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I want to greet each one of you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It's so good to be with you here again in West Virginia as we come together to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

We are going to begin reading in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 14, and I want to take a thought and entitle it, *Christ the Great Connector between Melchizedek and Jesus*. The Bible says very little about Melchizedek in the Old Testament. Moses wrote very little about him in Genesis, Chapter 14, and David only uttered a few words about him in the Book of Psalms 110:4. After this, we read nothing more about Melchizedek (who was the king of Salem) until we come into the New Testament where the Apostle Paul writes about him in the Book of Hebrews, starting in Chapter 5, showing us that he was a prototype of Jesus Christ the High Priest, the king of peace, and the king of righteousness. So before we go any further, let's have a Word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, as we read your Word, I pray that the anointing to speak the Word will be present in a way that will cause the Word of God to go forth unhindered and unhampered and that it will be to your glory and that each one will receive it. Lord, I know that you have to anoint the spiritual ears and open the hearts of the people for this to be so, but you are more than willing to do it and we believe you and thank you for it, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

In reading what Paul wrote about Melchizedek, it is hard to distinguish whether he is speaking about Melchizedek or our Savior, Jesus Christ. In fact, I had someone tell me just last week that Jesus Christ *was* Melchizedek and it was Jesus Christ that Paul was writing about. Well, there are many people that

believe that is the case; while others simply say, "I don't know who Melchizedek was or even if he was a real person."

Yes, Melchizedek was a real person, but he came into being in a very strange way; in much the same way that Adam did—without father or mother. But unlike Adam, Melchizedek's existence here in the flesh was very temporary and for a specific purpose. And like all the other manifestations of Christ in the Old Testament, he was not created to be, or to have, a permanent soul that would exist after his purpose here was completed (it was the Christ in him that was eternal). His purpose here was to become a man to manifest Christ, thus showing us that later this same Christ anointing would become a permanent part of our Lord Jesus Christ who was born of a virgin named Mary. Jesus, unlike Melchizedek, would be given a soul as a permanent part of Himself, and He would live here among mankind where He would grow in grace in the presence of God as His soul developed in Him. Luke 2:52 says, *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."* This is something that could never be said about Melchizedek as he had neither father nor mother. He was created and not born, so it was not for him to grow into an adult, which is God's way for mankind to develop an individual soul (our inner man). Here is just one of the differentiations between these two men. Let me be clear here that Melchizedek was never begotten. He was not the Son of God who could die for our sins and take the curse of the death sentence off of us. For Jesus is God's only begotten Son who was born of a virgin and part of the human family. It is here at the very beginning of this message that I want to place a note: What we say about Melchizedek in this message is in no way implying that he paid any part of the price for our redemption. That was exclusively the job of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Now as we will see in the reading of our scripture today in Genesis, Chapter 14, Melchizedek met Abraham after his battle was over with the king of Sodom and the other kings that had

taken Lot and his family captive. Melchizedek brought forth bread and wine as a victory celebration; and it was here that Abraham came into his rest (Hebrews 4:10) as Melchizedek blessed him.

Also, after this, there was another man that came to Abraham in much the same way as Melchizedek did. The difference here is that this man, accompanied by two other men, came to *both* Abraham and Sarah and ate a meal with them. (Genesis, Chapter 18) Then after they were finished eating, the man whom Abraham called, "My Lord," began to prophesy unto him and Sarah about the birth of their promised son, Isaac, and when this birth would happen. The other two men sat and witnessed this prophecy, and afterwards the two (who were called angels of the Lord in Genesis 19:1) went to Sodom to deliver Lot and those of his family who would hear what they were saying. But the one man whom Abraham called *Lord* stayed and told him about the judgment that was soon to fall on those perverted cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here, Christ appeared as a prophet and did his job; and he disappeared in much the same order as he appeared. This man (unlike Melchizedek) was not a type of Jesus Christ the High Priest; nor was he a type of the king of righteousness. He was not showing the king of peace; neither was he showing the king of Salem. But this man was being shown as a prophet, and he delivered God's plan to Abraham; while Melchizedek was showing the plan of God that would be accomplished in and through our Lord Jesus Christ through all eternity. Keep in mind that at that time God's only begotten Son had not yet been born into this world through Mary, a virgin of the daughters of Israel. So here we see the Christ before Jesus was ever born.

Here we can see that God is showing us, through Melchizedek, His plan hundreds of years before it came into being. This was God in the Old Testament using the anointing that later became known as *the Christ* which came into His Son Jesus at His

baptism by John. We see God bearing witness to this event in Matthew, Chapter 3. And in the Book of Hebrews, Paul took this truth, and by the inspiration of God went deeper into this revelation. All of this we will learn from what Paul wrote for us in the Book of Hebrews. He shows us a very important truth about how Christ, through Melchizedek, overcame death. After this, Melchizedek is seen no more; showing that he was not a permanent living soul. So this finished the purpose of Melchizedek being here on earth. It was *the Christ* that was permanent, which is seen again in Jesus, thus making Him the Lord Jesus Christ. These are important facts to keep in mind as we begin to unravel this great mystery.

Now I want to speak of Paul's prophecy of overcoming death as part of this great plan of salvation. This is something that almost all mankind dreams about doing. But to find the answer to the question of *how* to overcome death remained elusive, mainly because of the fact that with sin came the death sentence. And to satisfy God's justice, someone had to pay the sin debt for those born to fallen mankind. David said in Psalms 51:5, "*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*" This is showing that we all needed someone to die for us, as we were not born of the tree of life. This is confirmed in John 3:7 when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Yes, Jesus Christ died to give us this new life without the death sentence, thus taking away our sins and giving us His very own righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

So now it's clear that Melchizedek could not pay the sin debt for those who were born into this world needing a Savior, because he was never born of a woman. But Jesus Christ could, and did, pay our sin debt, because he was born of a woman as God's only begotten Son, who Paul said took on the seed of Abraham and died for all of God's seed by tasting death for all mankind who could hear Him by revelation. (Hebrews 2:12) Now through the writing of Paul we understand that

overcoming death is part of our salvation and we can, and will, do this. (Romans 8:22-23)

Now confirming again that it was Christ in Melchizedek, God used him (as well as Enoch and Elijah) in the Old Testament times to show us that we can challenge the death sentence and win, as Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* So the death sentence is rendered unenforceable on those who are receiving by revelation this last trumpet message that I am now preaching. The death penalty is lifted from them.

So to Abraham, Melchizedek was a real person; but he was not a person born of a woman and his job was very temporary. But he did exist and he did meet with Abraham as shown in Genesis, Chapter 14, and they did eat together. And this was also the first time that we read about the giving of tithes. When Abraham met Melchizedek, he did something that was not known before this time. I don't know why he did it, but Abraham gave him a tenth of all. Melchizedek didn't ask for anything; but there was something in Abraham's heart that told him to do this. And from that point on, this became something that God's people have done. And then, much later, it was included in the Law of Moses. Keep in mind here that Melchizedek was before the law and there was nothing written about tithing; this was done voluntarily by Abraham, because he just wanted to do it. And

that is the way it is for us and our tithes; it's because we want to. There is not someone saying that we have to do it; but it's in our hearts to do it.

When I was just a little fellow I had joined a church and it was a requirement for all of us to give at least a tenth of our earnings. We had to do that among other religious things. Well, in Bible days it didn't start off that way; it started with a man that just loved the Lord and he got a revelation and he gave a tenth of all. And that is the way it is with us as we have come out of the law age into our wonderful baptism into the body of Christ. Tithing to the real work of God is something that the saints of God love to do; even without being told to do it.

So I am going to read here about this man named Melchizedek; because through him God shows us many truths that are now coming to us by inspiration and revelation of the Word and Spirit. I am showing these things to the wife of the Lamb as a help to us and for our edification. I spoke last week and entitled our message, *Jesus Christ Introduces Us to Speaking the Word by Inspiration*. This message will help much in showing us that from henceforth it will take a spiritual revelation to provide the inspiration for furtherance into our translation, as we have learned from Paul's writing, which is brought to fruition in *this* writing.

First, we see a great faith in Paul which gave him inspiration to preach what we will be reading in this mighty Book of Hebrews; showing us by revelation some things that were not written about Melchizedek. This is only one of the many things that Paul preached that had to be direct revelation from God, because the Old Testament tells very little about Melchizedek. The fact is, there is very little scripture that is dedicated to Melchizedek; but we will see what Paul says in the New Testament about this man. How did he know these things that he wrote? It was by revelation.

I am saying this in order to lay the foundation for this message as we go into this prophecy for today. I want to show you that Paul had very little to work with from the written Word when speaking of Melchizedek. But he didn't need much; just the little bit that he had was enough, because the Holy Ghost can take a little seed and cause it to grow. He can take a few words and spread it out. As a little flower seed grows up into a beautiful flower, it doesn't look like what went into the ground, but it sure looks beautiful and smells good when the process is completed. That is what the Word of God is like.

Now we are going to be reading in Genesis 14:18-20, and here we find Abraham coming home after a battle where God had given a great deliverance. It says, *"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth. And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (Abram, later changed to Abraham) gave him tithes of all."* Here is the only encounter that we read about anyone having with Melchizedek. Notice, he was the king of Salem, the priest of the most high God, and he came and blessed Abraham and he was absolutely speaking for God. And when this encounter was over, both men went their separate ways.

Now before we read in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 5, to find Paul's revelation on this mystery man of God, Melchizedek, let's make one stop in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 10, and get a scripture that is needful, because Christ is the great connector between Melchizedek and Jesus. For here we see Christ in the Old Testament; and as we go on into this we will see that there are many great things that God did before the Word-Son, Jesus, was born as the only begotten Son of God.

When Jesus died on the cross and gave up the ghost, He said, "It is finished." After this, the gift of the Holy Ghost became

available to fallen mankind who would repent of their sins and give their heart over to God.

We see today that many of the denominational churches don't want to be identified with the word *Holy Ghost*, so they say Holy Spirit. Even in the different Bible translations they will use Holy Spirit in the place of Holy Ghost. In one sense it is the same; but the difference is that the Holy Spirit has always been. But the Holy Ghost was not here until Jesus Christ died on the cross and He gave up His ghost, which was something that Melchizedek could not do. So we see why Jesus Christ was the only one that could pay the sin penalty for all mankind.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 says, *"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed under the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;"* Notice here that Moses did not say, "I baptize you in the cloud and in the sea." No, they heard Moses' message. They came through the Red Sea and the cloud was over them by a message and there was no other baptism.

This is the same terminology that the Apostle Paul was using to show a spiritual truth concerning our baptism into the body of Christ. It is by this last trumpet (trump) message that is saying, "By one Spirit, you are baptized into the one body of Christ." In other words, there is now a message going forth, and it's the fullness of Christ in the earth. And we believe it and have become one with it; because by it we were baptized into the body of Christ and we are now Christ the wife in the earth. Jesus Christ has given us the Christ part of His name. "Ye are the body of Christ, and by one Spirit ye are baptized into His body." Each living believer of this message is a member of the body by baptism (or baptized into this message) and altogether (collectively) we are one body, thus making us the many member body of Christ. So the children of Israel weren't baptized unto Moses by him saying, "I baptize you in my name,"

or “I baptize you in the cloud and in the sea.” No, they followed what he taught.

Continuing with Verse 3, *“And did all eat the same spiritual meat;”* Every one of them ate of the manna that God let fall from heaven. It didn’t matter how good they were or how bad they were; they all ate of the same thing. Verse 4 is the verse that I specifically want you to notice. It says, *“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”*

Now this is showing Christ way back there in the time when Moses was bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt. All but a few were complaining about being thirsty; not waiting patiently on God to provide water for them; just as many people today are dying from thirst. We hear that report from many people; they say, “What happened to the revival?” It seems like everything is dry.” Well, there is plenty of spiritual drink. There is a spiritual Rock now; and that’s the Rock of Ages and it will never cease to give revelation (drink to the thirsty) by the wife the Lamb.

We see when the children of Israel were in the desert, Moses smote the rock. And it was said that there was a couple of million people along with the different animals there; so it took a lot of water—but the water didn’t run dry. (That was the result of the anointing which was called *Christ* in the New Testament.) And when Moses smote the rock, it represented Jesus Christ being smote on Calvary. In John 7:38-39, it says, *“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”* Jesus Christ had to be crucified for the real water (Holy Ghost) to come out. That’s why on the cross, He said, “Father, why hast thou forsaken me?” Then He cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost. And that was the only Holy Ghost that there has ever been. And that is the only

Holy Ghost that there will ever be. And that is what Acts, Chapter 2, was all about. We can read where the disciples came out of the upper room and they were shouting and speaking in tongues, and it caused so much turmoil among the religious people that they came together and said, "These people are drunk." But Peter stood up and said, "No, we are not drunk as you suppose." And then he began to speak by inspiration. He said, "This is *that* which was spoken of by the Prophet Joel saying, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

Now we can see the Christ that was in the Old Testament, the Christ that was with Melchizedek and others, becoming one with His people in the New Testament. And now the Christ that had come into Jesus, the Son of God, is in us. When Jesus was baptized, the fullness of Christ came into Him. He had lived a good life, even before Christ came into Him. He was the Word, even before Christ came into Him to become a part of the human family. And by this transaction, God and man could be at peace with one another.

Likewise, we were part of the Word—*in the beginning was the Word*. We were a gene there before the world was (Ephesians, Chapter One). We were with Him then and He put our names in the Book of Life. We were part of the Word (the Spirit) to be made manifest in this last day. But our soul and flesh wasn't Word, yet. Our flesh came into being by the natural law of reproduction, and in our life we did sinful things and went our own way. But one day there was a knock on our door and we answered it and said, "Jesus, come into my heart and live." And He came in and He began to clean us up so that we could live like Him. The Bible says, 1 Peter 2:22, "He is our example, who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." That is why we presented our bodies *a* living sacrifice unto the Lord, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. In other words, we get our body in line with the Spirit of Christ that is in us. We became one with the Spirit of Christ. Our soul

became one with the Spirit of Christ. He and us (the members of His body) became the same. Paul said, "I'm in Christ's stead." Paul's work was back there laying the foundation for us to build on. (1 Corinthians 3:9-11) He stood the pressure of bringing his message that has laid the foundation for us; and it brought us into the fullness of Christ, having His very mind. And that mind of Christ brings forth the Word by revelation that is not even attached to human natural things; it's totally in the Spirit.

We have the mind of Christ—let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ. Because the Holy Ghost is that Spirit that was in Jesus Christ, and now He is working through us to get our mind and our spirit perfectly in line with His. The man Jesus and the Christ that came into Him was so much the same that He became Jesus Christ. If you saw Jesus, you saw the Christ. Jesus was the visible part of Christ. Christ the wife in this hour is the visible part of the man Christ Jesus, because He came down in Revelation, Chapter 10, in the fullness of His spiritual coming (right foot on sea and left foot on earth) and we were baptized into His body. And now He has given us His Word.

The Bible is the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil* and when anointed it becomes the *tree of life*; and then these two trees are not so different from one another. In fact, we get the tree of life (the Spirit of revelation) along with this written Word when it is rightly placed for the time it is written for—and that's when we have one perfect Word. Jesus said, "My words are Spirit and they are life."

So we see that the written Word has life in it—but it also has death in it. God said, "I set before you this day, the way of life and the way of death." Paul told us this in 2 Corinthians 3:6, "*Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*" The letter (written Word) alone will kill, but it is the Spirit that puts life in it. The Spirit puts life in us. And now this spiritual Word has come to life in a very real and spiritual way for the

wife as we have been given a new covenant of the spoken Word shown by the little book of Revelation, Chapter 10. That's the wife's testament which will raise the dead members of the body of Christ and translate the living into glorified bodies. This testament (covenant) is shown by the sounding of this last trumpet message that is ministered by the wife of the Lamb.

A man can quote scriptures and people may think, "My, that man is spiritual; he sure has a lot of knowledge." But knowledge will get us into a lot of trouble if we don't have the Spirit to know how to use it. Many people take the Word of God to kill and destroy with it, but the Spirit of Christ takes the Word of God and puts life in it. That's why God had men like Paul. God gave Paul a message to call out a people to be a virgin in that hour, and he took from both the Jews and Gentiles. He said that the body of Christ is neither Jew nor Gentile. Although God sent Paul to the Gentiles as is seen in Acts 15:14-18 and Romans 11:13, he was also to witness this to the Jewish people who already had the gospel as preached on the day of Pentecost, beginning in Acts, Chapter 2. Paul went forth and preached to the Gentiles and the predestinated heard and accepted it and so did many of the Jews. Both the Jews and the Gentiles began to believe the same thing that Paul taught. They learned from what was preached that it was not necessary to circumcise their children for a salvational purpose and they forsook the offering of sacrifices. And a new man began to be formed of both the Jews and Gentiles. This created a virgin to be the wife of the Lamb; thus creating the new man of Ephesians 2:14-18. This laid the framework for this last trumpet message that has taken (translated) us past the *till* of Ephesians 4:13. This marriage is seen in its fullness in Revelation 19:7-8.

In Romans 16:1-15, Paul gives us some names of those Jewish Christians that believed his message that espoused them (Jews and Gentiles collectively) as a virgin to Christ. Yes, this applied to both the Jews and Gentiles. Pricilla and Aquila were amongst

those Jews that believed Paul's preaching concerning the Kingdom of God and they had a church in their house. (Romans 16:3-5) They were Jews who fell in love with and accepted what Paul was preaching; thus they became virgins to the Lord. Therefore, they will be part of the wife of the Lamb and come up in the resurrection for the wife; while there were others in the Jewish realm that did not follow Paul's revelation but were ordained of God to stay with the gospel of the circumcision as is spoken in Galatians 2:6-9.

Now when we see Christ in the Old Testament, many scriptures come alive for us. In days gone by we were taught that Christ wasn't here until Jesus came. But that was very wrong! Christ was that Rock in the wilderness. Christ was back there before the world was. He was with God before He became one with the soul of Jesus. And the first time we see the Christ anointing expressing itself was before mankind was on this earth—it was on Lucifer who was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him. We can read about it in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 14, and in the Book of Ezekiel, Chapter 28. When Lucifer is first seen in the scripture, he was not seen as the devil, but he was seen as a bringer of light that was at the dawning of creation. This was back in the prehistoric time; even before God created Adam's Garden of Eden. He was the angel that God had invested much power in. God put this anointing upon him, but he sinned against God and lost that anointing.

We have seen it many times in this day, when someone receives the anointing how they begin to get lifted up with pride. During the time of the deliverance movement when preachers had the big tent meetings (and I was in many of them years ago), you could hear preachers saying, "I've got the biggest tent in the world," indicating that they were the greatest preacher in the land. And another would say something on this order, "You may have a bigger tent than I have, but I received a bigger offering than you did." They began to be in what we call a rat

race with one another of who could have the biggest tent or get the biggest offering. Iniquity was found in them and the anointing left. Where are the big tent revivals now? They are gone.

This is just like when Lucifer ruled this earth, we see that he lifted himself up before the angels. He said, "We can do it better. Look at what we have. I will lift my throne above the stars." And that is what some are saying today, "We don't need leadership. We don't need the ministry that God set in the church." It's the spirit of iniquity. Well, God stripped Lucifer of the anointing and he will never receive it again. And now God has stripped the anointing from these boastful preachers and they will never be anointed again.

This Christ anointing came on different ones down through time. It was seen on Melchizedek. He spoke and prophesied to Abraham. And by that same anointing he even overcame death. From the beginning God knew the one that this anointing would eventually rest upon and become one with, and who would use it for only doing the will of God. And that was on God's only begotten Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh. And now it's on the members of His wife, who have reached the place where they will do only the will of God.

When Christ, the anointing, came upon Jesus at the time John baptized Him, the first thing that happened to Him was that He was driven into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil for forty days and nights, in which He overcame the devil at every trial. All the angels had to wait until God had tried His Son; only then did the angels come and minister unto Him. And although they had power to push back the devil and to push back all the evil powers, they didn't do it; for had they stopped the devil from trying Jesus, He wouldn't have shown us how to handle a trial. But according to God's will, the angels waited until God had allowed Jesus to be tried like no other man has ever been tried. And not only was Jesus tried in the wilderness,

overcoming every temptation, He was even tried in His daily life, as He was tempted and tested in all points like we are, yet without sin.

So all the angels stood back. I'm sure they wanted to get at the devil, but God told them, "No, Jesus has to go through this trial, because He's my Son and He has to be prepared for the job that He is going to do. He's got to be tested and tried in every point to show the devil and all creation that He is God's chosen one." And as soon as God was finished allowing Jesus to be tempted, then the angels came and ministered unto Him. I can imagine that the angels were so happy that they could finally come to Jesus. Because there He was, a frail body after fasting for forty days and nights. But they couldn't come to Him while He was being tested. I want to highlight that point, because it might help some of us. The angels of the Lord encampeth around those that fear God—but sometimes God lets us go through testing. And it is not that the angels took a vacation, as we may think if they don't help us immediately. No, it is the will of God being worked out. And the angels know what the will of God is for those that they are to help, because they are ministering spirits sent unto those that are heirs of salvation. (Hebrews 2:14)

So when Jesus was crucified on Calvary, He released the Christ; for Christ had become one with the very soul of Jesus. But not only did He release the Christ, but He released His own soul. And that miracle created the Holy Ghost. And nowhere can we find in the days of Moses or anywhere else in the Old Testament where Christ was ever called the Holy Ghost. The reason being, Christ had never become one with a soul until Jesus. This is important in understanding Melchizedek's place in the plan of God as he was not one born with a human soul as Jesus was.

So this act of God's Son releasing His spirit that had become one with Christ (giving the Spirit of Christ a soul) connected God

with mankind. And by this act, God created a ghost that could blend with our spirit and make us part of Him; and it not only blends with our spirit and soul, but also with our body as we submit ourselves unto Him. And now this brings to light why Melchizedek was not our Savior. But he was like the man that came to Abraham and Sarah, who after his job was finished went back to being what he was before he met them, without leaving anything behind of himself, except his message.

Now as we read in Hebrews, Chapter 5, I want you to watch as we talk about Melchizedek. Keep in mind, I'm not talking about *Jesus* being in Melchizedek. I'm talking about Christ the anointing that was on Melchizedek, which came all the way through time before it landed on Jesus. And Christ (this special anointing) is the great connector. Paul got a revelation and showed us the great mystery of how Melchizedek and Jesus were connected. So now that we have the proper understanding, it will become very clear to us as I read the scripture as to whether it is talking about Jesus or Melchizedek.

One of the points I want to make here is that Paul began to speak by inspiration things that were not written. He had only a seed Word of Melchizedek that was planted back there in Genesis, Chapter 14, and also mentioned in Psalms 110:4. So when Paul was writing here in Hebrews, God began to put this revelation in his heart and reveal to him what Melchizedek was all about. It was not written anywhere else in the New Testament until Paul wrote it. And Paul was a man just like we are, as 1 Corinthians 15:10 says, *"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."* I really love this scripture, so we had it written on the back cover of one of our books entitled, *Christ the Wife: A People without a Country*. I believe that each of us that are involved in this last trumpet message can say, *"His grace was not bestowed upon me in vain,"* because we have embraced it

and we have let it make something out of our lives that can glorify God and that will even change us in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye without going through the channel of death.

So we want to begin reading now in Hebrews 5:5. (You might say, "Preacher, you sure took your time getting here." Yes, but it is going to be worth the wait!) It says, "*So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest;*" Jesus Christ wasn't just to do the work of a high priest. No, His work was much, much more. God made Jesus Christ everything that was related to the soul of mankind for the purpose of qualifying Him to be the bringer of our total redemption. That's why He was taken from amongst men to be our Savior. God made Him the Apostle and High Priest, King of Saints, and our Husband and King. And in the millennium He will be King of Righteousness, King of Peace, and the list goes on.

Notice Verse 5 is showing that Jesus didn't go in the temple and say, "I'm the high priest now. I'm the one. I've come to take over this operation." No, He came for a different purpose. Jesus was a man acquainted with grief and sorrow. God wanted Him to live a life just like other people but without sinning. Do you know why? So that we would not be able to say as a way of making an excuse for our slothfulness, "Yes, but *that* was Jesus; *He* could do it." In the way of testing, He was just like we are. And what He did, He did by faith in God, because He took upon Himself the form of a servant.

Yes, Jesus was tested just like we are. The Book of Philippians 2:5-8 says, "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*" God gave us the same Spirit, and He also gave us the same overcoming power, as the Book of Luke 10:19 says, "*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and*

scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." So let's not try to make excuses by saying, "Yes, but that was Jesus." No, God didn't give Jesus this position until He had let Him go through many things in life. And He wouldn't even let the angels help Him when He was going through some of His hardest trials. God knew that Jesus had it in Him and He wanted Jesus to show us how it's done. And what He did, He did by revelational faith in God and said that we could do the same. John 14:12 says, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."* God wanted to prove to us that overcoming is something that we can do through Christ. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation." And now we can say, "Oh, what a Captain we have!" He stood and He didn't waver; even in the face of death He did exactly what God ordained Him to do.

Let's continue on with Hebrews 5:5. It says, *"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest, but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee."* In other words, the title of high priest didn't even come close to what all Jesus had to do; because He was the very Son of God. Verse 6, *"As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."* Now may we ask, "Paul, where did you get these things that you are saying about Jesus and Melchizedek?" It's here that he was speaking the Word by inspiration; and oh my, what he is about to tell us next.

Now in the New Testament, Jesus was the one that introduced this ministry of speaking the Word by inspiration after He was anointed. But the Pharisees and Sadducees wouldn't hear Him. They were so blind. They said, "We have Moses for our father. Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness." And Jesus said, "Yes, and they are dead." The only manna that had spiritual life in it was the life in the manna that was in the ark. And that shows the spoken Word for our day.

Many times all that people get is the natural Word, and there is no life in it; because it takes the Spirit to make the Word live—it takes faith. And if we read here in the Book of Hebrews, we can see where it's said that many fell in the wilderness and didn't inherit the land because they failed to keep the Word because of unbelief. And I am telling you now that we don't even want a little shadow of unbelief. Look what God is doing; the last trump is sounding and the time of rapture is here. The world is falling apart and the revelation of the Word of God is flowing. Hallelujah! And the life of the Word is coming with inspiration to the wife in our day of visitation.

So Paul is telling us something here. The revelation he got was right from the heart of God. He spoke the Word, and it is just as good as if Jesus had said it. It's just as good as if Moses had said it. Paul was ordained to tell us about Melchizedek. He wanted to give us hope that there would be a people living that were not going to die. This Melchizedek didn't die. And now there is a people looking death in the face and saying, "Oh death, where is your sting?" And we are encouraging those that are in the grave (like how Ezekiel, in Ezekiel, Chapter 37, prophesied to the valley of dry bones) to claim their portion of the Word that says, "Oh, grave where is your victory?" The living part of the wife is saying unto them, "Come on out of that grave and enjoy this jubilee that we are having here, as we have been clothed in fine linen, clean and white!"

So the Christ that came in Melchizedek overcame death. And so did Jesus Christ overcome death, but Jesus gave His life for us so that we wouldn't have to die. No man took Jesus' life against His will, but He willingly laid down His life for us in order to pay a debt that we could not pay; because the Christ in Melchizedek had already overcome death to show us how it's done. This is fertilizer for faith. Enoch was translated, and Elijah was seen taken in a chariot of fire; but it was different with

Melchizedek, because God created this man just to show us how we can overcome death through the fullness of Christ.

Let's get Verse 6 again, "*As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec* (Psalms 110:4)." Now Jesus Christ would be dealt with after the order of Melchizedek. Remember here, it was Christ causing Melchizedek to do what he did as a prototype of what was coming. Christ (Spirit) was the great connector that connected both Melchizedek and Jesus together.

Verse 7, "*Who in the days of his flesh,*" Now Paul is *not* talking about in the days of Jesus' flesh. But he's talking about Melchizedek here, "*who in the days of his flesh.*" Paul is going to switch back and forth between Jesus and Melchizedek. And unless you see the great connector, you are going to say, "I can't tell if he is talking about Jesus or somebody else." But you are going to see. Continuing with Verse 7, "*Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying, and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.*"

Now watch. Here is this man (Melchizedek) who had finished his part of the plan of God, and the time had come for him to go. He offered up some strong prayers to God. He got serious about this thing. And I'm telling you if you are planning on being changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, it's time to get serious about this thing. So Christ in this man overcame death. And now, Christ is going to overcome death through this human element (members of the body of Christ) that are the living members of His wife, because it is promised to *we which are alive and remain*. We are living in a time when God is moving mightily.

Christ the great connector! The same one that overcame death through Melchizedek is the same one that overcomes death in us, and is the same Christ that died on the cross in Jesus for our sins. Why did He do it? He tasted death for every man, so that

we wouldn't have to taste it. Jesus payed the cost in full. But Christ back there in Melchizedek wanted to show us that we can escape death and not die. Here, permit me to say again, the price was paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the cross. This man Melchizedek was not involved in that part of the plan. And Paul was the only one that spoke this revelation like this; not Peter, James, nor John. And now there is a message in this hour and it is the only one that is presenting this revelation of overcoming death—namely, the last trumpet message, which is only for the wife of the Lamb.

Yes, there were men in the days of Paul, such as Peter, James and John, who were as good as they come. But they preached to the Jewish church that was connected to the nation of Israel who we refer to as the Jewish brethren; while Paul called out a virgin from both the Jews and the Gentiles to be included in the Lamb's wife as the marriage has taken place in our day. And while I am preaching to *we which are alive and remain*, the dead in Christ that are the members of the wife will come up first; and then we are going to be changed into glorified bodies and raptured. Lord, we are ready! Remember here that when Melchizedek prayed, he was heard—and he didn't die.

Now Paul drops back to speaking about Jesus in Verse 8. And if you don't have the Holy Ghost and someone to preach to you that has some Holy Ghost sense with the anointing, you are going to read this and say, "I don't know who Paul is talking about." That is what people say to me, "I don't know who Paul is talking about."

Most people are lost when it comes to what Paul said about Melchizedek. But to understand the things of God, it takes the Holy Ghost and the eating of the little book that was brought to us by the Mighty Angel of Revelation, Chapter 10, to become Christ the wife of the Lamb. And this ministry that God has ordained is preaching it and this is the time for it. This was not to be preached back in the church ages when they were singing

songs such as, "I'm longing and waiting to go." And they *were* longing to go (God bless them) because that was their message. They said, "I'm ready to go to the grave." And they sang, "There ain't no grave gonna hold this body down. When I hear that trumpet sound, I'm coming up out of that ground. Because there ain't no grave gonna hold this body down!" That was for them. But *our* faith is for translation. And with us there is a different call. There is a call saying, "Oh, death where is your sting now?" When Melchizedek got through praying, he could have said, "Now death where is your sting? Come on and hit me with it if you think you can. I've overcome. I'm an overcomer." And where is that written? It's in 1 Corinthians 15:57, "*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Christ the great connector! He was back there as that Rock in the wilderness and all the way through the Old Testament; and He is that Spirit that has anointed us, baptizing us into the body of Christ.

When the fullness of the Spirit of God fell on Jesus and went into Him, Christ found His home. Christ found one that He could blend with perfectly. And the Spirit of Christ that came down in His fullness in Revelation, Chapter 10, found His home in us and we found our home in Him. We are at home, inside the body of Christ as the wife of the Lamb.

Let's read Hebrews 5:7 again, "*Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying, and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.*" And then it says in Verse 8, "*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*" Watch. It switches back to Jesus in Verse 8, but it is the same Christ. So Paul's writing switched from the man Melchizedek to the man Jesus. That is because Christ the great connector between Melchizedek and Jesus was the same in both. And Christ is a Spirit.

Continuing on with Verses 9-10. It says, *“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest **after the order of Melchisedec.**”* This is speaking of Jesus Christ here and not Melchizedek. Paul said that Jesus came after the order of Melchizedek. And because it is the same Christ, many of the things that happened with Melchizedek, happened in Jesus Christ our Lord. So no wonder it is after the order of Melchizedek. Amen. Do you see now, Christ the great connector that has connected this together for us? He has connected the eternal life in our soul with the redemption of our bodies. Hallelujah! In Paul’s day he said, *“We wait for the redemption of the body.”* And now our wait is over as the Word is being quickened unto us. The Holy Ghost is the earnest (down payment on our full redemption) which redeems our bodies as well as our souls as we have received the fullness of Christ as is seen in Revelation, Chapter 10. So Christ is the great connector that has connected our spirit and soul and body together with His. We are in Christ and Christ is in us and together we are in God.

In the Old Testament the high priest had to make a sacrifice by blood, but he had to do it over and over again. But Jesus Christ had to do it only one time. Paul said that Jesus offered the blood one time, which was at Calvary. One time is enough for me. There is a song that says, *“He died once, and one time is enough for me.”* He came into our hearts and cleansed us from every sin, washed us as white as snow, and has clothed us in fine linen and has made us His wife.

Paul had many things to say, but they couldn’t hear it in that hour, because there were certain things that had to transpire that would bring this into being. In Matthew, Chapter 13, we see that the espoused virgin fell away and had to go through seven church ages, and the wheat and tares had to grow together until harvest at the end of the age. And then after the harvesting, the tares are bound in bundles to be burned and the righteous now

can shine forth as the sun forevermore. And this couldn't come into being until the seven seals were opened and the little book brought back and the mystery of the church ages finished. It is all in our book entitled, *The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of Revelation and the Eating of a Bitter Meal*—for the wife of the Lamb has left her testimony therein.

I want to stop here and pick up again in tomorrow's service. Up until now, we have just gotten the cookie jar opened! It's like we have cut a big cake and have begun to sample it; and it gets better and better and greater and greater as we go deeper. On this part of the message we want you to see the great connector between Melchizedek and Jesus, and that Melchizedek is not our Lord Jesus Christ. And again without revelation, one could read Paul's writing and think he was talking about just one man, when he was actually talking about Melchizedek and Jesus. Melchizedek was created to show the coming Savior. And when Paul was talking about Melchizedek, one could think that he was talking about Jesus. That's why we don't fault someone for thinking that Jesus and Melchizedek was the same. That's because it was the same Christ using both men.

So God sent Paul to connect that together for us. It was the same Christ, just using different men. And this man Melchizedek was the priest of the most high God, and he was the king of Salem, and the king of righteousness, and the king of peace, which shows what Jesus is going to be in the millennial reign—the great King, and He is our Husband. Glory to God!

Now it's all coming together for us here at the end time. We see that the world is falling apart. We see that everything is coming into place to finish it up here at the end time. And the wife has perfect understanding of it all. We see it not only in the spiritual realm but also when we look out into the worldly realm. We see Russia has come into the Middle East, and all the pieces of the puzzle are coming together to say, "This is the end."

Let us pray. *Heavenly Father, we come to you praising your name. We thank you, Lord, because you have given us one more opportunity to stand and be identified with the Lamb that died for us. And, Lord, we thank you and praise you for your love, goodness, and mercy. And we appreciate you, Lord. I pray that you bless each one that hears this message. May you quicken this Word to their heart and let them know that we are on the winning team, and that we are at the end time, and that we are ready and waiting for the translation of the body. We are the wife of the Lamb, the body of Christ, that is walking and talking and witnessing in this hour. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen. Your wife.*

UTTERING THE THINGS CONCERNING MELCHIZEDEK THAT NEEDED TO BE TAUGHT AGAIN

Greetings to each one of you on this beautiful Sunday morning as we are gathered together once more in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Last evening we talked about *Christ the Great Connector between Melchizedek and Jesus*; and in that part of the message we showed that Christ in the Old Testament was spoken of as the Spirit that God used to give His Word to the prophets before the birth of Jesus (God's only begotten Son who was the Word made flesh). Since that time, the Christ part of God's Spirit became one with the spirit of the man Jesus and thereafter is seen as one Spirit, thus creating the Holy Ghost.

So from the Christ Spirit and the human spirit of God's Son, Jesus Christ, He has created this 'Holy Ghost' Spirit that can connect with our human spirit giving us a new birth and eternal life. By this means, God's Son became one with the spirit of His redeemed family under the new covenant, bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Since this period of time, God has been speaking by inspiration through His ministry. This is seen in the apostles as well as others; especially in Paul, and now through the wife of the Lamb (Ephesians 4:13-16). Speaking by inspiration is clearly seen in Paul's writing as he wrote the scripture concerning Melchizedek in the Book of Hebrews. He reached back and showed the Christ that was seen in the Old Testament as the Rock that was in the wilderness which Moses smote and water came out to give drink to the children of Israel. (1 Corinthians 10:4)

Now in the New Testament we read where Jesus Christ said this *water* would come out of the believers bellies (our inner

being). He said in John 7:38, *“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”* This is the blessing of Christ as we are baptized into the body of Christ. And the living water (Word and Spirit) flows from us, as we are now the recipients of the fullness of Christ. And just as it flowed out of the Rock in the wilderness, it now flows out of the wife of the Lamb. For we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)

Today we are going to continue on with the same thought that we started last evening but I want to use a different text; because last evening we were mostly establishing the presence of Christ in the Old Testament by showing some of the wonderful things that were wrought in Christ in those days. This message is a continuance; we will not be going over those things that are already on record, so from here I want to pick up and go forward. But I would like to pray before we continue on today.

Heavenly Father, as we come to you, Lord, I just want to thank you for a great service thus far today and for your blessings upon your saints all over the world. And I thank you for the revelation of the Word of God. And now, as we are about to read more of the Word, I pray that you will anoint us to say words that will be of a benefiting nature to all, especially the wife of the Lamb. I pray also that you will anoint me to speak the Word in a way that would please you. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

I want to speak on, *Uttering the Things Concerning Melchizedek that Needed to be Taught Again*. Paul tells us this in Hebrews 5:11-14, because at that time he could only bring it so far. This was as God ordained it to be; for Paul was laying the foundation for the building which would come later. And now we see these truths even include more about Jesus Christ and Melchizedek.

At the time of Paul's writing in Hebrews, Chapter 5, he accused those in his day of being immature. He said, *“You have need of the milk of the Word, because you are still babes.”* When Paul wrote this about the saints being babes and needing milk,

evidently he didn't realize that there was going to come seven church ages after he was gone, and that the espoused virgin would fall away but would come back again when they heard a ministry that continued preaching this Word by inspiration. He also told us that we would come into the fullness of Christ. And now that has happened just before the rapture.

Also, it was along about this time that God let Paul know that he was going home, so Paul revealed to the saints that he would be going home soon. And with his going away, Christ also withdrew Himself as that apostolic office was withdrawn until He came back as the Mighty Angel in Revelation, Chapter 10. Even though Paul said that he was in Christ's stead, he did not come into the fullness of Christ as is seen in Ephesians 4:13, because God took him home to allow the fallen church to survive by a survival law that Paul had set in the Word for them to live by until Christ came again and reactivated the apostolic ministry to lead us to our spiritual baptism in this spiritual body of Christ. And now Christ is back on earth in His fullness, both legs of His spiritual coming, to take His wife (both the dead and the living) in the rapture.

I want to place a note here: When I'm speaking of the fullness of Christ, I'm speaking of more than receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost as was first given on the day of Pentecost in Acts, Chapter 2, and was restored back to us in this last day. Pay close attention here—Receiving the Holy Ghost is receiving *a part* of the very soul and Spirit of Jesus Christ, which is a gift from God and is eternal life. It is here at the end of the church ages that we see that Christ comes into the earthly realm in His fullness, clothed with a cloud as the Mighty Angel (Revelation, Chapter 10) and we become His wife; bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. And by His fullness we show forth not just a part but the stature of the *fullness* of Christ unto 'a perfect man' which has many members. (Ephesians 4:13) This is both legs of His

spiritual coming which has taken us beyond the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Here in the Book of Hebrews, Paul said, "I have many things to say." He also told them to leave the foundation and go on to perfection or maturity in Christ. (Hebrews 6:1-2) In this case, Paul was writing to those who were living in that present time and telling them that they couldn't receive what he was saying at his time, so what he was saying would need to be taught again.

In our message a few weeks ago we saw that Jesus Christ introduced us to speaking by inspiration; showing us that since the day of Pentecost, God has been giving us truth by inspiration. And being inspired, Paul revealed to us that it was Christ in the rock that Moses smote. But Moses and the children of Israel had to move on from that rock in the wilderness. But the wonderful thing is that Christ continued to move with them and was manifested in many other ways, until finally it came time for Him to be manifested in and through the Son of God, Jesus the Christ.

After Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected, we come to Acts, Chapter One, where He told His disciples that He was going to leave and He gave them some insight on what was about to happen to them at the receiving of the Holy Ghost. But their hearts were on the hope of the kingdom being restored back to Israel. They said Lord, "Will you at this time restore the kingdom back to Israel?" (Which is speaking of the millennium.) Jesus answered and said, "It is not for you to know the time and season." So this was one of the times that God let them know that there was something more but it wasn't time. Jesus said, "I have many things to say to you, but you can't receive them now. Howbeit when the Holy Ghost is come, He will reveal these things to you in their proper time." Here we can see very clearly that many things that were written in the Bible were written for a later time, to be revealed by inspiration

to those for whom it was written. Romans 15:4 says, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

In the Book of John, Chapters 14-17, the conversations that Jesus Christ had with His disciples before He went away are laid out very clearly. He said, "My Father and I will take our abode with you." That is the Holy Ghost coming within us, which is none other than the Spirit of Christ after He took on a human nature through our Lord Jesus. Melchizedek didn't have a soul that could live in us; so never do we say, "Melchizedek is living within and he is my Savior." No, but Christ Jesus is living in us and He is our Savior. This means that not only do we have the Spirit of God but we have a part of the very soul of the Son of God.

So today we are going to continue reading what we were reading last evening and I trust that after this the truth concerning Melchizedek will be very clear to us. I'm going to start reading again in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 5, starting with Verse 6. It says, *"As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."* Here we only want to establish by the scripture the words *after the order of*. This shows again that 'the man Melchizedek' and the 'man Jesus' are not the same person.

Now Melchizedek didn't come as part of an established priesthood order; for he came hundreds of years before God through Moses set up a priesthood. And when Jesus came it was a similar situation. Although there was a priesthood set in Israel and the priests were to be taken from the tribe of Levi, Jesus was born into the tribe of Juda of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood (Hebrews 7:14). And although Jesus Christ is seen in Revelation, Chapters 1-3, as High Priest, He did not come from the established line of priests. Here it shows Him making intercession for those that were part of the fallen virgin

during the journey through the seven church ages, who are now laid away in the chronicles of God's Word waiting for their resurrection to join us, the living saints, for the rapture.

Here we see that God never uses a denomination when He brings a new truth or a further revelation. This is just the way that God does things when He is showing a new revelation. He always takes it out of the religious realm and puts it before the people so that they will know that it is God doing the work. In this way it always happens outside the program of man, because God doesn't just give us certain rules to go by; He leads us by His Spirit from revelation to revelation. Romans 1:16-17 says, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith (from revelation to revelation), as it is written, The just shall live by (revelational) faith."* If we went by rules, we would not need revelation; neither would we need to be intimate with Christ Jesus. We could say, "Yes, I've got it. I believe this," or "I believe that." We would get set in a certain belief system or religious order and live our life without revelation. But God doesn't do His work that way in the wife of the Lamb.

We find when Paul was speaking of Melchizedek in Hebrew 7:4, he said, *"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils."* Yet Melchizedek couldn't and didn't pay for our sins or our healing, or make it possible for us to have eternal life or a glorified body; Jesus Christ did all of that. Just like the song says, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe." And this could only take place in God's time as Jesus died to pay for our sins and now has given us His righteousness. This is the point I want to make here: Christ, the anointing through God's only begotten Son, Jesus, has already died, resurrected, and come forth into glorification. And only because of Jesus Christ will the dead be raised and the living be changed. All these blessings come through the Lord Jesus

Christ. The person Melchizedek could not do any of this; but he was a shadow and a prototype of our Lord Jesus Christ, a shadow of the good things that have come.

Let's read Hebrews 5:6 again, "*As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*" Verse 7, "*Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.*" Here, Paul switches back to talking about Jesus Christ in Verse 8, "*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*" Verse 9, "*And being made perfect,*" Jesus was being made perfect (matured) by all the things that He went through; after all He was about thirty years old when He was baptized of John and received Christ. And by this transaction, God created a masterpiece, a perfect spirit and soul and body to be the Savior of all His creation. God ordained Him to be the Captain of our salvation. And I wouldn't want to go into battle with someone that didn't have a few battle scars or some experience, would you? So I gladly walk with Him!

So Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation and He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. God let Jesus come just like the rest of us humans, as far as being born of a woman, as the Word became an embryo by the working of God. Although He was born of a woman, He wasn't born with the sinful attributes that we were born with. Jesus was never in sin. There is no one else that the Bible says this about—"He neither sinned nor was guile found in His mouth." In all things He pleased the Father. Jesus said, "I come to do thy will, O Lord." And He has given us His Word and the fullness of His Spirit. He is our King and Husband and we can't honor Him enough.

Continuing on with Verse 9, "*And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.*" Notice again—*after the order of*—and this clearly tells us that this is not

Melchizedek, but it's Jesus Christ our Savior. It is important to note—Melchizedek was not born of a woman into the human family; he did not come by any human means. But this was not so with Jesus; He was *born* into this world. Jesus came just as the scripture said He would come—born of a virgin. And another thing to keep in mind as we go forward is that Jesus didn't come to destroy the Law of Moses; but He came to fulfill it. And His message put the law in the chronicles of what has been wrought. Paul said the law was only a shadow of the good things to come and now, praise God, the good things have come.

The Word says that the law was a school master which taught the Jewish people and those of the Gentiles who were circumcised and kept the law. That's why the law said, "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not." But Paul said that when the seed is come or when faith is come, we are no longer under the school master. From that time, God's people would be led by the Holy Ghost, that special part of the Spirit of Christ. And now in our day, He sent us a message to walk by without being under the law of do's and don'ts.

Now the virgin of Paul's day had the Holy Ghost but was waiting for the fullness of Christ as the prophecy was given by Paul in Ephesians 4:13 that indicated this to be so. We read that John, in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 10, saw Christ as the Mighty Angel coming to this earth, and He put His right foot upon the sea and His left foot on the earth; showing that the fullness would be seen as two legs of His spiritual coming. This showed that on the day of Pentecost the disciples would receive the first leg of the spiritual coming of Christ. But now, since Revelation, Chapter 10, has been fulfilled, we have received the fullness of both legs of the spiritual coming of Christ, making us the wife of the Lamb.

Let's get Hebrews 5:10-11, *"Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Of whom we have many things to say* (differentiating between Jesus and Melchizedek and some of the

other things that we are showing in this message) *and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*" Paul was being bold by saying, "Seeing that you are dull of hearing," wasn't he? Again, notice the title of my message, *Uttering the Things Concerning Melchizedek that Needed to be Taught Again*. Paul told the people, "You need to be taught this again." But he didn't teach it again, because he went on home. But it doesn't make any difference; for it is being taught again anyway, because it was Christ doing the teaching then, and it is Christ that is still doing the teaching now through His wife as we bring forth this last trumpet message which brings glorification to our bodies (the living and the dead). (Ephesians 4:13-16, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, and 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

Also, the Word tells us in Romans, Chapter 8, that we groan and travail in pain, waiting for the adoption to wit, the redemption of the body. The soul is already redeemed; but our redemption is not complete unless and until this body is redeemed. And the Christ that came in Melchizedek set a pattern for overcoming death. He overcame it when He prayed to God and offered up prayers and supplications to the one that saved him from death.

Now those words spoken (written) by Paul in Verse 11, whether he knew it or not is prophetic for our day and God through this last trumpet message has brought this prophecy into fulfillment. Here God saw His prophetic clock strike 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. It was at this time that Paul's prophecy began to be perfectly in line with what we are saying today. This is glad tidings to both *we which are alive and remain*, and to those that's soon to be resurrected.

Verse 11 again, "*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*" So it was hard to utter. In other words, it was hard to preach these things to them then. Well, I can see why; it wasn't time for them to get the glorified body. It wasn't time for them to see how God would let a group

overcome death and be changed just as soon as the dead were raised. This helps us to understand why Paul was saying, “I have much to say about this but it is hard to preach to you because your ears are dull of hearing.” I’m glad that there is a people today that are ready, waiting, and wanting this Word — and their ears are not dull of hearing and they can hear the trumpet sounding very well. That’s why this causes our heart to burn within us!

Watch this next verse. It says in Verse 12, *“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again* (I want you to notice those words ***teach you again***. In other words, this same thing had to be picked up and taught again, because they weren’t getting it. Neither were they understanding some of the more simple things.) *which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*” So instead of leaning forward, they began to lean backward. God knew that this last trumpet message was going to teach these things to them again in the fullness, giving us perfect understanding and bringing strong meat to a people that love to eat the meat of the Word, which is going to change us in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

After all, Paul said, “I laid the foundation (that was his job), but another buildeth thereon.” The wife is the *another* that buildeth thereon. And now we are in the fullness of the finishing of what Paul laid the foundation for. We are at the end time and rapturing faith has come. And in order to understand these things, they had to be taught again. And now we are the mature wife of the Lamb, so instead of being babies or immature, our stomachs can now take strong meat. In other words, we are not just espoused to Christ but we are His wife. And by spiritual baptism we have been married to the very Son of God and we have His very own mind.

Verse 13, *“For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.”* I’m preaching to the living part of

the wife; those that have reached the fullness of the stature of the man Christ Jesus through our marriage to Him. And the strong meat is accepting and believing God's Word that tells us that we have overcome the death sentence and will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, as soon as the dead are raised.

Verse 14, "*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,*" Now the Bible tells us in Matthew, Chapter 13, and Revelation, Chapter 10, that after the seven church ages have run their course and the mystery of the seven thunders are made known, then all this mystery will become history or the chronicles of Revelation, Chapter 10. It was at this time that our marriage took place as we were baptized into the body of Christ. That means that we have passed the *till* of Ephesians 4:13 and have reached the fullness of the stature of the man Christ Jesus. This is telling us that we have now matured to the point that we have become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh in our marriage to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, our Husband. So these revelations belong to those that can handle strong meat, those that have reached full age. This means that we have left the virgin stage and have become the married wife.

Please bear with me a little more as we reemphasize the importance of knowing that the only righteousness that God will accept in this day is the righteousness that is given by accepting the righteousness of the Son of God. This all began in the days of Paul's writing, and now is obtained only by the ones that have become mature, which is the wife of the Lamb, dressed in fine linen, clean and white, which is the righteousness of saints. And we have a revelation of this righteousness and know that it is not based on what we have done or what we are doing or even what we will do, but it is what He did for us when He took our sins and gave us His righteousness. This is the only righteousness that God will recognize. It's not our righteousness, until it is given to us by our beloved. Because our righteousness was as

filthy rags. But there is a righteousness of fine linen that is not tinted, that has no spots on it; and it now belongs to us, as we are baptized into the fullness of the body of Christ.

Verse 14 again, *"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."* Those of full age are going to be able to discern good from evil. They are not tossed to and fro. They have their spiritual senses exercised. In other words, we use our spiritual mind and are growing in grace, so we exercise our senses to discern good from evil. And that's by having the mind of Christ which is now our mind, also. And because we have the mind of Christ, we understand what is good and what is evil and what's profitable and what's not. This (*exercise of our senses*) comes as we hear the Word of God and we grow in grace—our faith growth exceedingly. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

When my wife, Barbara Jean, and I were in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, I preached a message entitled, *Obtaining That Which Was Previously Unobtainable* (which can be heard on our website), showing that we have obtained something we didn't have before. And that's basically what Paul is telling the saints here in his writing about what the body of Christ was going to be in maturity. And we have arrived home and are manifesting that which Paul said would be.

Now Hebrews 6:1 says, *"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection (or maturity); not laying, again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,"* Paul is speaking by inspiration of what was given to him by the grace of God as a wise master builder. (1 Corinthians 3:9-11) In other words, he is telling us that we have to move on beyond those things that they were seeing up to that point. He is saying, "Now it is time to take that other step. These are things that you will need, so they must be taught again." And now we are teaching them again and they are very obtainable.

Then Paul goes on in Verse 2, *"Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of the laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."* He said, "These are the principle things that we must move on from to go on to perfection (maturity)." We had to move beyond these things, because Paul saw many other things, such as the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. Also, keep in mind that at the time of Paul's writing he was only prophesying these things, but we are receiving them as refreshing new revelational truths as they are brought into fulfillment.

Now we have already come through the time of the second leg of the spiritual coming of Christ, which shows us that He has finished His work as High Priest in the seven church ages. That's when we saw the two legs of His spiritual coming in Revelation, Chapter 10. At that time God provided the fullness of Christ (both legs); giving us a body to be baptized into, making us the wife of the Lamb. This needed to be taught, as we now know that there were two legs of the spiritual coming. And we are the beneficiaries of it.

Again, the wife by one Spirit has been baptized by spiritual baptism into the body of Christ. Yes, in this last day this has taken place; for Christ Himself has come to earth and we have moved on with Him. And that leaves all these churches with all their rituals behind. Christ Himself has come to earth and brought us this trumpet message, and we took it and became one (intimate) with it. The Bible tells us, "This will all take place when the last trumpet sounds." And the trump of God is sounding and the dead are going to get up out of the ground first and then we are going to be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. And now we are singing, "O death where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?" This is what the Christ of the Bible is showing us through this last trump ministry of the wife of the Lamb.

Yes, it was at Calvary that Christ, who took on the spirit and soul of our Lord Jesus, suffered with Him in death. For here Christ felt everything that Jesus felt, as He paid the sin debt for His people. He paid the price for our total redemption. He cannot die again; death has no more dominion over Him. It's here that a great faith building message comes forth for and to His Christ wife. Romans 6:9-10 says, *"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."* Also Hebrews 2:14 says, *"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;"* And this takes us to 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. Now our faith is in the fact that we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God; everything that we need is in Christ.

Now I want to go to Chapter 7 of the Book of Hebrews, because the Word gives us more understanding. And remember, it was Paul that said, "You can't hear it now; it needs to be taught again." So if it needed to be taught again, we have met the challenge and are teaching it again. Let's fulfill the need and meet all the end time challenges and get out of here in the rapture as we receive our new bodies.

So the Word says here in Hebrews 7:1, *"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;"* Again, here God was showing us a prototype of the King—even to what King Jesus Christ will be in the millennium and where He will be sitting on His own throne. God demonstrated all of these things in and through Melchizedek. What a great man. Paul said, "Consider how great this man was." (Hebrews 7:4) He is seen as the King of Salem (that means

on earth, which types King Jesus sitting on His own throne in Jerusalem), also King of the earth, and King of righteousness. That's where our righteousness comes from—King Jesus. He makes us righteous by accepting us into Himself by spiritual baptism into His spiritual body as His Word Wife. We take His righteousness and walk with Him being led by the Spirit, and His righteousness is now giving us a new body by the predestinated will of God. Amen.

Paul told us how great Melchizedek was, because he had Christ in him. Now we say how great the wife is, because we not only have Christ in us, but we are baptized into His body. And we are not a temporary being for Christ to manifest Himself in, as was Melchizedek. But by His marriage to us, we are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. That's our eternal habitation in Him as His wife. So Paul said concerning Melchizedek, "Consider how great this man was." We reply by saying, "Consider how great the wife of God's Son, King Jesus, is!"

When looking at Melchizedek, we see that he was the king of righteousness and he was the king of peace. And not only that; but he, along with Enoch and Elijah, became the first examples for the living members of the body of Christ who are now looking death in the face and saying, "O death, where is your sting?" The Christ that was in Melchizedek had no beginning of days nor ending of life. No, he wasn't the Lord Jesus Christ, but it was Christ in Melchizedek.

In last evening's message, we began to see how this all has come together; how Christ was the great connector that connected Melchizedek and Jesus together. And now Christ is the great connector between us, the wife of the Lamb and our Lord and King Jesus, our Husband, who greatly loves us, His beautiful Christ wife. That's what this is all about. So yes, we can shout together, because our spiritual ears can hear this last trumpet bringing us glad tidings.

Please bear with me as I say just a bit more here about Melchizedek. At no time do we address him as 'Melchizedek the Christ.' Because Christ in Melchizedek did not become a permanent part of him. God could not create the Holy Ghost in him, as he was never meant to be a permanent soul, although the Christ that was in him was permanent. And Christ the anointing kept right on moving forward until this anointing came upon and into the Son of God creating the Holy Ghost.

Now it took this 'great man' (using Paul's words), Melchizedek, to be a prototype of Jesus Christ our Lord as king of peace. See, that was showing King Jesus in the millennium — a time of perfect peace. That's why it's good to understand what God was showing us through Melchizedek. But now it's all in Christ. Having shown some of the things that were seen in Melchizedek, we must always keep in mind that Jesus is the one that paid the sin debt and paved the way to make it all come into being. See, He is the Son of God. And He is that one that we love as our Husband.

So Melchizedek had his part to do, and he did it, and now those days are gone forever. This man that Paul said was so great is seen no more. And now this chapter is closed in the chronicles of God. And by the wisdom of God we leave it right there, and we do not attempt to make some mysterious revelation out of this, beyond the fact that Melchizedek was a prototype of Jesus the Christ. And now it's time for us to look to the revelation that's being made known by the body of Christ in our spiritual baptism as we have passed the *till* of Ephesians 4:13-16, and are in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. This is the fulfillment of Revelation 19:7-8 that gives us the liberty to lay Melchizedek to rest in the chronicles of God's Word.

Now to sum up the whole matter, it is the Lord Jesus Christ that died for our sins and paid the price. He alone is the bloody Lamb that took the Book of Redemption shown in Revelation, Chapter 5. Jesus Christ paid the total price for our total

salvation—spirit and soul and body. And after He had paid the sin debt, God gave Him the authority to take the Book of Redemption that He bought with His own blood. And in this last day, the Lamb took from the big Book of Redemption (the Bible) a small portion known to us as the *little book* and the Mighty Angel brought it to us as our book (our testament). Yes, He gave it to us, His wife, and told us to eat it up and we obeyed. That's our part of the redemption plan producing the wife's testament, which is the last trumpet message of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

So the things that Paul said were 'hard to be uttered and needed to be taught again,' have been fulfilled. Now let us rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, Husband, and King!

Let us pray. *Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, may you take these words and use them for your glory. And we thank you for your great anointing that has brought to pass this revelation for your wife. And we thank you for your move in this hour as we are waiting to say, "It is all finished." In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

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