THE MAN UNDER AUTHORITY

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The Lord has instructed me to deal with a line of thought that I believe

is one of the most important areas of Truth that the Lord has dealt with

me about. And that is the area of AUTHORITY. There is coming in the

Church, whether we realize it or not, a change of administration - a

whole new administration. This is an administration that is talked about

in Ephesians 1:10: "That in the dispensation of the fulness of time..."

In the original translation it does not use the word "dispensation". That

is in fact a mistranslation. The word is properly translated

"administration." That in the administration of the fulness of time. That

word "administration" in the Greek breaks down into several root words,

and it means "administrators". Every administration has administrators.

There are two things that make up an administration - the head and those

who actually administrate the will of the head. In our political system,

we have a Presidential administration. The President does not

administrate; he makes decisions and those are carried out by

administrators even throughout the ends of the earth. His will is

displayed through those persons who in and of themselves are absolutely

nothing. But they are administrators of what is probably the most

powerful administration in the world today. And because they are

administrators of that administration, their word wields extreme weight

and authority.

This is what we are talking about. And there is coming a new

administration - the administration of the fulness of time. In Hebrews it

is called The Melchisedek order of priesthood. In the Chronicles and in

the Psalms it is referred to as the priesthood of Zadok - those that

minister only unto the Lord. In the time of the gathering of Israel unto

David, it was called the sons of Issachar. And in Joshua crossing over

the Jordan, it was the priests who were bound together by the Ark of the

Covenant. They were all types of this administration. But Paul refers to

it as administrators of the fulness of time. And it is through these

administrators; this is a ministry. In 2 Corinthians 3:6-18 Paul deals

with it as the administration of Spirit and Truth. And he tells you that

this administration brings you to an unveiling of Jesus Christ, and he

compares it not with the letter, but with the Spirit. So there is an

administration about to come into effect today in the Church, an

administration that is designed to gather up the whole Body of Jesus

Christ into the very fulness of Christ! It is not designed for

scattering, it is designed for the gathering.

There are three marks of this administration - the vision, the voice, and

the authority. We will now look at the authority. I want us to examine

our lives as to whether or not we are under authority. Let's turn to

Matthew 7 and we will begin looking at

this Truth concerning authority. The Lord has really dealt with me in

this area, and He has given me instruction in bringing me into a

realization of this Truth. And those instructions to me are - I NEED TO

BE UNDER GREATER AUTHORITY! I have found by the Spirit in searching this

that you can only exercise the degree of authority that you yourself are

under, and you can not exercise one hair more; you only have authority if

you are under authority. And you can only exercise the degree of

authority that you have submitted yourself to. That is a Bible law, a

spiritual principle. As I travel I've come to realize that my words carry

no more authority than I myself am under. And I've had to do something

about it, because I do not want to limit authority in my life and in my

ministry.

Verse 28 and 29, "It came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings,

the people were astonished at his doctrine; For he taught them as one..."

You need to make note of that. He taught them as ONE. Therein is the

source of authority. True authority is invested only in ONE. And it is

exhibited, manifested, carried out only by those who are ONE WITH HIM,

and only to the degree that they understand and submit to that union,

that oneness. We're going to look at this in the life of the Lord first.

But what is so with Him is so with those who are in Him - all the way

down the line. We are going to learn what it means to live AS CHRIST. One

of the things it means to live as Christ is you live as a man under

authority, exercising the authority that you yourself are under. You live

as Christ. "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the

scribes."

Now what was the difference here? The scribes are those to whom it was

given to copy and translate from generation to generation the scriptures.

There's nobody who knew the scripture better than the scribes. They wrote

them, they translated them, they kept them, they were our modern day

printers - not only printers but translators and transcribers. To them

was given the charge of the Holy Scriptures. And no one knew the content

of the scripture, the letter content, the definition content, the written

content better than the scribes. And yet when Jesus taught, He taught

them as one having authority not as the scribes. The scribes knew the

scriptures, but they had no authority. They knew the book backwards and

forward. I don't know of one scripture that Jesus sat down and wrote.

They all testify of Him, but I don't know of one that He ever wrote, of

an epistle that He wrote. And yet when He spoke, He spoke with authority,

greater authority than those who had written all of the Word of God, and

kept them and translated them and knew them. But when they spoke they had

no authority. And the people could tell the difference! And they can tell

the difference today! They may not know what they are sensing, but they

can tell something's different here. They were astonished at His

doctrine; not because He said way out things, not even because He healed

the sick or raised the dead. They were astonished because He spake as

ONE HAVING AUTHORITY. We are looking now at the source of His authority

- HE SPAKE AS ONE. That is the source of all authority.

An ambassador of the United States, when he goes to China or Japan, that

man in the natural sense of the term, speaks as one. If he ever speaks as

other than one, he immediately loses his authority, because he

immediately takes himself out from under authority, and speaks as though

he has a word of his own, as though he has a will of his own, as though

he even has a desire of his own. And when that Ambassador of the United

States expresses his will, his desires, wants, even his good intentions

or even his reasoning, he immediately loses all of the authority that he

has. Because he ceases to speak as one, and he now speaks as two. Even if

he speaks on behalf of one, he still loses his authority. He's not there

to interpret will, he's there to speak the will. He's not there to

interpret what the President said, he's there to say what the President

said. If he interprets it like the scribes did, he loses his authority -

nobody cares about his interpretation. Now we've got an administration in

the earth today who are interpreting the scriptures. The scripture says,

"Be ye holy", so they interpret holiness - where you go, what you wear,

what you eat, what you say. Those are interpretations - those are not

holiness. THE PERSON OF HOLINESS IS CHRIST HIMSELF! And to be transformed

into His image is to be holy. None of these interpretations have any

authority to them. If the Ambassador even voices his opinion, he loses

his authority.

But Jesus spake as ONE! Jesus didn't just declare "The Father and I are

One." It's not just enough for us to say, "Well, we're one, brother."

We've got an administration all over the earth claiming they are one, but

none of them are saying the same thing. They are all voicing their

opinion. It could be a good opinion, but when you voice it, you lose

authority. The pattern here is CHRIST HIMSELF! "The Father and I are

one." But what I want you to see is that Jesus didn't just say that - He

lived that way! He lived that way to the cost of His life. "The Father

and I are one." Hear me Church, it's not good enough for us running

around saying we're one, we're going to have to live as one. And if we

don't, we lose authority. There is no authority in fifty voices, there's

only authority in the voice of One. And if that's expressed through fifty

people, then there's great authority. But if there's fifty voices,

there's no authority at all. There's only authority where there's the

voice of ONE EXPRESSED IN MANY, who are one and will bear the reproach of

that. You say, what could possibly be the reproach of being one with God?

It brought great reproach upon Jesus. Let's look at what it meant to Him

to be One. I want us to understand that what it meant for Him to be One

with the Father, is the same thing it means for us to be One with Him,

and for us to be One - one of another - as a manifesting of Him in the

earth. Jesus' prayer was, "Father, that they may be one, even as we are

one." So it isn't manifesting many, but it is many manifesting One. What

one? "Father... AS WE ARE ONE." So as it is with Him and the Father, so

it is with us and Him, and as it is with Him and the Father, so it is

with you and I - in Him. That we be a manifesting of that oneness that He

has with the Father.

It is a perfect line of authority until it's broken by one person trying

to be other than one - trying to have an opinion of their own, a word of

their own, a will of their own, a life of their own. And immediately they

remove themselves from that tremendous line of authority, and they don't

have authority. They just have a puffed up idea of themselves, and their

voice becomes a howling wind, and a tinkling cymbal, and a sounding

brass, and ceases to minister life and ceases to minister grace. John

5:17, "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him..." What kind of reproach

is there? What did it cost him? It killed him, that's what it cost Him!

Verse 43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if

another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." What He's

saying is, if I come in my own name you'd receive me, you'd let me be a

prophet, you'd let me be anything. But I come in the name of another. I

come as a man declaring ONENESS. I come as a man under authority, having

authority, and you won't receive me. You won't receive me because I won't

come in my own name. But you know what? If He came in His own name, He

would limit His authority!

You see, basically down deep, we do not want God to have absolute

authority in our lives, and that's why we resist anything that looks like

that. And one who comes in his own name - we can receive him, because

that only requires a little bit of us. I can come to you as an Apostle -

you have no trouble receiving me as an Apostle, as a Prophet or a Pastor,

a Teacher or an Evangelist - you'd have no trouble with that. But to come

and tell you that I am one with Christ, I have no life but Christ, and

begin to preach to you a gospel from that standpoint - I'm telling you,

the Church is still having a problem with that. Because it demands

absoluteness of authority in their lives. Receiving me as an Apostle

doesn't. They can just say, 'That's right but that's good for Brother

Luman. God requires that of him because he's an Apostle.' But when I come

and tell you I'm not coming as an Apostle, a Prophet, a Preacher - I'm

coming as ONE WITH CHRIST; I have no life but Him; all of a sudden now,

you and I are in the same boat. When I begin to declare to you a life of

oneness with Him, pretty soon it begins to dawn on us and we say - let's

get back to the gospel where it is clergy and laity, and let's put

restrictions of the clergy, but God knows our hearts. No sir!

Jesus said I come in the name of my Father and you try to kill me.

Certainly, because He was declaring a life to them - a life that demands

all, that consumes. Certainly, He wasn't speaking on behalf of anybody.

He came speaking as One. So He didn't just run around saying 'I and my

Father are One', He lived it. And I'm telling you that God in the earth

today is raising up a ministry of administrators, both men and women, who

will declare that they are one - one with another based upon their

oneness with Him, based upon His oneness with the Father! And they will

stand in that oneness even unto death. They shall stand in that oneness.

Why? Because when you understand you are one, you can never be less than

that. You can say you're one, but to understand you're one is something

else again. And that understanding only comes in the revealing of The

Son. Because outside of Him we're not one with one another, so it's not

us trying to find our oneness anywhere other than in Him. But if I am one

with Him, then I am one with you. I can not be one with Him and not be

one with you. That is an impossibility. And He can not be one with us and

not be one with the Father. That is an impossibility. So He says, "In

that day when the Holy Spirit comes to teach you, He will teach you that

I am in my Father, and that you are in me, and that I am in you." He's

going to teach you a three-fold relationship. He's going to teach you

that just as I am one with my Father, so you are one with me, and so I am

in each one of you, making you one, one of another.

For what purpose, Jesus? For the purpose of manifesting the authority of

my Father in the heaven; for the purpose of the Kingdom coming in the

earth as it is in the heavens. And a bunch of people running around in

the earth living their own lives, doing their own thing, is not the

manifesting of the authority of One - it won't get it done. The Father's

authority is not being exercised in the earth. Why did Jesus have

authority? Because He spoke AS ONE! He spoke as One having authority! It

meant a tremendous thing to Jesus. John 5:19, " Then Jesus answered..."

What was His answer? They tried to kill Him. They said, "You broke the

Sabbath." And Jesus said that God was His Father, making Himself equal

with God. "...and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son

can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what

things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (in the same

manner) For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that

himself doeth, and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may

marvel."

What has He just said? For years we've heard it preached by folks that

were trying to make the deity of Jesus less than it was, saying that He

wasn't God, that He himself said I can do nothing of myself, I can say

nothing of myself. But don't you understand the scripture wasn't

declaring that He was less than God, He was declaring His union with the

Father. He wasn't saying He was the Father, He was saying He's One with

the Father - One in union! He was saying I can do nothing other than my

Father says. Why? Because we're One! How can One do other than what my

Father says? He was saying, if I come as the Word of My Father, then how

can I say other than what my Father is saying? If I say other than what

my Father is saying, I cease to be the Word of my Father, and I

become less. Get a hold of this! But if I refuse to exercise any but my

Father's will, I am equal! If I refuse to say anything but what He says,

I am equal. If I refuse to do anything that He is not doing, then I

become a manifestation of what He is doing. I become a manifesting of Him

- I am equal! But if I take to myself one second, I am less. If I take to

myself one thought, I am less. If I exercise one thought - you think

about this. You say that's a little hard. It isn't hard. Paul says,

"bringing every thought into captivity". Tearing down imaginations

...bringing every thought into captivity!

There is not one instance that Jesus Christ ever thought out of union

with the Father! Can we say that now about ourselves in relationship to

Him, let alone in relationship one to another? My God - no wonder we have

no authority. We try to correct lives - we have no authority to do it, so

we have to correct them on the measure of the law. We have to give them

ten more commandments to try to keep. We have to dream up some

substitutes because we have no authority. Why? Because there's no

authority being exercised in us! We may look right, talk right, eat

right, dress right, but inside we're not under authority. We have our own

will, our own words, our own understanding, and we pretty much do what we

want to do. Oh, we have a list of laws that we do and keep up a facade,

but inside we have our own will, and we exercise it. No wonder we have no

authority. We try to make ourselves something so that people will hear

us, and all we do is puff ourselves up and become fleshly. And people are

glad to receive you like that because you don't exercise a lot of

authority in their lives when you're like that. They can receive you like

that, and be glad to, because that just gives them an image that they can

do like that and have that same attitude. My Lord!

But Jesus refused that. So He didn't just say 'My Father and I are one" -

He lived like it. And He said The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what

He sees the Father do. The Son can say nothing of Himself but whatever He

hears the Father say. We're never going to get a Body of Christ this way

until we get a ministry this way. I'm not talking about men belonging to

the same organization. I'm talking about men being under the same

authority, being under the same Head. Not just all claiming to be

Christians, but actually being under the exercise of the same Head! Men

who can do nothing of themselves; men who can say nothing of themselves.

Look at verse 21, "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth

them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will." Why? Because He did not

live out of union with the Father!

To be under the authority of the Father, then He could exercise all the

authority of the Father. There's the upside of this. There's the

wonderful, positive, glorious side of this. He said I can say nothing and

do nothing of myself because I come as the Word and as the work of my

Father. But on the other hand, my Father giveth life to whomsoever He

will, so the Son giveth life to whomsoever He will. Why? Because a man

under authority exercises the same authority that he is under. But no

more - not a hair's breath more. And it has created in my heart, to be

under greater authority than I've ever been in my life. I didn't say

greater law - I said greater authority. I didn't say greater rules and

regulations. Amen. More AUTHORITY. More brethren, strong brethren with

whom I walk as one, exercising nothing of my own; saying nothing of my

own. Under authority - exercising my will in nothing, because in this

it's not being a preacher or not being a preacher, it's being one with

Him twenty four hours a day! Not when you're in a pulpit and when you're

not in a pulpit - it's continual.

This you see in Christ. This is what He's talking about. "For the Father

judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." Verse 37,

"And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye

have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have

not his word abiding in you; for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not."

But there will be a people who will hear His voice! We are speaking about

the Living Word being revealed in a people. There will be a people who

will speak with Authority because they will speak out from the Original

Word of God - that Word that is a Person being revealed in them. And

their ministry is gathering up the Body of Christ; their ministry is the

gathering up of all things as one, in ONE.

Ephesians 1:10: "That in the administration of the fulness of time HE

might gather..." Who is doing the gathering? THE HEAD! Through whom? His

administrators. The gathering of the people is unto whom? HIM! That in

the administration, that through the administrators of the fulness of

time, He might gather. And the word "together" there means "AS ONE" in

the Greek and in the Hebrew. He might gather as one in one all things in

Christ. There is an administration coming that's not going to stand up

and split hairs over what you wear and how you look. It's not the

preaching of sermons. There's an administration coming where all of that

stuff is laid aside, and they begin to declare the Living Word of God who

is being revealed in them. And through that administration, all that is

in Christ is going to be gathered as One in One. This administration is

not for the splitting, it is for the bringing together. This

administration is not for the driving away, it is for the gathering up.

Who shall hear this administration? "My sheep shall hear my voice, for

they know me and are known of me." Who will not hear the voice of this

administration? Those who fall in the category of the Scribes and

Pharisees; those to whom the Word is letter, those to whom the Word is

tradition.

What a tremendous authority Jesus had. He could speak as the Father

because He refused to live out of union with the Father, He refused to

live as other than one with the Father. John 8:23, "And he said to them,

ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of

this world." Verse 29, "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath

not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." Look at

the oneness He spoke out of. "I am from above, I proceed out from my

Father." There is an administration coming forth, and it's going to bring

the Body forth in the same understanding - that we are not from beneath,

our birth is from above! We are not of the Jerusalem that now is, but we

are of that Jerusalem that is above, the mother of us all; that we are

not some earthly organization, but we are those that are raised up

together, made to be seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus!

I'm sick and tired of hearing this business out of the Church - "Brother,

why don't you come and preach to us where we're living?" My God, why

don't we wake up and see where we are living; wake up and understand you

are not of this world; wake up and understand you are raised up together

and made to be seated together! My Lord, you are in heavenly places; come

to an understanding you are not pilgrims and sojourners. I'm not going to

get up and tell you how rough and rocky the old road is, and that we're

just barely making it through when Ephesians tells me I'm no longer a

pilgrim and a sojourner, but a fellow citizen with the saints of God!

Fellow citizens - raised up together, seated together in heavenly places,

in whom ye are built up together, fitly framed together as a habitation

of the Most High God!

I'm not going to stand up and tell you that you're earth creatures

because you are not! There's an administration coming forth that

understands that they are not of the Jerusalem that now is, but they are

of a heavenly Jerusalem, a heavenly city, a heavenly man, a heavenly

household. And to them is given the understanding to declare that Truth

in the midst of the Body of Christ; to gather that Body together in the

understanding of the Word, in the understanding of the Truth. It's about

time that the idea and the definition of the Church changes from drudgery

and hardship to the understanding that the Church is a people living in

union with Christ Himself! It's the Body of His fulness - it isn't

someplace we go - IT'S WHO WE ARE!

Here He's saying this. Verse 31, "Then said Jesus to those Jews who

believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples

indeed." And the emphasis here is continue, and only if you continue will

you know the Truth. And only if you know the Truth will the Truth

progressively make you free. If you continue then you're my disciples.

Who are His disciples? Those who know the Truth! If you continue then you

will know the Truth. And if you know the Truth, then the Truth will make

you (and the word "make you" is progressive); progressively it will make

you free. Verse 36, "And if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye

shall be free indeed." All of this is talking about growing up in Him!

It's talking about coming into the fulness of Truth! The Exercise of His

Authority! Now make note of John 6:57, "As the living Father hath sent

me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by

me." He is saying here that just as I am one with the Father, so those

that eat me, are one with me. Just as I am one with my Father, so those

who are my flesh - eat my flesh, drink my blood - those who are my Body

are one with me. Just as I am come to express Him, so my Body is to

express me.

Now before we're ready to jump out and say, "I and Christ are one," we

better have sat down and counted the cost of that statement. "The Father

and I are one" Jesus says, having fully counted the cost. Not a second of

His life did He live out of union or had a thought out of union with that

understanding. We're ready to jump up and say, "We're one with Him". Oh

my! We need to get ready to count the cost - bring every thought into

subjection - that in nothing, nowhere, at any time, under any

circumstances do we have a thought that originates other than in Him. No

less an administration can declare Him in us all! Preachers as we have

known Preachers can't do it. The administration we've known can't do it.

A split, divided administration can't do it. That's why as never before I

am seeking those with whom I can manifestly walk as one, and be under

authority, exercising the authority of Christ. I'm speaking of those who

would know Him at all costs - who would walk in the understanding of

their oneness with Him at all costs. And whose desire it is to grow up

into Him who is the Truth in all things; reckoning nothing to be worthy,

to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.

Could anybody less than One with the Father have declared the Father?

Could any less than The Son have declared the Father? Can any who are

less than Him declare Him? He hath made us One, but are we walking in the

understanding of One? Are we walking in the authority? You can say 'I'm

one', but if you don't come under the authority of one, that is live as

one... well. You see, the source of authority is ONE! Christ could say

"I'm one," but if He did not live as one with the Father, he had no

authority. He had to come under the authority of the Father to be one

with the Father. In other words, He had to live as one with the Father.

And only those who will come under the authority of the Head and bear

that reproach one to another, one with another, can declare Him. And

there is in your Bible spoken of an administration that shall declare

Him. And there is in your Bible declared a people, a Body that shall

manifest Him. A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY EXERCISES AUTHORITY IN THE EARTH.

Turn with me to Luke 7. I want to show you something here you may not

have noticed before. We've heard a lot about this story, but I saw it in

a new light.

"Now when He had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he

entered into Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear

unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent

unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and

heal his servant. And when

they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly..." Now look at the mind

of the Jews. Here's the thinking of most people. "saying that he was

worthy for whom he should do this: for he loveth our nation, and he hath

built us a synagogue." The old boy had given them a lot of money! They

said he's worthy, Lord for you to come and do something for him - he's

worthy. That was their mind, that was their thinking. " Then Jesus went

with them. And when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent

friends to him..." I'm not going to get into the business that he sent

elders, and then friends, and all of that, but he sent friends to Jesus,

and they related his true heart. "... saying unto him, Lord, trouble not

thyself;" Here's the first mark of a man under authority. "...for I am

not worthy..." There is an administration coming forth that is going to

come up out of death. It isn't going to come forth tooting it's horn,

bragging about it's years of ministry, and all the feats it's done and

all the churches it's built, and all the years it's preached. I AM NOT

WORTHY. I am not worthy - that's the first mark.

"... that thou shouldest enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I

myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall

be healed." This man was commended for his great faith, in fact it was

said of him that there was not that great faith in all of Israel. We hear

sermons on this - Oh, He just sent the word, just believe in the sending

of the word. It has nothing to do with it at all. The Lord did not

commend the man for saying "send the word". The man saw a secret. The man

understood more than all of Israel together understood. "For I also am a

man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one,

Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant,

Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled..."

He marvelled at this man just like the people had marvelled at Him.

"...he marvelled... I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

He marvelled at the understanding of this man. Why? Because this man had

expressed an understanding of the authority which Jesus operated in. This

man said, I also - just like you. I also am a man under authority, having

authority. This centurion was under Caesar, and he understood that when

he spoke to a soldier, Caesar spoke to that soldier. Why? Because the

centurion had no will of his own, no life of his own. Caesar would tell

him to stand watch all night - he stood there. But on the same token, he

could tell this man do this, do that, and the man would do it. Why?

Because it was a man under authority who spoke to him! It was Caesar who

spoke.

"I have those under me and I have servants." Why? Because I am a man

under authority. And when I speak, I speak with all of the authority that

I am under. I am no better than the authority that I am under. But this

man said I am under the greatest authority on the face of the earth at

this time - Caesar. He recognized Jesus had a greater authority than that

of Caesar, but he recognized the principle of authority. 'Because you are

under the authority of the Most High God, and are One with Him, as I am

with Caesar - all you need to do is speak the Word.' And Jesus said, 'My

God, I haven't found this kind of understanding in all of Israel.' And He

won't find it in the Church today either! But it's coming - this kind of

authority. Then we can speak the Word, then we can speak the Word and our

words mean something, because there's more than me to back it up. I speak

on behalf of greater than I. I speak on behalf of a greater God than I.

What a tremendous truth there is here. It will change your life down at

the root level. This is the attitude of the Apostle Paul - NOT I, BUT

CHRIST! I can do nothing of myself. Not I, but Christ. I have no life;

Not I, but Christ. For to me to live is Christ! Only to the degree that

this truly works in me, will I exercise authority.

The administration that will exercise the authority of Christ in the

earth must live together, must live as One with Him, because they are

ministering to a Body that is One with Him, and that Body will only hear

those who are One with Him - in understanding and in Truth. We are going

to look at authority. I want to get down to a practical aspect with you.

There are three words. He spake AS ONE. That's the source of authority.

You either speak as One, or you have no authority. The first Greek word

meaning authority means "to encircle round about". When Jesus begins to

be revealed in you, when the Son of God who is One with the Father, who

is the authority of the Father; for the Bible says He gave Him all

authority and all judgment. So all authority and all judgment proceeds

out of The Son. And when The Son begins to be revealed in you, all

authority and all judgment begins to be revealed in you. And before you

can exercise authority, you come under it. And before you begin to

pronounce judgment, it takes place in you. Before you are a judgment, you

are judged. And the word "judgment" here means "discernment". Before you

are ever going to be the discerning of love in the earth, love is going

to be discerned in you. When Christ begins to be revealed in you, He's

going to exercise authority - He's going to encircle you round about.

When Christ begins to be revealed in us, we begin to live in His

authority. We will begin to live as those who are encircled round about

by Christ continually. We'll begin to live as those who are in Him,

raised up together, made to be seated together, who are encircled round

about. We begin to live as those of whom it is said, ONE NEW MAN, which

is CHRIST ALL AND IN ALL. All dwelling in Him, Him dwelling in all. When

He begins to be revealed in us we'll understand what it means to be in

Christ and that realization will just grow and grow into the expansion of

His authority, until His authority in that realm of our lives is

absolute, until we see ourselves as being absolutely no where but in Him.

Put us anywhere, and we are there in Him. Any circumstance, any

situation, life, death - we are there in Him! The rule of His authority

has filled up that realm. We are a Man encircled round about by Him. What

has He done? He has set the boundaries of our life. He has not set limits

- He has set boundaries. There are not limits in Him in Whom all the

fulness of the Godhead dwells, but there are boundaries. In Him there is

no limits - you can search out the height, the length, the depth, the

breadth.

What are you searching out the height, length, breadth of? You are

searching out the height, length, depth and breadth of the fulness of God

- there's no limits to that. But there is a boundary. He has set around

you a boundary. That means that outside of Him there is no life. So He

does not limit you, yet He sets up a boundary. He is like the wall around

Jerusalem - He doesn't limit the city because of the twelve gates, but He

does set up a boundary. He gives definition to the city, and yet all may

come and all may go, and the city is sitting upon the mountain with its

twelve gates, but there is a boundary. And that boundary sits upon a

foundation. And the foundation is the very revelation of Jesus Christ

Himself! As Christ is revealed in you there is a wall, there is a

boundary built up around you. As He is revealed in you, the wall is built

upon a foundation. As the foundation is laid in Zion, a wall begins to be

built and that wall begins to bring your life into definition. All of a

sudden life begins to be defined to you - Life is being in Christ, Life

is in Christ, LIFE IS CHRIST!

You haven't had a definition for it before, because there's been no

boundary. No limits, but a boundary. A boundary that says only in Him do

I live - outside of Him I have no life. That's a boundary, but there's no

limits to that because in Him dwelleth the fulness of the Godhead bodily,

and ye are complete in Him! And you are at liberty to search out the

absolute height of God, the length of God, the breadth of God, the depth

of God. Think about that - the fulness of God! You are at absolute

liberty to search out all of that. You have no life except in Him.

There's the boundary. It gives definition - for the first time your life

begins to be defined, for the first time you know what life is. For the

first time we begin to know who we are. A Man - a New Man - a New

Creation - A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY! A Man whose boundary is Christ!

When He begins to be revealed in you He begins to exercise that first

root word that defines authority in the Greek - it means "encircle round

about." You'll begin to understand that you're in Him, and that will deal

with you in areas of your life, and it just grows and grows and grows! It

encircles you - you will begin to understand what it means to be in Him,

as He begins to exercise authority in you, as you never understood

before. Having no life but Christ, living no where but in Him! All of a

sudden you will find yourself carrying that authority over into the

simplest situations and the greatest of situations, you'll find that

authority making a difference in your life. I'm not talking about

theology now, I'm talking about Christ exercising authority. I'm talking

about Him bringing you into the realization that He does encircle you,

that you have no life but that which is Him, and that in every place you

are in Him, and that begins to have an effect on you. It begins to effect

your decisions, and that is HIM exercising authority in all of those

areas. Pretty soon you find in every place you begin to be a

manifestation of the knowledge of His Life rather than your own. Because

that in every place you are there only in Him! He encircles round about,

and you begin to live as One Man under authority, expressing that

authority in the earth.

When Christ is revealed in any believer, Christ becomes the encircling

One, the One outside of Whom I have no existence; the One outside of Whom

I am not found. Because the one that I was has been taken to the cross.

There is not a moment, not an issue, not a facet that isn't encircled

within Him, that does not find its moving, its being, its purpose in Him.

The more He is revealed in me, the more I understand I'm nowhere but IN

HIM! This is the realization of being in Christ. And He encircles you and

closes out everything but Himself. He becomes the wall round about you.

The revelation of Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which the wall of

faith is built and He begins to encircle me and He gives definition to my

life. "FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST." Now I can define my life - it is

by HIM, through HIM, and it IS HIM - and it's not found outside of

HIM! As He encircles us round about, we find our Oneness in Him.

The Church today has no definition. We have sought definition in

denominational names, in other names. You ask most of the Church today

and they don't know who they are, what they are, where they are or why

they are there. Why? Because there's no wall - He is not the Encircling

Word. The wall of faith is not built upon the foundation in their heart.

As the wall begins to encircle one, then two, then more, as it encircles

it encircles in One. And for the first time the Church begins to know who

we are, where we are, what we are and why we are. Because He gives us

definition, and we quit going to church, and we realize we are the

Church. We don't quit gathering - no - there will be more gatherings. You

see this gospel is not for a member; this gospel is not for a believer,

it's for the Body - it's for the New Man. It's not for a person, but for

A Man. You can not live as a person and grow up in Him in all things.

It's got to be as a Man - THE MAN THAT HE IS. The book of Ephesians was

not written to a believer; it was written to the Church. When He begins

to encircle you, you'll find He'll encircle others with you, and He

begins to gather you together. It is a Body Word because He's bringing

forth a Body in the earth that will be the manifesting of His fulness!

The second word is "author or original". He spake with authority because

He is the original Word of God! He's not somebody's idea. He's not

somebody's prophesy. He is the original Word of God! When Christ begins

to be revealed in you, He will begin to exercise the original Word of

God. He is the "original Word." It's no longer reading about Him, it's

going into the scriptures and just seeing Him. It will be as from the

beginning. Look at the writings of John. Christ was revealed in Him. Paul

was the same way. They were never able to speak otherwise of it. "In the

beginning was the Word..." Everything started in the beginning. John

didn't start with the virgin birth, he didn't start with the fall of man,

he didn't start with the genealogy of Adam. "In the beginning was the

Word, and the Word was with God..." He spoke who had been revealed in

him, and you will too. He takes over the authority in you. He becomes the

authority in you - the Original Word of God! The first thought, the

original intent. In John's epistles, "That which was from the

beginning..." He could have made the basis of fellowship anything, but he

made it that which was from the beginning, and the seeing and the knowing

of Him. The book of Revelation - it's all the same. " Alpha... Omega"

"...was...is...was to come." All of a sudden John was controlled by a

Word that was original, a Word that was out from the beginning. It's not

John's word, not his testimony, it's as from the original Word of God -

not his interpretation or translation. When Christ begins to be revealed

in you, the Original Word of God becomes your basis of all judgment, all

fellowship, all ministry, all preaching, all teaching, all living. You

come under the authority of the beginning.

"In the volume of the book it is written of me. I come to do thy will, O

God." I didn't come to offer a sacrifice, that isn't what You are pleased

in. I didn't come to offer a sacrifice for the first man. I've come to

take away the first and establish the second. That's the Original Word

coming into you. When the Original word comes in there is a disappearance

of the first, and there is an establishing of the first and the last -

CHRIST! And at that point in time, the first becomes the last, and the

last becomes first. And you want to talk about authority taking over in

your life? You begin to live as though you've never ever had a life!

There is a Liberating Secret of this Word, of this Original Word. You see

we've all heard a Word that comes and condemns us of sin. You know you

did, otherwise you wouldn't have repented. But the problem is we've got

an administration today that doesn't know anything but that. And the only

thing they know saints are supposed to do is come down and pray through

again. And their idea of revival is to get all the saints down at the

altar praying through. Their idea of revival is to get a refilling of the

Holy Ghost. There is no such thing as a refilling of the Holy Ghost! The

Holy Ghost is a Person, He's a Spirit, the indwelling Part of the Godhead

- there's no such thing as refills!

There was a condemning word that brought me to the point of contrition

and to the point of conversion, yes sir. But there is a Word that comes

that doesn't deal with me in sin, it doesn't deal with me as Adam or as

ever having been in Adam. That Word deals with me as one who is in

Christ, as one in Him from the beginning, as one who has never been

anyplace but in Christ! When this Word comes it is "Therefore now there

is no condemnation..." because it is not dealing with me except as being

in Him, bringing me under the authority of Him. IT IS THE LIBERATING WORD

OF LIFE! It is dealing with me as a forgiven, as a restored, as a

reconciled Son. It is dealing with me as The Man, The Son that God saw

and purposed from the beginning, and as The Son that God has achieved and

brought forth in Christ Jesus. There's a Word being born in that Son, and

it does not relate to sin - it relates to righteousness and holiness and

fulness of life! That Word takes authority in you, and from that point on

it is NOT I, BUT CHRIST! It's not me a forgiven sinner, it's NOT I, BUT

CHRIST!

What a Word! What a Liberating Word for those who are still struggling

under the word of condemnation - still trying to believe that they could

ever be good enough to merit God's grace. When He is revealed and takes

authority, then this works in you to be manifested in the earth. Then you

become ministers. Then you become the restoring arm of God in the earth.

His authority manifested now in the earth. That's what all creation is

waiting on. All of creation is waiting on such a manifestation of the

sons of God!

The third term is the term "I AM", the self existing One - I AM.

All of a sudden it's just HIM! The Self Existing One - everything He is

He's made unto me - me only that I'm in Him. I am not the Body of His

fulness, neither are you. WE are the Body of His fulness. The Bible says

"gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church which is His Body,

the fulness of Him." No member is. All of a sudden I begin to see the I

AM that He is - and it's not me - it's HIM! And everything that He is, He

is made unto This New Man, because by now we're not walking as parts,

we're walking as Him. By the time we've come to this third revealing of

His authority, by the time it's just Him, we're past the stage of many

anyhow. We've come under authority, and now we're ready to know Him as

God intended His people to know Him from the time He called His people

out of Egypt. "Moses, tell them, tell them I AM THAT I AM."

What does that means? Tell them I am what I am, where I am, the I am that

I am, the I am who I am! "In that day you'll know I'm in my Father, you

are in me and I am in you. Where I am there ye are also." The I AM! The

Self Existing One! And we have a New Man living as having no life but

Christ. We have a New Man that can say, 'I am One with Him. For I do

always that which pleases Him, I say nothing, I do nothing but what He

does. I am the exercise of His authority'. The encircling Word, the

original Word, the I Am - I am the exercise of His authority in the

earth. I tell you this is the work of the Holy Spirit and I'm excited

about it!

So, the word "authority" comes out in the Greek from root words that mean

"to encircle round about", another that means "original" and another that

means "I AM". When He begins to exercise that three fold authority in

you, you will begin to exercise that three fold authority in the earth,

in all of your circumstances, in everything. You will begin to live as a

man under authority, exercising authority!

Now, Philippians 1:21 and Galatians 2:20. Paul is speaking as a man under

authority, but let us see the term is not men under authority, but a man

under authority. They were amazed at Jesus' doctrine because He taught

them as One, He spake as One having authority. And it's only when we

speak as One that we exercise authority. So it's not men - but a man -

not men under authority, but a man under authority. In other words, it is

those who understand they are ONE NEW MAN - a New Man under the authority

of God exercising the authority of God in the earth. Paul speaks as a man

under authority, because he never speaks as Paul, he never speaks as men,

he always speaks as a man. He always speaks in union with Christ, as part

of the New Man who is under the authority of the Father. Of course the

fulness of that New Man is Christ, and it's that New Man that we're going

to look at.

So let's begin at Philippians 1:19, "For I know that this shall turn to

my salvation through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus

Christ..." Notice this - the supply. "According to my earnest expectation

and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all

boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body..."

Who, who is being magnified? "...whether it be by life, or by death."

What is the concern of this man? Whether he live or die? No - that isn't

his concern. His concern is that Christ be magnified in his body whether

he live or whether he die! That's his only concern, and the reason for

that is - "For to me to live IS CHRIST, and to die is gain." It also is

Christ. To me to live is Christ, to die is Christ. But if I live in the

flesh, this is the fruit of my labor, and he's saying I don't really know

what I'm going to choose. He says I'm rather in a strait here - having a

desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better, but for you it

is needful that I remain. He says if I remain it is only for one purpose,

and that is through the supply of the Spirit of Christ that I may

manifest Christ to you.

Do you understand this man is under authority? In life or in death he is

under authority. It is not even up to him whether he lives or whether he

dies. If he lives - it's Christ. If he dies - it's Christ. Personally he

says he'd rather step out of this body and be more perfectly with the

Lord in that unseen realm, but I'm not allowed to do that for your sake,

because it is needful for you that I remain. Yet if I remain it is not I,

yet Christ living in me - whether in life or whether in death, it is all

that Christ be magnified. My God, this is a man under authority! He says

I'm in Him - whether I live, He is in me, whether I die, He is in me -

and there he's speaking of the natural body, because he says that Christ

be magnified in my body. How different that is from the conversation of

most believers, of most preachers, of most in the Body of Christ today!

Because we have not yet found ourselves in an attitude of understanding

that has brought us really under His authority to whether it is His

decision to whether I live or whether I die. Why? BECAUSE HE IS MY LIFE!

So it is really His decision, and if I do live, I live for one purpose -

for the sake of the Body of Christ, that Christ may be magnified in my

body, in my living; for in my living it is not I, but Christ who liveth

in me. This is a man under authority, and what a tremendous liberty he

has entered into.

You know most believers today in the Church really worry about whether

they're going to live or whether they're going to die - that's really a

point of concern with them. Unfortunately even being a point of concern

with them, their concern has very little to do with Christ. Very few

believers today would say, "Well, if I live, the only reason I want to

live is that I may be ministering Christ to you." That would almost be at

the bottom of their list of why they don't want to die right now. I'd

like to ask you a question. Outside of the immediate circle of your loved

ones, would anybody really care much whether you lived or died? I mean,

would your life or your death really affect anybody a whole lot? We need

to think about that. We have believers today that if they died - is the

Body of Christ really affected? Or if they live, is the Body of Christ

really affected? It would have with Paul. It would have made a tremendous

amount of difference if he had died, because he was a man under

authority, and he lived for one reason - to build up the Body of Christ,

to magnify Christ. He lived for the sake of the Body of Jesus Christ. And

Paul was able to say (this is the scripture) that if I went on and

departed where I would be more perfectly in the presence of the Lord,

that is, out of this body, it would be harmful for you. At this point in

time it is very needful that I remain. At the same time he's saying

that's really the only reason I stick around.

As I search in this area of authority, I've begun to question - does our

life make any difference? Other than affecting my little immediate family

circle, does it really make any difference whether I'm here, there or

gone? We need to stop and consider this, because it should make a

difference. And in the life of those who are under His authority, it does

make a difference. It makes a difference in the Body of Christ! A MAN

UNDER AUTHORITY. Paul had a reason for living. "For me to live is Christ,

and to die is gain." But to live is Christ. It made a difference in the

Body of Christ if this man lived; it was for a reason, for a purpose.

It's just a tremendous liberty you can enter into in the Lord - to know

that your living and your dying is not only in His hands, but it is for

the purpose of His being magnified; it is for the purpose of His fulness.

What a tremendous liberty! Let's see why Paul spoke this way.

Galatians 2:20, we've read it and read it, and most of you have it

memorized. "I am crucified with Christ." Now here's the end of Paul's

concern over Paul. " I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet

not I, but Christ liveth in me." Now it makes a difference whether this

man lives or dies! And the reason is because of his understanding. It

makes a difference. These are the words of a man under authority. He has

already died! He has released his life. He hasn't released his body, he

has released his life in the understanding that I have no life but

Christ. I live, yet it is not I, but Christ who liveth in me. Now we can

understand his statement - for to me to live is Christ, because the life

that I now live in the flesh, I live by another faith, I live by another

understanding, I live by another wisdom. And it is just this - It is not

me, it is Christ. It is just this - The life that is being lived in this

body is not my life, and in fact it is Christ living! He is not drawing

His life from me. I am drawing my life from Him. It is Christ living in

me, and because He lives, I live! And therefore, whether this body lives

or whether this body dies, that it may in life or death magnify Christ;

that whatever happens to this body, it may magnify Him.

What a liberty there is in coming under the authority of One. Jesus had

this same liberty. Jesus said, "Well, all men may forsake me, but my

Father won't forsake me, because He's with me." What a liberty He had.

Why? "Because I do always the things that please Him. I and my Father are

one." So whether I live or whether I die, it is unto the glory of my

Father. And He's able to say that. And Paul here is able to say that in

his relationship with Christ. He has come under such authority; that is,

he has come into an understanding of such a union, that I have no life

but Christ. He is able then to release all things to Christ and say, 'I'm

not really worried about life or death. My only concern is that whether I

live or whether I die, it is for the magnification of Christ. That He be

magnified in my body.' So it is the speakings of one who is under

authority.

I want us to look at what I have called "The Liberating Secret of Being

in Christ." I have by the grace of God since 1963 the privilege of

sharing in the Body of Christ the reality of being in Christ, but

recently the reality of being in Christ has taken on dimensions that it

has never taken on before in my understanding. This that we call our

gospel, we often call it "The Message of Christ" is not in actuality a

message or a sermon, it is not a theology. It is a life. It is more than

a life - it is a manner of living. It is more than a manner of living, it

is a union with the Person of Christ Himself! And it has to be renewed

day by day by day. How? As Paul said, through the supply of the Spirit of

Jesus Christ. It has to be renewed daily. When you get up out of bed in

the morning you've got to breathe - it's a life, it's activity, it's

involvement in breathe and heart pumping blood - it's a manner of life.

It's not just talk - you live. You don't just speak, see - you live. You

don't just hear - you live. In fact, you can live without hearing or

seeing or speaking, but you can not hear or see or speak without living!

And what we're dealing with here is not something you can write down on a

pad and say that you've got this message, and then go out and live like a

hermit, extracting yourself from the flow of the Body of Jesus Christ;

and still claim to be growing up in Him. That is an absolute

impossibility, because no one believer - I don't care whether it's me,

Peter, James, John, Paul - no one believer constitutes the total of

Christ or the Body of Christ. We can't separate ourself from the flow of

the Holy Spirit, and the flow of the Holy Spirit doesn't come from the

birds, the bees, the flowers and the trees; it comes from the Body of

Jesus Christ! And when I separate myself from the flow of that Body, I

have stopped the flow of life. And when I stop the flow of life, this

message becomes words to me. It becomes death, not life.

And I can sit there, and all of a sudden the knowledge that once was life

now becomes an element of puffing up; an element of self justification;

and that which was once good begins to be perverted; that which was once

wisdom becomes a deceiving element. This thing grows in dimension. But as

the knowledge of Christ grows, it necessitates greater, not lesser

involvement with the Body of Jesus Christ - greater, not lesser

involvement. Paul spoke about this in 1 Corinthians 12 - "the eye can not

say to the ear, because you are not an eye, I have no need of you." One

part of the Body can't say because I'm grown up in Jesus and mature now,

I don't have any need for you. That's impossible. Why? Because this that

we're presenting is not a message, it's a life, it's a Man, it's a union

with Christ. You can not live in union with Christ and not in this union

with His Body. That is an absolute impossibility. Paul clearly states

this in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "As is the body (speaking of the human

body)... so also is Christ." And then he begins to use the analogy of the

human body. "The eye can not say to the ear, because you are not an eye,

I have no need of you." Then he reverses that and say, "And also an ear

can not say because I am not the eye, I am not of the body." And that

simply means that the most insignificant member of the Body can not say,

"Well, I'm not as mature as them so I must not be of the Body." It works

both ways. Is the whole hearing, is the whole smelling, is the whole

tasting? When we come to this understanding Paul says, we begin to seek

out what we consider to be the weakest member, and we begin to shower

upon them honor and grace and glory, because you understand that in

strengthening any member of the Body of Jesus Christ, you have

strengthened the whole, and therefore you've strengthened yourself!

I'm talking about living as A MAN under authority. I'm not talking about

living as men, living as parts or members - I'm talking about members

living as a Man! I'm talking about parts living as a whole. Parts must

live as a whole, because no part is a whole. "They don't know what I

know." Well, maybe they're not the head, maybe they're the toenail!

There's no excuses - and I've heard all of them, because there is only

one that is going to grow up into the Head in all things, and that one is

the Body. That one is not the finger, the elbow, the heart, the arm -

that one is the Body, and that's the only thing that's going to grow up

into His fulness. Someone will say, "Well, I'm going to set out here and

just wait until they get mature enough for me to join to them." They'll

grow up and you're just going to set there and die! They're going to

maintain life and you're going to get bitter and dry up and lose out with

the whole kingdom of God, that's what's going to happen - I've seen it

happen. "But they're just so carnal." What? Were you born spiritual? Were

you born smart, were you born mature? Who took time with you? Who labored

and prayed? By whose grace are you still growing in Christ? Certainly not

your own! We get to a point and we think we've attained. Paul never got

there. He said the only reason I care even about living in this earth is

for your sake - the Body of Jesus Christ.

Paul lived as A Man, he lived as the Body, he lived in union with Christ,

A Man under authority. Paul never lived as though he had a life of his

own. And there are members of the Body of Christ today who are doing just

that - they are lying to themselves and deceiving themselves when they

say they are not. They have separated themselves from the fellowship of

the Body of Jesus Christ and they say they are "living as Christ", that

He is their life. No - because as is a member, so also is Christ? No sir

- as is the body, so also is Christ. You can not live as Christ except

you live as the Body of Christ, and no member can do that by themselves.

None. And we may even find that some who think they are the stronger

members come to a realization of their need of who we think is the weaker

members, just so we can live as unto Christ. We've got to have them to

live as unto Christ! Listen, if I decided that the only place I was going

to go minister this Word was in mature Churches, I'd just stay at home

all the time! I'd just stay at home because I haven't found one yet. I

haven't found any part of the Body of Christ that has grown up into Him.

I've found many parts that are hungry, many parts that are in need, I

have found every part to be a burden that He has given to me, but I

haven't found any part grown up in Him yet.

And if I did find some local expression where they had all grown up in

Christ, they wouldn't want me there, because I'd be the least among them!

They'd all be mature, and I'm yet learning Him! We need to understand

what it means to live as Christ - what it means to live as A Man under

authority, and Paul states it in these two scriptures I gave you. "For to

me to live is Christ..." "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I

live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the

flesh I live by a new understanding with regard to my union with Him."

And therefore Paul says, I need the Body of Christ because I can not live

as Christ without the Body. If I separate myself from the Body of Christ

I can not live as unto Christ and as Christ. So what I might as well do

if I don't think they are mature, I may as well begin laying down my

life. I may as well begin ministering to them. I may as well begin

laboring. I may as well begin to bear about in my own body their

infirmities. I may as well begin to suffer for their lack, and make up in

my own body what they are lacking. Paul says all those things. He takes

on the spirit of a Joshua and a Caleb - 'if this bunch is not going over

in Canaan, we'd better start doing some teaching, because we're not going

to get over there without them. God isn't going to let us go over there

until all of Israel goes, so if Israel is not going to go, rather than

getting mad and go and build us a tent off in the wilderness, we'd better

realize that there's a ministry for us in Israel. There's a ministry for

us in these people, and until these people come to Him, we're not going

to go very far!'

But you see, they were as a man under authority. They didn't have a life

of their own, they didn't have a will of their own. They couldn't just go

tippy-toeing off through the Jordan and go over there and conquer it by

themselves, like so many of our believers today surely think they are

doing. They just think they are growing up in Christ by leaps and bounds,

and they're not. They are dying every day, and withering - in bitterness.

They have no ministry, they just have a puffed up view of themselves.

Those sound like hard words, but it's time we begin to understand what it

means to come under authority. And to begin to live as in union with

Christ. There is a Liberating Secret of Being in Christ - it will set us

free and bring us into a liberty that we have never known, or been able

to comprehend before.

Now turn to Colossians 1;13. What it means to be in Christ in the first

place, is that there is an elimination of me, there is an elimination of

believers. Do you know that in the true reality of this statement, there

are no believers in Christ. "Who hath delivered us from the power of

darkness..." You see, man as Adam fell short of the glory of God; that

is, he fell into sin. And you and I outside of Christ are found in Adam -

we are one with him. We are one old man. We are not many old men, we're

one old man. Adam is full of divisions - Christ isn't. Adam is full of

male and female, bond and free, but the whole man Adam is made up of all

those divisions- races, creeds, kinds and colors. You can't bring that

over into Christ in any way, shape or form. You can't bring any kind of

division over into Christ, because there is no division there. What is

God's answer to this old man, this old man who is male and female, who is

black and white? This old man who is all of these divisions that we still

have harbored in our heart and try to bring them over into Christ, and

try to see ourselves in that same understanding. That's the reason Paul

said the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by a new

understanding. I don't understand myself to be as I was in Adam. In Adam

it is me - IN CHRIST - IT IS HIM! In Adam it is the Hebrew of Hebrews.

In Christ it is Christ all and in all! In Adam it is Saul of Tarsus, the

Jew. In Christ it is all that crucified, and Christ alone!

See, most believers don't understand that yet. What happened to this many

membered, this divided thing, this creation that fell short of the glory

of God? What happened to this man Adam that is full of all these

divisions that are existing in the flesh? God established a cross just

for His purpose and just for His benefit. And there we were delivered

from the power of darkness. "Who hath delivered us from the power of

darkness..." The cross is a full deliverance from the power of darkness.

The cross is a full deliverance from Adam and from all that is involved

with Adam. And how did He deliver us? He delivered us through the death

of one. The death of one - in that one died... So who's the one? What one

died? The one that he became! Well, what did he become? He became the

last Adam. He became one old man, and as one, He died. He died as the old

man, as Adam. He died as all of the divided parts. He didn't try putting

all that mess together. He died. He took it all to the cross. In His body

He united that thing the only way it can ever be united. He united it in

death! That's how all of our bickering saints are going to be united.

They are going to be united in death - all that stuff just has to die. So

Jesus took it all and united it all in death.

He took it all to the cross and He killed it. We keep wanting to find it

in Christ, but it's not there except in the figment of our imagination.

What happened? One died and one arose - ONE LIVES - ONE came forth in the

fulness of life! Now the old died, but ONE NEW MAN comes forth out of

death, is raised up in Christ, and now lives by Christ, and can say, "Not

I, but Christ"; can say, "For to me to live is Christ." Because in fact,

that's who lives. And we who were in Adam were one old man and died when

he died. He died when Christ became that thing and put it to death. But

in doing that He has released us that we now may be one with another -

One with a New Man! But in Him it's not like it was in the old. In Him,

there is nothing that was in the old. In Him there is neither male nor

female, but there was in the old. In Him there isn't black or white, but

there was in the old. Why isn't it in Him? Because it all died at the

cross - as one man - one death. And Christ came forth in newness of life

and we, raised up by Him, together with Him, are made to be seated

together in Christ Jesus - not as new men, but as ONE NEW MAN! Each of us

having no life but Christ, each of us dwelling in no one but Christ. So

in reality, there is no such thing as a believer even existing in Christ.

In reality, this One New Man is not made up of Christ and me. He is many,

but your Bible says "for we being many are one body." Now wait a minute -

here is the mystery. Though this New Man is made up of many, He Himself

is not many - He is One. So in reality, you can not say I am in Christ

and at the same time say that I am an individual member.

You can't say that because that is to say that if everybody else wasn't

in Him, I still would be. That is not true, because the Body is not one,

it is many, but the many are not many, they are ONE! And that's a mystery

that only the Holy Spirit can reveal in each of the members, showing that

each of the members, in fact, have been swallowed up in the Person of

One, and therefore now can not say 'I have no need of you.' And can not

say 'I'm here whether you are here or not', and can not say 'I can live

as though you don't exist.' They can not say that any longer. They could

in the old, but they can not in the new, because the new is nothing like

the old. Romans 5 tells us that - not as the offense of the old...not as,

not as - there is no comparison between the old man and the New Man! The

old man is divided, the New Man is absolutely ONE, and there's no

division in Him. But the division is still in the heart, in the

understanding of those that are in Him. In their heart, in their soul,

there is this division - in the figment of their imagination. Though we

are in Christ, there are many in Christ who want to see themselves in

Christ as they were in Adam, and they are not. They are in Christ,

supposedly, but have a life of their own - they live in a figment of

their imagination. Even though they call that life Christ, they still

think it's a life of their own.

We were just saying you don't know what member you are. You don't know if

you're an eye or an elbow or a leg, but in Him, all are one. Every member

makes up the Body. In Him, the emphasis is never upon what member you

are, the emphasis is upon the Body; the emphasis is upon Him; the

emphasis is upon His fulness. That's the reason you can know what office

you operate, because the office is CHRIST! It's not you. You can know

what gift you operate, because the gift is Christ, not you! But what you

are, a member, is not told to you, it's not described - you don't know,

you never will know. It's not important, because in Him it's not the

member, it's the Body.

So for me to live as a man under authority, I've got to live as one Body,

as one with Christ. And to live as one with Christ, I have to live not

only as a member, I have to live as His Body. I have to understand that I

can not live aside from, or other than His Body. And immediately when I

do that I am trying to be a person under authority - but there's no such

thing. It's A Man under authority. One New Man, there is such a

tremendous Liberating Secret here. "Who hath delivered us from the power

of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His Dear Son." So

we're translated, and now we're in Christ. But since we're in Christ,

it's a totally new ball game - a totally new creation. There are no

similarities between the old and new creation. They are as different as

the east and the west. One is dead, one is alive; one is a mixture and a

division and a dividing; the other has no mixture, no division and is not

divided. The New Man is One Body made up of many, and yet the many have

ceased to be many, and by Him are become One!

So you see, we're not dealing with believers in this word, we're dealing

with the Body. This word is not for the maturity of believers, but for

the maturity of the Body. Now, Ephesians 4 says, He gave some Apostles,

Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the

saints. But the word "perfecting" there does not mean "growing up", the

word "perfecting" there is " full equipping." To fully equip the saints

for the work of the ministry, which is the building up, the edifying, the

bringing to full stature the Body of Jesus Christ. You can never find in

the writings of Paul where his emphasis is on the maturity of the

believer, but only the maturity of the Body. **Certainly it involves**

**believers, but the emphasis is not believers, the emphasis is the Body.**

**So we're to understand that a believer will never outgrow the Body, no**

**more than the hand will outgrow your arm.**

**That's because no one believer can ever manifest the fulness of Christ.**

**And you can not grow; the Holy Ghost will not let you grow beyond what**

**you can manifest. He reveals Christ - it's not your prerogative - and He**

**will not reveal more of Christ in you than what you can manifest. No one**

**believer can manifest Christ,** so you'd better get in a body somewhere,

not go off alone in a cave; and manifest the measure of Christ that is in

you for the good of that body, that it may minister to others and that

you may grow up together in Him. And begin to bear one another's burdens

and begin to understand what it means to live under the authority of One;

and to live as One. These epistles were not written to a believer, they

were written to a Church, and it is written to me only as I am part of

the Church, as much as I function as part of the Lord's Body. I'm not

telling you that you've got to be a member of some religious

organization, I'm telling you that you've got to function somewhere as

the Lord's Body, and you can't do that by yourself, because you by

yourself do not constitute the Lord's Body. That's the reason the Lord

won't let me just make tapes and write books and send them out to the

Lord's Body. No - you've got to function in the Lords' Body, you've got

to bear the burden of the Lord's Body; you've got to lay down your life

with the Lord's Body. Then you can write books and send them tapes, but

you can't do that as a substitute for being part of it. You say, 'I'm

just going to stay at home and pray for you.' I'd rather you'd just get

beside me and help me!

It is a tremendous understanding to begin to comprehend that we are in

Him. It means something more than most believers realize. The Liberating

Secret of Being in Christ. We've read that He's translated us into the

Kingdom. Whose Kingdom? The Kingdom of His Dear Son! The word "Kingdom"

means the absolute rule of One, or the absolute authority of One. Where

there is no absolute rule of One, there in effect is, no Kingdom. Where

there is no King, there is no Kingdom! Kingdom implies the realm of His

rule. The realm of His authority is His Kingdom. How are we ever going to

advance the Kingdom of God in the earth by building more buildings? No -

it will be by living under His authority! The more people live under His

authority, the farther His realm extends. Not more religious people, more

living under His authority. Bringing every man under His authority is

extending the Kingdom of God! Not bringing every man into religion,

bringing every man under the rule of His authority!

What I'm telling you is we had best be concerned with extending the realm

of His authority in our souls before we can get too concerned with

extending it in the earth. Because the only way it will ever be extended

in the earth is by those in whom He has absolute authority in their

lives. **If you want the realm of His authority extended in a place, then**

**you go get into that place - assuming that His realm of authority is**

**fully extended in you! That's the only way to bring the realm of His**

**authority there - by bringing someone there who's under His authority.**

**And they will in that place manifest His authority. They can say, 'This**

**day the Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.**' Most of us can not come

into a situation and say the Kingdom of God has come nigh because the

authority of God is not extended in us, and so we do not bring an

extension of His authority, so we just rant and rave and holler and

scream. We think with our loud hollering we're going to do something. No,

His authority doesn't need that. All His authority needs is someone under

it, who will just manifest it; who is able to walk into any kind of a

circumstance in any place, at any time, and simply by being there,

manifest the realm and rule of His authority. We don't have many like

that in the Church today because we don't have many that have experienced

in their own hearts the rule and the realm of His Kingdom, of His

authority.

We can pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy Kingdom come." But in fact until His

Kingdom is come in us, His Kingdom will not be visibly manifested in the

earth as it is in heaven. **Authority is not something I have, authority is**

**something I manifest, something I express. Authority is what He has. It's**

**His Kingdom - not mine. But in living under His authority, we become an**

**expression of it. You can't manifest more authority than you're under**

**yourself.** If you come into a situation and you are not under His

authority, all you're going to do is get involved in the situation.

You're not going to change it. Kingdom is what we're talking about -

Kingdom authority. Something many want, but few want to live under.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man ..." Notice, if any man - and

that's the last of it, that's the last of the man. Therefore if any man

be in Christ. There's the last of it. He's not spoken of any more, except

as a New Creation. What has happened? He's passed away. If any man be in

Christ - now try to find him. No - he's a New Creature now. Now you're

not dealing with a man. In Christ you're dealing with One New Creation,

and the fact that it has parts doesn't lessen it at all. The fact that it

has parts only enhances the fact that it is not parts - it's a whole. It

doesn't depend upon its parts - the parts depend upon the whole. This

creation can do without the parts, but the parts can't do without the

creation. "If any man be in Christ..." What if there's some man that's

not in Christ? That doesn't hinder what is. What is there is still a New

Creation, and when another is added that other becomes part of the whole.

The whole doesn't become part of that - it is swallowed up in the whole.

This Gospel is dealing not with creatures, but with a creation, a New

Creation; it isn't dealing with men, it deals with One New Man. He spake

as One having authority.

We only have authority when we finally come to the understanding that by

the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Resurrection

of Jesus Christ, we are not many, we are One. And in living as One, we

are under the authority of One. To be under the authority of One means to

live as One, having no life of our own, no word of our own, no this or

that of our own - not even knowing what member we are. Just knowing that

He is my life, and whatever I express - it is Him!

You can always tell those who are living as a Man under authority. They

have no free will, they are not an independent spirit. They are not under

rules and regulations, and yet they are very much constrained by the

Spirit of God, but they are at perfect liberty by their union with Him,

doing only that which He allows. What authority! Paul speaks of this in

another way in 2 Corinthians 2:14, "Now thanks be unto God who always

causes me?..." No, there's no me there. "...who always causes us to

triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by

me?...No, by us in every place." He maketh manifest the savor of His

knowledge by us in every place. He always causes us to triumph in Christ,

and then wherever we are found, we are there a manifestation of the

smell, of the odor of the knowledge of Him. In other words, wherever we

are found, we are found as One in union with Him. Wherever we are found,

we are found there living as One Man. We are found there not manifesting

the savor of the old, but the savor of the new. It is by us that He makes

manifest the knowledge of the life of Christ! Maybe He says there needs

to be a good smell, a sweet savor over here in this prison - so I'll send

Paul over there, because the only thing he's going to smell like over

there is the New Man that he is. Wherever I put him, he's just going to

manifest the savor of the knowledge of Christ. Why? Because Paul's a man

under submission - not a person - a MAN. In other words, he will live no

differently there than he is in Christ. He will be the same.

Therein is our triumph. Don't you see our triumph in Christ is that in

every place He is our life, and no matter what transpires there, we are a

savor of His life. In that we are always triumphant. This is Paul saying

it doesn't make any difference whether I live or die, the only thing that

makes any difference is that Christ is manifested. The triumph is not in

me living or dying, the triumph is in manifesting Christ! So they take

him out and stone him, and he comes out triumphant. What do you mean, a

man bleeding from head to foot - he's just been stoned! Yes, but he

manifested the savor of the knowledge of Christ! In all things He maketh

us to be triumphant in Christ, and maketh us in every place a savor of

His knowledge. This is what God is doing. He's bringing forth a people

that He knows He can put them anywhere and wherever He puts them, they

are just going to be a savor of the knowledge of His Son. They are

triumphant in all places and all things in Christ, because no matter what

situation comes upon them they manifest the savor of the knowledge of His

life - therein they triumph. THEY TRIUMPH BY MANIFESTING HIM!

But we don't know whether we want to be under authority or not, because

that's not the way we think in the natural. That doesn't look too

triumphant to us. "For we are unto God a sweet smelling savor of Christ,

in them that are saved and in them that perish." Unto God - that makes

them a sweet smelling savor of Christ. Now to one we're the savor of

death unto death, to another of life unto life, but to God in every

situation we're a sweet smelling savor of Christ. "Thanks be unto God who

always causes us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of

his knowledge by us in every place." Why? Because we are the realm of His

absolute rule. We are the ruled and we are the ruling. Wherever we are we

triumph because there we manifest His absolute rule - whether death,

whether life. **We bring into that place the Kingdom of God. We bring into**

**that place the absolute rule of the Son. "He hath translated us into the**

**kingdom of his dear Son" so that we may grow up into Him in all things,**

**so that we may come under His absolute rule and manifest His Kingdom,**

**manifest his rule in every place throughout the earth. As it is in**

**heaven, so be it in earth. It is not going to be until there is a people**

**who shall manifest it.**

This administration that the Lord is bringing together I've seen more

clearly in the book of Joshua than any where else. The Ark of the

Covenant I've seen in a new way. Paul preaches a New Man - **the Ark of the**

**Covenant was God's symbol of that New Man. The Ark of the Covenant was**

**not just God, it was not just Christ, the Ark of the Covenant is the**

**symbol of a people.** There are two covering cherubim, and not only are

those cherubim representative of redeemed man, they are representative of

heavenly man. Not just transformed sinners, but transformed heavenly

beings. Yes, redeemed by the blood, but not just redeemed by the blood,

but standing in the very glory of God! That Ark of the Covenant is a view

of a New Man being formed in the heavens in Christ Jesus, for the purpose

of manifesting the fulness of Jesus Christ in all of the earth. The Ark

of the Covenant was a type of A Man standing in the Holy of Holies - a

Man, a Man, God's vision has always been a Man. A Man - a Man in His own

image, a Man in His own fulness, a Man of His own kind, but a Man

nonetheless. A Man who is no less than His Son, but a Man who is the

fulness of His Son. Not a Man as His Son went out from Him - alone,

empty; but a Man as His Son returns to Him - full! Bringing many sons,

and yet in Him the many has ceased to exist, and the One has come forward

in reality. So it is not the many who are many, but the many who are

absolutely, totally ONE!

Filling up the heavens - a Man formed in the heavens, a Man who is fully

the Son, and yet he is the fulness of the Son, having no life but the

Son, no head but the Son, and no body but the body of the Son; which Body

we are - joined inseparably unto Him! Can you see what A Man the fulness

and the end of our salvation is? Yes, This New Man is the end of our

salvation - He's the full expression of it, the full manifestation of it.

Salvation as we've heard many times is not just getting out of hell, and

it's not just getting in Christ either - it's growing up into the fulness

of Christ Jesus; growing up into the Head in all things. There is the

end, the fulness, the consummation. That's what Salvation is all about. A

Man formed in the heavens for the purpose of manifesting the glory of God

in all the earth.

The Ark of the Covenant is a picture of that, of that which is joined to

God by the blood, but now standing in the glory of God. And you see the

administration of the letter could not approach that, except once a year

in fear, in trembling, carrying the blood of the lamb. But that

administration of the letter could never see that Man, could never

understand that Man. They could only bring blood back there because that

administration could only deal with sin, and sacrifices of sin - it could

not behold the glory of God. Moses could not behold the glory of God. He

could not look upon the face, neither could Aaron the Priest look upon

the fulness of what the Ark of the Covenant stood for - a glorified Man

in union with Christ. He could only deal with the sin, with the blood

part of it, and then only once a year, and only then completely covered

up with the garments which are a type of Christ Himself!

But the first thing that happened when Jesus died is the vail is rent -

the heavens are opened, and a Man appears in the heavens. Ezekiel saw

Him, Isaiah saw Him, Jeremiah saw Him, John saw Him and Paul saw Him, and

the Holy Spirit is revealing Him in the midst of the Church today. This

same Man who is none other than Christ, but He's the fulness of Christ!

He's a Man in union with the Son - a many-membered Man, but the emphasis

is not many, nor membered - the emphasis is ONE NEW MAN - the fulness of

Christ Himself. And there is an administration that will declare that

Man.

And the clearest type of that administration are these priests that

Joshua raised up, because they took that Ark of the Covenant and they put

it upon their shoulders. The government upon the shoulders of this New

Man, this administration, this priesthood. And what was tying them

together? Where one went, all went; where one stood, all stood. What was

their tie? The Ark of the Covenant - the vision of One New Man! That was

a type, and they carried that vision, that message, that revealing, they

walked out into the midst of the Jordan and heavens opened - the Jordan

opened! They walked out before the people. Why must it be done this way?

Because you have not passed this way before! You've never gone this way

before so it's going to take an administration of priests carrying the

Ark of the Covenant upon their shoulders. They are bound together by the

revelation of Jesus Christ! They are bound together by the open heaven

and This Man appears. They see themselves as being in Him, swallowed up

in Him, One with Him, and therefore One with another. And they fear that

testimony before all of Israel, and they stand there until all of Israel

has passed over into Canaan, and then the verse is completed - "Out of

Egypt have I called My Son." Do you understand the type of it? And that

which is set forth in type is even now beginning to be revealed and

fulfilled in the Church. That in type is being revealed in us by the

Spirit in living Truth! AMEN!

We're talking about A Man under authority. We know "In the beginning

God..." You know the Elohim God, the plural God, but nonetheless God is

one God. And whatever comes out of Him has to be One, because One can't

produce anything but One. In Him is the capacity to be manifold - that's

why we're sons of God, but our God is One God. Anything that comes out

from Him has to be One - One in Spirit, One in Truth, One in nature, One

in character, One in expression. That's a divine law. If it's not One, it

had nothing to do with Him. And that's why when the Son came out from

Him, He came out as One! God is One and the Son came out expressing what

God is. He came out as a Man under authority, and the purpose of His

coming out was to take a man that was divided, a man that was many, and

to bring that thing to nothing at the cross. He became the one old man,

but in the one old man there were all these divisions that we still try

to honor today. The Jew and the Gentile is in the old man; the man and

woman, and the black and white is in the old man. The old man is all

these divisions; he is many in nature and character, because his nature

and character is not God - he was never after the kind of God. The word

"kind" stopped when it came to the creation of man. Cattle, fish,

creeping things after their own kind - but Adam was not after the kind of

God. He was never after God's kind because only that which is of God's

seed is after God's kind, and God's seed is One. "And he saith to Abraham

and his seed, not seeds as of many, but unto thy seed, which is one, thy

seed which is Christ."

Jesus brought that thing that is divided to an end, and then He came

forth. He came forth just like He came out! He came forth as One - ONE

NEW MAN! That's the Man that the Ark of the Covenant typifies. That's the

Man Ezekiel saw in the heavens. That's the Man Isaiah saw sitting upon

the throne. His head is Christ, His Body is His own and His purpose is to

manifest the glory of God in all the earth. And that's what came forth

out of death unto life. And none of the old is carried over. We, those of

us in Christ try to carry it over. We try to carry over the idea of the

many, but the idea of many is not found here. That's why we can not live

as a person under authority, we've got to live as a Man under authority.

This New Man that we are in Him is not many - He's One. For we being many

are One; each one member one of another. In many of our hearts we are

still the many, but ye shall know the truth. An administration shall rise

up that shall clearly define the New Man that we are through the

revelation of Jesus Christ. And they who are in Him will see that it is

not us, it is HIM! That it's not the many, it's ONE! And the first to see

that as an administration coming forth, in the midst of this Body, will

lift up the vision of that Man. Out of that vision shall come a voice,

and out of that voice of One shall come authority!

But it all comes out of One - not seeing we're two, but seeing we're One.

Paul saw the Man. That's why he said it's neither this nor that. He

covered just about everything you could cover. He said it is none of that

- IT IS CHRIST ALL AND CHRIST IN ALL! It is One Man. Paul saw the Man,

and he continually presented that Man to the Church of his day. I got

excited a while back when the words of Paul came flashing through my mind

where he said he was "one born out of due season". And for the first time

I understood by the Spirit of God what season he was talking about. He

wasn't talking about Peter's season and James' season of walking on the

seashore with Jesus. Paul understood he was a man born way ahead of his

time. He was declaring a vision to the Church of his day that the Church

of our day will fully see and fully exemplify! Hallelujah! When I saw

that I began to understand that the vision that the Man that Paul saw is

the Man that we in Christ are! And in that time God raised up Paul and he

declared the vision to the Church, but in this day God is raising up a

whole administration who shall perfectly declare this same vision to the

Church, and the Church shall come forth in the fulness of the Man, for

the purpose of manifesting His glory in all the earth!

What the Spirit of God is doing right now is forming an administration in

the Body of Christ - an administration for the fulness of the time, to

declare the full time is come! And for the gathering together, the

gathering as One, in One, all things both in heaven and in the earth.

Abraham saw This Man as the dust and he say This Man as the stars. And on

Mt. Zion when he offered Isaac, he saw the whole thing come together!

Abraham typified this administration of faith. Well, there's an

administration that is coming forth that is going to declare A Man formed

in the heavens, but to manifest Christ in the earth! Gathering up in Him

as One, both in the heavens and the earth. To say I'm a little excited is

an understatement - I am on fire with the reality of the vision that is

beginning to be birthed in the hearts of those whose mind is turned

toward Him. There is a priesthood that has nothing in their minds and

hearts but to get Israel all passed over - into Canaan - that's the only

job they have. I want to be part of the administration whose only concern

is the Body of Christ coming together in the fulness of The Son! I'm glad

I was born in this day.

This Man is a Man under authority. He came out of Man under authority. "I

come to do my Father's will. I come to finish the work my Father gave me

to do. My Father and I are one, because I do always the things that

please Him. My Father and I are one, because I never speak but what I

hear Him say, I only do what I see my Father do. Therefore I don't have

to testify of myself, my Father testifies of me. Therefore all that

belongs to My Father is delivered unto me. Therefore as the Father can

give life, so He giveth to the Son, that the Son may give life." Why?

BECAUSE I AM ONE WITH MY FATHER! What Jesus has done is brought forth a

Man that is One with Him, as He is One with the Father. So now there is a

clear line of authority from the Father through the Son, through the

expressing of the Son through all of the earth - Thy Kingdom come, Thy

will be done, Thy authority come, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in

earth as it is in heaven! That's what He's bringing together. No

organization on the face of the earth can hold a candle to what God is

bringing together in the revelation of His Son! Though every one of them

had this in view and this in mind, in this purpose and this plan - yes,

but what He's bringing together now is coming together in the view of The

Son Himself! For the declaring of Him and for the manifesting of Him. And

it's not coming together for the building up of a ministry, it's a

ministry coming together for the building up of the Body! Because it's

the Body that's the One New Man!

ONE - ONE - ONE. This is not men, this is A Man. It used to be men -

over here in the old. In the new it's A Man, it's A Man under authority.

When will this Man be manifested? When the Head is revealed in all of its

parts. Then it will operate as A Man under authority - when they have the

same mind. The Apostle said, "Oh brethren, I would that you speak the

same thing, that you have the same judgment, that you be perfectly joined

together in the same mind". That's beginning to take place through the

revealing of the Son in the Body. You see One - you declare One! You see

the same vision, you are transformed into the same vision. Seeing the

same - speaking the same; having the same mind - using the same mind, the

same judgment. It all proceeds out from Him, and the seeing of Him. This

is an administration for the declaring of Him in the midst of a Body that

shall manifest the fulness of Him. It isn't given to the administration

to manifest the fulness. It is given to the administration to declare the

fulness. The Body shall manifest the fulness. But without the

administration it can't work. God is gathering Himself an administration,

and the gathering is unto The Son. It's unto a vision.

Ezekiel typifies a whole administration. He typifies the prophetic voice

in the midst of Israel. And his only qualification was a vision of This

Man. Nothing else qualifies him. His years didn't do it, his experiences

didn't do it. But there is a seeing of Him, and a coming forth in the

knowledge of Him that will enable us to declare His fulness in the midst

of a Body which shall manifest this fulness in all of the earth. And I

believe the lesser works (casting out devils, healings, etc.) will be in

abundance as that Body begins to manifest Him. I'm not speaking against

any of that. No - just looking toward the fulness of Him, because no

administration has declared His fulness yet, that's why no Body has ever

manifested His fulness yet. But the time is come.

You're not going to find a bunch of "loose pins" in this administration;

you're not going to find a bunch of self ordained prophets in this

administration. They are not there. You're going to find an

administration that is under that authority of One and who lives as One,

one to another. And who understand that except we are under authority, we

have no authority. What comes out of this Oneness? AUTHORITY! Where does

it first take place? IN ME - His authority in me. Then you and I living

as One - not as two, as One, One of another. And when we speak, we speak

as One - not two. Why? Because it comes from Him - ONE NEW MAN! What

happened? He is revealed, the Head begins to be revealed. And when Christ

is revealed in you, He brings you under the authority of One.

God is raising up an administration for the declaring of His fulness, His

reality, that the Body may be the manifesting of that. I'm telling you, I

don't want to go to the sleep of the grave... I know I'm in Him if I live

or die, but I've got a reason for living. If I die it's Christ, If I live

it's Christ. Paul said whether I live or die, the only thing I'm

concerned about is that Christ be glorified in my body. But he said it's

necessary for you that I live. I don't know who it's necessary for that I

live, but I want to live because I want to see this thing transpire in

the earth. I really want to see this fulness come in the earth. I really

want to see the heavens and the earth joined in Him. He told Nathanael

that was going to happen. He's the ladder, the joining of the heavens and

the earth. Jacob saw it. 'Nathanael, I'm going to give you an open

heaven.' He has given an open heaven today.

This is The Man that is the joining together of the heaven and the earth

- THIS NEW MAN - whose head is in the heavens, whose feet are in the

earth - who is at One with Christ. For a walking out in the earth of all

that heaven contains; for the manifesting in the earth of all the fulness

of Him. I'm excited about seeing an administration coming together to

declare Him. And I want everything that I do and say and to participate

in to have nothing but that goal. I haven't time to mess with anything

else. And the Lord is gathering together such a ministry. And that

ministry will develop strategy, that ministry will lay down their life,

that ministry will do whatever it takes. Because you don't just pick up

that Ark of the Covenant and walk out in the middle of the Jordan at

flood time - you have to be in ONE STEP TO DO IT! The Lord is moving by

His Spirit. AMEN!