



THE PRIESTHOOD AND ETERNITY PART 2

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The key to an eternal focus

Colossians 3:1-4 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

We are being invited to live in the awareness of Jesus' eternal triumph and victory. To set our eyes on the one who sits at the right hand of God looking forward to His appearing and the day we will appear with Him in glory!

A love for The Return of Jesus

2 Tim. 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 John 2:28-29 And now, little children, abide in Him, that ¹²when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. **29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

Jesus receiving His inheritance

Psalms 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

Ephesians 1:17-18 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your ¹⁷understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

- Gal 2:20

An expectation of being made like Him

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ¹⁸by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

1 Cor. 15:47-49 The first man was of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man is *the* Lord from heaven. **48** As was the *man* of dust, so also are those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also are those *who are* heavenly. **49** And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

1 Cor. 15:53-54,58 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

A zeal and longing for the leadership of Jesus in the earth

Jeremiah 3:17 “At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

What does God desire for us as a result of this series?

- Confidence
 - Are you convinced that you are a part of the Kingdom of Priests?

Revelation 1:5-6 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who *loved* us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has made us *kings* and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- Agreement
 - Are you partnering through agreement/ministry to the Lord, reading, praying and singing His word?

Matthew 6:10 Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **10** Your kingdom come. You will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

- Personal ownership
 - What are you taking responsibility for on the earth and through your kingdom assignments?

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Ezekiel 22:30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Revelation 5:9-10 "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made [a]us kings[b] and priests to our God; And [c]we shall reign on the earth."

The House of Prayer connects us to the eternal culture of the Kingdom

Isaiah 56:7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them *joyful* in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
Will be accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Three eternal realities necessary for stewarding our call as a priesthood: **RIGHTEOUSNESS - PEACE - JOY**

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but *righteousness* and *peace* and *joy* in the Holy Spirit.

These eternal realities find their source in God. Therefore like God they have no beginning and no end. They are connected to His nature and character and as his sons and daughters, as His priesthood we get access to all that He is, to the treasures of His Kingdom reality. The secret place connects us to these realities individually, the house of prayer and worship connected us to these realities corporately.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel [a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Righteousness is more than no longer being wicked. It is coming back into alignment with our original nature as image bearers. The word means "as a man ought to be." Walking, talking, living in accordance with God's original design for humanity made in

His image and likeness walking in dominion over the earth as good stewards of all God created! In the House of Prayer and worship we don't just behold the Lord corporately, but we see ourselves correctly, we corporately experience the power of our restored humanity and righteousness as we partner with God through agreement, prayer and praise, from in the place of the spirit taking our rightful place as co-regents, co-laborers who have authority to advance God's Kingdom purposes in the earth!

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

PEACE

Matthew 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you ^[a]will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jeremiah 29:7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

Peace is what we are being invited to help establish in the earth. We won't have confidence to do so if we are expecting that peace to come from anywhere other than the Lord and His Kingdom. We are the bridge between the peace of heaven and the chaos of this fallen world. Even in exile the children of Israel were told to pray for the peace of Babylon! This means their prayers had power even in the foreign land they were being held captive in. When we come together and corporately pray for peace over our city and nation things change, things shift, the atmosphere of heaven begins to breakout!

JOY

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Isaiah 61:3 To ^[b]console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The **oil of joy for mourning**, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Luke 2:10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Nehemiah 8:10 Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

1 Peter 1:7-8 that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not ^{seen} you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

This last one is probably the most important!! Isaiah 56:7 said plainly that God was calling the nations to Himself in the House of Prayer and that He would MAKE them joyful!! As a Kingdom of Priests we will not stay on the wall, the post of intercession. We won't be able to steward the weight of helping impact a world gone mad, filled with violence, war, death, poverty, wickedness, human trafficking, drug addiction, child abuse, political corruption, economic crisis, and uncertainty if we attempt to do it outside of the presence of God's pleasure and joy! You say how can you have joy with all of this darkness around? It's by living in intimacy and continually abiding in the revelation of Jesus whose suffering, sacrifice and victory has guaranteed the restoration of all things! When Isaiah says we will receive the oil of joy for mourning that makes it clear that we are to come before the Lord with our tears, mourning, grief and lament, interceding from a place of weeping and in exchange He will give us more oil, the oil of joy, and we keep doing this day after day after day in light of His promise to one day wipe away our tears once and for all and make every wrong thing right!

An eternal perspective will fuel agreement with the righteous and perfect judgements of God at the end of the age.

Rev. 8:1-5 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. **2** And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. **3** Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. **4** And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. **5** Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. **6** So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

As a Kingdom of Priests we have to understand that our prayers are going to in part determine when God's righteous judgements are going to be poured out on the earth. We can't avoid this part of the story line. We can't afford to be passive when it comes to God's righteous judgements, as a part of our hope for heaven to come to earth, for the full restoration of humanity and creation, we must begin to actively pray for, desire and agree with God's righteous judgments. You can read the impact of the seven

trumpets/judgments of God at the end of the age in Rev 8-9. Look at what the scripture says as a result of themm....

Rev. 9:20-21 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. **21** And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The House of Prayer and Worship, a mature priesthood, praying churches (lampstands) of light and hope, will be seen as places of refuge at the end of the age.

The great and wicked city/system of Babylon is going to fall. Babylon represents the pride, rebellion, perversion, and wickedness of mankind that has e into agreement with the demonic agendas of the enemy. What's worse is that people in positions of power financial benefit from the oppression, suffering, and destruction the ways of Babylon cause. When Babylon falls, heaven will rejoice. But those who benefit from her demonic culture will weep because of what they will lose.

Revelation 18:9-13, 23-24 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, **10** standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

11 "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: **12** merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; **13** and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

The Bride however will align with heaven, coming out of Babylon and its culture fully and will be ready for the marriage supper of the lamb, Jesus is going to defeat all of the kings who even after this stand against Him, the righteous will willingly receive His leadership, eternal salvation and rule and reign with Him in the new jerusalem.

23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. **24** And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Revelation 19:1-2, 6-7 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! **2** For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her."

6-7 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! **7** Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

This is where the Priesthood is going!!

In the midst of crisis, conflict and chaos, lifting up agreement that will release God's judgments preceding the return of Christ is going to be so important. This all must take place before the marriage supper of the lamb after which we will rule and reign with King Jesus.

I know this is a lot and can be overwhelming but we have to be prepared. I don't want you to think any of this is on you alone, we are a family and a priesthood and everything we are called to do we will only accomplish as we go after it together and as we stay committed to abiding in Christ Jesus!

Let's end where we started...if we are going to make it and get to the eternal promise and inheritance it's going to be because the Lord gave us the strength to endure Remember Jesus lives to make intercession for us, remember

If we are going to be the healthy, whole bride we've been called to be it's going to be because the Lord who called us did it 1 Thess 5:23-24 the one who has called you is faithful and He will do it!

If we are going to be the spiritual house of living stones, the priesthood we've been called to be it's going to be because the Lord built the house (Psalm 127)

Communion at end the message/Let's end this series at the table of the Lord our Great High Priest whose shed blood and broken body purchased our seat and union with the triune God, that we would never stop receiving His ministry toward us so we have the ability to respond and service the living God

Hebrews 9:13-14 if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that their bodies are clean, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, purify our consciences from works of death, so that we may serve the living God!

We are forgiven, free, clean and internally pure, God now looks at us as if we never sinned, all of this because of the sacrifice and priestly ministry of His Son!

Matthew 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, [c]blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the [d]new covenant, which is shed for many for the [e]remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1 Cor 11:26-30

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Examine Yourself

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and [f]blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks [g]in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the [h]Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many [i]sleep.

Revelation 1:5-6

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who [a]loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us [b]kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.