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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I continue to pray for those in the body of Christ who have ears to hear that they may hear the word of the Lord in all ways. My heart is strongly in favor of the children of God who strive to enter at the straight gate.

The vision behind these letters is two-fold. First, the entire body of Christ needs to hear a common message, and I trust this is not the only letter crossing denominational lines. Ultimately, the Lord and time permitting, all ecumenical churches in Wichita will receive letters simultaneously. Second, the reason for all names identified in the masthead is so everyone may know exactly who is receiving a message; therefore, no one will think themselves as having been singly targeted.

Whether the messages are received and passed on to congregations is between the pastor portion of the five-fold ministry and God. The purpose of the five-fold ministry is to exhort, comfort, and edification of the church until the church the body of Christ come in to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Sadly, the church does not possess complete unity of the faith nor of the knowledge of Son of God because there are those within the church who do not recognize that Jesus *is* the Son of God.

The following is tendered under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the church of Jesus Christ which is His body.

THREE REVELATIONS FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

Chapter 3:14:20 with particular attention to verses 16 to 20

SCRIPTURAL TEXT:

14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Commentary

Verses 14 and 15 are introductory scriptures leading to the three revelations in this section. In verses 14 and 15, Paul is telling the reader exactly why he is praying. The three marked revelations are located in the following locations, one in verses 16 and 17; the second in verses 18 and 19; and the last in verse 20.

First Revelation

16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Commentary

What is happening here? Paul is praying that God would grant us, according to the riches of God's glory; that is, out of God's unsearchable, unending, invaluable riches to be *strengthened with might*, or rather, power. The strength of the fabric of our spirit is made stronger by his; that is, God's Spirit in the inner man. The reason we are to be strengthened with power by the Holy Spirit is answered in verse 17a.

17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,

Commentary

Why must we be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man? That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith.

Radioactive Uranium 235, can not be placed on the floor in a room alone. The radiation emanating from the substance would fry people with radioactivity; rather, the U-235 must be placed in a strong container. The Holy Spirit strengthens our hearts as a type of container in order to house the spirit of Christ! Remember Jesus spoke of new wine in new wine skins? The awesome cataclysmic power of Jesus is contained in these earthen vessels; that is, our human spirits. Our spirits are prepared, strengthened, by the Holy Spirit for this blessing! See an example of a container in figure one on the next page.

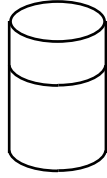


Fig. 1

Second Revelation

17b. that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Commentary

Paul states in verse 17b what is to happen as a benefit of being rooted and grounded in love. Rooted and grounded in essence means the following: rooted means to become stable; grounded means to lay a basis for as in the substruction of a building, a foundation. Melding the two words we understand that we may be stable on the foundation, which is Jesus, in love.

18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Commentary

The Lord directs our attention, at this time, to the three words, breadth, length, and height. From an engineering point of view these three words denote an axis system. In engineering, anything of any size and shape may be designed from an axis system. Please see an axis system example in figure two.

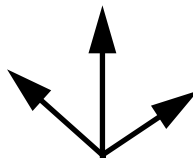


Fig. 2

When the axis system, for example, is used to design a cube. The result is seen in figure three.

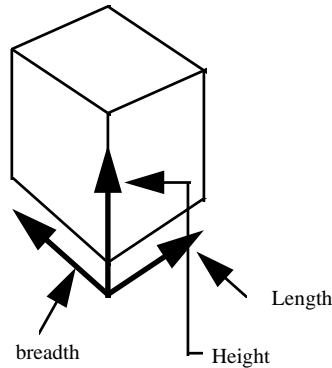


Fig. 3

What are we seeking to comprehend with all saints? The kingdom of God. Jesus said in Luke 17:21, “Neither shall they say, lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” What is the shape of the kingdom of God? The bible does not say. The belief of this writer is that it is the same shape as heaven. What are the dimensions of the kingdom of heaven? The Bible does not say; however, we are told by the Apostle Paul that we may comprehend no matter what the size. The Bible does define the dimensions of heaven itself. The breadth, length, and height of heaven are each 12,000 furlongs. A furlong is 220 feet. If 12,000 furlongs are converted to feet by multiplying by 220 feet and dividing the resulting number by 5,280 feet in a mile, we learn that each of the breadth, length, and height is 500 miles. To determine the volume of heaven the breadth, length, and height are multiplied by each other. The resulting number is 125,000,000. The numerical result means the volume of heaven is equal to one-hundred twenty-five million square miles! What is the difference between the kingdom of God and heaven? While heaven is a specific size, the kingdom of God is not! The kingdom of God inside us limitless, and where we are urged to live. Heaven is where we are going some day by the grace of God.

What exactly is the kingdom of God? Notice every reference by Jesus to either the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God is explicit. Jesus did not say *a* kingdom; He said *the* kingdom. Each believer does not have a piece; rather, we all have access to *the* kingdom Jesus refers to, “the kingdom.” What is *the* kingdom? Christians speak of the kingdom and yet know little if anything about

what the kingdom of God is. We must ask the Father in Jesus Name, to reveal to us the concept of the kingdom of God as Jesus knew it. When I prayed asking an answer to the question about the kingdom the answer I received is that it is the kingdom of faith of which there are no bounds; therefore, the distinction between the kingdom of God and heaven. Absolutely no one will enter the kingdom of heaven or heaven itself without faith, and the purpose of faith is the saving of our souls, see I Peter 1:9 (KJV). The *only* way to please God is with faith, Hebrews 11:6 (KJV). Remember, we are transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Does every believer have access to the kingdom of God? The trip to the answer is closer if we ask the question, “Who does not inherit the kingdom of God? The answer to the second question is found in I Corinthians 6:9-11, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, be ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (KJV) The kingdom of God is a place of faith and sanctity.

We turn our attention to the word, depth. Depth is a most exciting word. Not only did Paul pray that we *may know* the dimensions of the kingdom of heaven, but also the depth! In this case depth is defined as the fullest extent, inexhaustible abundance, the immense amount. God wants us to know everything. When we read the Word of God, we should always pay particular attention to what is written. In this scripture we see the word, may. The scripture does not contain the word, can. If we read that we can comprehend then it may be that we can not; however, since the word we read is “may” then we may. We *may* comprehend! This is exciting because by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we are taught that God will not hold anything back from those who seek Him with all their heart; all we have to do is ask Him. How much may we comprehend? The limitless kingdom of heaven equal to or greater than the size of heaven. Is this not wonderful? Psalms 127:1 says, “Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it. . .” God wants to construct the kingdom of heaven within us and then fill the dimensions with Himself as we see in verse 19. We are children of The King and He wants us to know everything. Intimate knowledge of the love of Christ is central to our Christian lives. Without love, we fail for even faith works by love.

19. And to *know* [emphasis mine] the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Commentary

We need to *know* the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, so we may be filled with *all* the fullness of God, not just an idea. Conversely, if we are not filled with all the fullness of God it is because we do not know the love of Christ. The only way we may know the love of Christ is by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God lets us know our shortcomings. Romans 5:5 says, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." To know the love of Jesus, we must know the communion of the Holy Spirit. To know communion with the Holy Spirit we have only to get to know the Holy Spirit. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you know Him.

Third Revelation

20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Commentary

Years ago, I closed my radio program with verse 20. Truthfully, I did not really know what it meant; but it certainly sounded good to the ear. The Holy Spirit revealed the following: Paul was offering, in the first part of the scripture, a tribute, and He was reverencing God and His ability. Understanding the second part that begins with the word 'according' forever changed my view of what is being said here and its application to our daily lives.

The words 'according to' work as a type of conjunctive such as 'and' or 'but.' Paul was saying that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, *according to* [emphasis mine] the power that worketh in us. The words 'according to' in this context refer to the proportion of the power of God that works in us. In order for us to experience the work of the Lord in our lives as the scripture says the Lord must be allowed to work in us without hindrance.

When I asked the Lord what His intention is for us to know in the scripture, I was suddenly given an awesome revelation. The Lord gave me to know that what happens in the control of nuclear fission is what happens in the spirit in us.

Nuclear fission is on-going. Once the radioactive materials are placed fission begins. In order for the scientist to control fission, rods are used. The rods used historically were made of Cadmium. Cadmium rods were inserted deep into the radioactive pile. The rods would completely absorb the energy being produced

by the fissionable material; therefore, power generated by the fission could not be used in any way to produce electricity. Interestingly, the rods would not deform, they totally absorbed the energy, and they did not act like straws where energy went out through the top.

I remember listening to the news reporters as they described what was going on with the reactor. The reporters provided status of the reactor, and at one point said, "The rods are 25% removed." Later they would go on to say the rods were 50, 75, 90, 100% removed, and now the reactor was under full production. Power for use could be reduced by re-inserting the rods. Under full production meant that the reactor could heat water into steam for use in steam turbines or whatever they needed to do with the power. Please see an example in figure four.

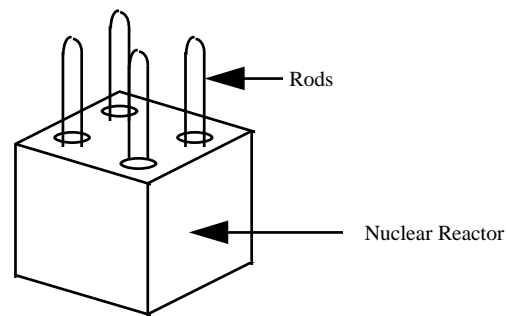


Fig. 4

To restate, the purpose of the rods are to nullify the effects of the fission. Fission with rods fully installed is useless power because the power does not do anything.

What has just been spoken in an allegory to the spirit of mankind. The power of God is extant; that is, it was and is and ever shall be. The power of God is ongoing whether we care to know or not. God wants to work through us to save a dying world. He wants to use us as the windows of heaven, but there are things that stop the work of God. Stopping the work of God is the same as robbery. We have types of rods in our lives that stop the work of God, and we seem unable to understand exactly why God does not do "exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think." The rods in our lives are such things as lying, cheating, pride, rebellion, witchcraft, fornication, envyings, unforgiveness, complacency, and so on. God can not work through us freely when we are so clogged up. Jesus said that apart from Him we can do nothing. We need to see ourselves full of rods, and ask the Lord to help us pull out the rods on a daily basis; no one is exempt.

When we submit, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to God, the Holy Spirit will identify specific areas that need to be removed. At that time we have two choices, one, to recognize with a grateful heart the work of the Lord to cleanse us of unrighteousness; or two, to reject the work. If we submit to the Holy Spirit

and ask Him to clean us up, to create in us a right heart with God, the Lord will help us remove the rods that hinder His complete work in us. When we begin to accomplish this task we will begin to experience a deeper walk with God, and we will begin to see the awesome move of God through us. While relationship with Father is essential, fellowship enhances friendship.

The revelations in this passage point directly to Jesus. Christianity is more than what we see in front of our noses, it is much bigger than we have ever imagined. God wants us to access Him more than we ever have. He wants to pour Himself out on us and through us without any hindrance. God's Holy Spirit will help us, we have only to ask Him in faith and then be ready to be used of God for His plans, purposes, and pursuits.

May God bless you richly and all that read this. As always, I am open to conversation regarding clarification.

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