

## CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE REGARDING DEATH

### Part 46.

#### *The Church's False Hope!*

We are now citing direct from George H Warnock's well known publication the "Feast of Tabernacles."

This was written in 1951 which is 61 years ago, the revelation that this man had at that time, on the feast of tabernacles is in my opinion simply wonderful & amazing to say the least. I am also happy to say that this man received his revelation through the written word, in my few years of experience as I am now almost 79 years old, I personally know of none of the early fore-runners of this message that were not both students & lovers of the inspired scriptures, now in saying this I realise that the true Word **CHRIST** is not the ink on the paper but at the same time I personally would never undermine the inspired scriptures or assume in any way that they were unnecessary & to do so I myself feel that it would be an unhealthy spiritual danger point. If it was not for the writings mostly left to us in a book called the Bible both the Old & New Testaments, none of us would have a clue about the son's of God or any of the examples & types & shadows that those who are writing on this present revelation are now using. Yes there are other writings, but they give nowhere near the extent of information as what our present Bible gives us. I thank God that in His wisdom He saw fit to avail to us - *even with a few of the faulty insertions of translators* - the inspired writings that we know today as the Bible. We will be touching a little more on this further on. In mentioning these *faults* it should induce us to do a little searching; one example is the word '**world**' as in Mt 12:31-32. we find that it has now been corrected in quite a few translations as *eon or age* which changes the whole context of the verses in question. But alas some with little understanding & misinformation have given up on the whole thing & condemned instead of searching, which we are encouraged to do in Prov 2:3-5. God has promised to reveal *His secrets* to those who persevere & this only can only come by diligence of spiritual seeking. The greatest danger that I see in not heeding to the benchmark that we have been given is that we can then go off & make up our own rules & that to myself & many others is not good, especially if in doing so we are denying the reality of the **man-child**. To myself, right now is quite obviously not the time to be doing away with the inspired writings! In the time of the manifestation then we will be as He is & we ourselves will be fully manifested as the corporate body & complete as part of the WORD Himself. When Jesus was here He did not walk around with a Bible under His arm, but remember that as a boy He would have learned & would have as we well know quoted the Old Testament quite proficiently. Where was the word of God? Ps 119:11 "***Thy word have I hid in my heart.***" I am wondering how many there would be among us who would be the first to never use or quote the Bible again?

Quote from George Warnock. "The Church of Christ is literally filled with carnal earthly-minded Christians who sit back in ease and self-complacency and await a rapture that will translate them out of the midst of earth's Great Tribulation at the beginning of the Day of the **Lord**. To this generation of world-conformers God speaks in no uncertain terms: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the **Lord!** to what end is it for you? The day of the **Lord** is darkness and not light." Amos 5:18. In the vast majority of evangelical circles we are taught that at any moment all God's people shall be caught up, rapture-d, to be with the Lord in the air -- to escape the Great Tribulation which soon shall visit the earth. **It is not true.** The saints shall be "caught up" all right; but "every man in his own order." 1Cor. 15: 23. What that order is does not concern us right now; but the fact remains, we are no-where taught that the saints are going to escape the hour of Great Tribulation by way of a rapture.

#### *Why Were The Thessalonians Troubled?*

If it is true, as we are generally taught, that the Thessalonian Christians thought they had missed the rapture because of the supposed letter they had received from Paul, then how is it that the apostle Paul must have

missed it too? Apparently they had received a letter bearing Paul's signature, stating that the Day of the **Lord** had started or was about to start. 2 Thess, 2:2. And the common explanation is that they were "troubled" because they expected they would have been rapture-d when this Day began. Now if the Thessalonians actually **thought** that Paul wrote that deceptive letter - and it is clear that they did,- then why should they be "troubled," for if they missed the rapture, then Paul must have missed it too!

But no, Paul had never taught them that they should be taken away from the earth when the Great Tribulation started. What he did tell them was that they should not be "moved" by afflictions or tribulations of any kind, "for you yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer **tribulation**; even as it came to pass, and ye know." 1Thess. 3:3-4. Knowing, therefore, that they were to go through the Tribulation, they were particularly "troubled" about this deceptive letter they received, because according to this letter the Day of the **Lord**, or the Great Tribulation, was just about to start. Paul therefore would comfort them again by informing them that this great and terrible Day of the **Lord** "*shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.*" 2 Thess. 2:3. The Day of the **Lord**, Paul would tell them, was not imminent, because the man of sin had to be revealed. The fact remains that a "rapture" is not held out to the saints as their hope in the hour of the Great Tribulation; nor are we taught that the saints who are walking in the light are going to be caught unawares when the day of the **Lord** begins. On the contrary we are told, "but ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 1 Thess. 5:4." End quote.

### ***What About The Rapture?***

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There is coming a change beloved & it definitely will not be the rapture, sure it will be rapturous, but not the so called rapture as many know it & I will tell you why! There are certainly some things I don't know a lot about, but this is one thing I do know something about. I will not labour the point as I prefer not to be too negative. In my searching I have not been able to find one reference before 1580 A.D to the present day theory that the Churches espouse & teach. None of the early Church writers wrote about it. The general consensus was that "*The meek would inherit the earth*" In other words Christ would establish His Kingdom here on earth. But in 1580 a Spanish Jesuit Priest by the name of Ribera published a theory on the Antichrist with very vague references to a type of escapism, then in 1747 a Chilean of Spanish descent whose name was Emanuel Lacunza, became a Jesuit Priest & he also compiled a theory on the antichrist with other references on his particular view to an escapism of sorts. He wrote under a pseudo name of - *Rabbi Ben Ezra* - posing as a very learned & converted Jew. He died in 1801. In 1826 a Dr Maitland, librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, startled the protestant world with a book in which a mixture of both Ribera & Lacunza's theories were compiled taken from the book by - Rabbi Ben Ezra. To cut a long story short another Jesuit priest by the name of Loyola was involved in the compilation of the doctrine, then a man by the name of Darby became involved, he eventually became a leader in the Brethren movement espousing & developing the rapture theory & convincing many with great zeal. Eventually it infiltrated into other movements, then it was taken to the U.S.A. where it was adopted by the Baptist Church & then in turn by the Assemblies Of God, now it is right through all of Church-ianity all because of three Jesuit Priests, the main proponent being Lacunza; A number of men became involved & did not know the true identity of - Rabbi Ben Ezra - until quite some time later, by that time they were really hooked & were at the point of no return & not without some very red faces. What does all this prove it is only background as to the why & how of the theory! We will now look into the Word regarding the subject. Two of the mainstays regarding this belief, having once taught it myself, are found in the following verses. "We will deal with these only today." I feel that it is pertinent for those who are having a problem with this theory as it can be a barrier to those who wish to move on.

### ***Is It Scripturally Correct?***

***"And just as it was in the days of Noah. So will it be in the time of the Son of Man. People ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, &***

***the flood came & destroyed them all. So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the [very day] that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire & brimstone from heaven & destroyed [them] all."*** Lk 17:26-28. Amp.

Let us consider Lot first. The Rapture theory contends that Lot was taken - *which is supposed to identify with us being taken into the sky for three & one half years* - then those who were destroyed, are supposed to represent those who were left on the earth. As stated in verse 34 & 35 ***"one was taken the other left."*** But the reality of the analogy is exactly the opposite. Lot was actually left alive & those who opposed Him, - *the residents of Sodom & Gomorrah* - were destroyed. The reason that Lot was left alive was to help repopulate the earth or father a Nation. The spiritual connotation to us is that as Lot had a task on THIS EARTH - *not somewhere up in the sky* - so have we here **RIGHT NOW**. So be it!

The same thing applies with Noah, He was preserved by the Ark in the rising waters, & the others were destroyed by the same water. Noah was not taken anywhere God had a work for him on this earth. If ever this world needed people with an end time message of Faith **it is right now**.

***"Who knows whether God has selected you to come into the Kingdom at this particular time?"***

### ***The True Rapture Is Every Man In His Own Order!***

*"For just as [because of their union of nature] in Adam all people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall all in Christ be made alive. 23 But each in his own rank and turn: Christ (the Messiah) [is] the first-fruits, then those who are Christ's [own will be resurrected] at His coming."* 1Co 15:22-23. Amp. The Lexham English Bible tells us ***'But each in his own group:'*** We read in Rom 8: ***"For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be moulded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the first-born among many brethren."*** Rom 8:29 Amp.

We are also told clearly **"BUT EACH IN HIS OWN RANK AND TURN"** not all will be a part of the man or *male* child which will ***"rule the nations with a rod of iron"*** as in Rev 12:5, for if all are going to be changed at the same time who would there be left to rule & reign over? Those who will be waiting for the *"redemption of their bodies, from sensuality & the grave, which will reveal their adoption their manifestation as God's sons"* will first be *"Those who are led by the Christ of their true identity and who are active sons of God."* Rom 8:23, 8:14. These will be those who are **CHRISTS OWN** who will be the forerunners. **Every man in his own order.**

### ***It Has Always Been The Pattern In God's Plan To Have Forerunners!***

There is nothing to indicate anywhere that there is going to be a rapture up in the sky somewhere, without taking scripture out of context or reading the literal ink on the paper & interpreting it without checking the original meanings intended as has already been mentioned by George Warnock & what has otherwise been stated.

Gideon was without a doubt a forerunner so much so that the ***"Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself & took possession of him & he blew a trumpet, and the clan of Abiezer was gathered to him."*** He took **possession** of him & **he blew a trumpet** typifying that he was given a message & when God wanted to choose his further elect at that time He had Gideon as a forerunner, *in a way an analogy of the Christ within us "you mighty man of valour"* or *fearless courage*; as Christ is the Victor in all things, Gideon fits the type. We can also see the analogy of Gideon being a type of the MAN-child. To further this typology when God wanted to select a group of 300 men to represent Him from the whole of Israel He had a plan. The starting figure was 32,000. In Judges Chap 7 verse 2. We read

*"The Lord said to Gideon, the people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel boast about themselves against Me, saying, My own hand has delivered me. V3*

*So now proclaim in the ears of the men, saying, Whoever is **fearful** & trembling, let him turn back & depart from Mount Gilead. And 22,000 of the men returned, but 10,000 remained."* Judges 2:2-3. Amp.

22,000 plus 10,000 equals 32,000. So God had a way of sorting out the fearful from the Joshua's & Caleb's *as it were*. When God has a special task that He wants to perform He always chooses a **minority**. The outcome was that the number through **testing's** was whittled right down to 300 & as is always the case complete trust & obedience in God was the issue.

### ***A Three Realm Issue!***

At the outset Gideon started with 32,000, these represent the **Outer Court** division of the Tabernacle. 22,000 were then eliminated, this left 10,000, these represent the **Holy Place** realm. Out of the 10,000 who were left, those who were discreet in their spiritual keenness & awareness were chosen to be in the group that God was preparing to deliver Israel. 9,700 were eliminated & this left 300. Interestingly in percentage terms 300 is 0.3% of 10,000. Also if we were to compare these figures with those who are in the **in part or Holy Place Realm** & those who are qualifying for the **Most Holy Place Realm** this gives us real food for thought. To go a little further the original figure that Gideon started with was 32,000. In percentage reckoning, once again in round figures, 300 is 0.01% of 30,000 so that makes it a little less with 32,000.

### ***Using The Three Hundred Or The Minority Group!***

We are now reading from Judges 7:16. *"And he divided the 300 men into **three companies**, & he put into the hands of all of them trumpets & empty pitchers, with torches inside the pitchers. And he said to them look at me, then do likewise. When I come to the edge of their camp, do as I do. When I blow the trumpet, I & all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets on every side of all the camp & shout, For the Lord & for Gideon! So Gideon & the 100 men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when the guards had just been changed, & they blew the trumpets & smashed the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies **blew the trumpets** & shattered the pitchers, holding their torches in their left hands, & in their right hands the trumpets to blow **leaving no chance to use swords**, & they cried, **The sword for the Lord & Gideon!** They stood every man in his place round about the camp, & all the Midianite army ran--- they cried out & fled. When Gideon's men blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every Midianite's sword against his comrade & against all the army, & the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah by Tabbah. And the men of Israel were called together out of Naphtali & Asher & all Manasseh, & they pursued Midian."* Judges 7:16-23. Amp.

Please notice that once again there are **three** companies, also they blew trumpets which to us today is typifying a people with a message to proclaim & that message is a **love** message a **"good for evil"** message. We need to keep in mind that whatever Christ asks us to do He is the instigator of that message & the end-time message that the sons of God will proclaim is pure **LOVE**. Even though it was in O.T. Times, **LAW**; the sword of the Lord was not a literal sword but a non physical resistant word & this will many times throw our **seeming** opposer's into confusion. The point I am making is that the 300, a type of the Man-child did not use physical force, **The sword for the Lord & Gideon** was for the 300 a totally different sword than for the rest of Israel, it represented the **"SWORD OF THE WORD OF GOD."** And so it is today those who have come into the understanding of the present **300 Gideon man-child** ministry will only blow the trumpet of the Shekinah glory which is a further & very different *good for evil* message.

And so to re-emphasise once again the message, those that were used for this wonderful purpose were the called out group, the **minority group**, not ALL of Israel, & so it will be with the sons of God, namely the **man-child** & it will be through the ministry of this wonderful man-child that the **ALL** will come into the **unity of the faith**.

### ***The Elect Of God!***

The scriptures tell us that Jesus had 500 followers, then it speaks of 70, then 12, but only 3 were with him

at the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James & John. This should tell us something!!

***"For false Christ's and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, even the ELECT (God's chosen ones)." Mat 24:24. Amp.***

*"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and to them that look for him he will appear the second time without sin to salvation" Heb 9:28.* What does this looking for entail. We are told that to them that look for Him a **second time** shall He appear. To me it is very strange that so many are looking for a physical appearing when we are plainly told that **'we know Him no more after the flesh'** instead we are told that He is revealing Himself **IN US**. The apostle Paul has given us these words to consider **"To reveal his Son IN me,"** Gal 1:16. This word reveal really means to *take off the cover, disclose*, or to reveal the reality which is on the inside. If our confidence is in a physical appearance & that when He comes that we are zapped & suddenly changed & by-pass a time of being perfected on the inside within our spirits & natures & attitudes, we are going to be sadly disappointed. This is another reason that not all will at this time be in the man-child - *as it has been suggested* - for only those who have allowed themselves to be perfected in the experience of the Most Holy Place, the *inner sanctum* as it were, will *at first* have the Son to **'reveal Himself in us.'** We need to be **looking for Him in faith so that He will appear the second time in us without sin unto FULL SALVATION."** Let it be said right now this is not a physical experience we are having with our Christ who is one with the father, it is an unseen spiritual experience within, **"The natural man is at enmity with God"** & will lead us astray. We need the third experience with God the walk without the mixture of the **outer court** understanding. In Rev 11:2, we are admonished to **measure it not** or to leave out this experience, to finish with it altogether. God is admonishing us that the spirit of Abraham needs to be our pattern in this walk. Faith is a lesson that we can all learn from father Abraham. Hear Paul's words concerning this man.

*"(as it is written, A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were. 18 Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, So shall thy seed be. Rom 4:17-18. ASV.*

God has decreed that Abraham's seed would possess the land; Now the seed of Abraham is a faith seed, & the language of faith is that one **"calls the things that are not, as though they were"** this is the attitude that we are called into, we are at the moment doing just that, we are saying by faith exactly what Abraham said. I cant yet see it with my natural eye but by my spiritual **faith eye** I see many overcoming death & following the pattern Son into the realm of both this world & the unseen where Jesus Christ is right now. Abraham walked in the realm of faith & he still is in a greater way in that realm right now. Just as Moses & Elijah were alive & appeared & talked with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration, so too is our father Abraham in this same sphere. Forget the creeds & negative doctrines of men who would say that peoples spirits are locked up in a dead body in a grave, this is cods-wallop, let us look to Bible examples. This is a wonderful spiritual walk that we are in we do not judge it or compare it with worldly fleshly examples. So to those who have made the start & those who are on the point of understanding by faith we are **now** possessing the land & we are regarding **'those things that are not as though they were.'**

He **"will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him."** Heb 9:28b. Amp. Praise God that He is now appearing in many a second time, to those who are waiting & **expecting** Him.

### ***Exceedingly And Abundantly Above All That We Can Think Of!***

Another encouraging quotation from George Warnock.

"May God, therefore, give us guidance by His Spirit to see and understand and contemplate wondrous things out of His Word ~ the entrance of which *gives light to such as are in darkness*, and the appropriation

of which *gives understanding to the simple, wisdom to the foolish, and illumination to the blind*. We care not for established creeds or doctrines or theological disputes, nor for the marginal notes we find in our various expository and reference Bibles. God has spoken, and that is sufficient. *If Christians are content to abide by the revelation they have received at the hands of great men of the past ~ let them be content*. But God is now leading His people onward and upward to higher heights, to greater depths, to vaster expanses of Truth and Glory that the saints have ever enjoyed or appropriated in the past. Therefore we fix our hopes and our eyes upon the God of increasing revelation, even on Him who is . . . Able to do . . . Exceedingly . . . Abundantly . . . Above all . . . That we ask . . . Or Think . . . According to the **power** . . . That works **in us**.

Let others look at at the apostasy of a corrupt church system; but let us behold the unfolding glory of the true Church, and exult with the Apostle Paul, in the face of all opposition; *"Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus through **all ages**, world without end. Amen."* Eph. 3:20-21." Unquote.

### ***Ascending In The Cloud!***

What we are about to read which is an extract from J. Preston Eby's, Part 128. "From The Candlestick To The Throne." This expounds to us the true third day understanding of the true meaning of the **clouds** that so many take literally, as we have mentioned before, many realise that the rain signifies the Spirit, the water signifies the Word & the clouds signify that which hold the water, the puzzling question I have is. Why & how it is that some analogise the rain & the water but still insist that the clouds are literal? If we read the below very carefully this question will be answered! Keeping in mind that the title of this article is the ***Church's False Hope!***

Quote. "And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, *Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud;* and their enemies beheld them" (Rev. 11:12),

While the King James Bible says that the witnesses ascended up to heaven in "a" cloud, it is significant to note that the **Greek** text reads, "And they ascended up to heaven in THE cloud." On that momentous occasion when the Lord Jesus took Peter, James, and John up into the mount and was transfigured before them, suddenly there appeared A BRIGHT CLOUD — a cloud with a light in it! And out of that bright cloud the voice of the Father spake concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, "This is my beloved Son: hear Him!" It is more than coincidence that, as Peter spoke, a CLOUD overshadowed them and a Voice came out of the cloud. One of the significant facts in connection with the glory cloud of God's presence which manifested at various times throughout the Old Testament, is that God always *spoke* from the cloud. This began first on mount Sinai. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may *hear when I speak* with thee...and the Lord came down upon mount Sinai...and the Lord *called Moses...*" (Ex. 19:9,20). At a later time God spoke from the same cloud after that it had descended upon the tabernacle. "And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the CLOUDY PILLAR descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and *the Lord talked with Moses*" (Ex. 33:9).

What was that bright cloud with the light in it from which the voice of God spake? It was none other than the pillar of cloud housing the glory fire, the Shekinah glory of God that had led the children of Israel in their exodus out of Egypt and guided them for forty years! As Jesus prayed on the mount, He was transfigured before His chosen disciples. At that moment of transfiguration the glory cloud enveloped Him and God spoke from the midst of the radiance of glory.

Here I wish to point out a most significant fact of scripture which has entirely been overlooked by the average Bible student and almost all preachers and teachers in the church systems. All the way through the scriptures, from the crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel to the ascension of Christ from the mount of Olives, God consistently manifested Himself in ONE GLORY CLOUD. There was always only ONE SINGLE CLOUD. One cloud over mount Sinai. One cloud guiding the children of Israel through the wilderness. One cloud resting upon the tabernacle in the wilderness. One cloud

shining in the most holy place. One cloud filling Solomon's temple. One cloud overshadowing the virgin, implanting the seed of the Christ. One cloud shimmering over the summit of the mount of Transfiguration. And finally, we read, "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and A CLOUD (only one!) received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Christ ascended in ONE SOLITARY CLOUD of God's Shekinah glory — the very *same* cloud in which He had manifested His presence throughout the long ages of time.

It is when we come to the return of the Lord that we notice a distinct difference in the circumstances surrounding that coming. For suddenly, the one single cloud disappears and we are introduced to a great plurality of **CLOUDS!** Let us see! Christ departed this earth in *one cloud*. He comes again in *many clouds!* "Behold, He cometh with *clouds*: and every eye shall see Him" (Rev. 1:7). Daniel in vision beheld Him thus: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like a Son of man *came with the clouds of heaven...*and there was given unto Him dominion" (Dan. 7:13-14). Jesus Himself said, "And they shall see the Son of man *coming in the clouds of heaven* with power and great glory" (Mat. 24:30). And again, "Hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and *coming in the clouds of heaven*" (Mat. 26:64). Finally, the apostle Paul relates this dramatic experience: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them *in the clouds*, to meet the Lord..." (I Thes. 4:17). In the C-L-O-U-D-S! More than one cloud. Many clouds. A great company of clouds!

The question follows: Why are there many clouds attending Christ's coming again, and what are these clouds? To aid our understanding of this truth, let us not for one moment forget that we are dealing with *the cloud of God's glory and presence*. The Shekinah. When Jesus, the firstborn Son of God, was in the world John said of Him, "And we beheld *His glory*" (Jn. 1:14). When did they behold His glory? You may reply that they beheld His glory when He went about doing good, healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, forgiving sins, and teaching the glorious truths of the kingdom of God. I do not deny that in all those things they beheld His glory, but the apostle Peter pinpoints for us what is really meant by them beholding the glory of the Son. "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were *eyewitnesses of His majesty (glory)*. For He received from God the Father honour *and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory (the glory cloud)*, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, *when we were with Him in the holy mount*" (II Pet. 1:16-18).

How very significant that at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry He said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us...***and the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them...***I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one...Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given me, *be with me where I am*; that they may behold ***my glory*** which Thou hast given me" (Jn. 17:20-24). And this is the crux of the whole matter! From the dawn of creation's light until Jesus stepped upon this planet, our heavenly Father manifested to creation in a singular way *His own glory*. He, the one eternal God, exhibited His presence in the form of *one glory cloud*. But as Jesus approached the cross and the glorious events to unfold shortly thereafter, He disclosed the grand truth that God purposed from eternity to *share His glory with His vast family of sons...*that glorious body which is *the fullness* of Him that filleth all in all! Oh, the wonder of it!

Let us see then what great encouragement God has given us concerning His glory. "And ye know how we exhorted you, as a father does his children, that ye should walk worthy of God, who hath called you to *His kingdom and glory*" I Thes. 2:11-12). Peter asserts, "I...also am...*a partaker of the glory* that shall be revealed" (I Pet. 5:1). "Whereunto He called you...to the obtaining of *the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (II Thes. 2:14). "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with *the glory that shall be revealed in us*" (Rom. 8:18). The writer to the Hebrews adds this significant testimony: "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing *many sons to glory*, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10). That there is

to be a mighty and universal revelation of the glory of God in and through His many sons, that very same glory which was revealed in the cloud of old, is evident!

When Jesus ascended two thousand years ago, He ascended glorified in that singular glory cloud in which He had dwelt from eternity. He was the One God manifested in all fullness in one Man, the Son. But, blessed be God! when He comes again He comes to be "**GLORIFIED I-N H-I-S S-A-I-N-T-S**, and to be admired **I-N T-H-E-M** that believe in that day" (II Thes. 1:10). The glory is shared, so the *cloud* which represents that glory is *shared*. Each elect son becomes a manifestation of His glory — of the *cloud* — of the Shekinah. Each is as a cloud, but none manifest in individuality, for it is written, "And if (we are) children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be GLORIFIED TOGETHER" (Rom. 8:17)." Unquote.

The *cloud of witnesses* as referred to in Heb 12:1 are referred to by J.B. Phillips as '*serried ranks of witnesses*.' The meaning of **serried** according to Collins Dictionary is, *placed close together; compact, as soldiers in ranks*. This great cloud of witnesses are none other than those mentioned in the following.

*"For this we are saying to you by the word of the Lord, that we, the living, who are surviving to the presence of the Lord, should **by no means outstrip** those who are put to repose, 16 for the Lord Himself will be descending from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the Chief Messenger, and with the trumpet of God, and the **dead in Christ shall be rising first,**" 1Th 4:15-16. CLV.*

These are also called '*the spirits of just men made perfect*.' Those who will also be in this gathering who are termed as **CLOUDS** are found in Matt 25:10b. *"Those who were prepared went in with Him to the marriage feast."*

### ***All Mysteries To Be Made Known!***

In reading the following we need to be aware that the **Eastern** way of thinking & speaking in the time of Jesus & the Apostles, were so very much different to us in this **Western** culture today, also the words of that past time carried with them much different - *hidden to us* - inflections. The following which was translated from something first recorded in the very early days of Christianity is a prime example.

Quote. "And Jesus spoke again unto the eleven and said; Grieve not because I go away, for it is best that I should go away. If I go not the Comforter will not come to you. These things I speak while with you in the flesh, but when the Holy Breath shall come in power, lo, **she** will teach you more and more, and bring to your remembrance all the words that I have said to you. There are a multitude of things yet to be said; things that this age cannot receive, because it cannot comprehend. But, lo, I say, Before the great day of the Lord shall come, the Holy Breath will make **all mysteries** known---- The mysteries of the soul of life, of death, of immortality; the oneness of man with every other man and with his God. Then will the world be led to truth, and **man will be the truth**. When **she** has come, the Comforter, **she** will convince the world of sin, and of the truth of what I speak, and of the rightness of the judgement of the just; and then the prince of the carnal life be cast out. And when the Comforter shall come I need not intercede for you; for you will stand approved, and God will know you then as He knows me. The hour has come when you will weep; the wicked will rejoice, because I go away; but I will come again, and all your sorrows shall be turned to joy." Unquote.

The above thrills my heart as I am sure it will with most of you. All mysteries will be made known which is speedily taking place, & **man** will be the **Truth**. Why? Because we will be part of the corporate Christ who is the **TRUTH**. The feminine gender may seem a little strange to some, but all honest translators when translating Rom 8:21 would leave the word *itself* as it is written. The same goes for Rom 8:16 & 26 when alluding to the Spirit all honest translators such as CLV, Darby, Greek Diaglott, KJV, Lamsa, Moffatt, Murdock & Webster, leave it just as it is written & do not use the word **Himself** or try to put a masculine gender on it.

Dr A Nyland, who is an ancient language scholar & is the author of "The Source New Testament" is of the opinion that at least 17% of the Greek we have been translating for many hundreds of years, that we could not have had one clue of the meaning of, & to date she claims that we have only been making wild guesses at what they were really supposed to mean. This is one of those instances.

When we were made in the image of God & in Gen 1:27, we notice that Adam was made both MALE & FEMALE & then this Adam who was both male & female was told to procreate spiritual beings from within Himself. Now the main point I am making is that if Adam was both male & female & was in God's image, to myself & many others it is spiritual logic that God must be both male & female. I now ask the question if God is both masculine & feminine, both a Mother & Father figure, is this aspect of God to be found in the Godhead? I very much believe that it is; in that we have One God who is a Father a Son & a Mother, the tender gentle motherly aspect of God is found in the Gospels. Here is an example found in John.

*"And I shall be asking the Father, and He will be giving you **another consolator**, that it, indeed, may be with you for the eon - the spirit of truth, which the world can not get, for it is not beholding it, neither is knowing it. Yet you know it, for it is remaining with you and will be in you. I will not leave you bereaved; I am coming to you."* Jn 14:16-18. CLV.

Notice that Jesus said that I will not leave you bereaved without **another comforter**. When we are told that I will not leave you comfort-less I will come back to you, some would say that this would make the Holy Spirit *masculine*, but in Col 2:9 we read ***"For IN Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]."*** So in His divine nature it would no doubt include the feminine side of Himself. So in the Godhead I now present for your consideration *a threefold manifestation of "God the Father-masculine," "The Holy Spirit feminine," & "The Son our Saviour Redeemer."* I realise that to some this is breaking new ground, but to many of us who have to date swallowed what has been handed down from the religiosity of the dark ages, we would strongly suggest that in the Godhead is not only a Father & a Son aspect but that there is also found the feminine side of God. I am also reminded of the El Shaddai, the full or twin breasted one as found in Ex 6:3. Gen 17:1, 28:3, 35:11, 43:14, 48:3. This is typifying the feminine side of God's nature in that we are nourished & fed by a gentle loving mother who is the Holy Spirit. We all have both the male & female within us & as we progress we are coming into a unity even as the Godhead is a ONENESS we are becoming one even as Jesus shared with us that ***"I and My Father are ONE."*** And our spirit & soul, male & female, our higher & lower self, our true identity & our mistaken identity are really ONE. Keeping in mind that the Holy Breath will cause all mysteries to be made known. This would I am sure include the full truth concerning the two, that it must be realised that the they are really one. Finally man, **true man** the Christ within us - *our true identity* - will be recognised by **all** as the **TRUTH**.

There is a further reason that the understanding of the feminine aspect of God be realised more fully & that is that in this Western way of thinking most of the church world have a bigoted **MACHO** male complex of the understanding of a merciless punishing God without the love & femininity of the motherly aspect. This is why so many preach a God with a vengeful attitude that has destined many who do not make a decision & join their church or any church for that matter in this present life will to go to an eternal hell forever without any hope of escape. I am reminded of the true very old story of a man - *I will relate it to the best of my memory* - who was in prison awaiting execution, which was based on very compelling circumstantial evidence, the cry of the public & of the jury was death. The Governor of the State was overruled by public opinion. The convicted man's mother who was several States away made the long journey & arrived not long before the execution, she was ushered into the Governors office & was told that there was no hope, when she heard this they talked for awhile, still to no avail, she then suddenly threw herself on the Governors desk & with a very loud voice that was full of a mothers compassion, let out a loud cry from the depth of her motherly emotional instinct & said I plead for **MERCY, MERCY, MERCY**. With this now altered situation the Governor could not resist the mothers plea & overturned his decision.

Let us also be thankful for the threefold aspect of our merciful God, which includes the female motherly side who sent His only Son to taste death for EVERY MAN. Our attitude of religious bigotry needs to be overturned & the only way that it will be overturned is by the presenting of the **LOVE OF A GOD** which is tempered with His femininity for He is both a Father & a Mother to us all. Bless our mighty wonderful God who has done all things well & will eventually bring us **ALL** every last one of us unto Himself.

### ***The Church's False Hope!***

The lie of a physical rapture is that it seemingly allows one to escape the truth of **OVERCOMING** & being perfected under the mighty the hand of God!

*"And will not [our just] God defend and protect and avenge **His elect** (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf? I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily. **However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [persistence in] faith on the earth?**" Lk 18:7-8. Amp. Please notice **FAITH ON THE EARTH** & not up in the sky somewhere.*

*"Blessed the meek, for **they shall INHERIT THE EARTH.**" Mat 5:5. Darby. This is what the early Church believed & those who are in the true third day message are espousing & proclaiming the same.*

### ***Heaven Bound Creatures!***

Another jewel from George Hawtin. "Oh saints of God everywhere, let us launch out into the deep! Let us lift our anchor which has gripped the earth for so long—and let us become anchored to Christ in the heavens, where we ought to be anchored. For God has intended that our anchor should pass into the heavens, behind the veil, whither the fore-runner has for us entered. Heb 6:19-20. If we are anchored to earth, and to the doctrines of men, we will be earth-bound creatures; but once we anchor to **Heaven** and to the **Man** behind the veil, we are Heaven-bound creatures -- and we are constantly rising higher and higher and higher into the realms of the Spirit. Then one day, thank God! – the veil of the flesh shall be rent asunder, and **we shall see Him as He is!** And when we speak this way, we are not talking about physical death, nor about the rapture; but we are speaking of Him "**who is invisible,**" as Moses did of old. We shall see Him, even though the world see Him not. Did not Jesus say, "*The world seeth me no more; **but ye see me.....**" Jn 14:19.? And was He not speaking of seeing Him in the Spirit, because of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of the disciples? "*

May our eyes be opened & our vision become clearer each day.

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If we have been prone to human error in this article it is not purposely, & I trust that a little kindness would allow for any fault, & that we will consider & imbibe the better or spiritual part of that which is presented & intended. RWK.