

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Matt 16:13-19 *Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*

And they answered, Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am?

Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros--a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra--a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

- Keys are given to disciples [followers] not just believers.
- Keys are given to those who have ascended from lower realms.
- Revelation and confession of Christ as the foundation Head & WEkklesia, His Body..
- Know that it is Jesus' responsibility to build the Ekklesia [Church] and WEkklesia's responsibility to first and foremost seek the kingdom.
- Know that WEkklesia is on the offensive against the gates of hell.

- While meditating on *I will give you the keys* I sensed a change of emphasis to *I will give, you, the keys*. In so doing it dawned on me that even more than the Father giving us keys of the kingdom, Father is transforming us to becomethe keys of the kingdom.
- Those who are given (as) keys of the kingdom have the power and authority to bind and loose.

ME or HWE

Rom 12:3-8 *For by the grace (unmerited favor of God) given to me I warn everyone among you not to estimate and think of himself more highly than he ought [not to have an exaggerated opinion of his own importance], but to rate his ability with sober judgment, each according to the degree of faith apportioned by God to him.*

For as in one physical body we have many parts (organs, members) and all of these parts do not have the same function or use, So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another]. Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith; [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching; He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness.

1 Cor 12:7-11 *But to each one is given the manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit. To one is given in and through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] a message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] a word of knowledge and understanding according to the same [Holy] Spirit; To another [wonder-working] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit; To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues. All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.*

1 Cor 14:26 *What then, brethren, is [the right course]? When you meet together, each one has a hymn, a teaching, a disclosure of special knowledge or information, an utterance in a [strange] tongue, or an interpretation of it. [But] let everything be constructive and edifying and for the good of all.*

Eph 4:8-16 *Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [He led a train of vanquished foes] and He bestowed gifts on men. [But He ascended?] Now what can this, He ascended, mean but that He had previously descended from [the heights of] heaven into [the depths], the lower parts of the earth?*

He Who descended is the [very] same as He Who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He [His presence] might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest). And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers.

His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead. Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

- We went to a retrospective photography exhibition in London's Somerset House chronicling 50 years of the Rolling Stones (my favorite band B.C./prior to Christ). Many of the photos were great and one quote/caption by Keith Richards in particular caught my attention and speaks to a key of their and our success. *When all of us get behind our instruments and Mick begins to sing we become like one person.* [Keith Richards](#)

- Jesus the Christ is the pattern kingdom key.
- There are 2 ways to make a key from a pattern key: pour molten metal into a pattern key mould and/or cut the key into the exact shape of the pattern key.
- Our Father uses the expression of Christ in and through WEkkesia in building/forming/making His kingdom keys.
- Your expression of Christ builds up the Body (keys) but withholding your expression of Christ retards the building up of His Body (keys).
- When there is a flow in the corporate expression of Christ in and through many members there is an assembling/building up.
- Although many members may gather, if and when the expression of the corporate Christ is retarded and/or restricted, the assembling/building up of the Body is also retarded and/or restricted.
- Our being assembled (coming into maturity of oneness) is very much tied into each one of us coming prepared to express our portion of Christ and to flow in the corporate expression of Christ when WEkklesia gathers.
- The expression of Christ in and through hymns/songs/choruses (whether sung and/or spoken) has unfortunately been distorted/perverted by the religious system (3 hymns, offering, sermon, worship bands who perform, etc.).
- We need not let the religious system's distortion/perversion of the true worth of inSpired, Spirit led hymns/songs/choruses in our gatherings. They are integral to our being assembled.
- Quite some time ago I compiled a number of hymns/songs/choruses into a [document called Saints Songs available on Google Docs](#). I encourage you to look at and familiarize yourself with these hymns/songs/choruses so you can bring

one to our gatherings. Being that *Saints Songs* is on Google docs you can add to the hymns/songs/choruses located there.

- I believe as we are faithful what what Father has already given us HE will increasingly give you/us new inSpirited hymns/songs/choruses to sing/speak.
- I encourage those who play instruments (other than voice) to bring and play them as the Spirit leads.

SINGING TO YOU, O LORD

*Singing to You O Lord,
We find more music in our hearts.
Singing to You our Lord,
We find more music in our hearts.
For YOU are the Source of our joy,
The soil from which our roots take their living
And YOU have planted us in Your river,
In a Body where Your Spirit can flow.*

SHADOWS & SON

Shadows

1. A shadow is an area where direct [light](#) from a light source cannot reach due to obstruction by an object. It occupies all of the [space](#) behind an [opaque](#) object with light in front of it. The sun causes many objects to have shadows and at certain times of the day, when the sun is at certain heights, the lengths of shadows change.
2. Something existing in perception only.
3. An indication that something has been present.
4. A dominating and pervasive presence.

Foreshadow:

1. Be a sign of something to come, esp. something important or bad.

Forerunner: (harbinger)

1. A person who goes before or announces the coming of another.
2. Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone.
3. Anything that precedes something similar in time.

Matt 3:1-3 *IN THOSE days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness (shouting in the desert), Prepare the way [road] for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct).*
Lk 1:11-17 *And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear took possession of him.*

But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable]. And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth, For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from his mother's womb. And he will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, And he will [himself] go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the

disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]--in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state]

Jn 1:15-16 John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me. [He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is my Chief.] For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift.

Jn 1:19-23 And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?

He confessed (admitted the truth) and did not try to conceal it, but acknowledged, I am not the Christ!

They asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not! Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No! [

Then they said to him, Who are you? Tell us, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?

He said, I am the voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness [the voice of one shouting in the desert], Prepare the way of the Lord [level, straighten out, the path of the Lord], as the prophet Isaiah said.

- What we have experienced thus far is but a foreshadowing and forerunning of WHO/what is to come.

LIGHT and darkness

Gen 1:1-5 IN THE beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good (suitable, pleasant) and He approved it; and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

- God's focus and purpose on the first day of creation was to bring forth light and separate light from darkness.

Matt 4:16 The people who sat (dwelt enveloped) in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the land and shadow of death Light has dawned.

Mk 9:7 And a cloud threw a shadow upon them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the [most dearworthy] Beloved One. Be constantly listening to and obeying Him!

Lk 1:79 To shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct and guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace.

- God's focus and purpose in His new creation was/is to bring forth light and separate light from darkness.

Shadows and SON

Col 2:16-23 Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of food and drink, or with regard to a feast day or a New Moon or a Sabbath. Such [things] are only the shadow of things that are to come, and they have only a symbolic value. But the reality (the substance, the solid fact of what is foreshadowed, the body of it) belongs to Christ.

Let no one defraud you by acting as an umpire and declaring you unworthy and disqualifying you for the prize, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions [he claims] he has seen, vainly puffed up by his sensuous notions and inflated by his unspiritual thoughts and fleshly conceit, And not holding fast to the Head, from Whom the entire body, supplied and knit together by means of its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

If then you have died with Christ to material ways of looking at things and have escaped from the world's crude and elemental notions and teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world? [Why do you submit to rules and regulations?--such as] Do not handle [this], Do not taste [that], Do not even touch [them], Referring to things all of which perish with being used. To do this is to follow human precepts and doctrines. Such [practices] have indeed the outward appearance [that popularly passes] for wisdom, in promoting self-imposed rigor of devotion and delight in self-humiliation and severity of discipline of the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh (the lower nature). [Instead, they do not honor God but serve only to indulge the flesh.]

Heb 1:1-2 IN MANY separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets, [But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse].

There is not, nor can there be, any shadows or darkness in the full SON/s.

Jn 1:16 For out of **His fullness** (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift.

Rom 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the **fulness** of the blessing of the gospel **of Christ**.

Eph 1:10 [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages **to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ**, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.

Eph 1:23 Which is His body, the **fullness of Him** Who **fills** all in all [for in that body lives the **full** measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who **fills** everything everywhere with Himself].

Eph 3:19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be **filled** [through all your being] unto all the **fullness of God** [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly **filled and flooded** with God Himself]!

Eph 4:13 [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge **of the Son of God**, that [we might arrive] at really **mature** manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height **of Christ's own perfection**), the measure of the stature of the **fullness of the Christ** and the **completeness found in Him**.

Col 1:19 For it has pleased [the Father] that all the **divine fullness** (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should **dwell in Him** permanently.

Col 2:6-10 As you have therefore **received Christ**, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) **in union with and conformity to Him**. Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [**in Him, fixed and founded in Him**], being continually **built up in Him**, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.

See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah). For **in Him the whole fullness of Deity** (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And **you are in Him, made full** and having come to **fullness of life [in Christ]** you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and reach **full spiritual stature**. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]

- Christ is God's and our fullness.

Jn 10:10 *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. **I** came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the **full**, till it **overflows**).*

- Anything less than Christ is robbery, death and destruction. Anything other than, anything instead of Christ

Gal 3:1-3 *O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom--right before your very eyes--Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?*

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of obeying the Law and doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]

Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?

- To preach, teach, prescribe, turn to, rely on anything (rules, regulations, philosophies, products, methodologies, formulas, etc.) other than Christ is another/false gospel (good news) and anti/instead of Christ.

There is not, nor can there be, any shadows or darkness in the full SON/s.

SONburn

Mal 3:1-3 *BEHOLD, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the Messenger or Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.*

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the priests, the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord offerings in righteousness.

Rev 1:14 *His head and His hair were white like white wool, [as white] as snow, and His eyes [flashed] like a flame of fire.*

Rev 2:18 *And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:*

Rev 19:12 *His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows or can understand.*

- The full SON refines and purifies.

• **Rom 12:1-2** *I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].*

2 Cor 3:18 *And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.*

- In the natural one does not want to get sunburned, but in the SPIRIT our desire should be to get SONburned.

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

*Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold*

*Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will*

*Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within*

- Do not look for (self) protection from the SON (SONscreen, shade/shadow).

SONstroke

Symptoms of sunstroke

1. possible loss of consciousness
2. confusion, strange behaviour

Matt 16:24 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself [disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interests] and take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also]. For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here] shall lose it [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find it [life everlasting].*

1 Cor 1:18-31 *For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God. For it is written, I will baffle and render useless and destroy the learning of the learned and the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of the clever and the discernment of the discerning; I will frustrate and nullify [them] and bring [them] to nothing.*

Where is the wise man (the philosopher)? Where is the scribe (the scholar)? Where is the investigator (the logician, the debater) of this present time and age? Has not God shown up the nonsense and the folly of this world's wisdom?

For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive and recognize and know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him).

For while Jews [demandingly] ask for signs and miracles and Greeks pursue philosophy and wisdom, We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal and an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd and utterly unphilosophical nonsense. But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the Power of God and the Wisdom of God. [This is] because the

foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men.

For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.

[No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.

But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]. So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord.

- Two of the prime characteristics of disciples of Christ is their loss of self consciousness and their confusing, strange behavior.

Matt 4:18 *As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He noticed two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, throwing a dragnet into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, Come after Me [as disciples--letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!*

Matt 9:9 *As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office; and He said to him, Be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]. And he rose and followed Him.*

Jn 1:43 *The next day Jesus desired and decided to go into Galilee; and He found Philip and said to him, Join Me as My attendant and follow Me.*

- All the disciples quit their jobs to be with and follow Jesus. They sought first the kingdom and trusted God to be their provision.

Jn 19:30 *When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*

Jn 21:19 *He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. And after this, He said to him, Follow Me!*

Acts 7:58-59 *Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses placed their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And while they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, Lord Jesus, receive and accept and welcome my spirit!*

- Like Jesus, our pattern SON, each of the disciples/apostles, including Paul and many other disciples paid the ultimate price (bodily death) for following Jesus.

Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.*

- The Greek word for witness is *martus* or *martur* from which we get the word martyr. Vine's N.T. dictionary defines a martyr as one who bears "witness" by his death.
- Christ's witnesses have firstly died to self and may ultimately follow in the footsteps of Jesus the pattern Son, the first disciples/apostles and many disciples in the early days of the WEkklesia.

Acts 2:12-15 *And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled and bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean?*

But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: You Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be [explained] to you so that you will know and understand; listen closely to what I have to say. For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is [only] the third hour (about 9:00 a.m.) of the day;

- Disciples are willing to be considered strange, weird, laughed at, ridiculed, criticized, condemned, falsely accused ostracized, abandoned, outcasts, etc.

Lk 18:22 *And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, One thing you still lack. Sell everything that you have and divide [the money] among the poor, and you will have [rich] treasure in heaven; and come back [and] follow Me [become My disciple, join My party, and accompany Me].*

Acts 2:42-47 *And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers. And a sense of awe (reverential fear) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were performed through the apostles (the special messengers).*

And all who believed (who adhered to and trusted in and relied on Jesus Christ) were united and [together] they had everything in common; And they sold their possessions (both their landed property and their movable goods) and distributed the price among all, according as any had need.

And day after day they regularly assembled in the temple with united purpose, and in their homes they broke bread [including the Lord's Supper]. They partook of their food with gladness and simplicity and generous hearts, Constantly praising God and being in favor and goodwill with all the people; and the Lord kept adding [to their number] daily those who were being saved [from spiritual death].

- Disciples do not hold or consider anything as their own and are willing to share all especially with WEkklesia, even before family, friends, shareholders, etc. or other beneficiaries.

Acts 4:13 *Now when they saw the boldness and unfettered eloquence of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and untrained in the schools [common men with no educational advantages], they marveled; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

1 Jn 1:1-5 *[WE ARE writing] about the Word of Life [in] Him Who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard, Whom we have seen with our [own] eyes, Whom we have gazed upon [for ourselves] and have touched with our [own] hands. And the Life [an aspect of His being] was revealed (made manifest, demonstrated), and we saw [as eyewitnesses] and are testifying to and declare to you the Life, the eternal Life [in Him] Who already existed with the Father and Who [actually] was made visible (was revealed) to us [His followers]. What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize and enjoy fellowship as partners and partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). And we are now writing these things to you so that our joy [in seeing you included] may be full [and your joy may be complete].*

And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way].

2 Cor 3:18 *And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transformed into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.*

- Coming out of the shadows to live with/in full Son is the ultimate intimacy.
- Since we become what we behold, intimacy (into me see) with the SON is Father's prime means of transforming us from glory to glory into His likeness and image.

Acts 9:1-18 *MEANWHILE SAUL, still drawing his breath hard from threatening and murderous desire against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest And requested of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus [authorizing him], so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way [of life as determined by faith in Jesus Christ], he might bring them bound [with chains] to Jerusalem.*

Now as he traveled on, he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him, And he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me [harassing, troubling, and molesting Me]?

And Saul said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. It is dangerous and it will turn out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad [to offer vain and perilous resistance]. Trembling and astonished he asked, Lord, what do You desire me to do? The Lord said to him, But arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

The men who were accompanying him were unable to speak [for terror], hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Then Saul got up from the ground, but though his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was unable to see for three days, and he neither ate nor drank [anything].

Now there was in Damascus a disciple named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias. And he answered, Here am I, Lord.

And the Lord said to him, Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying [there]. And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias enter and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.

But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard many people tell about this man, especially how much evil and what great suffering he has brought on Your saints at Jerusalem; Now he is here and has authority from the high priests to put in chains all who call upon Your name.

But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of Mine to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the descendants of Israel; For I will make clear to him how much he will be afflicted and must endure and suffer for My name's sake.

So Ananias left and went into the house. And he laid his hands on Saul and said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, Who appeared to you along the way by which you came here, has sent me that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And instantly something like scales fell from [Saul's] eyes, and he recovered his sight. Then he arose and was baptized,

- Saul/Paul was on his way to Damascus when he was knocked off his high horse and off his course by a Light (full Son).
- We are all on the road to De Mask Us and must be knocked off our high horse (me, myself & I) and off our course (my plans, visions, dreams, aspirations, goals).
- The first words Paul heard spoken from this Light (full SON) were in reference to the Body of Christ. That initial Word regarding Christ's Body was a seed that grew, matured and bore fruit in and through Paul during his remaining years.
- The progressive revelation of Christ (Head and Body) is the seed growing, maturing and bearing fruit in us.
- Immediately Paul recognized that he was in the presence of a greater, the real HIGH PRIEST (Lord) and he asked for new, revised marching orders.
- Paul was blinded by the Light and had to be led to Damascus. While in Damascus, a previously and thereafter unknown brother in Christ, Ananias (Body ministry) ministered God's healing grace to Saul/Paul who recovered his sight instantly.
- We need to submit ourselves to Christ the High Priest and the ministry of priestly members of HIS Body.
- Paul was baptised into a watery grave and arose a new creation in Christ.
- New creations in Christ are those who have been baptised (death to all that is old) and resurrected in newness of Life.

Act 5:15 So that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

Acts 17:6 But when they failed to find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brethren before the city authorities, crying, These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,

Rom 8:19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

- Peter and Paul were so transformed, lived, moved and had their being in the full SON to such an extent that they themselves became sons. Peter's sonship cast a shadow of healing, Paul's sonship enabled him to turn the world upside down, become a world changer.
- All of creation is waiting for those who have walked out from the shadows, are transformed by, live, move and have their being in the full SON. Only the full SON can and will set creation free.

I believe what Rob shared about 11 o'clock is important and well describes the hour we are in. At 11 o'clock there are still shadows. As time progresses God will continue His work in us until all shadows disappear. During this time He will SONburn/remove all that is not Christ (shadows) until all that remains is Christ (fullSON). Moving from 11 o'clock to fullSON will entail the laying aside/dying to many things (shadows, idols, sacred cows/securities, comforts, rules, regulations, philosophies, products, methodologies, formulas, etc.) that our soulish/natural man has held unto till now.

But for the pattern SON (Jesus the Christ) who set the pace and is the Way the corporate man (Christ Body) has not been this way before. The early WEkklesia blazed a trail and through the centuries others have gone so far but the time from 11 o'clock to full Son is largely uncharted territory.

We ain't seen or been nothing yet in comparison to the revelation and manifestation that awaits those who in this final hour come into the full SON.

May you/we be among those who walk out from the shadows into the full SON.