this earth for those who find the narrow path there is so much more. To find that path, you must seek it. All of those that I have found are found in Me, but the highest calling is the narrow path that leads to the heights of Mt Zion where I dwell. This path, you must find for I have said, if you seek Me, you will find Me.*
- *Don't you know, that I seek all people and that is how they can be found in Me because if they receive Me, I give them the right to become sons of God. But why then would I say that I am the rewarder of those who diligently seek Me?*

For it is those who hunger and thirst for righteousness that are filled

- **And that is My reward to fill you with Myself to manifest My incarnational reality within you. This is the path that is narrow and few will take the time to find it for their eyes are so steadfast on the rewards of the world around them, the rewards that will rot away and rust and be no more when the new earth turns and the wheel within the wheel is exposed.**
- **For this world is fading away and these earthly and worldly things that are so captivating and seem like life to you will be gone, in the flash of a thunderbolt or lightening strike, in the upheaval of a volcano, in the onslaught of an ice storm, in the shaking of a financial system built on mammon and sand. For these things are illusory and will not last.**

- *Yes, you [My people] have sought after Me and you have found Me and I am found in you. I have come to take away the sins of the world and I did not stop working upon My death, descending even into hell and rising again to newness of life a life **I can live in you and others like you who seek for Me to dwell with them** to tabernacle in their temple, in their vessel. Pure and Holy vessels, **I seek Pure and Holy vessels***
- But **you have come to Mount Zion**, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable multitudes of angels, to the festal gathering and assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel. Heb 12:22-24
 - See also Isaiah 8:18

Five Levels of Maturity discerned from Scripture:

- There is a path to that **HIGH CALLING** in **Christ JESUS**
 1. Believer/ Convert
 2. Disciple
 3. Servant
 4. Friend of God
 5. Sons of God/ Bride of Christ

God is looking for pure and holy vessels - those who are faithful and willing and will obey

- *Hearing - I have loved you with an everlasting love. From before the foundation of the world I have loved you and you were found in Me. You also are love and peace and joy for ever more for you have been born of the divine nature and have only been corrupted by this world.*
- *The corruption is in your mind, your beliefs, your thinking patterns and your divine nature has not been corrupted because it is the incorruptible [imperishable] seed that is planted within you.*
- *When I blow the breath of life on it as you come to believe, it germinates and begins to grow and then as you provide the environment of love, faith, and hope, it develops more and more and then maturity comes – the maturity of being a son, one of the many sons of God that are being raised in the earth at this time. For this is the time of the 144,000 being called out in the earth.*

WHAT IS THE PRIZE? *These are the first fruits,*

- *for you [these] have remained and will remain faithful to the Lamb and you [they] will go wherever He goes. And you [they] will be redeemed from the earth.*
- *This means that you [they] will have glorified bodies and that you [they] will not be under the gravitational pull and the other basic elements and elemental forces of the earth.*
- *You [they] will freely move from earth to Mt. Zion and from Mt. Zion back to earth for you see in Rev. 14 that you [these ones] are found on Mt Zion with Me and you [they] have My Father's name on your [their] forehead.*

This is what I have told you of before – My demonstration project – a forerunner or first fruit of the kingdom rule that is to come.

- *It is body, soul, spirit redemption in this life among the living among those who believe My words and have been taught in My ways and will walk in the authority of My kingdom.*
- *These are the ones who will follow in the Way; they will go where the Lamb goes and will do as He did and it will be yet in this age as a first-fruit example of the life to be lived in the age to come.*

- ***I am the Christ child, the one who was born of the virgin Mary, I am the one who is called the Word, - as you rightly discern, the Word that has never stopped speaking.***
- ***These are the words and teachings to you from the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is the beginning and the end – the one who has no beginning and has no end but lives on for eternity to come and will be from age to age the same.***

Berans: Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Act 17:11 (NIV)

- Rev 14:1-5 (NIV) I saw, and behold, the **Lamb standing on Mount Zion**, and with him a number, one hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the **name of his Father, written on their foreheads**.
- I heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound which I heard was like that of harpists playing on their harps. They sing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders.
- No one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand, those **who had been redeemed out of the earth**.
- These are those who were **not defiled with women**, for they are virgins. These are those who **follow the Lamb wherever he goes**. These were **redeemed by Jesus from among men**, the **first fruits to God and to the Lamb**. In their mouth was found **no lie**, for they are **blameless**.

Berans: Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Act 17:11 (NIV)

- **1Pe 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**
- **1Co 15:47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 1Co 15:48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 1Co 15:49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.**
- **1Co 15:50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**
- **1Co 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—**

We are not here just to get born again and go to heaven.

- **THE MAIN REASON WE ARE HERE IS TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST! TO QUALIFY TO GO ON IN THE AGES TO COME.** God is looking that we have the character of Jesus in us!
- **These are God's ultimate visions for us to mature so that He will have**
 - 1. **A Bride** for JESUS and sons who will rule and reign with Him.
 - **Mat 22:2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.**

We are not here just to get born again and go to heaven.

- **THE MAIN REASON WE ARE HERE IS TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST! TO QUALIFY TO GO ON IN THE AGES TO COME.** God is looking that we have the character of Jesus in us!
- These are God's ultimate visions for us to mature so that He will have
 - 2. **Sons** to rule and reign with Him.
 - Rom 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
 - Rev 3:21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.
 - Rev 2:26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--
 - 1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE:

The environment we need – all else has to GO!

- NEED FOR **INNER HEALING** AND **DELIVERANCE** to mature
 - **HIS CHARACTER** - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1Co 13:13 (NIV)
 - One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
 - "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mar 12:28 -31 (NIV)

FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE:

The environment we need – all else has to GO!

- NEED FOR **INNER HEALING AND DELIVERANCE** to mature
 - **HIS CHARACTER** - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1Co 13:13 (NIV)
 - But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Gal 5:22-23 (NIV)
 - So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** Matt 6:31 -33 (NIV)

Five Levels of Maturity discerned from Scripture:

- There is a path to that **HIGH CALLING** in Christ JESUS
 1. Believer/ Convert
 2. Disciple
 3. Servant
 4. Friend of God
 5. Sons of God/ Bride of Christ

Material adapted from teachings by Rick Joyner, Morning Star Ministries (Word of the Week)

Levels of Maturity – Believer (1)

- **1) Believer/Convert**
- **One who has been born again by faith in Christ and the atonement of His cross. This is the first step in the greatest journey we can ever take, but it is just the first step. Many never grow beyond this point – thinking it is the goal and all there is.**

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- 2) Disciple
- This is the **beginning of spiritual maturity**. A disciple lives to learn of their Master (JESUS), to be like Him, and do the works that He did. This can be accomplished through mentors/teachers, and in fellowship and being a disciple of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – both are necessary. A disciple must **desire learning**, **be teachable** and **always remain a disciple** – keep learning.

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- 2) Disciple
- **DISCERN YOUR MENTORS AND TEACHERS** – THEY ARE JUST YOUR GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES UNTIL THE TIME SET BY THE FATHER
 - It is important that you are being **disciplined by someone** who **KNOWS** and **HEARS** from God, is **OBEDIENT** to His voice and is **focused** and **GROWING** in their own maturity.
 - What I am saying is that **as long as an heir is underage**, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir **is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father**. So also, **when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world**. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that **we might receive adoption to sonship**. Gal 4:1-5 (NIV)

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

2. Disciple continued

- You have some responsibilities as a disciple –
 - **LOVE GOD** (relationship with Him)
 - You need to grow to maturity in the character of Jesus – leaving the old ways behind and becoming a new creature through deliverance, inner healing, and encounters with the Living God. (This is where most of the church of today is falling short.)
 - **LOVE OTHERS AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF** (minister out of your relationship with God)
 - You need to learn from God what your ministry gifts and callings are – that which God has given you and called for you to become as you are remaining on the journey to the high calling in Christ

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

2. Disciple continued

- You have some responsibilities as a disciple –
- **LEARN TO KNOW** how God speaks to you and what His vision is for you and **PREPARE** in those areas. **You do not start out already mature so this is a process of growth.**
- **SADLY** – sometimes your gifts and callings will not be recognized by your family or your pastors. **CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD AND SEEK THE MENTORS HE HAS FOR YOU.**
 - Joh 4:44 (WEB) For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- **Both character and anointing** are necessary so we are not unnecessarily wounding people along the way. We all need the lies we believe revealed and corrected (truth in the inner parts), deliverance and inner healing of our life's hurts and traumas to grow into the maturity of the character of Christ. – what is that character?
 - But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.** If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit. Gal 5:22 -23 (NIV)
- **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER – Am I following God's vision for me or my own? Have I crucified my flesh?**

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- You can ALSO learn to hear the voice of God and be disciplined by the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit also – do not be like the Israelites who refused to listen – we can access Mt Zion.
 - I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. Hab 2:1-2 (NIV)

Four Keys to Hearing God's Voice

Hearing God's voice is as simple as:

Quieting yourself down,	Key #1 – Stillness
fixing your eyes on Jesus,	Key #2 – Vision
tuning to spontaneity,	Key #3 – Spontaneity
and writing.	Key #4 – Journaling

Get the **whole** story at www.cwgministries.org/4keys

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Many today **ADVERTISE THEMSELVES** as Doctors, Apostles, or Prophets – revealing how important **THEY THINK THEY ARE**, and some demanding you honor and recognize them above others.
 - Instead we should do the work God has called us to and equipped us for and let the body of Christ confirm what they see in us – these callings are not **TITLES** but functions to fulfill and they have a purpose and there is a job description. Look at what Jesus said about **how His disciples would lead.**
 - He came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you **arguing among yourselves** on the way?” But they were silent, for they had disputed one with another on the way about who was the greatest. He sat down, and called the twelve; and he said to them, **“If any man wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.”** Mar 9:33 -35 (NIV)

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Many today **ADVERTISE THEMSELVES** as Doctors, Apostles, or Prophets – revealing how important **THEY THINK THEY ARE**, and some demanding you honor and recognize them above others.
 - Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mat 20:25 -28 (NIV)

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- We are to become a HABITATION FOR GOD – His body in the earth.
- Compare what Jesus said to what the following Scripture says about the Apostles and Prophets –
 - So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. Eph 2:19-22 (NIV)
- Where is the foundation if a building? How visible is it?
- How visible should the Apostles and Prophets be?
- They are to be supporting the building that will GOD WILL INHABIT. – JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THAT BUILDING.

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Let us look at the responsibility of the five-fold ministry – their job description – it is to work together towards these goals. This is how they will be measured by the Lord – did they do these things? This can help you discern the fruit of those working around you to be able to discern the right mentors and teachers – BUT ALWAYS START WITH DISCERNING YOURSELF AND YOUR OWN ATTITUDE FIRST: Eph 4:11 -15 (NIV)
 - He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ;
 - until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Let us look at the *responsibility of the five-fold ministry* – their job description – it is to work together towards these goals. This is how they will be measured by the Lord – did they do these things? This can help you *discern the fruit* of those working around you to be able to discern the right mentors and teachers – *BUT ALWAYS START WITH DISCERNING YOURSELF AND YOUR OWN ATTITUDE FIRST*: Eph 4:11 - 15 (NIV)
 - that we may *no longer* be children, *tossed back and forth* and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, *we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, Christ*;

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- What is the fullness of Christ?
 - For in him all the **fullness of the Deity dwells bodily**, and in him **you are made full**, who is the head of all principality and power;
 - in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the **putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh**, in the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.
 - **You were dead** through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. **He made you alive together with him**, having **forgiven us all our trespasses**, Col 2:9 -13 (NIV)

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Php 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—**continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,**
- Php 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
- Php 2:14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
- Php 2:15 **so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky**
- Php 2:16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

ABOUT THE MENTORS

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- If you are one who is discipling others, you need to help them learn to hear the voice of God and to connect to Him to **get HIS VISION FOR THEM.**
- You need to enable them to receive RESPECTFUL AND CONFIDENTIAL inner healing and deliverance
- You need to bring correction by speaking the truth in love
- help them understand the gifts and callings that are beginning to be manifest in their lives and
- you need to arrange for mentorship in areas of spiritual gifts and give them opportunities to begin serving in the area of their giftedness.

ABOUT THE MENTORS- Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- When mentors (spiritual fathers and mothers) are not mature themselves, they wound or hurt those they are called to support and help develop. There can be jealousy and fear. when the one they are mentoring begins to move in spiritual gifts the pastor or leader doing the mentoring does not have.
- If this is the case, an insecurity and fear rises up in the mentor leading them to think that people will desire to be led by the disciple more than them.
- When this happens, the immature mentor will consciously or unconsciously do something to wound or stop the one being mentored from growing in their gifts and being released into further service. This is sin and it is wrong and leaders who find they have done this need to repent to God and to the one they have wronged.

ABOUT THE MENTORS

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- Mentors/ five fold ministers/ spiritual fathers and mothers are called to raise up and release those they are discipling when they are mature. **So that the kingdom of God may be built** – people are not called to build their own kingdom or ministry.
- What if you are now realizing as a mentor you have done these things?
 - **Confess your sin** to God and to them, **ask for forgiveness**, and **bless these ones** who you have wronged and **release them** to do what God has put in them to do.
 - Get inner healing and deliverance for your own feelings of inferiority that contribute to this problem.

ABOUT THE MENTORS

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- ADDITIONALLY, ***the one who was wounded*** needs to forgive fully the one who wounded them – EVEN IF they never come and ask for forgiveness
 - because if you do not, you will have a bitterness and unforgiveness take root in you that will **prevent you from reaching your destiny** in Christ until it is dealt with.

ABOUT THE MENTORS

Levels of Maturity – Disciple (2)

- What we need to realize is that God is a generational God. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; *he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.*
- God credits back to you that which flows forth from those you have mentored and released.
- God intends for you to raise them up, releasing your wisdom to them that they may go beyond you in what they produce in the Kingdom of God.

Maturity Level - Servant (3)

3. Servant - This is where the main focus changes from learning of Him to **doing His will and accomplishing His work.**

- **Do not despise small beginnings.**

- **Luk 16:10** He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

- **Luk 19:17** “He said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant! Because you were found faithful with very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ [This is the behavior that can qualify you to be among those who Rule and Reign with Him.]

- **Remain humble and teachable**

- **Joh 13:16** Most certainly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his lord, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him.

Maturity Level - Servant (3)

- By now, as a disciple, you should have developed much of the character of JESUS because you have been faithful to work on your inner man by embracing inner healing and deliverance and submitting yourself to righteous and faithful guardians and trustees. You should have heard from the Lord what your areas of service are and have been preparing and these should have confirmation from the body of believers.
- As one who is the mentor or spiritual father or mother, your responsibility is to be sure that you are growing spiritually and becoming conformed to the character of Jesus, recognize the gifts and callings in the person, bring correction in LOVE, provide opportunities for the people you are mentoring to practice in the area of their gifting and to ensure that they are growing in character. Then, release them when they are ready.

Maturity Level – Friend of God (4)

- 4) Friend – this is a call to a special companionship with Him and greater authority. God shares His secrets with His friends.
- Joh 15:14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you.
- Joh 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.
- Joh 15:16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (WEB)

Maturity Level – Friend of God (4)

- 4) Friend – this is a **call to a special companionship** with Him and **greater authority**. God shares His secrets with His friends.
 - Exo 33:11 Yahweh spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. He turned again into the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, didn't depart from the Tent. (WEB)
 - Jas 2:20-23 But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that ***faith worked with his works, and by works faith was perfected;*** and the ***Scripture was fulfilled*** which says, **“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness;”** and he was **called the friend of God.**

Maturity Level – Friend of God (4)

- You see then that **by works, a man is justified**, and not only by faith. In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so **faith apart from works is dead**. Jas 2:24-26 (NIV)
- Yahweh said, **“Will I hide from Abraham what I do,** since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him.” Gen 18:17-19 (WEB)

Maturity Level – Friend of God (4)

Dangers – Pride and Love of the World

- GREAT CAUTION
- We must always remain a disciple – a student – open to learning
- Once we start serving, there is danger that we leave our relationship with God behind, we need to remain in relationship and fellowship with Him so that He can continue to guide and direct us.
- Instead of becoming God's friend, this is where some people can be lured away by satan and become his friend and agent.
 - Don't love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's.
 - The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever. (KJV) 1 John 2:15-17

Maturity Level – Friend of God (4) Dangers: Pride and Love of the World

- You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?
- Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously"? But he gives more grace.
- Therefore it says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
Jas 4:3-6 (WEB)

Jesus Wants to Bring us Where He is.

- The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them, even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. Joh 17:22-24 (WEB)
- . . . ‘I go away, and I come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I said ‘I am going to my Father;’ for the Father is greater than I. Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe. I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let’s go from here. Joh 14:28-31 (WEB)

**AS AN OBEDIENT ANOINTED SERVANT - YOU NOW ARE A THREAT TO SATAN SO
Recognize the Ways of Satan – how he tries to lure you to be his friend**

- **He uses your remaining immature character to wound your family and others AND also the same tactics he used with JESUS – DON'T BE FOOLED**

1. The first temptation - Mt 4:3-4

a. Satan's appeal to the **lust of the flesh**

1) Having fasted for forty days, Jesus was naturally hungry

2) Challenging Jesus' identity, Satan appeals to His fleshly hunger:

"command that these stones become bread"

2. The second temptation - Mt 4:5-7

a. Satan appeals to **the pride of life**

1) Again challenging Jesus' identity, Satan sets Jesus on the pinnacle of the temple, tells Him to "throw Yourself down"

2) While the passage Satan quoted is true, it would be an abuse of it to purposely test God

**AS AN OBEDIENT ANOINTED SERVANT - YOU NOW ARE A THREAT TO SATAN SO
Recognize the Ways of Satan – how he tries to lure you to be his friend**

3. The third temptation - Mt 4:8-10

a. Satan appeals to **the lust of the eyes**

**1) Taking Jesus to high mountain and showing Him the kingdoms
of the world**

2) Offering to give Jesus all the kingdoms if He will worship Satan

- **These temptations were taken from**

http://www.ccel.org/contrib/exec_outlines/matt/mt4_1.htm

What are some real life examples of this?

What temptations have you experienced along these lines?

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is **the high calling of God** that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:
- We are approaching the end of the sixth day, when the Church Age will close and the Millennial Kingdom will be established. We are living in the time of the Parousia (*the appearing*) of Jesus, when He will manifestly take His place as the Head of His Body. A continuous state of “*intervention*” in which “*divine control*” will be effective, is about to take place.
- At this present time, the Lord is preparing “*overcomers*” – those who desire to go beyond their present spiritual experience and are *responding* to His voice in obedience to His end-time purposes. These are aware that something different is taking place, as they are hearing a “*call*” to come into a higher level of relationship to the Lord.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is ***the high calling of God*** that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:
- “After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.” Revelation 4:1-2
- This is the time in which ***the Lord will “lift” into His end-time purposes, all those who (as overcomers), have entered a state of rest in His presence, and are willing and available to be used, beyond any level of faith or ability that they may possess.*** This requires a high level of personal integrity and commitment.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is the high calling of God that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:
- There are two aspects to this *end-time* intervention.
- The *first* is the calling out of a remnant (*overcomers*) in order to prepare them to be used in the closing out of the Church Age and the establishing of the Kingdom Age.
- During this time of preparation, there is a **special grace that will lift and empower** those who are being qualified for this purpose.
- These are seen as being seated with Jesus in His throne, in a **two-sided relationship – that of being a bride, and also, a son.**

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is the high calling of God that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:
- For us to be a part of this “bride” who is seated with her Bridegroom (*Jesus*) on His throne, requires of us a total submission to Him as being our head, in which our identity becomes so “one” with His, that we become the visible expression of His life.
- And regarding **sons**:
- “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God... For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.” Romans 8:14, 19

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is the high calling of God that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:
- In becoming a **mature “son,”** we enter into a **cooperative relationship with Jesus for the outworking of His purposes** in the closing out of the Gentile Age, and in the establishing of the Millennial Kingdom.
- These two positions – our being a bride and also a son, can be viewed as being **like a two-sided coin**. Each side is different, yet it is one coin. **As we submit to His Headship, we become His bride. As we respond to the Lord in obedience, we grow into spiritual maturity, as a son.**

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- As we **unconditionally commit all that we are**, along with all that we ever will be, to the Lord and **in obedience rise above all that is less than His best for us**, each of these relationships will begin to function – Being a son, the Lord will say to us, *“let us get up early to the vineyards”* (*The fruit of the vine [church] will begin to mature*). And being a bride, the Lord will say to us, *“there will I give you My loves (His approbation will rest upon our lives)*.
- This two-fold **“overcoming”** relationship is impossible of attainment, apart from the sovereign hand of the Lord being stretched out in our behalf to qualify us for these positions. Therefore, to **merely read these teachings and mentally grasp them, is not sufficient**. They must be **experientially** entered, step upon step.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- “For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.”
Ephesians 2:10 To experience this level of identification with Jesus, I must **unconditionally submit the totality of my being to Him** – all that I *am*, along with all that I *do*, and then specifically **give Him permission to deal with me, as He may desire.**
- The **second aspect** of this **end-time** divine intervention is the **“empowering”** of this remnant to be used as a **“witness”** of the manifest glory and power of the Lord, in order to bring judgment to the **Anti-Christ world system.** An **“Anti-Christ”** is anything or anyone, who exalts himself above the Word of God, or denies the anointing and power of God.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.” II Thessalonians 1:8-10

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- During the time of the closing out of the Church Age, **Jesus will appear to His servants (*Parousia*) in order to prepare them for His doing exploits through them** – altogether beyond that which they could believe for, or accomplish apart from intervention (*apostolic enabling*).
- The result of this will be the **elimination of all independent action through the “*lifting*” (*empowering*) of those who are fully submitted to Jesus, into a place of pliability in His hands.** It is God in the lead as an aspect of His *end-time* workings.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- **In resurrection, Jesus became the Heir of all things** and has set before those who are *overcomers* an opportunity to partake with Him (*as sons*) of these powers, now restored to their proper place.
 - “And he that overcomes, and keeps My works to the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron....” Revelation 2:26-27
- During the time that is referred to as being “*the day of the Lord,*” there will be a **time of great tribulation, which will bring the judgments of God.** Parallel to this is the time of His Parousia (*His appearing*), in which **those who are “overcomers”** will have a role to fulfill, as they will be the instruments that are used to execute, or carry out these judgments, rather than being the victims of it.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ –

Wayde Taylor gives these insights to us:

- In preparation for His return, **Jesus is beginning to personally appear to many, just as He did during the forty days before His ascension.** It is of vital importance that we grasp the idea that these “*interventions*” will bring into clear view the methods the Lord will use in the closing out of the Church Age and the establishing of the Millennial Kingdom.
- As a result of the **impartation received during these appearances, our faith will be lifted into a higher realm,** in which we will receive spiritual authority with the confirming “*signs*” of the apostolic – miracles and wonders happening beyond anything previously seen. It is of the utmost importance that we recognize and respond to these “*interventions*” of divine activity.

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – Far more than we can think or imagine is going to come upon us and the people of the earth. The Lord also spoke this to me.

- *. As the earth grows darker and darker, you will know Me more and more. My presence will be with you more and more. I am coming, I am coming My people, contrary to what the apologeticians believe, I am coming in My people first.*
- *I will manifest Myself to them just as I did after My resurrection for doesn't the scripture say that just as I ascended, I will again return to the earth and when I ascended from hell, the place of the dead, did I not tabernacle with My people before I ascended into heaven to be back with My Father?*
- *Is it not true that at that time the dead were raised and were seen by many in the streets of Jerusalem, how much more so will it be when I return again, will not the “dead” also be seen again? Oh, My people it is in the Scripture if you have eyes to see and ears to hear. Ask to have your veils removed. The veils of man's ways and man's traditions, the veils of man's interpretations, of man's thinking.*

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – Far more than we can think or imagine is going to come upon us and the people of the earth. The Lord also spoke this to me.

- *You are destined to die but once and the Resurrection comes after that. My Word declares however, that in the last days there will be those who do not die, but remain and those who have died in Me will rise up and join them. Our time to reign has come on the earth and these days are upon us. Walk upright in Me Follow your heart.*

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – Far more than we can think or imagine is going to come upon us and the people of the earth. The Lord also spoke this to me.

- **The Coming of the Lord**
- **1Th 4:13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 1Th 4:14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**
- **1Th 4:15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**
- **1Th 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.**
- **1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.**

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – Far more than we can think or imagine is going to come upon us and the people of the earth. The Lord also spoke this to me.

- Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- Rev 20:5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.
- **Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.**

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – Far more than we can think or imagine is going to come upon us and the people of the earth. The Lord also spoke this to me. Wade Taylor speaks of the Bride and the sons in relation to Jesus.

- However, I, Pauline, would also add that the Bride in relation to Jesus and **the sons are brothers to Jesus and in close relationship with the Father.**
- Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Rom 8:30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
- **The Father will have an adoption ceremony and redeem our bodies.**
- Rom 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, **the redemption of our bodies.**

Maturity Level – Sons of God/ Bride of Christ (5)

5) Sons of God/ Bride of Christ – this is the high calling of God that Paul wrote about, that even the great apostle did not consider he had yet attained to. (see Philippians 3:14).

- Everyone who is born again has been given the invitation and power to become sons of God. This is to walk in the highest place of relationship and authority with God on the earth. To rule and reign with Him.
- These levels are revealed in Scripture and become clearer as we begin to see and run the race for the high calling of God in Christ. We need to understand them so we can see where we are and what our next step is for maturing in Christ.

Maturity Level – Sons of God (5) How they Act .

- For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be. Those who are in the flesh can't please God. Rom 8:5-8 (WEB)
- But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his. If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Rom 8:5-8 (WEB)

Maturity Level – Sons of God (5) How they Act .

- Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die;
- but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Rom 8:12 -14 (NIV)
- For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Rom 8:15-16 (NIV)

Maturity Level – Sons of God (5) How they Act

- NOTE: The **MANIFEST sons of God** :
- Will **ALWAYS WALK BY THE SPIRIT BECAUSE SATAN WILL HAVE NOTHING IN THEM** –
 - THEY ARE DEALING WITH THE THINGS SATAN HAS IN THEM IN COOPERATION WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD NOW IN PREPARATION FOR WHAT IS TO COME
- THEY **WILL BE TRANSFORMED AND GIVEN IMMORTALITY IN A PERFECTED STATE**
 - AT A TIME DETERMINED BY THE FATHER, THEY WILL BE “ADOPTED AS SONS” OR PLACED AS SONS AND WILL RECEIVE NEW CREATION REDEEMED BODIES.
- THEY WILL BE **SANCTIFIED COMPLETELY** AND WILL HAVE ATTAINED SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY REDEMPTION AS PAUL PRAYED
 - Paul’s prayer will have been answered: May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your **whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**. He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it.
1Th 5:23 (WEB)

Maturity Level – Sons of God (5)

THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY– SUFFERING

- Let us really listen now:
- The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; ***if indeed we suffer with him***, that ***we may also be glorified*** with him.
- For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed toward us. Rom 8:18 (WEB)

Rom 8:16 & 17 (WEB)

WHAT ARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST?

- Many of our **sufferings are of our own making**:
 - We willfully sin and have not crucified the old nature in us
 - Some people have not been called by God to the place and position in which they are trying to function in the flesh
 - We fail to obey the guidelines in Scripture and therefore we are suffering as logical and predictable consequences of that.
- Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- For he who **sows to his own flesh** will **from the flesh reap corruption**. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Gal 6:7-8 (WEB)

SUFFERINGS OF OUR OWN MAKING:

- Many of our *sufferings are of our own making – or ignorance. We have been learning in our Inner Healing training about our sinful responses to life events*
- Foundational lies
- Responses to unmet needs
- Bitter root judgments and expectancies
- Inner vows, Unforgiveness
- Lack of honoring father and mother, Unmet needs
- Curses, generational sins
- Idol worship/ witchcraft
- For these things we need inner healing and repentance
- For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Gal 6:7-8 (WEB)

WHAT ARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST?

- However, the verse in Romans is talking about a different kind of suffering – ***suffering because of JESUS*** LIVING IN US AND DOING HIS WORK THROUGH US.

1. He was accused of casting out satan with satan.

– Mar 3:22-23

2. He did not bow to the will of man or religious leaders nor did He follow the LAW and TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH – BUT HE ONLY DID WHAT THE FATHER SHOWED HIM.

– This caused much criticism of His non-traditional ways and teachings. He was discredited by the Religious Leaders of the day and they were making plans to kill him.

- SEE Matt 12:1-8, Luke 6:6-11, John 5:16 -20, John 5:30

WHAT ARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST?

3. The world will hate you and persecute you – without reason.

- This is my command: Love each other.
- "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.
- If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own.
- As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

- Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. Joh 15: 17-20 (WEB)

- Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'⁷⁶

WHAT ARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST?

4. A prophet (person called by God) is not given honor in his own country (church, family) – most of them know you by the flesh and not by the Spirit of God. See Mar 6:2-6

5. His family tried to get him to stop doing ministry; they thought He was “out of His mind.” – HE REDEFINED FAMILY. See Mar 3:20-21, Mar 3:31-35

- **Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.** Mar 3:35 (WEB)

WHAT ARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST?

6. He asked His three closest friends to “stand” with Him in prayers and they said yes, but did not fulfill their word. See Luke 22:45-46

7. He was betrayed by one of his inner circle of friends. See Luk 22:48, Joh 6:71

8. Church leaders and others sought false testimony against Him and many tried to provide it. See Mat 26:59-60, Mark 14:55

9. He was arrested. Joh 18:12-13

10. He was mocked and beaten. See Luk 22:63-66

The sufferings of Apostle Paul

In Rom 8:18 we read, I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. This was written by the Apostle Paul.

- Stoned and left for dead
- Beaten with rods three times
- Whipped with 39 lashes five times

- Attacked by an angry mob
- Many death threats

Paul's response was,
"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..." 2 Timothy 3:12

The sufferings of Apostle Paul

- **And the hardships he endured?**
 - Shipwrecked three times and floated for 24 hours
 - Criticized by other Christians
 - Under arrest for two years without a trial
 - Bitten by a viper
- **And to these things, Paul said, “Endure hardships with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus,”**
 - 2 Timothy 2:3

So what is this sharing in the sufferings of Christ leading to?

- The **creation waits in eager expectation** for the sons of God to be revealed.
- For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
- that the **creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.** Rom 8:19-21 (NIV)
- We know that the **whole creation has been groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
- Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, groan inwardly **as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.** Rom 8:22-23 (NIV)

Spirit, Soul, Body Redemption - The Sons will Manifest this

- MAN'IFEST, a. [L. manifestus.] from Webster

1. Plain, open, clearly visible to the eye or obvious to the understanding; apparent; not obscure or difficult to be seen or understood. From the testimony, the truth we conceive to be manifest. (see also Isaiah 60)

- **Spirit** - When you receive Christ, your spirit is made alive through salvation **(justified)**;
- **Soul** - then starts the journey of renewing your mind; taking your thoughts captive and making them obedient to Christ, being transformed from glory encounter with God to glory encounter as you seek inner healing and deliverance (which leads to purification of your soul [mind, will, emotions] **(sanctified – reaching perfection)**);
- **Body** - then when the time that is set and is determined by the Father – those who are ready will be adopted as sons and transfigured – receive a new body. **(glorified)**.

If the seed of Christ is planted in you – what does it produce?

- For those God **foreknew** he also **predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, **he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.** Romans 8:29-30 (NIV)
- Think for a moment about the word **predestined** [to destine in advance; foreordain; predetermine].
- **CONSIDER:** If the life of Jesus is the imperishable seed [not subject to decay; indestructible; enduring] in you and it is activated – what will grow out of it when it is given the right environment (faith, hope and love)?

The Imperishable Seed of the Life of Christ – the Morning Star -is Growing in You

- Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 1Pe 1:22-23
- Well, consider this, if you plant a mango seed what does it become if given the right environment?
 - It becomes a mango tree – why not an orange tree?
 - because it was predestined to become a mango tree. In the same way you are predestined to grow up into Christ – to be like him, to do the things He did and even greater things.

The Imperishable Seed of the Life of Christ – the Morning Star -is Growing in You

- Behold, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must become imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1Co 15:51-53 (WEB)
- Peter said: For we didn't follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts: 2 Peter 1:16-19 (WEB)

The Imperishable Seed of the Life of Christ – the Morning Star -is Growing in You

- **I, *Jesus***, have sent my angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David; **the Bright and Morning Star**.” Rev 22:16 (WEB)
- He who overcomes, and **he who keeps my works to the end**, to him I will give **authority over the nations**. He will rule them with a rod of iron, shattering them like clay pots; as I also have received of my Father: and **I will give him the morning star**. Rev 2:26-28 (WEB)
- REMEMBER – no matter what the hardship or persecution you face – **HE NEVER LEAVES YOU** and NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM HIM AND HIS LOVE.

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

- **The earth is entering dark days. There are many false teachers, pastors, prophets, apostles, evangelists, doctrines and churches.**
- **The Lord is raising up a new generation of nameless and faceless people who will be living sacrifices and give all the glory to JESUS. Sons that will manifest and qualify to rule and reign with Him.**
- **Every true church that the Lord is building will have Jesus as the Head. His headship will be exercised through those who He has called and anointed for that purpose.**

The Imperishable Seed of the Life of Christ – the Morning Star -is Growing in You

- **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Rom 8:28 (NIV)**
- **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,**
- **neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:37-39 (NIV)**

Both the Bride and the Sons must be made ready – the sons have gone through much tribulation successfully and are ready before most of the bride.

- After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation, power, and glory belong to our God: for true and righteous are his judgments. For he has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.” .

• • • Rev 19 1-2 (WEB)

- I heard something like the voice of a great multitude, and like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of mighty thunders, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!
- Let’s rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let’s give the glory to him. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, **and his wife has made herself ready.** **It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** Rev 19:6 -8

(WEB)

Maturity Level – Church births the Sons of God (5) through Travail (Rejection and Persecution) as She is not ready as the Bride and Does Not Understand

- A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman (the church – the Bride that is not yet ready) clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- She was with child (sons of God ready to be pushed out). She cried out in pain, laboring to give birth. Another sign was seen in heaven. Behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns. REV 12:1-3 (WEB)
 - Then I stood on the sand of the sea. I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names. Rev13:1 (WEB)
 - The angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. I saw a woman [bride of satan – mystery Babylon] sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. Rev17:3 (WEB)

Maturity Level – Church births the Sons of God (5) through Travail (Rejection and Persecution) as She is not ready as the Bride and Does Not Understand

- His tail drew one third of the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth.
- The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. She gave birth to a son, a male child [the corporate sons of God], who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.
- Her child was caught up to God, and to his throne [Mt. Zion] likely this is for the adoption ceremony – to be “placed as sons” – which I believe is to get the new creation (redeemed) body]
 - Not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, the redemption of our body. Rom 8:23 (WEB)

Maturity Level – Church births the Sons of God (5) through Travail (Rejection and Persecution) as She is not ready as the Bride and Does Not Understand

- The woman [church that refuses the mark of the beast] fled into the wilderness [hiding for her safety], where she has a place prepared by God, that there they [those who have been adopted “placed as sons” and now have a redeemed body will come back to help the true church/bride get ready, protect her, and they] may nourish her one thousand two hundred sixty days. Rev 12:1-6 (WEB)
 - Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Act 14:22 (KJV)
 - I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” Rev 11:3 (WEB)

If you agree to set yourself apart and exchange your life for His, He will raise you up as a son! The promise is to all!

- ***I am your Father and I am raising you up. Yes, Pauline, you are one of the many sons – and I have personally told you that you are one of the sons. Yes, there are many more, and the promise is to all, but I must tell them they are sons and speak over them like I have spoken over you and your brother Jesus. This is why you are asked to teach people to hear my voice that I may raise them up in this way and call them My sons.***
- ***For the sons of God are being established in the earth at this time – for yes, this is My time and this is the parousia [process of My coming] that Francis Frangipane was speaking of – that I revealed to him. I have also revealed to you that there will be, My glory, My transfigured glory that I received while I was yet on the earth – this will be on you for the sons will be transfigured just as I was transfigured.***

If you agree to set yourself apart and exchange your life for His, He will raise you up as a son! The promise is to all!

- ***And these are those who were known by Me before the foundation of the world – from that ancient civilization when we lived together in unity and harmony with the Ancient of Days.***
- ***I will bring these things to remembrance for they have been preserved – frozen if you will – so that you will come into the remembrance of these things of old. For you are from of old.***
- ***Were you there when they nailed me to the tree? Were you there when they nailed me to the tree? Were you there when they nailed me to the tree? Yes, you were there when they nailed me to the tree, before the foundation of the world, I was slain. And you were there when they nailed me to the tree.***

If you agree to set yourself apart and exchange your life for His, He will raise you up as a son! The promise is to all!

- ***For our time has come to shine – you to be reawakened to the glory you once held in Me – for you are of the glorious ones – the shining ones. And your glory shall be returned to you in these last days of this age and you shall carry it forth into the ages to come for you are bone of My bone and flesh of My flesh and you will no longer be hidden in your mortal bodies, but you will take on immortality – the immortality that you have always had – that is hidden within you only to be revealed in these days.***
- **Proverbs 4: 18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.**
- **1 Corinthians 15:22-24 (NIV) ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.**

Arise and Shine – Sons of God

- **“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and Yahweh’s glory has risen on you. For, behold, darkness will cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but Yahweh will arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you.**
- **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather themselves together. They come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters will be carried in arms.**
- **Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you.** Isa 60:1-5 (WEB)