



**The Early Church
The End Time Church and
the Church Now**

The Church!

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A booklet written to consider the nature of the true church and God's purpose to make His church a holy habitation for Himself in the Spirit. It highlights that the man made systems that go by the name of 'church' are in reality not what Jesus is building.

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Introduction

On Sunday mornings many individuals and families across the nations wake up and prepare to go to church. Depending on the culture and people's personal beliefs the church is in most cases different from the one next door or the one down the street. Each church has a unique name identifying itself with that name, and the worship music will vary according to culture. These churches can be buildings, under a tree, in an open field, in a small house, in a tent or up in the mountain - these churches are all considered to be holy places. On a Sunday, or maybe a Saturday, worshippers meet at the church, to sing, give and listen to their leader preach. Then church is over until the next week.

All this seems normal routine and is practiced everywhere in the nations. However, as we are nearing the end of this age, we need to examine ourselves and consider if our past revelations and beliefs are in fact in line with scripture! So What does scripture teach us about church?

The 'church organisations' have many names and there are many groups of Christians with differing set of doctrines, however, in reality there is only one church.

What is Church? Who are Church?!

Jesus said, "I will build My church and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." (Matthew 16:18)

In Greek the word that is used for church is "ekklesia". It comes from two words, 'ek' meaning 'out' and 'kaleo' meaning to call; we therefore can say an ekklesia is a 'calling out'. Ekklesia or church refers to "people called out from

the world and to God, from darkness to light, from the domain of Satan to the Kingdom of God and His Son, from self to Christ.

From this understanding we begin to realise that church is not a building but a people, called out from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of God. These are people who are following Christ Jesus, living by His Spirit and according to His teachings and His word in them. Christ Jesus lives in them and they in Him. (see John 14:20)

It is said that in the past age, the gates of a city were considered the seat of authority. The rulers and elders of the city sat at the gates, and people came there to hear important counsel (see Ruth 4:1.10). The judges and king's of Israel convened court and place of audience at the gates. (see Deuteronomy 21:18.21, 2 Samuel 19:8)

Hades can mean "not to be seen".

Christ himself is the builder of His people for He said, "I will build My church (the people that I have called out unto Me), and the gates of hades (ruling powers of the kingdom of darkness from the unseen realm) will not overpower it". (Matthew 16:18)

All the evil plans of Satan will never overcome the church, for the church is Christ Himself who, by His Spirit, dwells in the bodies of men who are temples of the Holy Spirit: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Jesus Christ was sent by God to die for the sins of the world and to purify those who come to Him, that they may live anew in Him! The church therefore is not a place to go to but it is those who are in Christ, those who have placed their faith in Him and are following Him through all circumstance, obeying his commands.

The Body Of Christ

These people are a part of Christ and together they are Christ's body and He is the Head of His body.

When Paul explained to the churches how each member functions and how all the members function together in unity, he used a human body as an illustration. It was fitting to use a human body as an illustration of the church as a human body is alive and active and it is singular but made of plural parts. All the parts function together for the good of the whole body yet each part does a different special work. No one part has the power to function on its own and if it is severed from the body it dies. No one part is to carry out its own will but all parts are to work together doing the will of the person. A person's body has no other name but is identified by the person's name. Khotso's body is Khotso's body, there is no other way to call it.

Therefore Paul by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit was inspired to say, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

"Christ is head of the Body, the Church." (Colossians 1:18) The head of the church is Christ alone and not men. Direction for the whole body should be communicated to the body from the head, where the eyes and mouth are.

The Community

The early believers, therefore, became a community of brothers, friends, disciples, sons and servants in the midst of a society that was puffed up with religious pride and greed for riches. The religious leaders considered themselves experts of the law of Moses, yet they disobeyed the very law that was leading them. They were accustomed to being people of high positions, they loved to be honoured and were filled with the lust of the eye, robbing widows of their wealth and making long prayers for show. (see Matthew 23)

In the midst of all that, Christ Jesus who had died, who had risen from the dead and been lifted to heaven and was now glorified, had come to all believers by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and was building His church. The

church was made from those who were devoted to the teachings of Christ, and to fellowship with one another, to sharing meals and to prayer. Their only fault was that they were not yet going out to all the world to preach the gospel. (see Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15) However, they were different from the world around them, in Christ they were one and their lives demonstrated unity.

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostle’s teachings, and to fellowship, and to sharing meals (including the Lord’s supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They met, worshipped together at the temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s supper and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42.47)

We should note that at this time the temple in Jerusalem was not yet destroyed thus the believers gathered at the temple for the general assembly. It is also possible that they did not yet have a full grasp that they were now the temple of God. This revelation was later given by Christ to Paul. The temple in Jerusalem was to be destroyed in AD70 and since then there hasn’t been a temple there.

After Peter and John had been arrested and then released the disciples gathered with great joy to praise God and pray. “After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and God’s great blessing was upon them. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land and houses would sell them and bring the money to

the apostles to give to those in need. There was Joseph, one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the Island of Cyprus. He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.” (Acts 4:31.37)

Nowadays some say division is okay, as long as we all agree in the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Such is a lie from the spirit of the antichrist. “Can two walk together unless they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3) The only division there should be is between those who love Christ and those who love mammon, those of the truth and the false, those who are of Christ and those who are of the antichrist. For Christ is not divided!

The early believers were so united that they had agreement in every aspect. Firstly they were baptised by one Spirit into one body. (1 Corinthians 12:13) They had received the one Spirit and had one Lord and one Leader which is Christ. They were united in heart and mind. They practiced and maintain their unity which was first attained in the Spirit and now maintained in the flesh through meeting in houses for fellowship and sharing meals and prayers, living in peace with each other. (Ephesians 4:3)

They were united in their economy, no one was rich whilst others were poor. They sold their belongings and helped each other financially and as a result there were no needy people among them. Peter was not rich because he was considered the leading apostle to the Jewish Christians, while Mary Magdalene was poor. Far be it from God’s children that they should be ruled by the desire to be rich, even at the expense of their own brothers.

As the church grew the local churches were also united in doctrine, amongst themselves and with the other local churches. When some men from Jerusalem went to Antioch of Syria and began to teach a contrary message. Delegates were sent to Jerusalem to enquire about the matter and a unified rule was reached. The churches taught and believed and lived according to the same principle. (See Acts 15)

How can the Church in Rustenburg (North West of South Africa) and the Church in Ulverston (North West of England), follow the same Lord and have Christ as Teacher yet have different beliefs and practices? Can Christ teach some to speak in other tongues and tell others not to? Can He tell others to baptise in water and then tell others not to? Surely such things and many others like these that cause quarrelling and divisions and the setting up of many churches are not the true church at all. Surely these are proof that we are not truly following Christ and are not truly taught by Him who is in us, but by men.

The Temple (House) and Priesthood

A house for God, the Temple, was spoken of through prophesy when King David wanted to build God a beautiful house in which to dwell. The Lord would not allow David to build the house but declared that his son Solomon would. But God spoke of another house that David's son would build that would be everlasting a house not built with hands. (2 Chronicles 6:18, Acts 7:48, 17:24) The Lord said He would raise up one of David's offspring to build a house, a temple for the Lord. (2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17) Although Solomon built a temple for God, that temple was later destroyed, as all the temples Israel built for God by human hands were destroyed, and to this day, there is no temple for God in Jerusalem. Perhaps there will be a temple in Jerusalem in the future, we do not know; however we do know that the believers are the temple of God built by God. (See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19) The man who is born again, his body is the temple of the Lord and together with others they are the spiritual temple of God our Father.

Likewise Christ Himself was the temple of the Holy Spirit, He received the Holy Spirit and was later able to say, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19) Although they thought He was referring to the temple built by Herod He was in fact talking about His own body. (See John 2:21) All who have believed Christ, have been baptised into His body and they are now His temple and each one who has received the Holy Spirit, His body is a temple for the Spirit and God dwells in them: "Do you not know that

your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.” (1 Corinthians 6:19) “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5)

If we are the temple of God, then we should know that Christ Jesus is not only the builder of God’s temple but He Himself is the foundation and the chief cornerstone. (See Ephesians 2:20) Apart from being the house and temple of God, the believers are actually holy priests of God and everyone who has believed in Christ Jesus has been anointed by the Holy Spirit as a holy priest. (Revelation 1:6) We should therefore seek to know our duties as priests in Christ, so that we may cooperate with the Spirit in the work.

The denominational church systems built by man have made it that a priest or pastor is one who goes to a certain bible school to be trained, qualified and appointed as a priest by men, however this is not the truth of God. In the Old Covenant people became priests for God by being born into the tribe of Levi. (Numbers 3:12) In the New Covenant everyone who is born into Christ, anyone who is born again, is a holy priest and Christ is the High Priest of God’s house. This means that in Christ there are no special ordained priests, but the whole church, is a kingdom of priests displaying God’s wonderful truths and virtues to the world. They are also a light on Christ the lamp stand, and are showing light by the oil which is the Spirit of God.

“So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but are fellow citizens with the saints, and are God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19.22)

The Nation

True believers are God's nation on earth along with natural Israel. They are a chosen people, a holy nation and although they live in many different nations in the natural and speak many different languages and have many different cultures on the earth, they are one nation of God in the Kingdom of their Father and Jesus Himself is King. "Our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20) The Holy Spirit is ruler of each citizen of God's nation: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

The Family

Jesus Christ is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29) These are children of God, born again by the Spirit of Christ: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12.13)

Before Christ was crucified He said to His disciples, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant doesn't know his master's business. Instead I call you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:15) After His resurrection He said, "Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there." (Matthew 28:10)

John further reports that Christ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17) As friends Jesus declared a new relationship with those he also counted as His family. Disciples are a family with Christ Jesus, as well as a family with each other in the new birth. Although the church is made of many different families in the natural, they are one family in Christ and God is their

one and only Father and they are all brothers and sisters. (See Matthew 23:8.9)

“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you all are one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26.28)

Jesus said, “Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” (Matthew 12:50)

“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Romans 8:16)

“Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time said, “You don’t know what you are talking about! You don’t realise that it’s better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed. He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world.” (John 11:49.52)

The Person

“But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.” (Acts 8:3) “Saul, Saul why do you persecute Me? (Acts 9:4).... not why do you persecute My church.

The fundamental truth is that Christ Jesus and the church are one person, the church is part of Christ Jesus, each individual is a member of Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 12:27) Christ is the Head and the church being made of many members is actually one person in Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Whilst still called Saul, Paul was determined to destroy the church and was persecuting the church. Christ Jesus appeared to him and asked him, “Why

are you persecuting Me?” By persecuting the church Saul was persecuting Christ Jesus.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? (1 Corinthians 6:15) Even the body of a believer is an actual member of Christ, set apart to God, for holy use. We are all created to be one new man in Christ, and called to be like Him.

“Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men) — remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from the citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For He himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:11.18)

In the denominations, when an elder begins to say, “my church”, we certainly can know that he is out of the direction of Christ or he is not of Christ for the Church belongs to Christ.

The Bride

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:2)

“... Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to

Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead she will be holy without fault.” (Ephesians 5:27.29)

The Gathering Place

“God does not dwell in houses made by human hands.” (Acts 7:48)

Some consider man made temples, buildings or places to be holy places and houses for God. Some give a certain respect to a building approaching it as though it were holy. Taking off hats, shoes and sandals when they approach the place because it is a holy place, yet the true holy place is now in Christ, within us.

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19.22)

The place itself where believers gather is no holier than anywhere else, yet the presence of God may be there for the believers themselves are holy and not the place.

Many go to a denominational church and often assume that God instructed them to go to church, yet there isn't a single scripture commanding or encouraging the disciples of Christ Jesus to go to a building or place called 'church'. This is because a church is not a place the believers go to. The true church are the believers themselves. So when the believers gather we say, 'the church gathers'. The church cannot attend church, the church gathers! The church may gather in a certain place to worship in truth and in spirit. Jesus Christ said, “A time is coming when it will no longer matter if you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. But the time is coming - indeed it here now - when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” (John 4:21.23)

Some even suppose that there has to be a 'pastor', 'priest' or acknowledged 'minister' and a large number of believers in order for them to be considered the church. However the scriptures do not tell us how many people make up the local church. What we know is that Jesus Christ said, "Where two or three **gather** in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Some think that the local church must have a specific special name and be registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation. However, nowhere in the scriptures is the church identified as an organisation. The church is a person, a body, a family, a people, and therefore don't need to be registered as an organisation. That is of the world.

The given names of local groups are the very thing that denominates the church, and by doing so such local groups identify themselves as separate from the rest.

In the scriptures the local church is always identified by its location because it never has any other name except to be called the body of Christ, therefore it is called the church in a certain location, whether it be a city, town, or someone's house. The local churches in South Africa are called the churches in South Africa; with no other name. (See 1 Corinthians 16:19)

We can see that the churches gathered in different places. These places can be in houses, or a larger building depending on the number of believers. (See Romans 16) There was never a name identifying one local church as different from the other. (See Philippians 4:21) The names that exist today, perhaps they may be perceived as a small thing, yet they bring walls of division among the local churches, preventing the local believers from experiencing true unity. (See Colossians 4:16) This is not a small thing but is a great tool in the hands of the spirits of the antichrist.

A Holy Day of Worship? (Sunday and Saturday)

"So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat, drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or sabbath. For these

rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ Himself is that reality.” (Colossians 2:16.17)

Some consider one day holier than another in observance to the law given to Israel; “You must keep the sabbath day holy.” (Exodus 20:8) Therefore the denominational churches gather on a Saturday or Sunday thinking it is a day of God. Yet there is no such evidence of such a requirement in the New Testament scriptures.

Although many keep a day holy for going to churches no day is holier than the rest. Yet the sabbath was holy before Christ, the One who made us holy and brought into being at spiritual rest from works of the flesh to walk in every day.

Man made buildings can never make anyone holy either, for they were made by the will of men and not the will of God.

So God is calling us from this pretence and is calling us to Christ who is the only one who makes us holy, set apart from the world, sin and the devil. The Father has commanded, “Be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:16) We must not resist true holiness from God, which is Christ, and continue to pretend to be holy by observing a Saturday or Sunday as a sabbath, going to buildings we call ‘church’ thinking these are a place in God. We can be sure that we are deceiving ourselves and God’s judgement will come upon us. (See 1 Peter 4:17)

“Be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

Our lives matter to God; He sent His Son to earth to draw men back to Himself. Let us leave all this religious counterfeit and deception and come to Christ who will cleanse us of all filth and fill us with Himself and make us the true church.

“Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25) Let us not deceive ourselves that our religious

gatherings constitute observance to this scripture. It is not stated on which day the church should gather or where they should gather, only that they should not neglect meeting together! This verse speaks nothing about going to church, but about the church or believers meeting together habitually.

Followers of Christ and Christianity Today

Jesus Christ said to His disciples, “If any of you wants to be my disciple, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24)

Judas was among the disciples yet He was selfish. He had motives that considered himself first before Christ. If he ever had faith in Jesus Christ, he sold it for money. He was not a true follower. Many are in the same danger. They have forsaken Christ and are chasing after their own self-centred ambitions, to be millionaires and so forth.

To be this type of Christian today one must be a member of a certain church, perhaps having prayed a salvation prayer, signed a membership form, and then go to a man made church building every Sunday and pay tithes. Thus it is declared, “You are a Christian!”

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Whether it was a form of mockery or a complimentary term we can be sure they were so much like Christ no other word was suitable but to call them Christians.(Acts 11:26)

The Greek word for Christian is Christianos meaning “follower of Christ” and it comes from Christos, meaning anointed one. Jesus Christ is the Anointed One, and those who follow Him are anointed with His Spirit, following His truths and examples by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Peter associates the word Christian with suffering for Christ, not with the false modern day expectations of becoming rich or going to a so called church. Peter says, “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed

when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God, and, 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?' [Prov. 11:31] So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." (See 1 Peter 4)

The Early Believers

Jesus prayed for His disciples, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that you sent Me. The glory that you have given Me I have given them, that they may be one even as we are one. I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world will know that you sent Me and loved them even as you loved Me." (John 17:20.23)

He said, "I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to My voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd." (John 10:16)

At the time of the early church, "All the believers were together and had everything in common." (Acts 2:4) "All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had." (Acts 4:32)

The true church has been on a journey. "This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

As we have seen, the early believers practiced unity of mind and heart, purpose and doctrine. The church, the body of Christ, was unified even for the briefest moment in its beginning. Part of God's goal for the church is for the church to reach a unity in Christ and for the unity to be displayed to the whole world for a witness to Jesus Christ, the true sons again united, the spirits of the antichrist who have removed this reality not prevailing.

The Church at the End of This Age

"I am praying not only for them But also for those who will believe in Me Because of them and their witness about Me." This was Jesus' prayer. The goal is yet for us to become of one heart and mind; "Just as you, Father, are in Me and I in You, So they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that You, in fact, sent Me. The same glory you gave Me, I gave them, So they'll be as unified and together as we are. I in them and You in Me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent Me and loved them in the same way you've loved Me." (John 17:20.23)

"And this gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

We have not yet seen the unity that Jesus Christ prayed for, except amongst very few and for brief moments in time. What we see are splits and divisions and disagreements among those calling themselves Christians. But the gates of hades will not prevail against the true church, as Jesus Himself builds 'His' church - His ekklesia.

Jesus Christ promised that before the end of this age comes, the gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to the nations, then the end of the age will come. (Matthew 24:14) He does not lie; He will do what He has promised, through His body, the true church.

End-time Ministry - Tommy Hicks Vision

“It was on 25th July 1961 that the American evangelist, Tommy Hicks, received a ‘prophetic vision’ of “The Body of Christ and their End-time Ministry”. Tommy Hick’s went home to be with the Lord many years ago. This is a transcript of Tommy Hicks telling of this vision and revelation :-

“My message begins, July 25th, about 2.30 in the morning, at Winnipeg, Canada. I had hardly fallen asleep when the vision and the revelation that God gave to me came before me. The vision came three times, exactly in detail, the morning of July 25th, 1961. I was so stirred and so moved by the revelation, that this has changed my complete outlook upon the body of Christ, and upon the last end-time ministry.

The greatest thing that the Church of Jesus Christ - that has ever been given to the Church - lays straight ahead. It is so hard to help men and women to realise and understand the thing that God is trying to give to His people in the end-time.

As the vision appeared to me, after I was asleep, I suddenly found myself at a great high distance. Where I was, I do not know, but as I was looking down upon the earth - suddenly the whole earth came into view - every nation, every kindred, every tongue came before my sight.

From the east and from the west; from the north and the south; and I recognised every country, and many cities that I had been in. And I was almost in fear and trembling as I beheld the sight before me. And at that moment, as the earth came into view, it began to lightning and thunder. As the lightning flashed over the face of the earth, my eyes went downwards. I was facing the north.

Suddenly I beheld what looked like a giant - and as I stared and looked at it, I was almost bewildered by the sight. It was so gigantic and so great in stature; his feet seemed to reach to the North Pole and his head to the south; its arms were stretched from sea to sea. I could not even begin to understand whether this was a mountain or whether this be a giant. But as I watched it, I suddenly

beheld this great giant, I could see it was struggling for life, to even live. But his body was covered with debris from head to foot; and at times this great giant would move its body and act as though it would even rise up at times. And when it did, thousands of little creatures seemed to run away - hideous looking creatures would run away from this giant - and when he would become calm, they would come back.

All of a sudden this great giant lifted his hand toward the heavens, and then it lifted its other hand; and when it did, these creatures by the thousands seemed to flee way from this giant and go into the darkness, and into the night.

Slowly this great giant began to rise - and as he did, his head and hands went into the clouds. As he arose to his feet he seemed to have cleansed himself from the debris and filth that was upon him, and he began to raise his hands into the heavens as though praising the Lord. And as he raised his hands it was even unto the clouds.

Suddenly, every cloud became silver. The most beautiful silver that I have ever known. As I watched this phenomena, it was so great, I could not even begin to understand what it all meant. I was so stirred as I watched it and cried unto the Lord, and I said, 'Oh, Lord, what is the meaning of this?' And it felt as if I was actually in the Spirit and I could feel the presence of the Lord, even as I was asleep.

And from the clouds, suddenly, there came great drops of liquid light raining down upon the mighty giant, and slowly, slowly, this giant began to melt; began to sink, as it were, into the very earth itself. And as he melted, his whole form seemed to have melted upon the face of the earth. And this great rain began to come down; liquid drops of light, as it were, began to flood the very earth itself. And as I watched this giant that seemed to melt, suddenly it became millions of people over the face of the earth. As I beheld the sight before me, people stood up all over the world. They were lifting their hands and they were praising the Lord. At that very moment there came a great thunder that seemed to roar from the heavens. I turned my eyes toward the

heavens and suddenly I saw a figure in white - glistening white - the most glorious thing I have ever seen in all my life. I did not see the face, but somehow I knew that it was the Lord Jesus Christ. And as He stretched forth His hand - as He did - He would stretch forth His hand upon the peoples and the nations of the world, men and women. As He pointed towards them, this liquid light seemed to flow from His hand into this person and a mighty anointing of God came upon them. And those people began to go forth in the Name of the Lord.

I do not know how long I watched. It seemed it went into days and weeks and months, and I beheld Christ as He continued to stretch forth His hand. But there was a tragedy. There were many people, as He stretched forth His hand, that refused the anointing of God, and the call of God. I saw men and women that I knew, people that I felt that certainly they would receive the call of God, but as He stretched forth His hand toward this one, and toward that one, they simply bowed their heads and began to back away. And to each of those who seemed to bow down and back away, they seemed to go into darkness. Blackness seemed to swallow them everywhere. I was bewildered as I watched it. But these people that He had anointed - hundreds of thousands of people all over the world - in Africa, Asia, Russia, China, America - all over the world - the anointing of God was upon these people as they went forth in the Name of the Lord. I saw these men and women as they went forth. They were ditch diggers; they were washerwomen; they were rich men; they were poor men. I saw people who were bound with paralysis and sickness, and blindness and deafness. As the Lord stretched forth His hand to give them the anointing, they became well; they became healed, and they went forth. And this is the miracle of it. This is the glorious miracle of it; those people would stretch forth their hand exactly as the Lord did, and it seemed that there was this same liquid fire that seemed to be in their hand; as they stretched forth their hand they said, 'According to my word, be thou made whole.'

As these people continued in this mighty end-time ministry, I did not fully realise what it was. And I looked to the Lord and said, 'What is the meaning of

this?' And He said, 'This is that, that I will do in the last days. I will restore all that the cankerworm, the palmerworm, the caterpillar - I will restore all that they have destroyed. 'This, My people in the end-time, shall go forth; as a mighty army they will sweep over the face of the earth.' As I was at a great height, I watched these people as they were going to and fro over the face of the earth. Suddenly there was a man in Africa, and in a moment he was transported in the Spirit of God, and perhaps he was in Russia, or China, or America, or some other place, and vice versa; all over the world these people went. And they came through fire and through pestilence and through famine. Neither fire nor persecution - nothing seemed to stop them.

Angry mobs came to them with swords and with guns, and like Jesus, they passed through the multitude and they could not find them. But they went forth in the Name of the Lord, and everywhere they stretched forth their hand the sick were healed, the blind eyes were opened. There was no long prayer.

And one of the things that seemed - after I had reviewed the vision so many times in my mind; and I thought about it so many times - I never saw a church, and I never saw or heard a denomination; but these people were going in the Name of the Lord of hosts. Hallelujah! As they marched forward, everything they did as the ministry of Christ, in the end-time. These people were ministering to the multitudes over the face of the earth. Tens of thousands, even millions, seemed to come to the Lord Jesus Christ as these people stood forth and gave the message of the Kingdom - of a coming Kingdom - in this last hour. It was so glorious. God is going to give to the world a demonstration in this last hour such as the world has never known. These men and women are of all walks of life. Degrees will mean nothing. I saw these workers as they were going forth over the face of the earth. When one would seem to stumble and fall another would come and pick them up. There was no big 'I' and little 'You', but every mountain was brought low and every valley was exalted, and they seemed to have one thing in common; there was divine love that seemed to flow forth from these people as they went together, as they worked together, as they lived together. It was the

most glorious thing that I have ever known. Jesus Christ was the theme of their life.

As I watched from the very heaven itself, there were times when great deluges of this liquid light seemed to fall upon great congregations. And that congregation would lift their hands and seemingly praise God for hours and even days as the Spirit of God came upon them. God said, 'I will pour My Spirit upon all flesh,' and that is exactly the thing that God was doing; and to every man and to every woman that received this power and the anointing of God; the miracles of God - there was no ending to it. And then again, as these people were going about the face of the earth, a great persecution seemed to come from every end of the earth.

Suddenly, there was another loud clap of thunder that seemed to resound around the world, and I heard, again, the voice. The voice seemed to speak, 'Now this is My people, this is My beloved bride.' And when the voice spoke, I looked upon the earth and I could see the lakes and the mountains. The graves were opened and people from all over the world; the saints of all ages seemed to be rising. As they rose from the graves, suddenly, all these people came from every direction, and they seemed to be forming again, this gigantic body. As the dead in Christ seemed to be rising first, I could hardly comprehend it. It was so marvellous; it was far beyond anything I could ever dream or think of. But, as the body suddenly began to form and take shape again, it took shape again in the form of this mighty giant. But this time it was different. It was arrayed in the most beautiful, gorgeous white. Its garments were without spot or wrinkle as the body began to form. And the people of all ages seemed to be gathering into this body, and slowly, slowly, as it began to form up into the heavens, suddenly from the heavens above, the Lord Jesus came - became the Head. And I heard another clap of thunder that said, 'This is My beloved Bride in who I have waited. She will come forth, even tried by fire. This is she that I have loved from the beginning of time.'

As I watched, my eyes suddenly turned to the far north and I saw – seemingly destruction – men and women in anguish and crying out, and buildings in

destruction. Then I heard again the fourth voice that said, 'Now is My wrath being poured forth upon the face of the earth.' From the ends of the whole world the wrath of God seemed to be poured out and it seemed that there were great vials of God's wrath being poured out upon the face of the earth. I can remember it as though it happened a moment ago. I shook and trembled as I beheld the awful sight of seeing cities, and whole nations, going down to destruction. I could hear the weeping and the wailing. I could hear people crying. They seemed to cry as they went into caves, but the caves and the mountains opened up. They leaped into water, but the water would not drown them. There was nothing that seemingly could destroy them. They were wanting to take their life but they could not take it. Then again, I turned my eyes unto the Body, arrayed in the beautiful white garment. Slowly, slowly, it began to rise from the earth. As it did, I awoke. I had seen the end-time ministry; the last hour. Again on July 27, at 2.20 in the morning, the same revelation; the same vision, came exactly as it did before."

This vision pertains to the time of 'great tribulation', describing the church's ministry during this period, and finishes as God's wrath begins to be poured out, just as the church, the body of Christ, is caught up to be with the Lord. Many Christians wrongly think the 'great tribulation' and the 'wrath of God' are the same but scripture speaks of these as clearly different events and these descriptions are not used interchangeably. In the time just before the 'giant' suddenly begins to break free, as the chains come off, the debris and demons, being the spirits of religion and antichrist, amongst others, which have ensnared the Body of Christ for the last 2000 years, are removed.

Corresponding to the vision of the 'Separation of Harlot and Bride' given to David Antrobus found on this website, we see an end-time release of the church, the body of Christ. A release which will bring the body of Christ into a corporate ministry, the likes of which have not been seen before.

Tommy Hicks says that as the giant stood up, seemingly having cleansed itself from the debris, liquid light rained on the giant, there was no big 'I' or little 'You' in this equal brotherhood, made up of people from every walk of

life. These ordinary people, rich and poor, were used to release many from sickness, paralysis, blindness or deafness. This mighty end-time army came through fire and pestilence and famine. Angry mobs with swords and guns were unable to touch them, if it were not their time. On occasions they were translated in the Spirit. The scene being described was of a demonstration of 'overcoming power'. There was no church buildings, or denominations, although there were congregations, and as they went forth in the Name of the Lord Jesus, with no other name, and gave the message of the Kingdom of God in this final hour; a multitude coming to a salvation knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The gospel of the Kingdom was being preached in the whole world as a witness just as Jesus said it would.

Like any other vision, this one must conform to Scripture. It certainly should not alter Scripture. The only place in Scripture where this vision fits, is within the time of the 'great tribulation.' Here it fits exactly.

An Exhortation

Jesus speaks about the traditions of men invalidating the word of God: "The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled; that is, unwashed. The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?' He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions..... Thus you nullify the word of God by your

tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” (Mark 7:1-8 & 13)

There is only one church, one faith and one baptism. If Jesus is coming back for one church and these will be dressed in fine linen, which is the righteous acts of the saints, God has to do something quite dramatic - something has to change. As Jesus begins to build His church we need to make sure we are in the right one. Beware of those who preach that in godliness there is financial gain. The joy of obedience is in fact the most wonderful thing. God wants His church free and Jesus is the One who is going to build it.

Men have an inherent need to build. Will the true church lay down everything to let Him build it?

In Genesis 11:4 we see that men wanted to build - to build a city; a city with a tower reaching up to the heavens and to make a name for themselves. We know that it was because of this that God had to bring confusion. What men build is corruptible and it is inevitable that it will fall. If something is going to be built that is incorruptible man cannot build it. What man builds is corruptible but what God builds will last forever.

In 2 Samuel 7 we see that David planned to build a house for God but God said, “I will raise up your seed after you who will come forth from you and I will establish His Kingdom and He will build a house for My Name and I will establish the throne of His house forever.” (v. 12&13). This can only refer to Jesus, no one else, so we need to understand that “unless the Lord build the house they labour in vain who build it.” (Psalm 127:1) Jesus said, “...upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

This is the end-time church who will demonstrate a love for one another that will be a miracle. Jesus said, “The gates of hell won’t prevail...” but I want to warn you, soon these gates will be opened yet wider. You will see everything of man will be collapsing. Everything that can be shaken is going to be shaken, just as God said. So let His true church surrender all their traditions

and lay them down. Let us assemble us into His church. Let us submit to His preparation. God is preparing His Church even now.

God is humbling us and preparing us for a work that lies ahead. And we need to understand that the glory of the latter house will be greater than the glory of the former. So let us long for the Word of God to have full effect. Something has to change - let it change.

In Acts 7 we see Stephen explaining that the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands. What arrogance of men that they think they can build. It is time to let Him build. How many are willing to lay down all and let Him?

In Hebrews 3 we see that Moses was the builder of his house but in verse 6 we see "Christ is Head over His house, whose house we are" IF "we hold fast our confidence... until the end."

In 1Peter 2 we see we are being built into a spiritual house and Jesus is the Cornerstone.

This is what is coming. There will be those who will persecute a man for giving this message but if you're a living stone you will be part of what Jesus is building. So ask yourself the question if you are building, "What are you building and who are you building it for?"

In Ephesians 2:18-22 we see that the church will be built together into "a habitation of God in the Spirit." If you've built 'your' order of service and you want to tell God what to do and when to do it you have missed it.

In 2 Chronicles 29 we read that the uncleanness had to be removed from the holy place before they consecrated the House of the Lord. So even now God wants to take out all the rubbish that may be in His house and get rid of it. This is why we have to be changed. This is why we have to repent and pursue holiness and righteousness but there will be a cost and part of the cost is that you will be rejected of men.

A Prophecy

This is a prophetic word given to David Antrobus, a word to be weighed: “You have many names for these groups, but there are only two. The Hot or the Cold, the Right or the Wrong, the Good or the Evil; yes, I shall divide Light from Darkness, the Wheat from the Tares, the Saved from the Lost, the Sheep from the Goats, the Forgiven from the Guilty, the Washed from the Unclean, the Humble from the Proud and Lofty. Can you not see that there have always been just two groups? – Cain and Able, the way of Adam or the way of Jesus, those inside the Ark and those outside the Ark, those who serve God and those who serve mammon, those who cry for Barabbas and those who cry for Me, the Kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness, the household of God and the household of Satan, those who will inherit everlasting life and those who will suffer eternal damnation. Yes, the wheat shall be gathered into My barn and the tares shall be burned.

Say to My Church – What is this third group? – This third group does not exist - There is no lukewarm and complacent group; they shall be spewed upon the cold for there are only two groups. At this time, these two groups are mingled and bound together as one, sharing in their sins and their abominable ways. Where is My Church? Why do you love the mixture of leaven? Why do you live in adultery and lust? Stand up, I say, stand up and choose this day who you will serve.

Now, My acts have begun and they shall separate, Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth but a sword. As you see My sword coming upon the nations know that I am separating out those who are godly; those who are mine.

There will be both the sword of My judgement and the sword of My word. The sword of My judgement will cut down many and separate hearts and nations and peoples and kingdoms and I shall judge righteously with My sword of judgement. The sword of My word is the word of the true gospel that will separate the good heart from the evil.

This is the Gospel of the Kingdom for it will fully separate. Yes, even those of one household shall be separated; even your mind shall be separated from your spirit, for it is a sharp two edged sword. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom for it will separate the two Kingdoms apart - those who are of the Kingdom of God and those in darkness. This will be the Gospel of Truth. Those who follow these false gospels of 'self', 'greed' and 'self righteousness', shall be spewed upon the cold and they shall suffer the sword of My judgement because they refused the sword of My word. This Gospel of the Kingdom is the Good News in a dark and judged world. This is the Good News, that while you were yet sinners, I died for you, I have made a way of escape, I have opened a door, the time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel, for unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Then you shall see the two groups – He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son does not have life. In all of this past time of sin yet I still have a remnant who have not bowed the knee to idols, who can declare 'He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the Kingdom of His Son'. Make it known! Speak up! And preach repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus – this is the Kingdom message; that by humility, deep repentance and faith in Jesus, they can be saved from judgement and darkness and can be saved into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This is the last message (of this age), there is none after it, for when this Gospel of the Kingdom is preached to all the nations, the end (of this age) will come. This Gospel declares the end and delivers the end. As the sword of My word goes forth, so does the sword of My judgement. Those who reject the sword of My word shall perish under the sword of My judgement. This is a serious time, a time of choosing, a time like no other. Now I say to you – Speak My words, walk in holiness and righteousness, be rich in good works, consider others above yourself, give in full measure, have faith, be obedient, and above all, love with all your heart and soul, do not say 'I cannot walk as such, for it will not be by your might or power but by My Spirit' and as you

walk thus - so the entrance shall be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

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Postscript

For more understanding you can read, “Who Is Leading The Church?” and “Following the Glorified Christ” and for further understanding www.colinwinfield.co.uk
