Identity 10: Ephesians 3:5-7

In reading these words you will perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ. In no previous generation has there been a more comprehensive and detailed understanding (of the full consequence of grace) as it has now been uncovered in the Spirit to his ambassadors who brought the prophetic promise into full view! Mankind may now realize that the prophetic word is fulfilled in them! Everything the prophets saw is now declared! Both the prophets (who saw this in advance) and the apostles (who now proclaim this) are sanctioned in Christ. The essence of what I see reveals the fact that the multitude of humanity are joint participants in the same inheritance (together with Israel). We are all part of one and the same body in Christ. The Good news is that God's promise is equally relevant and applicable to all. This Gospel DEFINES my ministry; I am supercharged by the gift of his grace (Eph. 3:5-7).

Abraham was a prophet. David was a prophet. Moses was a prophet. And many more all saw prophetically the MYSTERY OF CHRIST. In fact, it was this prophetic revelation that enabled Abraham to offer Isaac by faith knowing that if he had to kill him, God would raise him from the dead. Moses told of a Prophet like him that would come in the future. David wrote extensively of the Christ in his psalms. One of the reasons, God loved Esau less than Jacob is Esau held his birthright in contempt. That birthright included being part of the Messianic bloodline. Like puzzle pieces, the OT prophets contributed their prophetic insight until finally, at the opportune time, all the prophecies formed into the flesh form of God in Mary's womb.

1 Peter 1:9-12 (NKJV)

- ⁹ receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of *your* souls.
- ¹⁰ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you,
- ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.
- ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into.

The sin problem has been solved in Jesus Christ! THE END OF YOUR FAITH IS THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS. Note it is not SPIRIT because your spirit is already perfect and holy in order to be a suitable dwelling of God's Spirit. But the renewing of your soul into the agreement of Christ in you is the END OF YOUR FAITH. You only have this earth life to do so THEREFORE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME! Don't be distracted but stay focused.

These prophets inquired and searched carefully about this salvation to determine in what manner and what time THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WHO WAS IN THEM WAS INDICATING WHEN HE TESTIFIED! They knew that they would not be the ones to experience it so in much forethought and dedication to God's purposes, they wrote down the words given them FOR US!

1 Peter 1:10 (WuestNT)

Concerning which salvation prophets conducted an exhaustive inquiry and search, those who prophesied concerning the particular grace destined for you, searching as to what season or character of season the Spirit of Christ who was in them was making plain when He was testifying beforehand concerning the sufferings of Christ and the glories which would come after these sufferings; to whom it was revealed that not for themselves were they ministering these things which now have been reported to you through those who have announced the glad tidings to you by the Holy Spirit who was sent down on a commission from heaven, which things angels have a passionate desire to stoop way down and look into.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PRIVILEGE WE HAVE TO BE SHARERS OF THE NATURE OF CHRIST IN THIS SEASON AND GENERATION?! You were picked to live at this time in this place for this purpose!

Acts 17:26-28 (NKJV)

- ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,
- so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
- ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

After the Lord began His ministry, it soon grew too big for Him to manage by Himself. After a night in prayer, He appointed 12 men out of His disciples to be with Him and that He might send them out to preach. The word appointed means "TO MAKE SOMEONE INTO SOMETHING." I.e. He selected these 12 from the larger group to spend time with Him in order to learn from Him and then go out with divine power to extend His work.

<u>Hebrews 13:7-8</u> (NKJV)

- ⁷ Remember those who lead you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct.
- ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Remember means "to be mindful of" those who lead you and who speak the apostolic doctrine of the Word of God. Follow means to MIMIC so you mimic or imitate their faith while attentively considering THE RESULT OF THEIR MODE OF LIFE AND CONDUCT. This

is the exact thing Jesus separated His 12 for. You don't learn wealth by being around the poor. You don't learn faith by being around the unbelieving. You don't learn health by being around the sick. YOU NEED SOMETHING TO OFFER OTHERS. Until you learn those things, find those who are walking in it and imitate them. THIS PRACTICE WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING AND IMPART IDENTITY. Study those from the past too like Wigglesworth and Kathryn Kuhlman. THE LORD'S METHOD FOR DISCIPLESHIP IS THE SAME AS WHEN HE WAS PHYSICALLY ON THE EARTH.

And so after the 11 apostles witnessed the Lord on earth then were baptized by the Holy Ghost, they began processing the good news of salvation in Christ and preached that to the multitudes. They also began understanding that this salvation included the Gentiles mainly through the ministry of Paul, the 12th Apostle, born out of time so to speak. It is through these and other anointed men that the New Testament doctrine was written. And so the prophets of old joined the apostles of new and upon this foundation with Christ as the Chief Cornerstone, the church is being built.

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The rock is the REVELATION THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST. But note that Jesus is building ONE CHURCH, HIS.

Dr. Harfouche says:

Jesus said He will build HIS CHURCH. There is only one church. Watch how you build. He wants it built on the foundation of the word and a foundation that can withstand any storm and trial. If the church is not being built upon this basis, it is out of whack.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV)

- ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
- ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Edifying means BUILDING. GOD CARES WHOSE TEACHING YOU SIT UNDER AND THE CHURCH YOU ATTEND. If the apostolic doctrine as outlined in the Bible is not the foundation of that church or ministry, it can cause you harm and keep you from the promises of God, which is the access point of sharing His nature! PROMOTION COMES BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE PROMISE AND BELIEVE IT.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

- ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Scripture is God's message to you full of life and Spirit to impact your life and to profit you. The Word is a sword and if used improperly, you can harm yourself. It is dogmatic and not open to PRIVATE INTERPRETATION. The devil knows if you receive correction, you will mature. So his main weapon is "I DON'T SEE IT LIKE THAT" or "THAT'S NOW HOW I WAS TAUGHT." Do you know there is only one interpretation for all of scripture?! You can apply scripture numerous ways but it means what it says and says what it means.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)

speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

One person can't be saying that God heals only those He sovereignly wants to while another insists He healed past tense. You can't have one saying that poverty is God's will to keep you humble and then another saying that God gives you the power to gain wealth to confirm His covenant. THE ENEMY HAS DONE A MASTERFUL JOB OF INTRODUCING DOCTRINES OF DEVILS INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST MUDDYING THE ORIGINAL APOSTOLIC REVELATION JUST AS ALL THE APOSTLES WARNED!

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NKJV)

- ¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

The gospel Paul learned by revelation and preached DEFINED his ministry and life. IF YOU LEARN AN INCORRECT GOSPEL OR DOCTRINE, THAT TOO WILL DEFINE AND SHAPE YOUR LIFE! It is your responsibility to rightly divide the word of truth just as much as it is mine in delivering it to you.

Paul lets us know that the Gentiles being saved wasn't the mystery. THE MYSTERY "HID IN GOD" WAS THE RFACT THAT GOD WOULD MAKE ONE NEW MAN, THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH, OUT OF BOTH JEW AND GENTILE. The earthly distinction of Jew and Gentile would disappear. THAT WAS THE REVELATION PAUL RECEIVED IN THE DESERT and the one that landed him in prison.

The ministry given Paul, the grace given to him for the Gentiles was according to the OPERATIVE ENERGY OF HIS POWER IN THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. I.e. Paul was not the source of the ministry BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS. How do you know if the Holy Spirit is the Source of a ministry? It PRODUCES LIFE AND LIFE-CHANGING RESULTS! This same power transformed Saul the persecutor into Paul the apostle.

I am the lowest ranked saint by far. His grace qualifies me to declare this unexplored treasure of Christ in the nation (My claim to fame emphasizes the fact that grace is a gift and certainly not a reward for good behavior). Eph. 3:8

Paul had no claim to good behavior as a persecutor of Christ. As a Pharisee, he instead found himself doing the very thing he did not wish: resisting God. When Paul pondered the grace given him and his assignment, a sense of his own utter unworthiness washes over him and brings him great joy NOT shame!

In the NKJV, "unexplored treasure" is "unsearchable riches of Christ." It literally means "THAT WHICH CANNOT BE TRACED OUT." It means that the whole wealth of Christ's salvation that He has given us is past finding out meaning it is so unfathomable it cannot be fully comprehended by men! Just the amount we have been going over in class in one book has blown my religious wigs off!

"The mandate of my message is to make all men see. The unveiling of this eternal secret is to bring into public view an association that has always been hidden in God; JESUS CHRIST IS THE BLUEPRINT OF CREATION (Eph. 3:9).

The NKJV says "fellowship of the mystery," which means how God administers, dispensing technique, and stewards the ADMISSION OF THE GENTILES ON EQUAL TERMS WITH THE JEWS. I.e. all are welcome into the family of God that believe in Jesus the Christ. JESUS IS HOW GOD ADMINISTERS SALVATION TO ALL! He is the blueprint of all new creation beings.

YOU HAVE A ROLE. GOD HAS EQUIPPED YOU WITH CERTAIN ATTRIBUTES AND CHARACTERISTICS TO ALSO MAKE KNOWN TO ALL MEN THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST. And because the enemy knows this too, he does everything in his power to distract, keep you too busy, lose focus, etc. so that you stay in a non-renewed soul state literally

incapacitated for ministry. EVERYONE OF YOU HAS A MINISTRY. So make sure that you are building on the proper foundation that can withstand every storm and trouble and by the leading of Holy Ghost so that you are not building in vain. DON'T ALLOW YOUR PAST TO FILTER YOUR PRESENT. GET INTO NOW FAITH INSPIRED BY THE WORD.