

A Glorious Church

In the past this mystery has been hidden but is now revealed. God wants his people throughout the world to know the glorious riches of this mystery—which is Christ living in you, the hope of glory. (Col. 1:26,27)

Let's explore this "Christ living in you" which has been hidden for so long.

That he (Christ) might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:27 KJV)

We are **NOT** a glorious church...yet. Though there are many that would disagree. We have not understood and have therefore "departed out of the way", separating ourselves from the living God, stumbling and causing others to stumble at the law of truth.

[Mal 2:8 KJV] But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law (of truth); ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

What is the law of truth?

[Mal 2:6 KJV] The **law of truth** was in his (Levi's) mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

Again, what is the law of truth?

The "law of truth" will become apparent as we read but for the moment our "minds have been blinded" by the "god of this world" and we don't believe. Don't believe? "Of course, I believe", you say. I'm afraid we don't. We have only believed to a certain extent, not yet fully comprehending the enormity of it.

[2Co 4:4 KJV] In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The "glorious gospel of Christ" and the "image of God" we have not yet understood.

[Isa 64:6 KJV] But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

The "image of God" is what we need to understand and to actually BE ourselves. We need to BE the image of God just like Jesus was and not just ourselves but we must know everyone else is too. Then we will really know the "glorious gospel of Christ". Whereas before we were taught that it was Jesus that was the "image of God", we now have to realise that it is US. We may have believed our bodies are made by God and it is true, they are, but they are not made of matter as we have believed.

Matter we know of as stuff; stuff like leather, straw, wool or flesh, etc. All these we believe deteriorate over time and eventually decay, making them corruptible. So if our bodies are not made of matter, what are they made of?

Our bodies (and they are glorious) and all their workings, organs, veins, cells, etc are held and are living in what is called God's Mind or just Mind. The blueprint of the body is in Mind. If the blueprint is in Mind which is invisible then the "image" of that blueprint is what can be seen and is visible. This is why we thought that Jesus was the "image of God", because he was seen. A child's answer to, "Who was Jesus?" was "He was God with skin on".

Our bodies are also seen but are not made of matter, they are made of energy which can be seen as matter or not seen at all. Visible or invisible.

"... conversion of energetic light into matter is a direct consequence of Einstein's famous $E=mc^2$ equation, which states that energy and matter (or mass) are interchangeable." - Brookhaven National Laboratory (2021)

The New Testament is full of references to energy, using words like "working" or "works" for "energy". This will come as a shock to you (as it did to me) because anything in church circles to do with 'energy' is considered 'new age' and is very much to be avoided. But as we will discover energy is an integral part of the "glorious church", knowing "for in him we live and move and have our being..." (Acts 17:28)

We can understand that God is the Mind that holds the blueprint of the body but can we also come up to that level of being sure of that eternal, unchanging blueprint? After all we've always believed we were made of matter, a corruptible stuff that decays and eventually dies.

The "image of God" that must be understood then as us is the eternal blueprint held in Mind in the invisible and therefore is visible. There's more we'll discover, though, because in John it says this -

[Jhn 1:1 KJV] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

We can establish from this that God is also Word. The blueprint of the body held in Mind and is us, is also held in Word too. The Word of God is very different from the word of man though because man's word always says that the body is corruptible and dies....

Have we been wrong all this time then?

[Heb 3:12 KJV] Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Yes, we have been wrong. But if we hang on to our conviction we will have the revelation that we need.

[Heb 3:14 KJV] For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end (of false beliefs);

We need to realise that the matter we see is really energy and is obscuring or hiding the glorious blueprint.

"....when the Son of Man (the blueprint) comes (through scientific advancements), will he find faith on the earth (the seen)?" Lk 18:8

[Mal 2:6 KJV] The **law of truth** was in his (Levi's) mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

Reading that scripture in Malachi again we see that the **law of truth** was in Levi's **mouth**. Levi's word matched up with the Word of God. His thought and speech matched up with the glorious, incorruptible blueprint rather than the word of man that thinks and speaks of a corruptible body. Then knowing and speaking only of a decaying, dying, corruptible body is disobeying the **law of truth** and is the **iniquity** that Levi turned many away from.

[Jer 6:19 KJV] Hear, O earth: behold, I (Mind, Energy) will bring evil upon this people, [even] the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

But what has all this to do with energy and a glorious church? The **law of truth** is established by thoughts and words that are vibrating **as energy**. Man's body IS the glorious blueprint body, but his thoughts and words, **disobeying the law of truth**, are still energy as matter that manifests in many ways, such as pride, envy, hatred, jealousy, sickness, disease, decay and death.

There's only one blueprint held eternally in Mind and that we know consists of five senses, two arms, two legs, one torso, one head, etc. Many colours, shapes, sizes and heights are SEEN but there is only one invisible, perfect blueprint.

Man's body seems to him to be corruptible matter. Only believing what he sees, he is believing in matter only and it makes him a prisoner. He is tied up and in bondage to a corruptible body knowing nothing of the glorious blueprint that he really is.

[2Co 4:4 KJV] In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds (understanding) of them which believe not (see only matter), lest the light (the revelation) of the glorious gospel (the good news) of Christ (the blueprint), who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ancestors, teachers, scientists, doctors and the like have been oblivious to Reality by studying and seeing only matter. There is of course no blame because that's all they knew and all we've known. This handed down information is "the god of this world" which has blinded our understanding.

Either faith in the glorious blueprint gives Life to the body or faith in what is seen and has been seen for ages gives a troubled and often short life to the body.

[2Co 5:7 KJV] (For we walk by faith, not by sight:), says the Apostle Paul.

We've been born once but now we must be born again. Not as the church has told us we are 'born again' by 'giving our lives to Jesus', but by the revelation of the eternal, glorious, incorruptible blueprint. This is the "you must be born of the Spirit", that Jesus told Nicodemus (John 3:5)

[1Pe 1:23 KJV] Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

[Jhn 14:2 KJV] In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

The "go to prepare a place for you" is a consciousness, an understanding of the Son of God (the blueprint) that appears through the dense fog of human misunderstanding. It quashes all the false beliefs that have kept us in bondage.

The revelation of Christ (the blueprint in Mind) brings with it a "redemption of the body" (Rom 8:23). Paul also says here that we "groan" while "waiting" for it. Indeed we do - much groaning! Especially in this household.

[Phl 3:21 KJV] Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body (blueprint), according to the working (energy) whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

This then is the "glorious church". One by one we each realise the eternal, incorruptible blueprint, that can have no "spot" (ill health) or "wrinkle" (sign of ageing beyond maturity) but is pure and without blame whatsoever. Man's thoughts and words will match up with the law of Truth, being no longer in disobedience to it but having risen above his initial understanding.

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