

RESTORATION MINISTRIES

Newsletter to pastors, leaders and believers of all the churches of New Zealand.

We as the School of Apostles and Prophets believe that the way the church is being run today is not according to the word of God. There are truths which need to be recovered if the church is to know her true destiny, purpose and real freedom from the clutches of Satan. 2011 will be a year of testing where false foundations will be shaken and only what is of God will remain. Religious and political Babylon is being exposed and the functions of the apostle and prophet restored.

1. Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles

and the spokesperson for the risen, ascended and glorified Lord Jesus Christ today. We stand in the Christ that Paul preached, going back to the past and forward to the future – the Christ that is all-inclusive. The Gentile saints are fellowheirs with the Jewish saints, of the same body, and this is a joint partnership with the head of the body, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:” (Romans 11:13 AV)

“That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:” (Ephesians 3:6 AV)

2. God has done it all.

We trust in the finished work at Calvary, yielding to God’s sovereignty while experiencing post-resurrectional, throne room prayer – which is God becoming our prayer partner, doing the work in and through us. New Christians get indoctrinated with the words of Jesus to Israel in the four gospel accounts. They become performance based – depending on “what would Jesus do?” and ignoring Paul’s epistles - God’s love letters to us defining doctrine and behaviour, resulting in the “obedience of faith”. This failure in relating to the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ in his current heavenly ministry (who has taken our humanity into his divinity), leads to confusion, a works-based gospel, backsliding and a man-centred, pre-cross focus.

“By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:” (Romans 1:5 AV)

3. The spiritual Christ and New Creation living.

We should all believe in the spiritual Christ, not the Christ after the flesh. According to Paul’s teaching we are justified, reconciled, made righteous, restored, forgiven and sealed through the heavenly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:16-17 AV)

We are united to the spiritual Christ as “the last Adam – the life quickening Spirit”. It is Christ’s resurrection from the dead that “turned the world upside down” and it is the risen Christ who accomplishes all of God’s purpose through us.

4. The Foundation of Apostles and Prophets.

The church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ as the chief cornerstone of the spiritual temple. The apostles and prophets, Paul and the twelve, Old and New Testament prophets and also future apostles and prophets. These are the living stones within the foundation and are the masterbuilders and architects with the blueprint, being like overseers, father-mentors and coaches, role-modelling the person of Christ.

They see the Lord; hear the voice from the throne. They know the past-present-future Christ, being true representations of Christ. They help believers to unite with the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the whole structure is joined together, growing into a holy temple in the Lord. God is restoring the spiritual temple today as revealed in Acts 7:48 “God dwells not in temples made with hands”. The temple grows as the apostles and prophets lay the foundation blocks in place and function as the shoulders, depending on the head. They get the directions from the head, the Lord Jesus Christ and become oracles for the rest of the body. The apostle combines the other four ministries – prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. Ultimately Christ is the apostle and he embodies all the ministries and gifts.

“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;” (Ephesians 2:20 AV)

“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” (I Corinthians 12:28 AV)

5. Direct access to the Father.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, believers have direct access to the Father by the Spirit. Christ is the only mediator and there are no other intermediaries required. Leaders shouldn’t come between a person and God but should direct believers straight to the Lord.

“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” (Ephesians 2:18 AV)

6. The Father heart of God.

The Father heart of God should be modelled properly by mentors. John the apostle says “I write to you fathers because you know him who is from the beginning”. Leaders need to emphasise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as revealed in Paul’s epistles.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,” (Ephesians 3:14-15 AV)

7. The holy and royal priesthood.

Leaders need to allow believers to function in their priestly roles in the most holy place where believers experience the glory of the Father’s manifest presence, while being oracles, hearing

God's voice and outwardly making God's purposes known. There is too much power and control shutting down the person, presence and power of Christ today. We are imitating leaders while not developing a one-on-one relationship with the King of kings while operating as king-priests.

We have fallen prey to impostors, Judaisers, performance-orientated tricksters and pseudo ministers.

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5 AV)

"That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:16 AV)

8. Ascending with the Lord, operating in the fivefold ministry.

A dictatorship and misuse of power exists in the church with pastors and leaders not allowing the fivefold ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher to operate. The church has become like a headless corpse, resulting in believers not connecting with their head, the Lord Jesus - manifesting his life to the body. The church and home groups functioning under leaders, generally shut down the life flow. We all need to develop our respective callings, growing up into the head with every joint supplying. Gifts, graces and ministries flow out of the person of Christ; the measure of the gift of Christ (Ephesians 4:7); one body in Christ (Romans 12:5); the gift of God glorifying God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:10-11).

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (Ephesians 4:7 AV)

"He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;" (Ephesians 4:10-11 AV)

Leaders erect barriers before believers who seek the truth. They finish corporate worship when the Holy Spirit arrives. They are not interested in the believer-priest pressing into the most holy place. The pastors have monopolised the body and are not interested in developing other ministries or the growth of believers unto full maturity.

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" (Ephesians 4:14 AV)

9. The body of Christ is a spiritual organism united with the head.

The body of Christ is being held to ransom by pastors and leaders who are stopping believers developing their callings and who should be establishing believers in Christ, where they become the body of Christ, his flesh and bones, the temple of his Spirit.

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Ephesians 1:22-23 AV)

The leaders stand in the doorway, shutting down the presence of God, instead of helping others develop a full-on relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.” (Matthew 23:13 AV)

10. Preaching the Lord Jesus Christ as the fulness of deity.

There is a politically correct, surface based Jesus – another Jesus of religious, political Babylon who becomes the lollipop god encouraging signs and blunders, god’s man of paste and flour, a health, wealth cargo cult obsessing over gifts with no fruit or true discipleship; chasing a counterfeit, kundalini spirit, producing a pseudo faith, reliance on a pre-cross earthly Jesus with no depth. Talk to the hand and the foot because the face can’t see you. The church is not accessing the universal new man in Christ, developing the new creation spirit man. Believers are not seeking the Lord, beholding his face and glory. There is no full surrender to the sovereignty of God – the God has done it perspective, taking the believer from pre-cross to post-resurrection to post-ascension coming of the Lord understanding.

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4 AV)

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:” (Galatians 1:6 AV)

11. Harbingers of the kingdom age – conduits to the future.

The church is stuck in an old-fashioned paradigm and hasn’t moved on from Passover to Pentecost to Tabernacles; beholding the face of the Lord; being a miniature Jerusalem, an embassy of heaven experiencing the apocalypse of the heart – the kingdom age. In this era God is shaking everything and only that which is built on the apostle’s doctrine will stand. The apostle heralds in the incoming Christ and is a harbinger of the new day. The apostles of the Lamb have one foot in the New Jerusalem – the kingdom age, and one foot in the now. They bring in the reign of Christ and manifest the omega point consciousness – they are in transition between two times.

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” (Revelation 21:14 AV)

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.” (Revelation 22:13 AV)

12. Real transformation and empowerment.

Today’s false gospel agenda doesn’t cut it any more. There is no empowering or transformation and we exclude misfits, ruffians and many others for whom Christ died. People are stuck in black holes, traumatised, suicidal and without hope, and our current “you can do it” false agenda doesn’t provide crisis evangelism where and when it is needed. Teaching

others to pull themselves up by their shoestrings; naming it and claiming it; sucking up to the secular society image, have only shipwrecked people's faith. It is faith in the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ, a full trust in the person of the Lord Jesus, knowing Christ Jesus as Lord, quickened together with Christ which gives us the ability to overcome and empowers us to live victorious lives in Christ. Only the apostle has the blueprint and the mandate for bringing people out of the depths of darkness and facilitating real transformation. The apostle has to establish his apostolate - his area of operation. We need a multitude of apostles to operate all over the world today, being conduits of the future, transformers, elder overcomers.

"But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore." (Isaiah 42:22 AV)

"He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them." (I Samuel 2:8 AV)

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power," (Ephesians 1:19 AV)

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