



'They received the Word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so'.

(Acts 17:11)

This letter may raise some questions in your heart, but only the Holy Spirit can reveal.

## **OUR KINGDOM BOUND JOURNEY**

It is my understanding that no matter how meek and mild was our first encounter with Jesus that God heard our heart cry and from that point on we are bound for his Kingdom. Over the past 100 years the cost was rarely mentioned in the church scene. We were taught that we were born again and in the kingdom at the first altar call. The old term 'saved and going to heaven' was widely accepted. Most did not have ears to hear. In the gospels Jesus is very clear about the cost of being a disciple.

### **LEARN FROM THE GREAT REVIVALS**

A simple study of the greatest revivals since Pentecost – the Finney revivals in the USA in the 1840s- where 500,000 souls entered the kingdom in the first six months and the triumphant result was that the history of that nation was changed. So was the history of England changed through the Wesley and Whitefield revivals and later William Booth. Principality powers that held those nations captive for so long were cast down through the effective fervent (dynamic) prayers of the Righteous (God's Righteousness). As they sought first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, all these things were added to the western nations. As God gave wealth they gave it away enabling the great surge of overseas missions. New converts lived on the tithe and gave away the ninety percent.

### **A REVELATION OF THE COST BEFORE ALTAR CALL**

The secrets of these great revivals of the 'Philadelphia' era was the revelation of the cost before the altar call. Our own nation has degenerated into captivity to principality demon powers and the darkness has never been darker. We desperately need an increasing remnant to go the whole way with Jesus and enter His Kingdom and cast down those principality powers and bring the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14 upon our land. We are about to see the beginning of the fulfilment of God's great commission to make disciples of every nation (ethnic groups).

### **GOD USES THE ENEMY TO SERVE HIM.**

We are all on a journey even if we do not realise it. God has used sin, sickness and the fear of early death all the way to urge us on. He understood that there would be a struggle with sin. But sin does not interrupt His love and perseverance for us. God will win our souls even on our death bed, when we have given up all of our worldly securities (nothing in my hands I bring). The parable of the hired servant says that the one engaged at 'knock off' time got the same pay.

## THE GOAL OF OUR JOURNEY

Jesus is pleading with us not to leave our total surrender until our deathbed, but to go now while we are still active to spread the 'good news' to the lost souls. Our adversary, the devil, does not want us to reach our goal. He will hold us back through deceptions and false teachings. The easy western society gospel of the western nations of today (the comfortable church of Laodicea) is probably the most subtle deception of all.

## ANOTHER GOSPEL

The easy gospel is not the gospel that Jesus taught. Paul was righteously angry with anyone who taught another gospel other than what he presented. He said let he who has bewitched you be accursed. We have sadly taught about the baptism of the Holy Spirit but without the fire. We should never have separated the original term that God gave through John the Baptist- he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. We find ourselves in the warning of Matthew 7 and we must tread very carefully and be sure that we use the healing power of God together with preaching the cost.

## ONLY DISCIPLES CAN MAKE DISCIPLES

Remember that it takes disciples to make disciples. The old Hymns are so precious because they were written by people who were 'walking the walk' and not just 'talking the talk'.

## NO PROGRESS

Probably the greatest stumbling block on our journey to God's Kingdom is to be caught up into the 'no progress dilemma' of Romans 7. Paul described his frustration of doing the things he did not want to do and not doing the things that he wanted to do. He said 'wretched soul that I am'. He had the revelation that there was another power that was the cause of his problem; the power of sin through the bloodline of fallen Adam. He realised that it needed a work of Grace to set him free. Later on he said 'it is no longer I who liveth, but Christ who liveth in me.' That work of grace is the miracle which follows the baptism of fire which cuts off the bloodline of fallen Adam once and for all and forever. Simultaneously we are 'born of God' and joined into the bloodline of our Heavenly Father bearing His nature and character thereon. It is just as great a miracle as the immaculate conception of Jesus.

## JESUS OPENS THE PRISON DOORS

Most Christians have known nothing else but being trapped in the Romans 7 prison and have accepted 'sin, sickness and early death' as a way of life. We ask forgiveness every day and it has become a way of life to put up with sin and sickness. Most Christians accept such a daily battle continuing until their last breath. We admit that we do not want to accept sin and sickness and sometimes occasional healings take place. God's promise in Psalm 91 is for total victory over sin, sickness and death if we enter the 'secret place of the most high'. We must come to the end of all human striving with sin and sickness and present ourselves as a 'living sacrifice' to Him and allow His grace to take us into His Kingdom. We have reached His appointed time (Kairos time) for His remnant of disciples to pray in the beginnings of God's great latter rain outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

## STEAM TRAIN ANALOGY

Think of the old steam train. Jesus is the captain, the Holy Spirit is the steam power and the fire is God's grace. Without the fire there can be no progress- just like the visible Church of today. Walking has been slow progress. God's word has brought a deal of cleansing along the way. Just as Jesus said to Peter 'My word has made you clean but you are not yet entirely clean'. After the rooster crowed three times it took the Baptism of fire to come through Peter's repentance to make him entirely clean and ready for Pentecost.

## JESUS OUR EXAMPLE AND MENTOR

The cost of the ticket on God's 'Kingdom train' is your total forsaking surrender. Jesus said in John 16 'be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.' He said I have shown you how to overcome sin, sickness and death. Just follow My example. If you set yourselves apart and deny yourselves like I did in the wilderness, and forsake all your worldly securities and take up your cross of suffering for me, so will you also conquer sin, sickness and death in your life. I am your example in all things, even to lay down your life for your friends'.

## HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

With that surrender the grace of God will pour upon you. With the old self nature put to death you will be a brand new person walking in the spirit and at all times praising and praying without ceasing.

## GOD'S LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR THE DECEIVED COMFORTABLE CHURCH

In Revelation 2 Jesus addresses the comfortable church of Laodicea. He begins with the harsh words 'Because you are neither cold nor hot I will spew you out of my mouth.' Just what does that mean? To vomit is a safeguard against anything toxic in our stomach. Lukewarmness to Him is toxic. I believe He is saying 'I will remove my lampstand from you midst. I believe the visible lukewarm church is at great loss if they do not zealously seek the baptism of fire. There will be a literal stampede to find the presence of the Holy Spirit. He will be found in the secret places- the underground church as in communist countries today. Their only identity will be agape love. When God totally destroys the 'money god' in our land, so will these things take place. In all of the seven churches mentioned in Revelations 2 and 3 Jesus concluded by saying 'Let he who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit is saying.' Jesus addressed the comfortable church by saying 'to those I love I rebuke and chasten.' The rebuke or spewing out is because of His love for us. He said 'to buy from Me eye salve to open your eyes and the refined gold and white linen'. The cost is total forsaking surrender. 'Be zealous and repent' which in scripture means the baptism of fire. The power behind lukewarmness is the god of mammon. Private ownership was not God's economy after Pentecost. It was giving and receiving replacing buying and selling. Everything was communally owned. It was true commun-ism. It was the only time in history that it had been practised. It was authority through love in contrast to communism (control through fear).' The Holy Spirit, our helper, took the Soviet Union and China through 70 years (China 3 years to go) of captivity under communism and the resulting generations do not know or even desire private ownership. The same result will take place with the western world as the Holy Spirit, as our helper, takes away our 'money god' through his servant Babylon. Our credit rating will soon take a dive towards 'junk' status and we will be like Greece, which has had a soft landing with a few bale-outs on the way. They are more conditioned to hardship than we are. It will be a crash landing for Australia followed by a glorious hunger for the good news of God's Kingdom and a return to the first love of our forefathers.

## CHILDLIKE FAITH

Jesus said that 'unless we become as a little child we will not enter the Kingdom.' He is the only way to the Father (the Kingdom). In the old Sunday school days we used to sing 'He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.' We must get plenty of practice in walking with Jesus through the whole of our past life until we are 'every whit whole' as Wesley used to say. In the great revivals there was a great outpouring of grace and the new converts made a short work of cleansing all of their past wounds and burdens in the 'tears of repentance' which may have taken only a day or two. Being born again was a quick work.

## LONG DRAGGED OUT CONVERSIONS

When we are taught that we are born again at our first encounter with Jesus, we have in fact just met Jesus our helper. We must first have a revelation of the cost before we can be born again (born of God). Consequently we have a long dragged out conversion, some taking most of our lives, before we are born again according to scripture.

## LIVING SCRIPTURES

Simple childlike faith can be easily applied to many key scriptures. For example Jesus came to open the prison doors and set the captives free. See Jesus in His white garments unlocking those big doors and escorting you out to be free indeed. Jesus promised never to leave us or forsake us. Take Him wherever you go. Walk in His protection. In Spiritual warfare see Jesus out front. Always keep behind Him and the devil will not even know you are there. Ask Jesus to cast them down and don't use the word 'I'. Otherwise you will reap retaliation from the enemy. Remember all these things whilst you are still Kingdom bound. When we enter the Kingdom demons will flee from our very presence.

## A CONTRACT OF TOTAL FORSAKING SURRENDER

The scripture 'present your bodies as a living sacrifice' (Romans 12:1). See it as a ceremony with Jesus at the desk showing you where to sign away your life to Him- a

n unconditional surrender and irrevocable contract. One important part of God's creation for us is our imagination. We must become totally awakened in this area. All of the visions that the Old Testament prophets had were all from God and via the imagination.

#### ROOTS GO BACK TO CHILDHOOD

It is an area that the devil has often deprived us of through our culture. It often starts in Childhood when our imaginations are most vivid. You may recall someone saying to you as a child 'stop imagining such nonsense'. Or if something went wrong 'you must have been imagining it.' We grew up with a negative response to our imaginations. For some it can be simply cleared up through forgiveness. Some people have a complete blockage and it takes the guidance of the Holy Spirit as to who caused that blockage.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

A Christian brother told me how in taking the bread and the wine at communion that he is awakened to a glorious dimension in his imagination. He is simply overcome by the love of Jesus. Once you have experienced a good start walking with Jesus, that new dimension will unfold.

#### THE TEMPLE WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH

will be the temple- not buildings, pews and pulpits. Agape love will be the only identity- no name tags or divisions.

1. Where two or three are gathered. Initially in secret 'underground.'
2. Jesus- the only one elevated.
3. In one accord, the same over the earth.
4. Prayer and praise without ceasing.
5. Walking in the spirit at all times.
6. Have the power and authority to cast down the principality powers of darkness that hold people and nations captive.
7. Evidenced by the raising up of God's standards and righteous leadership over suburbs towns and cities.
8. End of private ownership. Buying and selling replaced by giving and receiving.
9. The disappearance of sickness from your locality.
10. Locally sustainable living- tasting of abundant life with no chemicals or drugs in the food chain.
11. Being in the world but not of the world in any shape or form.

### **FOCUS ON THE COMING GRACE AND NOT THE SIN**

We could easily reason that sin has reached the end of God's tolerance. With gay marriage being passed by a referendum in Ireland it seems that the darkness could not get any darker.

#### AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE NO

I firmly believe that if a referendum were held in Australia that the majority would vote NO. In rural areas I believe over 80% would vote NO. We must pray for a referendum and insist that the politicians do not have a mandate to do what New Zealand and other nations have done.

#### OUR FOREFATHERS ARE INTERCEDING

The moral heritage of our forefathers is still a powerful force in the minds of the Australian voters. Do not sit back and believe the lies that the media publishes. We are not against people here but principality powers. Let us keep in behind Jesus and ask Him to stop the gay marriage demon from manifesting in the minds of the Coalition, Labour caucus, Greens and Independents and the media in this country. Jesus will do the fighting for us and stop the darkness getting any darker and keep focussed on the grace ahead. A daily commitment to war against this demon will bring results.

## **AUSTRALIA'S BALANCE SHEET**

### **`HIP POCKET ' DEMOCRACY**

The Australian public have a mindset of 'hip pocket democracy.' They cannot see that and a worsening debt of 200 million dollars for each day will soon take us on the road to 'junk' status credit rating like Greece. The austerity measures dictated by the creditors (IMF????) will be harder to face than if we balanced our budget. 'Junk' status will probably be a quicker way to default.

### **A FOOLISH WAR**

The Government is pledging to spare nothing to fund a warfare against the Islamic State spreading worldwide. They do not realise that the answer is a spiritual one. Bombs and bullets cannot defeat. Saul's armour was useless to David the shepherd boy who stepped out in the name of the Lord of Hosts to slay Goliath with a stone and a sling. Egypt represents 'mammon' in the scriptures. It fell to the armies of Babylon 'without a noise. Egypt was totally broke because of a foolish war with the Cyrenes. The same foolish war against the 'ISIS' foes can send the western world broke.

## **OUR PRAYERS CAN ONLY BE AS EFFECTIVE AS WE SURRENDER**

'We give ourselves to God, without reserve, God will pour out His Spirit through us, without reserve'  
(Lionel Fletcher- 1906)

## **THE EARTH IS THE LORDS AND THE FULLNESS THEROF**

Private ownership is a lie of the world. In truth no-one has ever owned anything. God owns everything right down to our toothbrush. History is HIS-STORY. It took 70 years of captivity in Babylon to get rid of the mindset of private ownership among the Jews. Security in Egypt (mammon) has always been a stumbling block to God's precious people. It has been a barrier to obeying God's commands ever since man was created.

### **BABYLON, GOD'S COLLECTOR OF SILVER AND GOLD**

God has used communism (Babylon) to confiscate private ownership of a third of the world's population in our lifetime. Do you think the western world will be exempt from all of this?

It is no longer prophecy to see the plan of those wealthy merchants of Babylon own all of the real estate of the western world. They think they will own everything but God uses them as His servant collector to bring all the silver and gold back into God's rightful ownership. You may lose your house but it will belong to God and not His collectors.

### **THE PRISON OF DECEPTION**

It is only a clever deception that told you that you owned your real estate. It has been the dream of Australians that each couple are able to own their own house and backyard. God has a compassion for the deceived. Our culture has kept us imprisoned to this private ownership concept. We and our forefathers over the last 100 years have known nothing else and we are reluctant to change. We have been blinded to the fact that we are in prison and some will fight to the bitter end because of a lack of understanding of God's perfect way of living. Some will be condemned with failure over losing their worldly security. Jeremiah warned the Jews not to resist Babylon (God's servant).

### **A NEW WAY OF LIVING**

It is not a disaster when we lose our family home or third generation farm. It will be exciting when Jesus opens those prison doors and sets the captives free. God's 'new way of living' will be so much better than the old way of greedy, rich, and middle class, and the poor and needy.

### **GOD LOVES US ENOUGH TO TAKE AWAY OUR SECURITY (MAMMON GOD)**

There is hardly time now to sell up and forsake all that we have to be a disciple. God's Holy Spirit is our helper. He will use His servant Babylon to do it for you. It depends on where your heart is at. If you want to seek His kingdom and His righteousness He may even allow you to stay where you are to serve the poor and needy. He may even use your house to serve the poor and needy. However, the first the first word of the great commission is 'GO.' A prophet is

without honour in his own territory.' God may change your address to a place far away where He can use you mightily. The great commission says to 'GO.' It does not say you will come back.

## KENMORE GARDEN NEWS

We feel the time has come to scale down our physical activities at Kenmore. God has sent Don Perry to take over the 'spade work'. Don is a younger man of 65 years and is very skilled at most things. He is now on the board of the Prodigal Trust. He has a real heart for the garden and has been a great help whilst we have been limited with Margaret's stroke. Margaret is doing a great job on the path to recovery but misses being active in the garden. We hold very firmly onto the promises in God's word with Psalm 91 being our favourite passage.

In August 2015 we reach our tenth anniversary since planting the first tree at Kenmore. We hope to celebrate with an open day for all of the APY lands and will invite other Central Australian communities to come and see the garden.

The trees and vines are now in full production with excellent yields of stone fruits and table grapes. Unfortunately rough roads do not permit much marketing of apricots and peaches in the APY lands. We feel the future will be in drying when labour permits. We have marketed several tonnes of apricots in Alice Springs for the last two seasons- directly to customers through 'Facebook' contact which has helped with our overheads. We give away all of our grapes usually in half tonne lots to all the communities east of Amata. Some of our red globe vines have produced up to 65kg per vine. Every aboriginal household in Ernabella received a bucket full of grapes. Don saw that every child had a bunch of grapes each day for almost 2 months. Runny noses disappeared as vitamin C was consumed. Our aim is to see every child in the APY lands have similar benefits with an all year round supply of grapes and citrus and later dried apricots and peaches.

A gifted mechanic named Steve arrived at Kenmore. All the Kenmore tractors and loaders and the old tipper were fixed up and so we had 70 tonnes of cattle manure delivered from Eagle Rock (25km away). Don and I wheelbarrowed over 500 loads to spread along the dripper lines. We expect a good boost of vigour as the trees and vines desperately needed it. The sandy soil is pretty gutless without manure.

We invested in a 113 decibel bird scarer. It worked well and probably saved a few tones of fruit. All the flock birds including crows, galahs and white cockatoos were not to be seen. The smaller birds were not so disturbed. It needs an old shotgun to upset them.

We have installed an electric fence plain wire just above the ground at the base of the fence around the garden. It stopped the dogs from burrowing under the fence. Dogs ate much of our early grapes and bit the drippers on hot days. They have been our number 1 pest.

Margaret and I feel it is time to prepare for locally sufficient living in the APY lands and central Australia. With our experience we hope to help advise and encourage other communities to establish fruit orchards and local community vegetable gardens. Central Australia is our vision. The Kenmore garden is a model for others to see and hopefully receive a vision for a garden in their locality.

The solar operated pumps are working well with no attention needed. It has been a long and costly experiment with probably no precedent to copy irrigating 6 acres with solar energy.

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