

Christ Expressed on Earth Through the Heavenly Jerusalem

I. The Church as the New Jerusalem expressing Christ

- A. Not an earthly organization but a heavenly kingdom
- B. Not a place to “go on Sunday” but made to stand against Satan’s Kingdom, represent God’s Kingdom and to carry out His plan on earth (Matt. 16:18-19)
- C. Not made with man’s hands (Acts 7:48)
- D. Composed of all sons of God filled with the life of Christ, lived out in reality, in true oneness
- E. Built by each member’s transformation and work through Christ
- F. Not for us to come and listen. We are all priests, servants, workers. Cannot be passive.
- G. Not dependent on man (eg., pastor) but on Christ, led by the Holy Spirit
- H. All the saints being transformed to Christ’s image from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18)
- I. Can people find food, life, truth with us? Will they say God is among us? Not just in meetings. How about anywhere we go? (1 Cor. 14:24-25)
- J. Real transformation and evident progress (1 Tim. 4:15)
- K. Is true oneness visible? (John 17:21-23; Eph. 2:14-16)
 - 1. Oneness as a vital testimony to the world
 - 2. Division is a work of the flesh (1 Cor. 3:1-4; Gal. 5:20)
 - 3. Oneness with each other can only be achieved through Christ’s life
 - 4. Outward uniformity is not oneness
- L. The word and faith going out of the Church (1 Thess. 1:8)
- M. The Samaritan woman’s testimony (John 4:39-42)

II. Christ as our author and perfecter of faith (Heb. 12:2; Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:29)

A. Christ as our pattern

1. Learned obedience through suffering, perfected to become the author of eternal salvation (Phil. 2:7-9; Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet 2:21-25)
2. Seeking the will of the Father, Father's name and Holy City written on our forehead. (John 4:34; Luke 22:42; Rev. 3:12)
3. Kingdom established on this earth as the goal (Dan. 7:14; Ezek. 37:22,24; Matt. 24:14; Luke 4:43), zeal for the house of God (John 2:16-17)
4. Filled with the Spirit to overcome and gave us helper (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:1-2; John 14:26; Rom. 8:11)

B. Christ as our King

1. Mighty God, loves righteousness and hates lawlessness (Isaiah 9:6-7; Heb. 1:8; 7:2)
2. Head over all things to the church; Ruler over the kings of the earth, King of Kings (Eph. 1:22-23; Rev. 1:5; 2 Sam. 7:16)
3. Led by serving, servant not greater than the master (Matt. 20:25-27; John 13:13-17)

C. Christ as our great heavenly High Priest who will help us finish the race

1. Captain of our salvation, who can sympathize with our weaknesses (Heb. 2:10, Heb. 4:14-16)
2. Interceding for us, fitting for us, perfecting us (Heb. 7:24-26; 2 Cor. 3:16)
3. Great salvation provided to us (Heb. 2:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)
4. Waiting for our maturity - from suffering to glory (Rom. 8:18-19)

III. Learning Christ and being disciplined by our Heavenly Father (Eph. 4:20-24; Heb. 12:5-11)

- A. To know Christ is to come to Him and learn of Him
(Matt. 11:28-30)
 - 1. To be trained is to be disciplined (Luk. 6:39-42)
 - 2. Disciplining the body, control over the mind
(1 Cor. 9:27; Rom. 8:5-8; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:2)
 - 3. Renewing the mind (Rom. 12:2)
 - 4. A new heart and new spirit (Ezek. 36:26)
- B. To Learn Christ is to walk in the newness of life
(Rom. 6:1-4)
 - 1. Being filled with the Spirit to overcome LUSTS which
gives rise to sins; the root of sin is lust; the power of
sin is the flesh (Matt. 5:28; 1 Jn. 2:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:4;
Gal. 5:16-18)
 - 2. Active, purposeful separation from the world and
consecration (1 Jn. 2:15-17)
 - 3. Pursuit of holiness (Heb. 12:14)
 - 4. Faith perfected through works (James 2:22)
 - 5. Fellowship with God and the saints
 - 6. Labouring of love in the Church (1 Thess. 1:3)
 - 7. Faith of the saints going out as a visible witness of
Christ (1 Thess. 1:8)
 - 8. Fragrance of Christ (2 Cor. 2:14)
- C. To learn Christ is to be His bride, His counterpart, the
heaven Jerusalem
 - 1. The church as the light of the world and a city on a hill
(Matt. 5:14)
 - 2. Possibility of defiling garments (Rev. 3:4-5)
 - 3. Warning against self-righteousness (Matt. 23:23-28)
 - 4. Do not be quick to (judge) condemn others, the Lord is
the judge who brings to light (1 Cor. 4:4-7)

5. Put off the old man, put on the new man
(Eph. 4:22-24)

IV. Perfected through the holy priesthood

- A. The goal to become kings and priests in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 1:5-6; 5:9-10; 22:5)
 1. Training and practice (1 Tim. 4:6-8; Eph. 4:20-24)
 2. Perfected (Eph. 4:23; Col. 1:28; 4:12; Matt. 5:48; Heb. 2:10; 5:9, 12:23)
 3. Live Christ (Phil. 1:20-21)
- B. Christ as the reality of the offerings to transform us into His image (2 Cor. 3:18)
 1. One with God the Father – burnt offering (John 8:29; 4:34; Luke 2:49; Heb. 10:5-9; Phil. 2:5-8)
 2. Perfect humanity of Christ – meal offering (John 6:48; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 2 Cor. 5:21)
 3. Completely reconciled with God and man – peace offering (Rom. 14:17; 2 Cor. 5:20; Eph. 2:14-18; Phil. 4:8; Col. 1:20)
 - a. The love of Christ through the power of His resurrection to swallow up the death – wave offering (Rom. 8:38-39)
 - b. Ascend with Christ to overcome the enemies – heave offering (Eph. 2:6)
 4. Overcoming the flesh – sin offering (Rom. 8:1-4, 10-11; Heb. 2:14-15; Rom. 6:3-14)
 5. Forgiveness of sin – trespass offering (1 John 1:7-9)
 6. Trained by the Holy Anointing in our daily life and with the saints in the church life (1 John 2:20, 27; John 14:26)
- C. Bring our best to the feast meeting (Heb. 12:22-24)
 1. Measures progress (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
 2. To give God His food, His satisfaction (Lev. 3:11, 16; Deut. 16:16-17)

V. Our conduct in the house of God

- A. The Church should provide a good environment for growth (1 Cor. 3:9; 12:7, 25, 26; 14:31; Eph. 4:13-16)
- B. Spiritual gifts to edify the Church (1 Cor. 14:22)
- C. Impossible to be an individual Christian (1 Cor. 12:12-14)
 - 1. Being an example to each other (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:10-11; Phil. 3:17)
 - 2. Stir up love, good works, mutual exhortation (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - 3. Prayer and supplication for the saints (Eph. 6:18)
 - 4. Caring for needs of the saints (Rom. 12:13)
 - 5. Teaching people to observe His words (Matt. 28:20)
- D. Christ will judge His own house (1 Pet. 4:17; Rev. 2; 3)
- E. Church must be filled with the Spirit, the breath of life (Acts 2:1-4)
- F. Christ only as the head of the church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:19)
 - 1. Full dependence on Christ, not man and man's wisdom (1 Cor. 2:13; Col. 2:8)
 - 2. Do not replace Christ or the Holy Spirit in the church
 - 3. Not seeking power, credit, recognition, praise from man
- G. Conduct in the house of God (1 Tim. 3:15-16; Tit. 2:1-10)
 - 1. Holy conduct and godliness (2 Pet. 3:11; Eph. 5:3-5)
 - 2. Let all things be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40)
 - 3. Order in meetings (1 Cor. 14:26-33)
 - 4. Order of brothers and sisters
 - 5. Works are done with proper fellowship and prayer, not with "good intentions" or "good ideas"
 - 6. Danger of gossip (1 Tim. 5:13, 16)
 - 7. Schisms, division, disputes are of the flesh (1 Cor. 3:1-4; 6:5-6; Gal. 5:20)

VI. Our conduct in the world

- A. Do our actions reflect Christ? Is Christ our role model?
 - 1. Jesus increased in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52)
 - 2. Christ humility and obedience (Phil. 2:7-8)
 - 3. Jesus as a servant (Luke 22:27; John 13:14-15)
- B. Are we expressing Christ in our actions?
 - 1. Conduct honorable among gentiles (1 Pet. 2:12)
 - 2. Be an example in conduct (1 Tim. 4:12)
 - 3. Let conduct be worthy of the gospel (Phil. 1:27)
- C. Are we living as separate people?
 - 1. In the world but not of the world (John 15:18-19)
 - 2. The world as the kingdom of Satan (Matt. 4:8-9; 1 John 5:19)
- D. What is our priority?
 - 1. Too busy for the kingdom (Matt. 22:2-5; Luke 14:16-21; Luke 9:59-62)
 - 2. Love of money and desire to be rich (1 Tim. 6:6-10)
 - 3. Cares of the life choking the Word (Matt. 6:31-34; 13:22; Luke 21:34)
- E. The fragrance of Christ
 - 1. Putting on Christ (Col. 3: 12-15)
 - 2. Fragrance of Christ (2 Cor. 2:14-15)
 - 3. Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:9)
- F. Are we expressing Christ through our performance?
 - 1. Submission to superiors (managers, teachers) (Eph. 6:5-8)
 - 2. Having favour with God and man (Luke 2:52; Dan. 1:19; Gen. 39:4, 21-22)
 - 3. Cleanliness of the flesh and spirit (2 Cor. 7:1)
 - 4. Having others' interest above ourselves (Phil. 2:4)
 - 5. Warning against being idle (2 Thess. 3:6-12)
 - 6. Warning against laziness (Prov. 13:4; 21:25; 26:16; Matt. 25:26)

VII. Allowing Christ to reign over our family life

- A. Condition of our households affects the church
(1 Tim. 3:1-13)
- B. Not allowing the word of God to be blasphemed by our conduct (Tit. 2:8)
- C. Live Christ everywhere - don't become "loose" at home.
 - 1. Are we are putting up a façade? (Luke. 12:1)
 - 2. Love in the home and proper conduct (Col. 3:18-21; Tit. 2:4)
- D. Relationship with other family members, including non-believers (1 Pet. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:13-14)
 - 1. Pray for them (1 Tim. 2:1; Phil. 4:6)
 - 2. Bear with them in love (Col 3:12-14)
- E. The Lord comes first but use heavenly wisdom (Matt. 10:34-39; Luke 14:26-27)
- F. Order of husband and wife (Eph. 5:22-29; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)
- G. Submission of children and discipline (Prov. 22:6,15; 23:13-14)
- H. Children's obedience to the parents (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3)
 - 1. Christ learned obedience through suffering (Heb. 5:8)
 - 2. We are often afraid to let our children suffer or get upset
 - 3. Discipline but do not provoke children to wrath (Eph. 6:4)
 - 4. Teaching children the ways of the Lord (Deut. 6:6-7)
 - 5. Teaching children to desire and love holiness (Heb. 12:10)
 - 6. Teaching basic manners, respect, cleanliness, proper living, daily routine, maintaining a loving household through Christ
- I. Cleanliness and order in the home (Prov. 24:30-34)

VIII. Receiving the unshakable kingdom of God

(Heb. 12:25-29)

- A. Judgment begins in the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17-18)
 - 1. Do not harden our hearts towards God's speaking (Heb. 3:7-4:10)
 - 2. Refined and purified by fire (Mal. 3:2-3; Rev. 3:17-18)
- B. Shaking not only on earth, but also heaven (Heb. 12:26)
 - 1. The world is ripening for judgment (2 Tim. 3:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:10-12; Rom. 1:18-32)
 - 2. The church is also being shaken (2 Cor. 4:7-18; 2 Tim. 1:15; Philm. 24; 2 Tim. 4:10)
- C. God is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29)
 - 1. Warning of Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-7)
 - 2. Necessary to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear (Heb. 12:28; Is. 11:2-3)
 - 3. Tested by fire (1 Cor. 3:12-17)
 - 4. Pursue and perfect holiness (Heb. 12:14; 2 Cor. 7:1)

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Conference Schedule

Date	Time	
Friday Aug 29	6:00pm-7:15pm	Dinner
	7:30pm-9:00pm	Meeting #1
Sat Aug 30	10:00am - 11:00am	Meeting #2
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Meeting #3
	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
	6:00pm - 7:15pm	Dinner
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Meeting #4
Sun Aug 31	10:00am - 11:00am	Meeting #5
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Meeting #6
	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
	6:00pm - 7:15pm	Dinner
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Feast Meeting
Mon Sep 1	10:00am - 11:00am	Meeting #7
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Meeting #8
	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch