



# THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

A Love Message From Christ to  
His Body

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# Overcomers

- We are overcomers of the world, the flesh, the devil, and death.
- We should not attribute to the devil tests and previous strongholds that God has delivered us from.
- Paul has shown us that there is a law (natural law) in man's members that seeks to prompt man to act wickedly, so even though Satan is bound, his influence on man's nature due to the fall is still there.
- When faced with thoughts that are unlike Christ that come to us, there is nothing wrong with saying, "Satan the Lord rebuke thee" or "I bring everything into subjection of Christ."

# The Call of the Church

- At the end of the work that the Father has given unto His Christ, we will see the manifestation of sons being brought forth in the image and likeness of God.
- God has chosen to do this work in a seemingly inhospitable place—the earth.
- God is Spirit and He yet chooses to bring man, who is of the earth, to a point that while yet in the earth, man can be as God.
- The Church's Calling: that it will eclipse the thoughts, the words, and the deeds that spring from the naturalness of man to embrace wholly (and holy) that which is of God.
- We must be transformed from natural to spiritual and man must come into the fullness of the stature of Christ, similar to the transformation of Jesus Christ on the mount.

# A New Heaven and New Earth

- We are being made toward the end that we live in the earth without a body in the flesh (a body animated by the flesh), but rather, we must live in our glorified bodies (a spiritual body animated by the Spirit of Christ).
- God brings every child of God into sonship and brings glory unto Himself that the heavens are able to look down on earth and see heaven mirrored.
- Despite man's beginning in the body as a weakened vessel, God has chosen man and is transforming the mind of man to the mind of Christ.
- God desires us to abide in the new heaven and new earth.
  - The new earth shows the destruction of the previous earth by repopulating it with men who have eclipsed naturalness and operate by way of the Spirit. So, the new mind is populated with thoughts of the Spirit. God has made such persons angelic beings.
  - The new heaven speaks to the inclusion of man as part of the heavenly hosts residing in both earthly and heavenly places simultaneously. This is what Christ Jesus referred to when he prayed "... Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

# God's Accelerated Work

- God is bringing the Church to a level where He is able to say through His Christ, "It is done."
- At each level in our development, Christ declares that "It is done." Then he moves us up to the next rung on the ladder and repeats the process.
- Sometimes, it may look like a person is going nowhere and is stuck in a rut. What they may not realize is that God has covered that area with His grace.
- God could actually be working several rungs up the ladder and can quickly move the person from the level they appeared to be stuck, to the upper rung at which He is currently working.

# But This Time, There is No Turning Back

- There was a time where the saints were in disagreement with what the Lord was doing, but the closer we get to where God wants us to be, the easier the work becomes.
- There is no turning back because He has brought us to a level where He has spoken that the overcoming power will not be ceded to our enemies.