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Dear Friends,

May the festive season have been one of joy and happiness for you and your loved ones. Along with many others your thoughts may have been focussed upon those less fortunate than yourselves. It is difficult to not be overcome with a sense of sadness as we hear of the devastation that the bush fires are impacting on many people. At times we can feel helpless about what we can do to help. It can even cause anxiety and guilty despair as we are daily confronted with these tragic events that are so near yet far away from us. Yet there are many ways in which we can help even though we are not in the front line of attack. We can remember that the firemen and volunteers are trained and ready for these situations. We can open up our "purse strings" a little bit more, we can donate time and substance in various ways. We can remember with thoughts of kindness to the police, military and governments departments that do so much behind the scenes. Activity that we would be amazed by if we were privileged to know everything.

Another method which the believer is instructed to participate in, is to pray for all in authority so that we can live out our lives in a peaceable environment with all godliness, holiness in the fear of the Lord. We as believers can and do ask for the Lord's intervention in any natural occurrence that brings trauma and pain to those that are tragically affected. Many of the heroic happenings that occur in times of crisis can be recognised as the hand of God and other things can be recognised as the hand of the evil one. It is not the believers calling to understand and comprehend all the machinations in this world, but to put their trust in a benevolent Holy God and believe that he is sovereign over all events in heaven, earth and under the earth. Our cry in our misunderstanding is "Lord I believe" – help me in my unbelief. Help me recognise your hand in all things. In this world we will have tribulation and crisis' but we are to have faith in God that he is in full control and the disciplines we receive are to keep us obedient to the faith. Natural events and occurrences can lead us to an understanding of how we are to live out our spiritual lives. As we trust the natural authorities whom we pray for we can trust and rely on the invisible Father whom we petition in prayer.

In the garden of Eden (which is a fantasy to many), the first humans were instructed to abstain from eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the garden.

(Genesis 2: 9)In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The serpent's temptation was to create a desire within mankind to gain knowledge and know things beyond the revelation that comes from God. Satan used a litany of lies to entice the weaker vessel to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. His temptation was that they would be like God knowing good and evil!

(Genesis 3: 5) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Ever since this day of disaster, man is plagued with the knowledge of good and evil, the Apostle Paul understood this as he speaks of it in the book of Romans.

(Romans 7: 19) For what I do is not do the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Every one of us tries to be good and obey, but our failure to achieve it places a heavy veil over our heart by condemning us and causes us to say "why bother" it's just the way I am.

The truth about this is that we are repeating the problem of our first parents by eating the same fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. While we continue in our disobedience to the only true and wise potentate and resist putting our trust in God, our bias will always be to answer the unanswerable question. How deep is the abyss of evil and despair? Whilst we live in a sin darkened world of iniquity we will always be confronted by new ways of madness and inventions of evil. This might paint a picture of hopelessness, but evil, though it appears as all powerful and mind crushing does have a time limit or an end. Some things in God's wisdom cannot occur until certain things are complete. The Amorites opposed the travelling Israelites but they were used again and again in

opposition to them because they had not reached their fullness of sin. How much God will allow before iniquity reaches its full measure I do not know. But one thing I do know is the prideful defences that mankind will raise to defy God are very high walls. Though these defences are high and guarded with every deceitful form of trickery and false promises, the truth remains that every wall against the truth will come to an end. We can do nothing against the truth only for it. Every house not built on the rock (which is Christ) will fall, and it is sure that pride comes before a fall.

So what can hold a man fast to the truth? Surely the scripture is clear when it says *Jesus is the way, the truth and the life* and it also declares *the truth is in Jesus*. Pride of mankind is revealed when he disobeys God and defies his instructions. The Father spoke from heaven to the disciples for them to listen to Jesus and obey him only.

(Matthew 17: 5)“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and walk in humility, meekness and gentleness, obeying the truth in love. Resist the prideful temptation of the serpent.

As we enter another phase of chronological time we can make a choice to follow Jesus and listen to his sweet voice of encouragement. He speaks to us in an inaudible voice, that is the voice of reason which is self-assuring and full of promise. This voice of Jesus goes beyond reason and penetrates the will and makes us willing to do the will of God. It is the will of God that we stop eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If we stop eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, what can we eat?

To the faithful it is not to live and eat of bread alone, but to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Where can I find the fruit that will bring me life? Remember that in the midst of the garden of paradise there were two trees, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The devil did not tempt Adam and Eve with eating the fruit of the tree of life. So why did he tempt them to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? The serpent tempted man to eat the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil by using lies and false assumptions. He knew that God's man would then partake of the satanic character and nature. Mankind would then be placed in the same position as Satan himself was and bring God's wrath against them. In this one act of disobedience, Satan had destroyed God's future purpose and plan for the whole cosmic creation, God's good creation had fallen into corruption. But God in his wisdom and love had a secret plan that was hidden from the disobedient. God set into motion a prepared plan that was unique and would confound the wise of this world and astound all both in Heaven and in earth. This plan would appear foolish and would be a stumbling block to all who refused God's way as the right way.

What was this plan?

It was the plan of redemption!

A plan that was not afforded to angels that disobeyed and were cast from God's presence into the abyss of darkness.

This plan was prepared before the world began and went into effect immediately after man's disobedience. God put a guard of Cherubim's and a flaming sword around the tree of life and its fruit. **Why?** Because if man ate of this fruit he would stay in his evil state forever. This demonstrates the love and grace of God and that evil has an end and that new life has no end and is eternal. God would open up the fruit of the tree of life to man. This tree of life is Jesus and the fruit are his words. God had no intention for his creation to remain in darkness forever, but sent words of life to his creation from Genesis to Revelation. At every point in chronological time God would send his Word through messengers into the darkened world to encourage and promise them that he was in full control of the universe. Every event that proceeds from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would be counteracted with the Word of life. Holy men and prophets brought forth God's word at the right time even when men were running headlong into the despair of disobedience and sin.

Then the great moment of God's revelation of his grace towards all sinners appeared.

The vulnerable babe in swaddling cloth appeared in chronological time in the town of Bethlehem. The enduring life giving word promised centuries before which reached back to the garden of paradise was now on earth as the Christ. Immediately and according to the scriptures the attacks against the Holy One began. Throughout his life,

Jesus had to trust his heavenly Father against all temptations to only “say and do” what he saw his Father “say and do”.

His final humiliation was death, death on the cross of Calvary. Not for his sins, but for our sins. The wages of sin are death. What was the legal reason that a sinless person could die for another’s sin? The legal reason that death could come to Jesus was the law had to be broken. The law was broken when Jesus was nailed to the cross and lifted up between heaven and earth, not by his own sin, but by the work of lawless men. Cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree.

(Gal 3: 13)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written:

“Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

Our curse became Jesus’ curse – the curse was death. Man’s motivation was evil, Jesus’ motivation was holy and good. It was for love for every man that Jesus went to Calvary.

(John 15:13-14)

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

This is grace, that where sin abounds grace does much more abound. Though sin and evil tend to flourish, be assured **they will have an end**. God’s unique plan and purpose will be fulfilled and is being fulfilled in those that lay down their lives for Christ’s sake and do what he commands them to do. Does this make them more righteous than a fallen sinner? The answer to this question must be a resounding, NO!

The repentant sinner has their eyes opened to believe the truth and to uniquely serve God in the way that Jesus walked. Humbly and meekly in gentleness of spirit. The repentant sinner walks in the imputed righteousness of the only true righteous one. Jesus Christ our Lord. He or she does not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think. But thinks more lowly and soberly. Speaking the truth in love not living in the yeast of the Pharisees with the highly inflated measures of importance and propounding men’s traditions over the truth of God’s word in Jesus Christ. How can a man or a woman change their ways? How can they live in a world where might is right and the humble are treated as door mats, they can BY TRUSTING GOD, BY WALKING IN FAITH and whose goal is LOVE OUT OF A PURE HEART and leaving all judgement to God.

Truly you cannot change your ways, you cannot put new wine into old wine skins. Can a Leopard change its spots? No! You must partake of the new birth and be born from above. You must shed the old life, the old man and live by the Spirit as the new man. Only God can do this work in you and only grace and the Spirit can maintain this life.

Many people in this religious world are claiming to be born again but it is only a religious cloak full of religious ways that have a form of godliness, but deny the power of God to make a new creation. Their mantra and preaching is full of men’s traditions which are devoid of God’s power and his overcoming ability. Every act of God from Genesis to Revelation was fulfilled in the one act of Calvary. When Christ was crucified every commandment of God was fulfilled including the law.

Paul said in (1 Corinthians 2: 2-5):

² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.

Why is it that the power of the Cross and knowledge of the truth can reveal a new creation? Because it is the truth and the truth will never fail. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, there is a new creation that has begun and only Jesus Christ can teach the truth of this by his Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 5: 17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!

Natural man is incapable of generating this holy truth because the natural man receives not the things of God. They must be taught by the Holy Spirit who is freely given to us. All who put full repentant trust in Christ are the only ones that can be taught to live as a new creation. A man, woman or child can be born again from above and

can see and enter Christ's Kingdom and be taught of the Lord. This Kingdom of God is only good – no evil can enter into it. No liars, no cowards, no fearful, only the loving who lay down their lives for Christ and then faithfully adhere to the Kingdom's demands. But you will be classed as unfaithful or as an apostate by all naturally minded men who are not born from above, nor those who have not been raised with Christ. These naturally minded men live by the weak and beggarly elements of the world, they appear to have a form of godliness, but no power of God. Their trust is in their regulations and rules that they themselves do not keep.

Let me explain – it costs you your whole life to gain this life. You have to lose to gain. Lose what? To gain what? You have to lose the life you now know to gain the life you don't know anything about. You must be an overcomer of the world's life. You overcome by faith in Christ. Jesus said, *"fear not for I have overcome the world"*. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.

To be truly born again the SEED planted in your heart is Christ. This seed must come from above so that you are born again from above. This seed grows in your heart and mind and causes you to believe that you are raised and seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This is the new creation. The power of the Word and the Spirit allows Christ to be formed in your heart, you are no longer subject to the weak and beggarly elements of traditional thinking. The law is fulfilled in your heart when you love God and all that belongs to him. You are raised with him but you must allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen your inner man in comprehending the height, the depth, the length and the breadth of the love of God that surpasses knowledge. The word must abide in you and you abide in the word. There will be many temptations to return to the knowledge of good and evil but only Christ in his grace and mercy can sustain you. This blessing is that you are being delivered from the old creation into the new creation. No matter how difficult it may appear, God will always sustain you. Then you will know of his power and Godliness. We must strive to enter the Kingdom of God, for to draw back after we have tasted the heavenly gifts will cause much grief to our heart and spirit.

God grants the gift of a heavenly desire within your heart to be more like Jesus and to walk in all humility and meekness as you strive to enter Christ's Kingdom or the new creation reality. Men who have not known or have not been faithful to Jesus Christ in wholly repentance will only know in part and will always guide you on the broad pathway of the world. They think you have to be something in this world to be somebody somewhere else. This is not what Christ taught. They desire the highest seats in the denominations and in the counsels of men. They have no power in God's Kingdom because their authority only extends to the walls they have built by their own efforts. Denominational efforts. Their judgements and interpretations of scripture come from natural wisdom of superiority and inferiority. The blind lead the blind into the ditch. The wisdom that comes from above is PURE. Praise God that in the New Jerusalem everything is transparent, open and full of truth. This is the place of the Godhead and the faithful and is the Kingdom of God. The same questions can be asked that was asked of Jesus, *"by what authority do you do these things"*? and *"Is your teaching from heaven or from men"*?

Traverse with us by faith through the straight gate down the path of life. Where the glory dwells. Not like old lawless teachers who hide their veiled faces because they don't want anyone to see the glory fading. But we are to live in the teachings of Jesus Christ where the glory never fades. Where Christ is preached the glory will be on the faces and in the hearts of those that receive him.

To you that are truly born again I say – follow Jesus, don't return to the old ways and you will find rest for your soul. Be taught by Jesus. To those that have returned to the weak and beggarly elements of the world of rules and regulations, take heed – all these were nailed to the cross with Christ. Awake to righteousness and sin not and Christ will give you light. Love your enemies, do good to those that spitefully use you and enter Christ's Kingdom of love, joy and peace and when you serve Christ in this manner, God is well pleased. The broad way is travelling the path of many as they fail to hear the inaudible word of Christ. The traffic is heavy on this road.

When we were first enlightened we became so filled with God's love for us that we trusted every Tom, Dick and Harry that came along with any type of Christian talk. We trusted everybody who said they were a Christian. We failed to trust and hear the one and only true voice that can guide you into God's Kingdom. Many lost their first love for Jesus. Why? The reason is naturally minded men and evil doers lie in wait to ensnare you. Jesus warned of such people who would say Christ is here, Christ is over there. He said don't go there *"I will be with you I will never leave you nor forsake you"*. Two will be in the field, one will be taken and the other left. Have you been

taken and led by God? Another tempting enticement is through the thought of – “If many are gathering together they must have the truth”. This also can be a deception. How can we escape the clutches of the fowler? We are like little birds that are so vulnerable we are easily caught and ensnared. Read Psalm 124.

(Psalm 124)

¹If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—
²if the LORD had not been on our side
when men attacked us,
³when their anger flared against us;
they would have swallowed us alive
⁴the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
⁵the raging waters
would have swept us away.
⁶Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
⁷We have escaped like a bird
out of the fowler’s snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

When we first came to Christ our antagonists were those that belonged to the world and the addictions we ourselves were enslaved to. Lust, sex, pornography, drugs, liquor, greed, power, deception and lies. Added to these are emotional weaknesses, anger, fear, worry, bullying, unkindness, hatred, rebellion, arguments, strife, anti-authority, judgment, selfishness and such like. This being the case we gravitated towards religious institutions and their rulers because they appeared to be holy and at one with God and the truth. But as we go on we find out that the Presbyterians hate the Catholics, the Catholics despise the Protestants, the Baptists despise the Pentecostals, and vice versa. Then there are the institutions that all the orthodox Christians can’t get along with such as the Jehovah Witness, Mormons, Christadelphians etc. Even more divisions appear against Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Taoists, Confucians, just to name a few. There is no common fellowship in Christ. Then as we settle down into any one of these institutions we become tarnished with their prejudices which harden our heart. We are no longer antagonistic against the world and its schemes alone, we are now tarnished against anything and anyone that a particular denomination considers an enemy of the Gospel.

Jesus has raised the bar concerning all this, by saying that those born of God must love their enemies and the battle is not against flesh and blood, but it is against principalities, powers and wickedness in high places. The scriptures clearly teach that there are false doctrines and propagated error.

(2 Peter 2: 1) But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you.....

To oppose them in a legalistic way is not the right way – everything we do must be done in love by laying down our old life to gain the life of Christ. I don’t need to ask you, but you must ask yourself this question “Am I walking in love?” This is crucial – love is the currency of the Kingdom of Christ.

As if these divisions between each denomination were not enough, they have divisions with themselves.

Baptist against Baptist
Reformer against Reformer
Mormon against Mormon
Catholic against Catholic
High Anglican against low Anglican
Pentecostal against Pentecostal

All these divisions are not born out of a heart of love, but a heart of superiority.

What does this prove?

It proves that the Gospel and the Kingdom are not being preached in all the world. To be in God's Kingdom you must obey Christ's words and commands. To love the Lord with all your heart, with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the only way the new Kingdom can be taught – even if we have to shed our blood for it.

To be born again from above, to be enlightened and given the ability to enter into this Kingdom is purely and totally a work of God. To believe this truth, it must be given by the Holy Spirit and confirmed by Scripture. The great truth of this mystery of the Kingdom of Christ is imparted to the believer and is wholly given to the wholly repentant believer by grace. This is the work of God that you believe in him and whom he has sent – Jesus Christ. The overcomer will share in the inheritance of the Kingdom. It is only faith in Christ that overcomes the world. The world is not only the pagan world – the world is the world that Jesus was sent to – the world of the religious and self-righteous people of Israel who abdicated their responsibility of taking the truth and the power of God to the Gentiles. Now God is raising a new generation, a new creation to take the Gospel and the power of Christ's Kingdom to the Religious world of today who preach and manifest division for their own glory. The earth and all within it belong to the Lord Jesus, not just an elect few. The elect, are those sent into the world as the saving elect, not an elite group. The fields were ripe for harvest the day Jesus entered this world. Jesus spoke clearly that the Gospel and the Kingdom must be preached throughout the earth then the end will come. The end of all division and strife, racism and man's superiority over man.

The Gospel of Christ is preached for salvation, but the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom and its authority to redeem is weakened by those that don't abide in it and claim that it is afar off. Not as Jesus said "*the Kingdom of God is near and among you and in you*" herein lies the crux of all the things regarding the Kingdom.

As Jesus said, *he that has ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones.*

(Mark 10: 13-16)

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not HINDER them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will NEVER enter it". ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

In this illustration, little children were coming to Jesus for a blessing and those who should have known better (the disciples) rebuked the children. Jesus told the disciples don't HINDER them. Then he spoke these profound words if ANYONE who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will NEVER enter it.

Does this sound like the institutional teachings of today?

Do they hinder the faithful?

Do they encourage you to trust Jesus above their teachings of rules and regulations?

Do they treat children with respect or do they hide and protect their misdeeds under the cloak of tradition and power?

The church today is NOT the Kingdom of Christ, it is an institution run on the principles of power and mammon.

(Luke 16: 13)

¹³ "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Mammon is Satan's other name. It is not money – mammon is the demon of greed and power. There is no institutional church in the world today that could survive without Mammon as their God. The Kingdom which I serve in, is Christ's Kingdom and all the riches of glory are in him and if it be by grace and his will, I will share with him in glory.

The promise of unity was understood by the early “called out” ones. They abided in this truth and held it as a promise. This promise was to them fulfilled in Jesus and was their amen – so be it. The message that they preached is that in Christ crucified all sins are forgiven and forgiveness is granted to the believer who confesses their sin. The burden of a guilty conscience is relieved and erased from our sinful hearts and minds by the act of Jesus forsaking the belief that the power to uphold the life of the body was in the blood. Jesus shed his blood on the cross at Calvary but was bodily raised and now lives unto God in the power of the Spirit. The New Creation now lives by the power of the Spirit of God and will inherit a new and glorious body just like Jesus’ at the last trump. When we see him we will be like him.

(Romans 8: 11-12)

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. ¹² Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

(Romans 8: 23-25)

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

By faith we must follow him into the regeneration led by the Spirit and the Word. Flesh and blood cannot enter this Kingdom which lives by the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ. There is a fleshly body, there is a spiritual body. We will receive our redemptive body in accordance with the deeds done through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye we will be changed. God is not mocked whatever a man sows that will he reap. The measure that you mete will be measured unto you. If your eye be single your whole body will be full of light and if then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness. No man will fool God in the resurrection.

We all come from diverse and historical chaotic backgrounds which can keep us apart, but by faith we can retain the unity of the promises. This is the faith that the early disciples believed and spoke of. Unity is as much by faith in Christ as it is in shedding the trappings of institutional religion. The early disciples were cast out of the synagogues and exempted from the sacrificial altar and Temple worship. They were unable to own a house in Jerusalem and could not gain charity from the Temple. They were convinced that Christ had reconciled them to God and that they were partakers of the divine kingdom that Christ preached. They were amazed at the strength of the unity that the Spirit brought to them. They were bound in common belief, in on Lord, one faith, one baptism, one hope, one Spirit, one God and one Kingdom. This is the unity of the Spirit that permeates the hearts and minds of those who follow Christ Jesus into the regeneration where there is only one Lord and teacher.

Let us all come together in the Spirit of unity, having fellowship with the Father and the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of man cannot achieve this miracle and this will never be accomplished by man’s deeds. We cannot change the world only God can do this. There will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

(2 Peter 3: 13) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

But to enter this new world Jesus is our only guide. The new birth is not changing the old man; it is a brand new creation accomplished by God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus curses the fig tree.

(Matthew 21: 18-21)

¹⁸Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. ²⁰When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. ²¹Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. ²²If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

The fig tree is generally recognised as a symbol of the nation of Israel.

The mountains symbolise the places of worship.

(John 4: 19-26)

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus declared, believe me woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

When Jesus cursed the fig tree, it was a denunciation of all that Israel had achieved through their own methods and works. On the return journey the disciples saw the fig tree withered and dead. Marvel how Jesus explained about the power of faith, that a grain of mustard seed could overcome any institutional religious organisation that could not and would not bear fruit. Mustard seed faith can bring about the downfall of any mountain. Jesus also spoke of the mountain that the Jews trusted in and the mountain that the Samaritans trusted in, every religious mountain will be brought low and cast into the sea.

Can you see it dear believer?

Can you see what the Samaritan woman saw when she said; *"I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming, when he comes he will explain everything to us"*. Jesus is the Christ and he is the only one that can explain everything to you. Jesus revealed to this sinful woman that he was the Christ. Doesn't this prove that Jesus can explain everything to you!

Seek the Lord with all your heart and you will be found of him.

Can you see Jesus high and lifted up?

And the only thing filling the temple of God is Jesus' glory,

Open wide ye gates and let the King of glory in.

The Lord mighty in battle, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

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