

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE CONCERNING DEATH

Part 58.

The Appearing Of Christ?

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In the circle of today's religion the usual understanding of this verse is that Christ is coming back through the literal clouds exactly the same literal way that we read He disappeared but unfortunately there is a hiccup to this for in Acts 1:11 we are informed that He is returning in **like manner** Gk *tropos* & not in **like form**. The clouds really **represent** the **host of heaven** which is supported by Heb 12:1 & Mk 14:62. In Rev 1:7 We notice that He is *"coming **with** the clouds"* or the **host of heaven** which represent people or saints.

The problem is that the majority have completely missed the mark because of literalism & forgetting that Jesus was always using parables, are we not also informed that the truth never lies on the surface but it needs brought up from under the surface which is brought about by a spiritual desire. I would like to bring to your attention that if Christ is **in us** then He would most certainly be **with** us. Here is what Daniel has to add to our thought today & I would more than suggest to us all that this next verse is referring to the **host of heaven** & not literal clouds.

*"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, there came **with the clouds** of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the Ancient of days, and he was brought near before Him." Dan 7:13. Jewish Publication Society.*

These are the exact same clouds that Heb 12:1 is referring to *"Therefore then since we are surrounded by **so great a cloud of witnesses who have borne testimony to the truth**."* I would declare to us all without any equivocation whatsoever, that these are referring to the very clouds even the **HOST OF HEAVEN** that are returning in Acts 1:11. Keeping the thought that it is in **like manner** & not in **like form** that Jesus Christ is once again returning, for He is,

*"**coming to be glorified IN His saints**, and to be marvelled at **IN** all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day. 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus may be **glorified IN you**, and **ye in him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2Th 1:10 & 12. American Standard.*

*"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came **with the clouds** of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and **they brought him near before him**." Dan 7:13. KJV.*

How wonderful that one like the Son of man appeared **with** the clouds before the Ancient of days & **they brought Him near before Him**. I ask the question, how could the clouds if they were literal, bring this Son of man before the Ancient of days? Answer; Impossible! Actually Christ who was **IN** these clouds who were the **host of heaven** are in actual fact the same group of people that is mentioned in Heb 12:1, the great cloud of witnesses who have been waiting; *"Because God had us in mind and had something **better and greater** in view for us, so that they [these **heroes & heroines of faith**] should **not come to perfection apart from us** before we could join them."* Heb 11:40. Amp. These are also the the

same group as the following.

*"Whenever Christ, our Life, **should be manifested**, then you also shall be manifested together with Him in glory."* Col 3:4. Concordant.

One of the many thoughts that we wish to convey is that Christ is even now appearing in a people even in His saints & it will escalate until it reaches it's finality when Christ will enlarge Himself **IN** His people to such a degree & be **manifested** to such a degree, that in this manifestation we will be changed from the mortal to immortality. In third realm language the true reality of our being is Christ; & the truth is that He can be both **in us & with us** at the same time.

The Life That Is First To Be Manifested!

Whenever the subject of the life of Christ is mentioned many of us would immediately identify this with His miracles signs & wonders, whilst it may be a fact that this life had to do with His miracle ministry there is something of late that has almost forcefully been brought to my attention & that is to have been able to manifest the great genuine power of miracles & healing Jesus Christ had a special **LIFE** within Himself that he is now cultivating within us which is far more important than we maybe realise to our development as the sons of God that are to be manifested & revealed to the world.

*"When **Christ** who is your **LIFE** appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."* Col 3:4. English Standard.

There is a **life** that must appear in all of us before any of the genuine miracles of God will appear. Many miracles that we hear of today are no more than the counterfeit of a Jannes or Jambres type, sure they may appear to be impressive but what genuine heart wants something which is from an insincere heart & is not the real deal. I wish to say that none of us will ever appear with Him in glory without His true life. What was this life? Whenever we refer to Christ we are referring to one who had a particular nature & what was that nature that exuded from Him. The apostle Paul made reference to it in the following,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." Gal 5:22. ASV.

The life that God is wanting first to **appear** in our lives is the true Christ life which is the genuine love that exudes from the very presence of the Spirit of God Himself. The flesh man is all about power, talk to many who name the name of Christ & it is all about who is the greatest, who can cause the most to fall over, who can perform the greatest miracles & has the greatest healing ministry, many are taken in by this & will follow the big names, they will follow one for awhile & then they tire of that particular name & then move on to another. God is doing something far greater to & with a company of people & that is changing them **within** so that they are exuding the true fruit of the Spirit of the true Christ life.

*"When Christ, **Who is our life**, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendour of His] glory."* Col 3:4. Amplified.

WHEN Christ who is our life **APPEARS** - *is discernible in us* - then you/we will also appear **WITH HIM** in His Glory.

The opinion of many is if Jesus Christ would come back in physical form & if only I could only touch Him & talk to Him I would be a changed person, this is a fallacy, our great Apostle Paul left us definite information on this very thing *"For we know Him **no more after the flesh**, but after the Spirit."* '**Christ in you**' is not at all referring to His physical body. The way that Christ is returning **within us** is referring to the the enlargement of **His Spirit** that is within. He is manifesting Himself to the world right now in a people & when that full manifestation takes place & is revealed He will have **returned IN His saints**.

The only faith that is truly significant is that which works by & through love. Gal 5:6.

His Divine Nature!

*"through which he has given to us the **greatest and precious promises**, that **through these** ye may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2Pe 1:4. Darby.*

I am of the very strong persuasion that the crux or the essential part of the divine nature of Jesus Christ is the divine love of our wonderful Father & as we escape the fleshly way, or the corruptive worldly way of religious thinking & begin thinking sharing & demonstrating the precious promises, one of which is that we **ALL** can become partakers of this wonderful divine nature it will happen. Now the other side of the coin is the truth in knowing who we are & what has **already** been purchased for us even at this very moment. As we have already been informed, the truth is that we in one sense are **already** partakers of all that Christ is I repeat **"all things are yours"** this goes for our health & healing,

*"who forgives **ALL** your **iniquities**; who heals **ALL** your **diseases**; 4 who redeems your life from ruin; who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies; 5 who satisfies your mouth with good; **your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**" Psa 103:3-5. MKJV.*

Not too many of us would have a problem with the first sentence, that **all** of our sins are forgiven, but the second may be a little harder for some of us & that is the healing of **all** of our diseases right now. If the iniquities or the sin question applies right now who am I to separate the second which is **all** of our diseases for the now, as the two statements are part of the conjunctive third verse. I feel that because of the abuse of many in religious circles we have over reacted in our minds & spirits & have blotted out & put the healing of our bodies to a future time when we are actually a possessor of **all things** right now. In the past I personally feel that I have robbed myself of something that was rightfully mine with & by the excuses of blab it & grab it, confess it & possess it etc. Since I have had an increased understanding of this, the wonderful confirmation from my heavenly Father has been simply amazing. God is bringing us to the place where we are to possess all things by the one & only way that God has ordained & that is **BY FAITH** which is simply by believing Gods **WORD**. That which He has spoken into our hearts. It will not come any other way. I would also add that what we confess is also very important, in Proverbs we are given some very poignant advice.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit of it."
Pro 18:21. MKJV.

All of this is in the divine nature that is actually our inheritance both in the holy place & most especially in the **MOST HOLY PLACE**. We must not forget the end of the above fifth verse, **"your youth is renewed like the eagles."** Which is a small delightful message in itself which we will maybe look at in the future!

As we move on in the thought of the wonderful **divine nature** of our Lord Jesus **becoming** ours, we are encouraged by the fact that in our true identity in the most holy place experience it is already a done thing.

Raised To New Life!

*"Since then **you have been raised** with Christ, **aim at what is above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God;**" Col 3:1. Moffatt.*

Please notice that Paul tells us that we have **already been raised** with Christ, now if Paul was teaching this then he also would be seeing much of what we are teaching today. If we are already there why would we have to aim at it ? Because any realisation of any truth must come by **faith** which is simply by believing what the spirit is telling us by the word. So we are to **aim** our thinking & agree with what Christ has already done for us & that is we are already seated at the right hand of God. Yes it is already done & we are already there, Christ accomplished this at the Cross. The same goes for when John tells us **"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"** Was this accomplished or not?

Well I believe it, & the same goes for the fact that we have already **been raised**; These are the things I am aiming my spiritual thinking at. Will you join me with many others. Our gracious Father has **already** given us so much through the death of His Son & now at the beginning of this third day it is time that we really believe & grasp that which is already a forgone conclusion, for our loving Father has already procured everything that we need & it is already ours, otherwise what was Paul referring to when He told us **ALL THINGS ARE YOURS**.

*"Everything that the **Father has is Mine**. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] **will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you**. In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again **after a short while you will see Me**." John 16:15-16. Amplified.*

Everything that the Father has is mine. If Christ is our true eternal identity & He dwells within me then everything that belongs to our Father is mine/ours. So to make it a little clearer & not only hammer the nail in so to speak He turns it over on the other side & tells us that not only will He reveal, declare, disclose these things to us but He will actually **transmit** in reality these things **to us** & they will become a real part of our being & after a short while which is two days - *a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day* - which is not very long to our great loving Father, after this **short while** you will **SEE ME!** Or in other words He will **appear in us** and every eye shall behold Him **within His saints**.

Keep in mind that on the third day when Jesus came out of the tomb there was the greatest overcoming that mankind has ever known, Christ broke the chains of death & hell & mark this He overcame in the **darkness** of the tomb. The greatest work that is going on in our lives is where no other man can behold & that is in the darkness of our being, the darkness is a must in all of our lives, yes the night is most necessary for the night experience must be endured for after the night work is accomplished then behold *"His going forth is prepared and certain as the dawn."* Hos 6:3b.

*"Nevertheless **the darkness shall not be as when the distress was in the land,..... the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them light hath shone**." Isa 9:1a -2. Darby.*

When Moses confronted Pharaoh things were at their very lowest with the people of Israel, *naturally thinking* things could not become any worse. It was at this very time that Moses came on the scene & declared **LET MY PEOPLE GO**, if our wonderful Father of His people has His eye on the sparrow, I am wondering where His eye is concerning us at the moment? Many people that are walking in seeming **darkness** are at the moment beginning to see a **great light**, those who are dwelling in a land of the seeming shadow of death, upon them has shone a great light. Darkness is the time where God worked His greatest miracle in the closed **darkened tomb** this was the time of the greatest overcoming of any man for death was overcome once & for all Oh what glory Oh what a light is ours in this seemingly low darkened day. It is at a time like this that a repetition of a Moses *in type* is needed & to be ready to enter the scene. The ministry of Moses did not happen overnight, He was eighty years in the making or preparation, forty years in much ignorance, then forty more years in the preparation of his future miraculous ministry. Consider how long it is since the light of son-ship & the man-child message began to awaken in men's hearts I feel it is soon time that we hear again a cry this time from him that is born out of the woman to be caught up completely to the throne with the compassionate cry of **LET MY PEOPLE GO** from the realms of death & darkness into the realms of the revelation of our true heritage of full immortality.

To Heights Unimaginable!

*"And you said in your heart, **I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High**." Isa 14:13-14. Amplified.*

This may come as a surprise to some but these two verses are actually referring to the corporate collective Adam. Another way of looking at it is humanism as opposed to godliness. **"you were a murderer from the beginning"** I am not about to delve into this particular theme any further at this stage in order to prove that this is the lowered nature of the Adamic man as we have explained this quite extensively in the past. Please refer to Part 1 **Destroying The Veil Of Wretchedness**. But suffice to say that he was a liar **from the beginning** & speaks only that which is **NATURAL** to him. Jn 8:44. The reason that Adam could not attain to what he had just stated in the above verse is because his attitude originated from the pride of the seed of Cain. Religious men for ages past have been trying to attain a high status in God for the wrong reason. "Let **us** build, let **us** make" This is an independence that religious man has inherited in that he would gain a high status whilst still functioning in his wilful flesh. Humility to our Fathers will is a priority. The religious flesh man has always done obeisance to his many idols but he has always had but one god --- himself. Now let us understand our Father has always wanted us **in our heart to ascend to heaven** - or *high heavenly places* - to sit on the **throne of God above the stars of God** - *these stars are not referring to literal stars that we observe with our eyes; No! Man, if we would realise it is really the greatest of God's creation & in his full status he will eventually be a manifestation of God Himself & will outshine all other entities or stars* - and also **to sit upon the mount of the assembly** & He our Father has also wanted us to rise **above the heights of the clouds** as He has also wanted us to realise this only in the full identity of Christ to be the **like the Most High** but of course not with the attitude of the **god** of this world. It has always been in the plan of our Father to bring **ALL** of His children in time these wonderful high places. Can we together thank our Father God for His wonderful wisdom in all things?

"He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God." Php 2:6. GNB. This is referring to Jesus & is also showing us that the flesh man can **try** to counterfeit & exalt himself to a position in God other than in the true humble way which is via the cross.

The Man-child!

"And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognise and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then shall you return - revert - and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him." Mal 3:17-18. Amplified.

The word return really means to **revert** or change, other translations use the word turn as in Chap 4:6. These two verses I believe are once again referring to the man-child. When I publicly recognise & openly declare them to be **My jewels, My special possession, My peculiar treasure**, and I will spare them, **as a man spares his own son**. Then you shall **revert & discern** between the righteous & the wicked etc. In other words these that are mentioned are on the throne ruling & reigning. Rev 12:5. These furthermore I believe have attained to **the heights unimaginable** as mentioned in the above Isa 14:13-14, but with one major difference they have not exalted themselves into this place but at the right time & at our Fathers bidding **He** has exalted them or **him** the corporate man-child at His proper & correct time.

Unquestionably Free For All Time!

"Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin. Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever. So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free." Jn 8:34-36. Amplified.

Here we see Jesus once again using a parable to bring a most important understanding to all who would read it. He was relating this to a time that would be after the experience of the cross & the resurrection. He takes the story of a servant or a slave in a household of that day, showing that he does not rightfully belong there as a permanent resident unless the son of the household who is the rightful

permanent resident alters the situation. The son, the rightful heir has the right & power to liberate the slave of the household if he so desires by setting him free & making him a permanent free member of the household with all the rights & privileges of the son himself & so we are reminded of the verse **"if the Son has set you free then you are free indeed."** In verse 34 it speaks of one who is a slave or the servant of sin. Verse 36 adds; **If the Son liberates you then you are really & unquestionably free.** I say this to all that are reading these lines that no matter what religiosity has taught you to date **SIN HAS BEEN ABOLISHED** once and for all & every man has been completely set free, Jesus Christ the owner of the spiritual house or environment can do nothing more than what He has done He has changed the situation completely, for all things were created by Him & for Him.

There is yet a deeper more significant meaning to this parable which concerns the true meaning of the house or temple which concerns our **body**. We read in 2 Cor 5:1 *"For we know that when **this tent** we live in---our body here on earth---is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever."* Good News Bible. But know this that when this tent is dissolved or torn down - whether it be that one dies, or is changed whilst still living - there is another celestial body eternal in **our heavens** that is within us that is being formed.

"While we live in this earthly tent, we groan with a feeling of oppression; it is not that we want to get rid of our earthly body, but that we want to have the heavenly one put on over us, so that what is mortal will be transformed by life." 2Co 5:4. GNB.

Jesus Christ has wonderfully arranged for us that **no one** is remaining in his present house his earthly tent or body as a slave of sin. Hear the words of Paul in Romans.

"We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin." Rom 6:6. Amplified.

What a mighty enlightening statement, if we can but grasp this in its fullness we will walk out of the tomb completely, even that grave which the veil of the flesh has kept us in bondage & captivity for so long. We - *our five sensed flesh man* - were actually nailed to the cross with him. Can we now see what is meant when Jesus told us, **"So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free."** He has now fulfilled His promise to us in Jn 8:36, our flesh man **has** been nailed to the cross that the body of sin be made ineffective & inactive. Can he do any more for us than the **finished** work of Calvary? This was completely brought into effect by the cross & the resurrection! It is done! Keeping in mind our title & theme is **The Appearing Of Christ!** The Spirit will keep drawing us to Himself & enlightening us until all of this finally becomes **our full complete reality**. May we thank Him for His wonderful grace & wisdom.

"For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ ALL will be made alive." 1Co 15:22. MKJV.

"That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Php 2:10-11. Amplified.

The Unfailing Eternal Christ Seed!

When we read in Gal 3:16 that the seed is a singular word & not in the plural *seeds*, we are also told that this seed singular is none other than Christ. Now what we are about to share here will not be understood in the holy place context or any thing pertaining to what **we** have to do, but only what Christ the eternal seed is doing in every man & know that this seed cannot fail & nothing will stop it or His progress as to the end result. In the 8th Chapter of the book of Romans we read.

"So then [God's gift] is not a question of human will and human effort, but of God's mercy. [It depends not on one's own willingness nor on his strenuous exertion as in running a race, but on God's having mercy on him.]" Rom 9:16. Amplified.

Many times we are inclined to think that our experience with the Father of all spirits has so much to do with ourselves but as we grow we realise more & more that our great God is in charge here, **COMPLETELY**. Furthermore in verses 18 -20. we read.

"So then He has *mercy on whomever He wills* (chooses) and *He hardens* (makes stubborn and unyielding the heart of) *whomever He wills*. You will say to me, *Why then does He still find fault and blame us [for sinning]? For who can resist and withstand His will? But who are you, a mere man, to criticise and contradict and answer back to God? Will what is formed say to him that formed it, Why have you made me thus?"* Rom 9:18-20. Amp. Added references. Isa. 29:16; 45:9.

Now God has ordained that in Christ **ALL** shall be made alive, **BUT** every man in His **own** order or time. 1Cor 15:22-23. Now we may ask ourselves what sort of a game is being played out here? A very important & serious one! Our great loving Father is taking all things into consideration & know this that there is a seed planted within **EVERY MAN** that will bring every man in God's time to a complete victory in his divinity - *his true identity* - in the time that God has ordained for each & every one of us. This eternal seed has no chance of **not** fulfilling that for which it has been planted. This is a divine seed! With a natural seed there is always some chance of failure of it not bearing fruit. Let it be known today that there is no chance whatsoever that the divine Christ seed of ever failing. So be it!

"And just as we have *borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.*" Who is Jesus the Christ. 1Co 15:49. Amplified.

In closing this point I would like to say that this in no way exonerates us from where we are in our walk of loving trust. I am sharing the wonderful confidence that we can have in our experience with our Heavenly Father in the overall result of this wonderful existence that we are now enjoying as we are progressing in the knowledge of Him. Remember trust & relax in Him & **He will bring you to you desired haven**. Ps 107:30. Another way of describing it would be **"entering into His rest."**

He That Is Without Sin Cast The First Stone!

If there is one thing that I am learning of late it would be not to judge my brother. The natural man wants to categorise people to fit into their own set of standards. Now I realise that we all need to improve, be that as it may, I read in the NT quite often that we are not to judge one another. The very powerful words of Jesus were, *judge not lest you also be judged with the same judgement*. An old saying that I used to hear when I was a boy in Melbourne Australia was the word **comeuppance** the early dwellers in Melbourne were mostly free English settlers & their customs, values & sayings were very Anglicised, but alas in this day & age we hardly see or hear any of these national values as they with time have almost disappeared. Another way to describe the word comeuppance is that **"what we sow we also reap."** Just recently we saw on our political scene a situation where this very thing transpired, a comeuppance. When it comes to this subject I am most interested in the opinion of He who was the manifestation of God Himself. In Jn 3:17 we read,

"For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him." Jn 3:17.

If the man Christ Jesus was to suddenly appear & take notice of His followers He would need to split Himself into many different ways of thinking to appease them. But I really do not think that He

would be too interested in doing this as I assume He would say to us I have left you with my instructions, I want you to alter your understanding & actions to my way of thinking. I wonder how the body of Christ would progress if every time that one of His people did not come exactly into line to His perfect way of thinking that Christ would give us the flick. **"I will never leave you or forsake you."** Yet many of us the moment that our brother disagrees with us we want to throw him to the lions - as it were - as an outcast. Let us all aim for having the attitude of our **Pattern Son** or as some would say our *bench mark*. When we are told to love one another with a pure heart fervently who was He referring to? Just those who are in our way of understanding things? How are we ever going to get together if we are to stay divisive? **ALL MEN!** In the most holy place way of thinking **every man** is our brother.

"Why do you stare from without at the very small particle that is in your brother's eye but do not become aware of and consider the beam of timber that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, Let me get the tiny particle out of your eye, when there is the beam of timber in your own eye? You hypocrite, first get the beam of timber out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the tiny particle out of your brother's eye." Mat 7:3-5. Amplified.

I would also add that we are admonished to **"grudge not"** which simply means that we are not to hold a grudge. Do good to them that spitefully use you. Return good for evil. Love & accept them that have done the wrong thing to you. I am only sharing with you the attitude of our Master who said in several different ways to return good & acceptance for evil. What Christ is doing to those who are aspiring to go higher is to prepare us for the **appearing of Christ** & to do this we must be willing to **put on Christ** which means, I repeat that we are to act as much as possible like He would. One of the things that would also need mentioning is **forgetting the past**, if we do not do this we will find it very difficult to **get past** our present situation.

A house divided against itself will not stand.

Thank God for the attitude of Jesus Christ today that He is showing in many of His saints.

And so as representatives of Christ Jesus we as much as possible are desiring to attain & be part of

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