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### THE ARK OF THE COVENANT ENTERING A NEW DIMENSION

At the end of our walk through the tabernacle, we enter the little room behind the embroidered curtain. We find all things new. The light is totally different. It is not the light of the natural sun and it is no longer the light of the candlestick. It is an inner glow called the Shikanah Glory of God.

The dimensions of the Holy of Holies are very significant. The room is a 10x10x10 cube which denotes perfection. The Holy Place is 10x20 which speaks of the 2,000 years between the coming of Jesus and His appearing in the saints while the Holy of Holies speaks of the thousand years of ruling and reigning with Christ.

Although the room is small in size, the Ark of the Covenant royally dominates it. The Ark itself is made of acacia wood overlaid inside and out with gold, but the heavy lid or seat that rests on top of the Ark is a solid slab of pure gold. *"You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.* (Ex.25: 17-20)

## The Tabernacle

### *Our journey to true worship*

In our study we are ready to enter to the Holy of Holies where we find the Ark of the Covenant. We know that we cannot enter this place just by walking into it. It is as we have become one with the Christ within that we are able to lay our "acceptable" sacrifice on the Altar of Incense and it is this Altar that carries us into the Holy of Holies.

Among those who have walked this walk, we hear a lot about being joined to the Christ in one another. How to do this? Beloved, this is not a work of the flesh. In his epistle to the Church at Ephesus Paul lays it all out for us. He beseeches the saints to *"...walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* (Eph.4:1-2)

Paul informs us that God has given special anointing to certain ones so that the Church would be edified and taught until all are brought to *"...the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."* (Vs.12b)

Indeed, the Lord has planted some among us who are anointed to bring us the word that will stir the spirit of revelation within us and enable us to see the truth and Jesus as He really is. These ministries may or may not stand behind a pulpit. They may be as Jesus was, without the backing of any organized group. It is not the man that we need to follow, it is

the Word that God sends to us by the vessel of His choosing. If we hunger for truth, He will provide the means for us. If we ask for bread, He will not give us a stone. Through the Word that He speaks to us, He renews our minds and our ways of thinking. We must not use censorship in any way; we can fully rely on the witness of the written Word as well as the witness of His Spirit within to accept or reject a word.

Paul wrote, *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* (Rom.12: 2) We desire our prayers to be according to God's will so our will must be the same as His. In order for our sacrifice to be acceptable, our mind must be transformed so that our thoughts may be as His thoughts. When our minds are transformed we have no problem proving what God's will is for us.

The sacrifice that we are called to lay down on the Golden Altar is not our old Adam man; it is the new man that we are in Christ. When we lay down with the Lamb of God on the first Altar, the sacrifice is consumed but our new nature must still pass through the fire and come out as pure refined gold. Refined gold passed through the fire is much more beautiful than plain raw gold; it is the nature of God and the nature that takes us to the higher dimension in the Holy of Holies.

It is God's will that we be conformed to the nature of His Son. The Golden Altar is not to offer our good works; it is where we offer the Christ that He has so faithfully formed in us. The Christ in Jesus entered this higher dimension when He went to the Father. It was in this dimension that He showed Himself for forty days to His disciples. When we step into the Holy of Holies we will be where He is and as He is in this dimension.

It was from Mount Sinai that God appeared to Moses and Aaron as well as to Nadab, Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel. *“They saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.”* (Ex.24: 9-10) They

each saw God, but it was to Moses that He said, *“Come up to Me on the mountain...”* It was awesome. The glory cloud of God covered the mountain for six days, and the sight was like a consuming fire in the eyes of the children of Israel. It was on the seventh day that Moses heard the Lord's voice calling from the midst of the cloud, *“So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.”* (Ex.24: 18)

It was during that time that God gave Moses the pattern for the entire Tabernacle and its furnishing, and He admonished him with these words, *“See that you build it according to the pattern given to you in the Mount.”* (Ex.25:9) This was vital because the pattern of these things were the types and shadows of the true tabernacle not made with hands, which is the Body of Christ. It is only as the Spirit reveals to our understanding the truths that are hid within every detail of the actual building that we find our place in the eternal building and that we are quickened by the Spirit. Thus the Christ is formed in us.

*“And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, **whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.**”* (Heb.3: 5-6)

The house of Moses was the Law which included all the sacrifices and feasts of the tabernacle. But the house which we are is the Christ that is being raised from the midst of us. *“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways, so I swore in my wrath, ‘they shall not enter My rest.’”* (Heb.3: 7-11)

God's wrath was directed at them because for forty years (time of testing), He showed them His ways by providing all their needs and caring for

them like a husband for his wife. For forty years they proved that He was good and yet their hearts turned from Him; they never understood Him. This is why today, the Holy Spirit is at work within each of us, showing us God's ways in all the things that are happening in our lives. I know personally that it would be a shame, if after the Lord revealed Himself to me as He did so many times in my life, I turned away from Him. The Scripture we quoted above says, *"Today, if you will hear His voice."* Our relationship with God is not to continually tell Him our troubles, it is to hear what He has to say! Anything short of that leads to rebellion.

Hearing His voice is the way we learn to know His ways, and it is the way we enter His rest. His rest is the finished product. God rested when He finished His creation. We enter that rest when we come into BEING the finished product. He created us in His image and it is when we come into His image that we enter His rest.

### **A MERCY SEAT OF SOLID GOLD AND BOWING CHERUBIM**

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."* (I Chron.16: 34) When they brought the Ark of God and set it in the tabernacle that David had erected, they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. Then David *"...appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank and to praise the Lord God of Israel."* (I Chron.16: 4) It was *"On that day that David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord."* (Vs.7)

We may be more accustomed to read this verse in Psalms 105, but God gave it to David when the Ark was brought to the place that he had erected for it in Jerusalem. David dearly loved the Ark and his greatest desire was to build a temple at Jerusalem for it. However, we know that this was appointed to Solomon, his son.

David's heart was after God but he did not respect his own body as the temple of God and his flesh caused him to commit great sins before God. But

David's heart never denied the Lord. His faith in God did not waver and his desire to see God's Ark in Jerusalem never ebbed. So David met up with God's goodness and mercy and he wrote from his heart, *"God is good and His mercy endures forever."*

It is Because of His mercy that God sent His Son to fulfill the law and to write it upon our minds and hearts so that we would have a heart as David and we would be a people whose faith would not waver and whose desire to see His purposes fulfill would never ebb. We are called to be a people who love God's law and think according to His ways.

Within God's Ark we find the tables of the law. We also find the golden pot of manna which is the daily word of God contained within His nature. Gold cannot be tarnished or destroyed so the Word that comes from the golden pot never touches the earthly or carnal. Because it is not handled by man it can no longer be warped or polluted. It is a pure unadulterated word.

Inside the Ark is found the rod of Aaron that budded, blossomed and bore almonds overnight. Indeed, in the Ark is found the power that overcomes and overrules death forever; the power of resurrection. This is the nature that raised Jesus from the dead, and it is the nature that we enter into, in Him. Above all and of extreme importance is the thick slab or Head of gold that is the throne of God.

This lid is not as the head of gold that was on the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw. As powerful and rich as that kingdom was at the time, it crumbled. This lid is the pure gold of God's mercy that endures forever. His kingdom is without end.

This lid also represents the mind that was in our Lord Jesus, and it is the mind that is ours in Christ. It is the mind that had mercy on the woman who was being stoned for her adultery, but at the same time rebuked the religious order who was merchandising in Father's House. The cherubim bow down to God's mercy. They once stood at the door of our souls guarding the way to the tree of life with a flaming sword, but when we enter through the Son,

we find that even they have to let go the sword and bow down to His mercy.

When Jesus was on the cross, He received the full penalty of the law for sin. There seemed to be no mercy for the Son of God on the cross for there is no mercy in the law. But the Father knew that within His Son was the power of resurrection and it was God's mercy for us to let Him go through the death of the cross, knowing that the power of holiness within Him would bring Him up to a higher realm of life. The death of the cross is the power that triumphs over death itself.

The cross is God's mercy for all who follow the Son. The Son of God did much more than atone for our sins; He atoned for our sins and opened the way to everlasting life. We can accept the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and be forgiven of our sins, but it is when we are filled with the Spirit of holiness and follow Him through the death of the old man that we come out on the other side of life.

Oh! How merciful is our God! He has made the way for us to enter His Ark and become as He is in this world. As we move more and more into the divine nature, we will find that we are led by the Head who is as a thick slab of mercy. This is the description of the new creation man in Christ even the one who will do the greater works that Jesus told us about. This new creation man was once in the image of the first Adam but as he goes through the death of the cross he comes forth in resurrection life. Above all, this new creation man has a mind and heart filled with God's mercy.

The cherubim on top of the Ark are no longer commissioned to keep this new man from the tree of life, instead, they are with him to accomplish the will of the Father. The Ark of God represents the Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of His body. When John described the glory of the New Jerusalem, he writes, *"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it and the Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth*

*bring their glory and honor into it..."* (Rev.21: 22-24)

*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb...And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no more night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."* (Rev.22: 1,3-5)

John's vision is not describing a far off heaven where good people go when they leave this earth, it is describing the New Jerusalem or the seat of God's kingdom in earth. The Old Jerusalem was where the literal ark of God was located, but when Jesus was here, He became God's Ark in the earth. He was the Word made flesh, and now there is a New Jerusalem. This is the city that comes from God. It is a people who not only preserve the Word of God in the flesh; they are God's Word in the earth.

No wonder the prince of this world is going all out to stop their mouths, but this people cannot be found. They are not a geographical city and they do not bear any man-given name. They are in the world but not of it. They are a people in the image and likeness of God but are not yet revealed.

Father, hasten the day when there will be no more darkness nor curse in this world. May we soon see only by your light and have the full knowledge of your ways. May your Christ rule and reign forever and ever. Amen.

### **BLASTED AND CHISELED ALONE IN THE QUARRY**

In types and shadows, the tabernacle of Moses was designed to be their place of meeting with God through the wilderness journey. However, the time came when they needed to look to a more permanent building and God prepared the way for the temple to be built. The individual tent represents the place we meet with God by the Spirit within our own hearts, but the temple is the place where we be-

long eternally as a functional part of His Body.

It is true that when saints meet together in His name, the presence of the Lord gloriously fills the place. However make no mistake, this is not how the Body of Christ is assembled. The temple or the Body that is being raised today is being prepared stone by stone in the quarry. A quarry is a large pit in the earth from which the stone is taken. It is a place where solid blocks or broken masses of stone are blasted out of the earth and prepared for construction projects. There are several methods used for doing this but after being blasted from the earth, each stone is chiseled and shaped by the tools of skilled workmen so as not to crush the stone to powder.

Each temple stone was so prepared as to fit perfectly in their place in the building. *“And the temple when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.”* (I Kings 6:7)

So the Body of Christ is assembled by the Holy Spirit. It embodies saints from all centuries and from both sides of the veil who have been chiseled, hand-hewn and prepared in the quarry to fit perfectly in their place. Each one having a portion of the Word that fits right into the whole. Each one having the same vision and the same love for God's purposes. Each one knowing the other by the Spirit and loving each other as only God loves.

Recently I was talking to a brother in the Lord concerning the revelations that we receive from the Lord and the need for confirmation. He mentioned confirming the word among the brethren and that is fine, but I also mentioned that if we want to confirm any word, we can always find someone who will do it.

I also know by experience that there comes a time when we must stand alone on what God has shown us; it is part of our testing. God always confirms His word, but not often where we look for it. One sure way is through the written word. We know that a revelation never disagrees with the written word. It is also sure that a revelation will never be against the laws of nature. As the word declares that “God's

*invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...”* (From Rom.1:20)

Indeed God makes His revelations real to our hearts, yet we often seem to be alone with them. I remember a vivid dream that I once had where, *“I was standing alone by the edge of the ocean. To my back was a high and craggy rocky wall. Suddenly the tide began to come in fast and furious. I was trapped in this cove and the only way out was to climb up the craggy rocky wall. I mustered all the strength that I could find in me and began the climb. I skillfully placed each foot where I could have a hold, remembering some of the mountain climbing I did as a child.*

*Finally I was at the top and just took hold of the edge and painstakingly pulled myself up to the surface. Then I looked below and saw that others were in the same place that I had been. I wanted so much to throw a rope or something to help but I could not. I knew that each would have to do it the same way that I did.”* End of dream.

This dream came to pass many times in my life. We can encourage each other but a chain is only as strong as its weakest link and there are no weak links in the final work of God. Each has to pass the test individually and find the strength of the Christ of our youth to pull us up away from the ocean's perils. The ocean or sea represents all the forces of humanity in Adam.

## THE ARK IN THE TEMPLE

It was in David's heart to build a house for the Lord but because he was a man of war, God did not grant him that privilege. It was his son Solomon who built the first magnificent temple but it was to David that God gave the design and it was David who prepared all the materials necessary for the building.

*“Then King David rose to his feet and said, 'Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.”* (I Chron.28: 2)

What a heartbreak this must have been for David, but then God told him, *"...It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be His Father."* (Vs.6) ***"Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around..."*** (Vs.11-12a)

*"Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the city of David, which is Zion...Then all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought the ark of the Lord, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude."* (I Kings 8: 1-5) Thus, the Ark of the covenant and all the furnishings of the first tabernacle were carefully brought into the temple at Jerusalem.

As it was with the tent in the wilderness, the Temple that Solomon built became the habitation of God's glorious presence. It was now in the Temple that God communicated with His people and where He accepted their sacrifices. Yet as magnificent as Solomon's temple was, God permitted Israel's enemies to strip it of its treasures. King Ahaz not only sent the treasures as a bribe to the King of Assyria, but he also desecrated the Temple by building an altar patterned after one in Damascus, and replacing the Altar of Burnt Offering with it.

Finally the doors of the Temple were closed. *"So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut the doors of the house of the Lord, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger*

*the Lord God of his fathers."* (II Chron. 28: 24-25)

Later, Hezekiah (Ahaz' son) did his best to undo the evil that his father had done, but after Hezekiah died the Temple suffered another long period of desecration and disrepair, until Josiah who was only eight years old when he became king, did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in the ways of his father David. Josiah broke down the altars of Baal and cut down all the wooden images. He cleansed Judah and Jerusalem of their altars to false gods and purged the land and the Temple of God.

Josiah restored true worship and kept the Passover, offering lambs for sacrifices and encouraging the priests who were keeping the Ark of God to set it back in the Temple and do the prescribed service in the house of the Lord. This was during the time of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer.1:1-3), the Temple remained in use by the priesthood, although many of the priests were corrupt. In 607BC the Babylonians came into Jerusalem and destroyed the city and the Temple.

Later, God raised Cyrus, King of Persia, and put it in his heart to rebuild the walls and the Temple at Jerusalem. God also stirred some of His own people to arise and go do the rebuilding. So under Zerubbabel, the walls and the Temple were rebuilt, however the Ark of God was not in that Temple and many of the original pieces were missing. This Temple was also destroyed and later it was Herod who built the new Temple in Jerusalem.

The Bible does not describe Herod's Temple in any details, but the historian Josephus says that Herod rebuilt it in the fifteenth year of his reign. When certain Jews approached Jesus they said that *"...it has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"* (Jn.2: 20)

This is the history of the Temple in a nutshell but these impressive buildings serve only as types and shadows of the true Temple that God is building without hands. When Jesus came here on earth, He became the true Temple of God. He was the only dwelling place of the Father here on earth. From that time on there were no more and will never be any acceptable temple to God built by man's hands

in the earth. Those who believe that the Jews must rebuild their temple in Jerusalem are deceived into thinking that God's first covenant is still in force. The first covenant is obsolete. The new covenant in Christ will stand forever. All the sacrifices that were required in the literal temples have been replaced forever by the one sacrifice of God's Lamb on the cross. Adding to this is an abomination.

## THE ARK IN JOSEPH

Knowing that an Ark is made to preserve whatever is kept in it, we can agree that Jesus and the Body of Christ are the Ark of God to preserve God's pure Word in the world. The Lord took me back to the story of Joseph who was also called to preserve life.

Joseph was the "dreamer" among his brethren and for that reason they hated him. They did not hate him just because he dreamed, but because when he told them his dreams they did not like what they heard. Indeed God was revealing His plan to Joseph, so they were jealous and they were offended too.

The story of Joseph is well known, but it is even better understood by those who have experienced the word of the Lord in dreams and the reaction of the brethren when the dreams revealed that God's plans did not agree with their agenda. Yet Joseph always made the best of his situations for God was with him. A more detailed study of this may be in the works but for now let us see the full picture and know that the end result is contained in these words from Joseph to his brothers, "*But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for **God sent me before you to preserve life.***"(Gen.45: 5)

Joseph was sent by God to Egypt, to preserve life in a time of great famine; he was an ark. It was more than corn that preserved life; it was the word that Joseph received in dreams. This literally happened, but today this story teaches us in types and shadows. Indeed, those who are in Christ, on both sides of the veil, are as Joseph of old. God has revealed His plan to them and they know that they are

called to preserve life upon the earth. Jesus prophesied that the day would come when there would be so much deception in this world that even the elect would be deceived if it were possible. "*For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*" (Matt.24: 24)

He also said that at the end of the age things would be so bad that "*Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*" (Vs.22)

God's elect are a company who, as Jesus and as Joseph have been tested in a furnace of earth. They have learned to take hold of the Christ within and overcome the many obstacles that have come up in their lives. They were chosen from the foundation of the world because God knew that they would do just that.

Because of their close walk with the Lord, they clearly hear His voice and are fully protected from the strong delusion that is in the world and the worldly church. They are the Joseph company who are called to preserve life on the earth. As Joseph, they are likely to hear a lot through dreams for as Job said this is the way that God OPENS THE EARS OF MEN AND SEALS THEIR INSTRUCTION.

Beloved, if you hear from God in dreams, do not let anyone discourage you or deride you. This is a precious gift and it is often the way God reveals many hidden treasures to us. Seek God for a correct interpretation that will witness to your spirit and watch the word come to pass in your life.

## THE BIRTHRIGHT

"*Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel- he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's-*"(I Chron.5: 1-2) The ruler out of Judah is Jesus Christ come in the flesh. But Joseph represents the Son of God in His resurrected life and entire body.

In Jewish traditions, after the death of the father, the firstborn son becomes the head of the family having full responsibility and authority over the household. The firstborn also received twice as much of the wealth of the estate as the other brothers. Jesus Christ the Son receives the birthright and is "...appointed heir of all things." (Heb.1:2b) "*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*" (Gal.1: 15)

Speaking about the sons of God, Paul writes, "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*" (Rom.8: 14) Paul goes on by saying that it is the Spirit that we receive that makes us cry "*Abba Father.*" And it is "*The Spirit Himself who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and as children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we also be glorified together.*" (Vs.16-17)

But first there are conditions. One must receive the Spirit of the Son and yield to Him in order to know God as Father. Then one has to suffer with Christ to be glorified with Him. This is the prerequisite. Just as Joseph had many brethren and he saved them all, so there are many in God's kingdom that will be saved by the Joseph company but only few who are in the company,

Our inheritance is to be in His image and rule and reign with Him. This does not exclude others and it does not make them lesser than others, but the birthright belongs to certain ones who are found in the firstborn Son. When we receive the word by the Spirit we grow into Him and become sons. As sons we receive our inheritance. We have not yet been made manifest but as the Body of Christ, we are the Ark of God in this world.

### SEPARATED UNTO HIM

By experience we know that God takes us individually and works with us in the quarry. We know that our walk has been one of separation unto Him. Some have had the blessing of staying together for years as a group, but that is not always the case. It is certain that even within a group there

are those who are called to a very private walk with Him.

Many among us have never met in person yet we are very close to each other. We are joined together by the Spirit.

As I ponder this, I realize that we are now coming to another cross in the road and that some will go their way and build on what they have acquired in the Word, while others will go on to an even newer dimension. I also realize that what the Lord uses to join us together is not our doctrines; some of us are NOT fully agreed on doctrines. Although the Spirit is the glue, it is our vision and goal that keeps us united. We are one in Him because we have been chosen for the same purpose from the foundation of the world.

If our vision is to save as many souls as possible we will work to evangelize the world. If our vision is community, we will always strive to bring this into being. But if our vision is to overcome death and see the kingdom of God come to earth as it is in heaven, we will accept the above, but our goal is not the same and we will not work shoulder to shoulder with them.

This is how we get separated in our walk. We love one another, but we cannot deny the One who moves us by His Spirit and keeps the vision alive before us. Paul said that "*When it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb (Judaism) and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me...*" (Gal.1:15-16a) God separates us from church to church for the purpose of revealing His Son to us and in us.

A good brother who went to be with the Lord once said, "*Of necessity the lower exclude the higher; but of necessity, the higher includes them all.*"

Let us remain faithful to the vision that God gave us from the beginning. May His will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

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