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The End Time Church

What would the End Time church be like? As we draw near towards the fulfilment of prophecies in the nations of the world, there is great interest in the heart of many believers as to what needs to take place in the body of Christ before the return of Christ.

If God's Word is to be taken literally, then all that God's Word says about His church must be fulfilled before the return of Christ. Some of the following needs to happen in the church before Christ's return:

1. Jesus' prayer for the church in John 17

Jesus prayed not just for His disciples at Gethsemane but also for everyone who believe through their word, which includes all of us (Jn 17:20). The essence of His prayer is that we would all be one as He and the Father are one. This is not an organizational unity but a deep and spiritual unity which results in the glory of God being manifested (Jn 17:22). When this perfection of oneness is achieved, there will be a great measure of God's presence released that the world will see the glory of God in the church.

2. All the fivefold ministers will function with the whole body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

There has been the progressive rise of

3. Demonstrations of the works of Christ (Jn 14:12)

Up to this present moment, no one in the body of Christ has demonstrated the works of Jesus and the greater works of Jesus. There have been many individuals in church history who have come close. Like in the book of Acts, the day will come when all who come are healed (Acts 5: 16). Although not all the sick people in the society in Jesus' time were healed, everyone who chose to come to Jesus was healed. Jesus always has 100% results. By the release of a great measure of grace in the last days, God will enable His church to reach this level of results.

4. Abraham's blessings upon the Gentiles (Gal. 3:13,14).

The church age represents the period of the Gentile dispensation. Just as the Jewish dispensation in the Old Testament has its lows and highs of the achievement of God's people, so in the New Testament the church of Jesus Christ will reach its highest point towards the End Times – dominating the present world in all areas: financial, sports, music, etc. Basically, the spiritual realm begins to affect the natural realm positively to the testimony of the Lord (Acts 3:21).

5. An outpouring of the presence of God (Acts 3:19).

The restoration of the Tabernacle of David in the church dimension involves the outpouring of God's presence through praise and worship. It

different aspects of the fivefold ministries from 1950s to 2000. In this fresh wave of revival there will be the simultaneous rise of all the fivefold in working in unity together. At the same time there will be a rise within the church of God to each member of the body of Christ fulfilling their particular destiny (Eph. 4:16). I believe that the same gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out in a different and unique manner upon individuals who are yielded to God.

was King David who established 24 hour praise and worship in the Temple. This praise and worship ministry took Israel into the highest point of God's grace upon the nation.

The above are definite things that must take place for all Scriptures about the church to be fulfilled before Christ's coming.

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Report on Revival meetings in Sydney by Brian Sylvester

A short summary of a series of meetings held in Sydney, Australia by Ps. Peter Tan on the weekend of February 20-22, 2004.

Friday Night

We arrived on the Friday evening with the opening meeting starting at about 7pm.

Peter Tan spoke on the topic of the Presence of God. He started by sharing a passage from Exodus 33:1-3. Here God mentions that although His Angel would go before them, He would not go in their midst. This led to Peter expanding on there being different levels of God's presence with us:

- 1) His abiding Presence with all believers. Matt 28:20
- 2) His Manifest Presence. John 14:21
- 3) His Glory (Shekinah) Presence. Ex 33: 17-33

Peter showed from the Bible that God's presence came for a variety of reasons, but the single most important reason was the desire of the believer for Him to come. We needed to seek God, for God to respond to us in relationship and become ever more present in our lives. Just as God had been present with Moses in many mighty manifest ways, Moses still desired for more of God and asked for Him to show him his Glory. Even though God had parted the Red Sea and brought water from a rock and many other mighty manifest signs, Moses still knew there was more.

Peter also emphasised that we could not mimic another believer's expression of the manifest presence, in the hopes of the same happening to us. We needed to find our own expression of partnership with God through relationship with Him.

At the end was a time of ministry where God's manifest presence came. Through the gifts of the Spirit God showed his presence to us through various healings and words of knowledge.

Saturday Afternoon

A smaller gathering in an adjacent hall.

Peter's topic was on the Grace of God. He showed us that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 are called "gracelets" in the original Greek. He shared with us that Grace is unique to each of us as individuals (1 Cor 15:10). He showed from Scripture that there are different levels of Grace. For example in Acts 4:33 grace is described as 'great grace'.

Peter defined these levels as:

- 1) Abiding Grace. That which each believer in Jesus has been given.
- 2) Ministering Grace. The additional grace that is given to each believer but differently such as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) "Operational" Grace. That measure given to an individual above and beyond that experienced by most. Given to fulfil a specific function or calling.

Saturday Evening

The group this evening was at its largest, with well over half the hall filled. Translation was provided and this added to the numbers of people in attendance.

Peter spoke that God Promises to reveal Himself. He shared the scriptures from Matthew 5:8 and John 14:21 urging the crowd to find God. As these Scriptures speak of a pure heart and of keeping the commands of Jesus it was easy to see that there are conditions given to us by God if we are to find and experience Him more fully.

From there Peter showed us that a balance of theology and experience is required. For theology without experience was just intellectual knowledge. While experience without the balance of Scripture leads to all sorts of errors.

We were urged to seek God for a fresh touch and experience of God. This, Peter said would lead to revival. However, Peter also said it was not an instant thing and would require a year of earnestly seeking His face as a group.

Peter gave a “word” to the group, a simple line from the Bible.

Leviticus 9:6 “This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you.”

After the preaching the presence of the Lord came in signs and wonders. A group of approximately 20 people came forward and were touched most deeply, but not exclusively as God’s Spirit was with us all. His manifest presence was very evident. Some were healed, others anointed with Spiritual Gifts, while others were given prophecies and words of knowledge. On a personal level, it was very easy to flow with the Lord’s anointing in ministry. It seems to me that the stronger the Lord’s presence the easier to work with Him. In Revival times it must be a simple matter to work with the Lord.

Sunday Morning

Youth prayer meeting prior to the regular afternoon English Service. A very good size for a prayer meeting.

Various “words” and exhortations were given to the group prior to a time of prayer. The group was urged to stir up the gift of God that was given through the laying on of hands according to 2 Timothy 1:6. In addition the group was urged to seek God simply, diligently and with earnest desire. They were reminded of their good heritage and reminded of their possible future in Christ. Finally they were shown a very good way of prayer.

They were encouraged to take the various prayers of the Apostle Paul in his letters and personalize them for themselves. In that way they would not fall into praying just for themselves and their personal needs, as unfortunately so many do.

After this we had a time of corporate prayer. Many and varied was the prayer. Some small groups prayed quickly and in tongues while other small groups put praying the Scriptures into practise, while others prayed singularly in their own way. At all times we were together in the Spirit, just not always in knowledge. The noise level, of course, was higher as many voices spoke at once without ever being out of control or out of order. The people truly have an ability to pray from our God that we should all partake in.

Sunday Afternoon English Service

This was the normal Sunday service for this section. The service was broken into two parts. The first a full and detailed prophecy from Pastor Albert, the second the preaching of the Word from Pastor

Peter.

Pastor Albert's prophecy was for the Full Gospel Church, in particular that service and its detail is for them to test and if applicable walk into. However the outline of the prophecy, as I heard it, was about a new direction for the Church...that if the people came to rest in God He would come in power and glory.

Pastor Peter's preaching was on the topic of Hearing God's Voice. This was an extensive subject so he gave an outline to the congregation. He spoke of four key areas.

The Spirit and the Word (Bible). The written word of God can and does speak to us in many ways. In ways of behaviour and morality and in many other ways. Of course, it needs to be in line with the Spirit and nature of

- 1) God or else it can become merely words that can be taken out of context.
- 2) Angels and the Holy Spirit speaking directly – the “quiet still voice”. As the Enemy and our souls can mimic elements of this we need to be cautious and always refer back to the Bible.
- 3) Dreams and Visions. With the same note of caution as above. Also he emphasised that all dreams and visions needed to be interpreted through Biblical imagery and the Bible's interpretation. eg. Snakes are always evil.
- 4) Through thoughts. The Holy Spirit brings to us remembrance.

From what I saw, there will be fruit borne from the knowledge and wisdom that Ps. Peter imparted. The Church appears to have the desire to follow the things of God, and that is enough for Him to move in their midst. Hopefully Revival can break forth from this fellowship for the sake of the whole body of Christ.

SPECIAL ONE YEAR BIBLE TRAINING

The one year training Bible school has been deferred. We have had a lot of enquiries but most of them have asked for sponsorship as they are not able to pay for their own tuition fee and accommodations. We will commence it when the Lord provides sufficient funds to sponsor the students. All those who have applied, please note that your particulars have been recorded and you will be contacted when we are ready to commence. Please let us know your updated contacts if they changed in the meantime.

SINGAPORE MEETINGS

Contacts are being made for the organisation of a three day End Time seminar in Singapore and also for a three year Monday night meetings (as was done in the decade of the nineties). If you would like to be part of the team in helping in any way, please email us at elshaddai1@bigpond.com.

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